



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

January 2012

Volume 1 Issue 7

Opening Comments



Worthy Brothers, All:

I sincerely hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a Blessed Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Likewise, Rosalia and I wish you a peaceful, prayerful and rewarding Happy New Year. Although we will face many challenges in the coming year, banded together as Brothers and followers of our founder, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, we will continue to set an example in charitable works for others to emulate. I am inspired by the level and excellence of activities you maintained during the first half of the Fraternal Year and thank you for your and your family's sacrifices in the name of Columbianism.

As we enter the second half of the Fraternal Year it is a good idea to take a look at what you have accomplished during the last six months. Did you achieve the goals established for your council? What strategy do you have in mind to grow your council and our Order? Did you charge your membership and retention teams to do their utmost? Do you have a plan in place to reach out to inactive members? Are you considering a First Degree in conjunction with a family event where family and friends meet for a social in an adjacent room/area during the working of the degree and join their new husband and Knight at the conclusion? Are you making recruitment a part of every event and activity you conduct? Discuss this with your officers and encourage your member to participate.

January Mid-Year Meeting – Are You Ready?

A final 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. Details regarding the

meeting, the agenda and directions were disseminated to you by the State Council. Be sure that you and your delegates, Deputy Grand Knight, Membership Chairman, General Program Chairman, Financial Secretary and KOVAR Chairman are in attendance.

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.

Finally, a last-minute reminder from our Worthy Executive Secretary:

Hotel reservations may be made at the Hampton Inn and Suites 12251 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA 23606 (757-249-0001). The room rate is \$90.00 plus tax per night. Reservations must be made **NOW**.

Friday night Birthday Bash reservations deadline is 4 January to Colleen Messier via email at virginiawish@aol.com

Saturday Ladies luncheon reservations deadline is 4 January to Colleen Messier via email at virginiawish@aol.com

Saturday night Country Western Good Times Dinner is 30 December to myself via email at executivesecretary@Vakofc.org

Knights Plan Shrine to Honor John Paul II



The K of C will establish a shrine to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C. In addition to the shrine itself, the preliminary plans for the site include exhibits on the life and legacy of Blessed John Paul II, and an exhibit on the Catholic heritage of North America.

For more details, visit the Supreme website and share this with your prospects.

Groundbreaking for the new "Largo Cavalieri di Colombo" in Rome



Speaking at a concert celebrating the groundbreaking for the new "Largo Cavalieri di Colombo" in Rome, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone thanked the Knights of Columbus for the more than 90 years of service the organization has given to the City of Rome and the Vatican. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Rome's Mayor Giovanni Alemanno were among the attendees, and both also delivered remarks on the Knights' long-standing relationship with Rome.

"I wish to express my gratitude to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and fellow Knights for the invitation to this Concert in this historical Basilica, linked to the memory of Saint Francis of Assisi and one of the most ancient Marian places in Rome, on the occasion of the naming of a Square, in this City, Cavalieri di Colombo," said Cardinal Bertone. "Thus, we are united for such a particular circumstance, which wants to be a demonstration of the recognition for your commitment and your love towards the great City of Rome, center of Catholicism and seat of the Successor of Peter."

"I am happy to convey the felicitations of the Holy Father Benedict XVI, who has asked me to mention that his venerated Predecessor Benedict XV was (the one) to invite the Knights of Columbus to establish themselves in Rome in 1920," the cardinal continued "Since then, the initiatives of your Order have successfully continued in the Eternal City, followed with a great and rewarding friendship." The concert was held in the Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli adjacent to the Campidoglio, and featured the Gospel Choir of St. Thomas More Church in Washington, D.C. in honor of the ground breaking. The square was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus in honor of its charitable works on behalf of the people of Rome.

Upcoming District #11 Degree Dates

First Degree:

- 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
- Feb 14 - At Battlefield Council #10246, 9149 Ely's Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
- Feb 21 - At Holy Trinity Council #7812, 10299 Millbank Road, King George, VA 22485
- Feb 23 - At Bishop Keating Council #12434, 8200 Robert E. Lee Drive, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Second Degree:

- Feb 11 - At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Third Degree

- Jan 28 - At Council #6292, 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.

2012 Men's Conference – Registration is now LIVE!

Worthy Grand Knights, you should have received an email forwarded by me from Tom O'Neill, the conference coordinator. This email contains links that enable you to register on line. Be sure to disseminate the email to your membership so they can sign up for this important conference. In part, Tom O'Neill tell us:

“Jumping off from last year’s evaluations, this year’s topic is *Sharing Our Faith With Others: Evangelization & Apologetics*. We have three great speakers lined up – Dr. Paul Thigpen, Msgr. Stuart Swetland, and our own Fr. William Saunders – who are eager and excited about this topic, so we’re expecting a great turnout. Like last year, we’ll be meeting at the St. Joseph Parish Banquet Hall in Herndon, VA, and will gather right in the heart of Lent on March 3, 2012.”

