



DISTRICT #11 TALKING POINTS

Fredericksburg Council 4034
Battlefield Council 10246

Holy Trinity Council 7812
Bishop Keating Council 12434

Fr. Widmer Council 7877
St. Jude Council 13599

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Opening Comments



Worthy Brothers, All:

First of all, I hope that you enjoyed a rewarding and happy Thanksgiving Day in the circle of your loved ones. We have much to be grateful for as we continue to pursue our charitable activities in an effort to bring a measure of joy to those in need of our help during the holiday season.

As we enter the sixth month of the Fraternal Year, I congratulate you on the level and excellence of activities you maintained and the successes you achieved thus far in support of our charitable programs.

Much remains to be done during the month of December as we prepare to welcome Baby Jesus into our homes and hearts. Your sacrifice in time spent away from your family to bring joy to the less fortunate among us is a wonderful and meaningful gift to place at the foot of the manger of little Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary. My wife Rosalia and I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas, a day filled with joy and thanksgiving for all the graces we receive each day.

Know that I am grateful for all that you do in the name of Clumbianism and for your support as well as positive response to my various tasking messages. Most of all, thank you for your prayers as I continue to work through some health issues. Finally, please remember to bring the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus to every Catholic gentleman you know or meet.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest - Virginia State Council

Topic: "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society"

Our Worthy State Deputy, Ronald P. Gorman announced guidelines for conducting the State level Essay competition in a recent email that I forwarded to you. All pertinent details and deadlines are contained in the attachment to the email. Please review the email and attachment carefully and let me know if your council plans to participate in the competition so I can make plans for a District level competition in case more than one council plans to take part.

January Mid-Year Meeting – Be Prepared!

Just a friendly reminder. The State Council Mid-Year Meeting will take place on 7 January 2012 at Newport News. You are expected to bring your Fraternal Survey (Form 1728) and the Special Olympics Partnership Profile (Form 4586) to this meeting. You will also need to submit another two (2) Service Program Activity reports. Further, candidates seeking State Office or Supreme convention Delegate positions should have their council endorsement and resume ready for submission. More details regarding the meeting will be disseminated by the State Council shortly.

Also, the Spring State Sweepstake fundraiser tickets will be distributed at the meeting. This year, it may be a five week program on Baseball teams instead of NASCAR.

Upcoming District #11 Degree Dates

First Degree:

Dec 13 – At Battlefield Council #10246, 9149 Ely's Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Dec 22 – At Bishop Keating Council #12434, 8200 Robert E. Lee Drive, Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Jan 10 – At St. Jude Council #13599, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (Council #4034 Home)
Jan 14 – At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404
Jan 17 – At Holy Trinity Council # 7812, 10299 Millbank Road, King George, VA 22485
Jan 25 - At Fr. Widmer Council #7877, 3030 Jefferson Davis Highway, Stafford, VA 22554

Second Degree:

Dec 3 – At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404
Feb 11 – At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Third Degree

Dec 3 – At Council # 5561 in Warrenton, VA
Jan 28 – At Council #6292 in Fairfax, VA
Feb 18 – At Council #6175, Sterling, VA
Feb 19 - At Council #418, Portsmouth, VA

As always, I am asking you to do your very best and strongly encourage your members to advance through the degrees toward full Knighthood and to ultimately join the Fourth Degree of our Order. Divide up your membership roster and have each Council officer and Activity Director/Chairman call or otherwise contact a number of members to motivate them to advance to the next higher degree. Do this about a week or two before each degree date. ***You need to invite them in person - an email or phone call leaving a message on the answering machine may not be enough!***

Be sure to prepare a 1st Degree Certificate for every new member after he is exemplified to the First Degree. Also remember that the Form 450C has to be filed by each Grand Knight who has a candidate attending the First Degree.