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

In a recent mailing from Supreme, you should have received a couple of posters along with the following details:

Nurture the “Artist Within” while spreading a Positive Message

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster contest has been empowering young people to spread the word about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse since 1997. An 11x17 poster can be entered in one of two categories: “Drug Awareness and Abuse” or “Alcohol Awareness and Abuse”. Boys and girls ages 8-14 are eligible to enter, and the contest can be run in any public, parochial or private school. You can also advertise at your parish, CYO office, or anywhere else that young people congregate.

This easy-to-conduct program involves presenting and promoting the contest, collecting the finished posters, determining a winner in each category/age group, and forwarding the winning entries to the next level of the contest.

For a rewarding program that anyone can enjoy, look no further than the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.

Join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild



Joining the father Michael J. McGivney Guild is easy and it is FREE. Simply go to the Supreme website, fill in the blanks and submit your application.



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is an organization committed to the canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney into Sainthood. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Venerable Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. It is free to join, but donations are appreciated. Every Knight should become a member. Join the McGivney Guild.

The Bedrock of Columbianism (Source: "These Men They Call Knights")

The bedrock upon which Columbianism is built consists of the truths of the Catholic religion. These include:

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Commandments of God may be stated more simply in terms of the Greatest Commandment:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Sacraments

It is difficult to live up to the Commandments of God. To help us do so, Jesus has given us the Church and the sacraments, signs instituted by Christ to give grace. The seven sacraments are:

1. Baptism
2. Reconciliation
3. Holy Eucharist
4. Confirmation
5. Matrimony
6. Holy Orders
7. The anointing of the Sick

Of the seven sacraments, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony and the Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once.

Grace

There are two kinds of grace. Sanctifying grace makes us holy and pleasing to God. Actual grace helps us to do good and avoid evil.

Precepts of the Church

The precepts of the Church are:

- To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- To fast and abstain from meat on appointed days
- To confess one's sins at least once a year
- To receive Holy Eucharist during Easter time
- To contribute to the support of the Church
- To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage
- To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.

Baptism

The ordinary minister of the sacrament of Baptism is a bishop, priest or deacon. In case of emergency, anyone can validly baptize. Water is poured on the forehead of the person to be baptized. While the water is being poured, the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" are spoken.

Pentecost

Pentecost is known as the "birthday of the Church." On that day the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, giving them the graces they needed to go forth and teach the Gospel to all nations. This is one meaning of the word "catholic:" the Church is found in every land; therefore it is "universal" or worldwide.

Capital Sins

The seven capital sins are:

1. Pride
2. Covetousness
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Gluttony
6. Envy
7. Sloth

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord

Member Retention and Recruitment – I Need Your Help

I am still looking for two Brother Knights to lend a helping hand to the District Warden and Membership Chairman with our District #11 Recruitment and Retention challenges. You would work hand-in-hand with the Council Membership Teams to actively recruit new members and work toward activating and retaining existing members. We need to intensify our recruitment effort during the coming months in order to meet our assigned goals. As I have told you on so many occasions, *Recruitment and Retention* is a responsibility each and every Council member must accept. Without your personal involvement success will remain a fleeting target. Please give this your careful and considered thought.

Free Throw Competition Dates Revisited

The Councils completion is on 22 January 2012 starting at 2:00 pm at King George Middle School. The District #11 Competition will be on 19 February 2012 at Sealston Elementary School starting at 2:00 pm.

The State Free Throw Competition is scheduled for 25 February 2012 at Benedictine High School, Richmond, VA with registration starting at 8:00 or 8:30 AM, and the competition at 9:00 am. Please contact our District Coordinator Brother John W. Curtis at 540-809-1486; john.curtis1232@verizon.net if you have any questions.

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.

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	Fredericksburg
Jan 10	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude Business Meeting and 1st Degree (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Jan 11	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting	Fredericksburg

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Jan 11	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Stafford
Jan 12	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Spotsylvania
Jan 14	Sat	9:00 am	Council 4034 1 st Degree (DW 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 (DW Visit)	King George
Jan 18	Wed	7:30 pm	4 th Degree Business Meeting & CC Practice at 6:30 pm	Council 4034
Jan 22	Sun	2:00 pm	Council Free Throw Competition at King George Middle School	
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 (DW 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	