Third Degree Medallions

The question has been asked about the membership medallions. The council may buy membership medallions from Fraternal Supplies for distribution to **third degree members who have observed the new Third Degree.** The medallion is not to be distributed to those third degree members who have not seen the new degree. First and second degree members are not entitled to have the membership medallion. *(Copied from an email by our Worthy State Ceremonials Chairman)*

Blessed John Paul II – “Be Not Afraid! Membership Campaign



The Blessed Pope John Paul II - Be Not Afraid! membership campaign is well underway. Councils may earn a **special incentive** for recruiting new members between now and Dec. 29, 2011.

For every 3 new members recruited, a **large specially struck limited edition Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a display stand** will be awarded to the council. (Council must show a net positive gain for the months of October, November and December to qualify.) If the council **recruits six** new members between now and Dec. 29, the **council chaplain will receive the medallion**. (Note: It is recommended that the council award the specially struck limited edition medallion to the Council Top Recruiter in appreciation for his efforts.) All Form 100's must be received at the Supreme Council by Noon E.S.T. on Dec. 29, 2011.

Featured Programs – A New Initiative

Although I disseminated this information before, it is worthwhile to repeat it once again.

For the 2011-2012 fraternal year the Supreme Council is promoting the Featured Programs initiative in conjunction with the Surge. . .With Service Program and its six specific **program areas -- Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth**.

By successfully completing a Featured Program listed for one Surge program area, a council fulfills all four activity requirements for that area. The Featured Program for the Church category highlighted this month is the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). **By completing a RSVP program for this fraternal year, a council fulfills all Columbian Award requirements for the Church category.** (See RSVP article below.)

Full details of the Featured Programs initiative are being sent to all Grand Knights and District Deputies very soon. Featured Programs that fulfill all requirements for the Columbian Award categories include:

Community – The two featured programs are Habitat for Humanity and the Global Wheelchair Mission Participation in either program satisfies all requirements for the Community Activity category. For more information visit their prospective websites: www.habitat.org and www.amwheelchair.org.

Council – Council involvement in and support Special Olympics satisfies all requirements in Council Activities category. For details on getting involved with Special Olympics contact the State Special Olympics Chairman.

Family – The featured program for Family Activities category is the Knights of Columbus Food for Families program. Conducting a Food for Families program earns full credit for all requirements in the Family Activities category. Go to www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/food_drive./index.

Culture of Life – A council can satisfy all requirements for the Culture of Life Activities category by participating in either of two programs -- the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative (www.kofc.org/ultrasound) or a local, regional or national March for Life by involving at least 100 council members/family members/parishioners. For complete guidelines on the Ultrasound Initiative go to the website www.kofc.org/ultrasound. For details, contact your State Pro-Life Chair-Couple.

Youth – Participating in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids (www.kofc.org/coats) program meets all requirements in the Youth Activities category.

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and **provide them with financial assistance and moral support.**

RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for personal expenses. **Knights provide more than financial support,** though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Last year, financial help from 2,601 councils, assemblies and circles to future priests, sisters and brothers, exceeded \$2.8 million. Since 1981 the Order has provided **\$50 million in aid through RSVP,** helping more than 75,000 men and women follow their vocations.

Qualifying councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 donated to an individual, while the refund for Squires is \$20 for every \$100 donated. In the Philippines and Mexico, councils and assemblies receive the equivalent in local currency of \$50 for every \$250 donated. For more details on the RSVP program, visit the Order’s website at www.kofc.org/vocations.

Congratulations and Welcome to the Order



Worthy Brother Knights

Isaac Kassock – Council 4034
Benjamin Baskett – Council 4034
Curtis Bucholdt – council 4034
John M. White – Council 10246

I’d like to take a moment to welcome you once again into the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. I congratulate you on having made what will without a doubt turn out to be the best decision you ever made. I enjoyed seeing and sharing a few special moments with each and every one of you on 19 November 2011.

Now that you have taken the first step on the road toward full Knighthood, do not stop here. Avail yourself of the very next opportunity for

advancement to the second and third degree; there is no minimum waiting period. I will advise you of the upcoming dates for these two degrees, and once having reached the 3rd Degree and full Knighthood, take the final step by being exemplified to the Fourth Degree of our Order. This is the Patriotic Degree and visible arm of our Order; you will hear more about it from me in the near future. Participate and volunteer for as many activities as you can and, except for the business meetings, involve your family as much as possible because the Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented service organization.

If there is anything you do not fully understand, have a question or suggestion on how we can do things better, never hesitate to tap me or one of your brothers on the shoulder and ask. We are always looking for new ideas on how we can improve upon all we do. Become a part of our founder's dream and help every Catholic gentleman you meet to join our ranks.

Once again, please accept my heart-felt congratulations on having joined the world’s largest lay Catholic family service organization; we are 1.8 million strong and growing by the day, yet we are small enough to know one another as brothers by the works we do and the principles of the Order by which we live.

Two Councils Band Together to Sell Christmas Trees

Once again Fredericksburg Council #4034 and St. Jude’s Council #13599 joined forces for the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas Tree Sale. The sale began on November 26 and will end on Friday, December 23. The sale was traditionally conducted at St. Mary’s parking lot; however, this year the location is at St. Jude’s Catholic

Church, 10275 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407.

Freshly cut Fraser Fir (beautiful, soft needles, and the longest lasting of all trees), from about 6 to 12 feet, are the only type trees sold this year. Christmas Trees are being sold every day of the week from 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday and Sunday and 3 pm to 9 pm on Monday through Friday. All funds go to local charities and people in need.



District #11 Free Throw Competition Update

Get ready for the Free Throw competition (January – Council; February – District; March/April – Regional and State).

To sponsor a competition, all your council needs is the Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT), a couple of basketballs, a hoop and a bunch of kids. It is a great way to get out into the public and introduce the Order to your community — while providing youths with a rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.

The District #11 Free Throw contest will be conducted on **Sunday, February 19, 2012. It will be held at Sealston Elementary School in King George county beginning at 2:00 PM.** Doors will open approximately 30 minutes ahead of time.

Grand Knights in District 11 are reminded that they will need to insure that the free-throw scoring forms used for the winners of their local council free-throw contest are brought to Sealston Elementary School on February 19th for use in the district contest. The scoring form used in the council contest follows winners to the district and state levels.

Directions to Sealston Elementary School: Follow State Route 3 East from Fredericksburg (~12 miles) into King George County; continue for about a mile beyond the King George/Stafford county line (you will cross a small creek and proceed up a hill while the road is turning slightly to the right); turn left at the traffic signal lights on to Route #603 (Fletcher’s Chapel Road); continue on for a short distance (less than ¼ mile); Sealston Elementary School will be on your left. The gymnasium is located on the left hand end as you approach the school.

Parking for the Sealston Elementary School gymnasium is located behind the school. The parking lot may be reached by turning left in front of the school and following the road that goes around and behind the left end of the school.

Please advise the District Free Throw Coordinator Brother John Curtis at john.curtis@verizon.net or at (540) 809-1486 of your plans to participate.

Upcoming Activities

As always, please note the District Deputy and District Warden scheduled visits to your council. Also note the dates of upcoming report submission deadlines.

December 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Dec 1	Thu	NA	Soccer Challenge Participation Report (Form4567) Due	
Dec 3	Sat	9:00 am	2 nd Degree at Council 4034	Council 4034
Dec 3	Sat	12:00 pm	Third Degree at Council 5561	Warrenton
Dec 6	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity Business Meeting (DD Visit)	King George
Dec 8	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Dec 8	Thu	NA	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Dec 13	Tue	7:30 pm	Battlefield Business Meeting and 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg
Dec 13	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Dec 14	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg
Dec 14	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Stafford
Dec 15	Thu	NA	Las day to submit FOM and KOM selections	
Dec 21	Wed	7:30 pm	4 th Degree Business Meeting & CC Practice at 6:30 pm	Council 4034
Dec 22	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Dec 25	Sun	NA	Solemnity of Christmas	

January 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Jan 1	Sun	NA	Supreme Per Capita Tax Levy due	
Jan 1	Sun	NA	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
Jan 3	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity Business Meeting (DD Visit)	King George
Jan 7	Sat	9:00 am	Mid-Year State Meeting, Council 5480	Newport News
Jan 8	Sun	2:00 pm	Religious Freedom Day Parade – RFD Monument	Fredericksburg
Jan 10	Tue	NA	Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Catholic Advertisement Fund	
Jan 10	Tue	7:30 pm	Battlefield Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Jan 10	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude Business Meeting and 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg

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11	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Jan 11	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Stafford
Jan 12	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Jan 14	Sat	9:00 am	Council 4034 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Council 4034
Jan 15	Sun	NA	Last day to submit FOM and KOM selections	
Jan 16	Mon	NA	Martin Luther King Jr., Federal Holiday	
Jan 17	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	King George
Jan 18	Wed	7:30 pm	4 th Degree Business Meeting & CC Practice at 6:30 pm	Council 4034
Jan 23	Mon	9:00 am	Right to Life March – Buses depart after Mass	Wash DC
Jan 25	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Stafford
Jan 28	Sat	11:15 am	Third Degree at Council 6292	Fairfax
Jan 31	Tue	NA	Free Throw Participation Report (Form FT-1) Due	
Jan 31	Tue	NA	Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation (Form 4001) Due	
Jan 31	Tue	NA	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728) Due	
Jan 31	Tue	NA	Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form 4584) Due	

What the District #11 Leaders and Grand Knights Are Saying

In order to give you a sampling of what your District #11 Leaders and Brother Grand Knights are doing and thinking about, I am publishing your comments under this heading each month or as needed. To that end, I solicit your inputs and ask that you forward them to me along with a picture of yourself no later than the 25th of each month. If you are particularly proud of an activity you conducted, include that along with a picture to me as well.

From Your District #11 Membership Director



As the first half of the Fraternal Year draws to a close, its time to reflect on our recruiting efforts these past six months. One was is for your Membership Committee to meet and review the Council's Membership Plan. Be critical and ask what has worked and what hasn't worked. Don't be reluctant to modify the existing Plan to ensures it guides you in establishing or reestablishing recruiting methods that best suit your Council's needs and goals. Beginning now, let us rededicate ourselves to Father McGivney's dream: every eligible Catholic man should be offered the opportunity to join the world's largest Catholic Fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

Andrew Taylor, District #11 Membership Director

Fredericksburg Council #4034



Philippians 4:6

21st Century King James Version (KJ21)

⁶Fret not about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

Brothers,

Our lives are extremely busy at this time of the year, with family gathering around for Thanksgiving and everyone anticipating the Christmas season. Stop for a time, and give thanks to God for everything you have received this past year. Both trials and blessings strengthen our character as Knights and as men of the Church.

November and December are our biggest fundraising season. This year we have decided to team up and sell trees with St. Jude's. I pray this is a success and that both Councils see an increase in our ability to give back to the community as a result of our joint endeavor. The stands went up without any problems. Please sign up for a time slot to sell trees. I know it is hard to give up time at this time of the year, but the Council needs your help to make this a success. If each of us gave up only three hours we would have plenty of coverage. Thank you for all of the help you have given and continue to give in this endeavor, especially, Br. Jerry Nini and Br. Tim Fleming, for heading up our biggest fundraiser. Let them know that we appreciate their taking on such a large task.

November also had the Frank Batista Italian Dinner, which was a great success and raised more than \$600 for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We also had Thanksgiving baskets handed out by our Council and the children from CCD. We were able to feed 30 families for Thanksgiving.

On November 19, we had a first degree and had three candidates took their degree. Please welcome to our council these new Brothers: Ben Baskett, Curtis Buckholdt, and Isaac Cassock.

I hope and pray that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a chance to gather with family.

Vivat Jesus!

Warren Kimmerly GK

Holy Trinity Council #7812



Vivat Jesus,

This past Month has been very interesting, I personally regret for the second time this fraternal year, Holy Trinity Council had a 1st Degree cancelled due to having no candidates available. Greater efforts need to be focused on building our order.

The Council has been busy; started the Keep Christ in Christmas / Christmas card sales. Brother and Worthy Warden John Curtis is providing a full court press for this fund raiser. After Mass, stop and talk with Brother John and the other Knights that are working this fund raiser.

On November 12th, the Holy Trinity Council conducted a Fund Raising dinner for Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Colonial Beach at St Anthony of Padua Mission Hall. Cost was \$10.00 per family. The Knights' families provided a POTLUCK type dish, which consisted of Lasagna, Panci Bihon, Shredded Beef, Venison, numerous side dishes and desserts. The dinner was a complete success; thanks to the Knights and families that participated, and the families from Sacred Heart, St Elizabeth of Hungary, and St Anthony's for attending. It was a great chance for our three Parishes to Fellowship and enjoy the company of families. A special Thanks goes out to Brothers Steve Heitmeyer, Steve Haug, Mike Colligan, Greg Albertson, Bob Vanatta, and Harvey Yarus; for your coordination and involvement, this would not have been possible.

On November 20th, with coordination of the Rappahannock Assembly, a 4th Degree Honor Guard assembled at Secret Heart Chapel, on the Naval Base at Dahlgren, for the celebration of Mass by The Archbishop for the Military Services, Timothy P. Broglio. Honor Guard Commander David Case, FN Robert Jankovits, WDD Loui Stevens, and from Holy Trinity Council PFN/PGK Mark Sewell, PGK Steve Heitmeyer, WT Harvey Yarus, and GK Rusty Hopp. It truly is an Honor to represent our Assembly and Council for this event.



Christmas is the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Originally called Christ's Mass; Christmas has become the spirit of giving for many; do not forget the true meaning of this celebration. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before, in fulfillment of the Old Testament's Messianic prophecy.. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child. As Catholic Christians we celebrate the birth of Jesus to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Bible contains two accounts which describe the events surrounding Jesus' birth. These biblical accounts are found in the Gospels of Matthew (Matthew 1:18), and Luke (Luke 1:26 and 2:40). Take the time to read and re-familiarize yourself with the Christmas Story and share this with your families.

At this time, your Brothers from The Holy Trinity Council 7812, of King George, VA would like to wish you are yours, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year's.

Fraternally,

Rusty Hopp, Grand Knight # 7812

Fr. Widmer Council #7877



No Report

Al Lowder, Grand Knight

Battlefield Council #10246



Brothers,

Battlefield Council remembered our departed Brothers at a Memorial Remembrance and Mass on November 22. After the necrology, our Pastor Fr. Zeigler celebrated Mass for members of Battlefield Council who are no longer with us. A reception followed in the parish hall

Our Keep Christ in Christmas card sales are going strong. Brothers are manning the sales table after all Masses. The children's Christmas Party will take place on December 10.

We are looking forward to our annual adult Christmas Party on December 17. This is typically one of our most popular events each year.

I wish all my Brother Knights a blessed and joy-filled Christmas holiday.

David Turley, Grand Knight #10246

Bishop Keating Council #12434



As another Christmas Season is upon us let us not loose sight of what the Christmas season truly means. There are lots of presents for everyone but the greatest gift for everyone is the birth of Christ.

November

Council 12434 held their semi-monthly Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after all of the masses on Nov 6th. We served over 250 members.

We presented the Knight of the Quarter award to Peter Needham at our Business meeting on November the 10th.

We held our first Fraternal Night on November 10th and 11 brothers were in attendance. I was informed that one of our brothers did sign up for the insurance program.

On November 5th the council supported the Fall Festival in front of the Marshall Center by selling Hot Dogs and Hamburgers to the Public. 12 brothers turned out for this event.

Council 12434 participated in the monthly Share program by distributing Turkeys on Saturday Nov 19th and Nov 21st. Approximately 195 Turkey dinners were distributed.

The council participates in the Spotsylvania yearly Litter Thon during the Spring and Fall and during the month of November to date we have collected 25 bags of garbage from the roadways.

The council has placed an order for two boxes of coats as part of the Coats for Kids program. The coats will be donated to the Social Services organization which will distribute them to the community.

There is a member of our church who is currently very ill and we donated \$ 200.00 to help defray some of the travel expenses the family has incurred for the past five weeks. We are also submitting the required documentation for a Grant to assist this family.

The council received thank you letters from the Alzheimer's foundation for our donation to their Walk-A-Thon and we received a letter from Birthright of Fredericksburg for our donation to their cause.

We also received a thank you from the Assisted Living facility for the Laminator Machine we donated funds for to purchase.

The council was awarded a plaque from the "Out of Darkness" program director for the council volunteering our time in cooking and serving all of the walkers and runners who support the prevention of suicide in teenagers. cause

December

The council will be holding its annual Christmas food bag distribution for the Christmas Holidays on Dec 3/4 after all masses.

We will be adopting a family for Christmas and will purchase gifts and food for the family for the holiday.

We will attempt to hold our 3rd 1st degree on December 15th at our Parish Hall. We have had to cancel our first two but we do have a candidate ready to make his first degree.

The council will assist the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank volunteers in collecting food bags on the weekends of Dec 10th and 17th.

The council has been in contact with St. George Episcopal Church located in Fredericksburg and asked if we could help in preparing or serving food to the homeless on Christmas week. The program director for the food distribution welcomed our participation. She informed me that on Dec 26 they would be serving over 200 people who are in need of a meal but are short of volunteers.

She asked if we could prepare a soup dinner for this many people. I am going to send out an email to all of the Bishop Keating Council brothers and see if I can enlist enough volunteers to help make the soup on that day and serve it from 5-6:30pm. I am asking if any of the other councils would like to volunteer about 2-3 hours to help us provide this meal to a homeless group of people. If you are interested in helping our council make a chicken soup please contact me at "joelip2010@comcast.net.

Joe Liposky, GK Council #12434

St. Jude Council #13599



St. Jude accomplished the following in the month of November:

Served coffee and donuts to parishioners after the 9:30 AM for three Sundays.

Distributed and or donated 139 SHARE packages. We [the council] donated \$200 dollars toward the purchase of 10 Turkey Value packages to be distributed to the Fredericksburg Hope House. With this month's distribution, Council 13599 meets the minimum requirements of the Food for Families Program -- "1,000 pounds of food to be donated to a parish food pantry" [the poundage requirement was met with this month's distribution alone] and people." [the man-hours requirement was met from the months of July

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Donated \$100 to the Spotsylvania County School District Special Games" to be held in April of next year.

Continued activities for the 300 Club -- a fund raiser for the parish building fund. Selected winners for each week in November using a random number generator program on a graphing calculator, mailed the checks [\$250 each week], and posted the winning names and ticket numbers are listed in the parish bulletin each weekend.

Coordinated with the State Advocate the issuance of a liability insurance rider to cover this year's Christmas Tree Sales by St. Jude and St. Mary councils. Issued a check for \$325 to the State Secretary to cover the cost of the rider. The rider will provide liability coverage for both councils.

Worked with the St. Mary Council to set up Christmas Tree stands and lighting in preparation for the receipt of 425 Frazier Fir Christmas trees and first day of sale on Saturday, 26 Nov.

Will issue a \$25 dollar gift certificate to the 8th-grade winner of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

Began the Keep Christ in Christmas program. We sell cards in the vestibule of the church after each of the four masses each weekend.

Recruited 2 members – one new member and one transfer.

Fraternally,

Roman Marciniak, GK #13599

Honor America Corps Commander



The Honor America Corps was proud to support our veterans this month of November. We provided 28 flags for the Tidewater Assemblies at Virginia Beach and with their 5 flag color corps, the Sir Knights carried 33 flags in a very beautiful, blustery day.

In Fredericksburg our Honor America Corps supported the Fredericksburg Veterans Club at the Fallen Heroes monument and carried 20 U. S. flags, service flags, and the POW/MIA flag.

In December on the 10th we will march in the Louisa Christmas parade. Both 4th

Degree members in regalia and other degree members in the blue blazer ensemble are invited to attend. An email bill be published soon.

For further information on the HAC please contact the Commander, Frank Connors at 540 786-3177 or fsconnors@aol.com

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Assembly #1613 Color Corps Commander



Christmas Note

With the approaching Feast of Christmas, I thank all of you who have supported Color Corps events during this year. And, I wish all Sir Knights and their families the blessings of the season and offer my prayers that all be kept safe, have good health, and enjoy a Happy New Year.

November Activities

November Color Corps activities included Honor Guards for the final confirmation of this Fall at St. Jude, the Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, a Mass by Archbishop Broglio at Sacred Heart Church, Dalhgren, and the

Battlefield Council Memorial Ceremony and Mass. My sincere thank you to all Sir Knights who participated in these events (see table). Again our presence was well-received at all ceremonies with expressions of appreciation from many in attendance.

Event

Participants

Confirmation, St. Jude, Nov 5

David Case, Frank Connors, Jack Grey, Joe McEuen, Rich LaRoche, Andy Taylor

Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Nov

Mark Sewell

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Mass Archbishop Broglio, Sacred Heart Church, Dahlgren, Nov 20	David Case, Bob Jankovits, Loui Stevens, Rich LaRoche
Battlefield Council Memorial Ceremony and Mass, Nov 22	David Case, Angelo Laviano, Joe McEuen, Tony Spehar

Upcoming Events

At the time of this writing, we have an Honor Guard at the Assembly's Memorial Ceremony following the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Marys on Saturday, December 10. In addition, please mark your calendars for the Religious Freedom Day parade and ceremony on January 8; more details will be provided.

David Case, SK, Commander

Columbian Squires and Squire Roses



*Columbian Squires
and
Squire Roses*



Halfway through the year!!

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the fraternal year (or soon will be) So far this is the best year the Squires have had since

our initial year and the Squire Roses are continuing to excel. So far this year, besides our service and community activities, we had our best recruiting year. We've added 5 Squires and 6 Squire Roses to our numbers and added a couple of counselors.

The only goal that we have not yet made is to extend this wonderful opportunity to other Councils in the District. Although I've responded to several informational inquiries, I've yet to have anyone take the plunge. Granted starting a circle takes some effort, but we can help you get started or provide the opportunity for your youth. Starting a Squire Circle requires 10 young men between 10 and 18 and two Counselors. To make the start easier, or if you don't yet have 10 young men (or young women for a Squire Rose Circle) come join us and gain experience running a circle and building your membership. As soon as you have 10, I'll help transition you to your own circle.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions about our circles or assist in starting another Circle in the District. Cell 540-207-0940, email gkomp@cox.net. Bring your Son or Daughter to the next meeting. We meet Sundays at the John Paul II house behind St Mary's in Fredericksburg. Squires meet at 10 AM and Roses meet at 1:30.

Gregory Komp, Chief Counselor

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy

Closing Comment

As I do each month, once again, Worthy Grand Knights, I welcome your inputs, comments and suggestions. The *District 11 Talking Points* contain a lot of information that may be suitable for

inclusion in your newsletters or other means by which you disseminate information to your membership. Be sure all officers and activity directors/chairmen receive a copy.

Fraternally,

Loui Stevens
District Deputy #11



Pray the Rosary

Christmas Prayer

**I said a Christmas prayer for you
Because the season's near
I didn't ask for riches
But for gifts so much more dear.**

**I asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.**



**I asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn
For a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born.**

**I asked for friends to send their best
That you might know they care
I asked for peace and love and hope
And I know God heard my prayer.**

~ Nancy Brummett ~

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Merry Christmas



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