February 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 7	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity Business Meeting (DW Visit)	King George
Feb 8	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Feb 8	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting	Stafford
Feb 9	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Spotsylvania
Feb 11	Sat	9:00 am	2nd Degree at Council 4034 (DD Visit)	Council 4034
Feb 14	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Feb 14	Tue	7:30 pm	Battlefield Business Meeting and 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg
Feb 14	Tue	NA	Valentine's Day	
Feb 15	Wed	NA	Semiannual Council Audit Report (Form 1295) Due	
Feb 15	Wed	NA	Last day to submit FOM and KOM selections	
Feb 15	Wed	7:30 pm	4 th Degree Business Meeting & CC Practice at 6:30 pm	Council 4034
Feb 18	Sat	NA	Mail State Per Capita 2nd Half w/discount	
Feb 18	Sat	11:15 am	Third Degree at Council 6175	Sterling
Feb 20	Mon	NA	Presidents' Day	
Feb 21	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	King George
Feb 22	Tue	NA	Washington's Birthday	
Feb 22	Tue	NA	Ash Wednesday	
Feb 23	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating 1 st Degree (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Feb 25	Sat	9:00 am	State Free Throw Competition – Benedictine HS	Richmond

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



No Report

Fredericksburg Council #4034



Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

The verse above came to me while I was listening to the radio the other day. They were talking about “WWJD, What would Jesus do?” We all know the answer to this question – Jesus would do the right thing, because he was the Christ. I think a better way of saying

WWJD is “What would Jesus have me do? Now, it is my decision. I hope and pray my answer would be the same as Jesus’. What will your answer be?

My Brothers,

I hope and pray everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas, with family and friends. As we begin a New Year, let us look back on the past 12 months, and be pleased with our work as a council. We had successful Christmas Tree Sales, which will help us to continue our mission for the next year. The Christmas baskets and Children’s Christmas Party were great successes also. I would like to thank ALL of our Brothers who stepped forward this year to make these events such a great success. It takes all of us doing a small share to make great things happen.

On December 17, a day full of events, we started off the day welcoming in 3 new Knights (Marcus Duquitan, Colin Komp, and Luis Farrell – be sure to welcome them when you meet them). This was followed by Christmas baskets being given out and the Children’s Christmas party; and we had to man the tree sales too. The Christmas party was well attended this year. We had 40+ Knights and their families gather together for a wonderful evening. It was a great end to one of our busiest days of the year - relaxing and enjoying the evening with my Brother Knight’s.

December 23rd we had 25+ Knight’s from Fredericksburg and St. Jude’s show up and help take down the tree stands and haul off the trees. The left over trees went to Quantico this year serve as fish

beds for the people that fish on the base and for the “Wounded Warrior Program” that hosts outdoor recreation events, year-round, for service members who are recovering.

Amici in Domino,

Warren Kimmerly GK

Holy Trinity Council #7812



No Report – Out of town with no connectivity.

Thanks to all for your support and a Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Rusty Hopp, Grand Knight # 7812

Fr. Widmer Council #7877



No Report

Al Lowder, Grand Knight

Battlefield Council #10246



Brothers,

I bring you continued good wishes and blessing for the Christmas season. I suspect that when you read this, we will still be celebrating the birth of Our Savior. Remember, Christmas doesn't end at midnight December 26. Just because the secular world starts celebrating Christmas at Thanksgiving and forgets all about it on December 26 doesn't mean we must follow.

It seems the world has forgotten that the Christmas season STARTS on December 25, it doesn't END on

that day. This great Feast celebrating the birth of Our Lord can't be contained in just one day. The Church celebrates the **Octave of Christmas**. The Octave starts on December 25 and lasts until the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** on January 1.

Remember the 12 Days of Christmas? Western tradition holds that the Christmas season is celebrated until the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Epiphany is on January 6, although the Church in the U.S. shifts the day until the following Sunday, which is January 8 in 2012. There's even an older tradition whereby Christmas was celebrated for 40 days, until the **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord** on February 2.

Battlefield Council held our annual Christmas dinner on December 17. It was a pleasure to see so many Brother Knights and their families. We even had a visit from Santa Claus himself.

Our next big event is the Honor the Clergy dinner on January 28, followed by the Free Throw contest on January 30.

We welcomed two new Brother Knights at our 1st Degree Exemplification on December 13, Matthew Franks and Julian Malcom. Brother John White also made his 1st Degree at an Exemplification at Council 4034 in November.

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

Fraternally,

David Turley, Grand Knight #10246

Bishop Keating Council #12434



I hope this email finds you in good health and that the Christmas season has brought you a closer enlightenment to the realization of what Christmas is really all about. Over the years I have looked at Christmas as a new birth for me just like the baby Jesus. It fills my heart with joy to know that I was able to experience again the singing of the church songs that praised his birth and renews in me the strength to work harder at being a better catholic than I was over the past year. I know in my heart that there is more I can strive for to become closer to him in mind and body and spirit and work with my brothers to share Father McGivney's message.

December 3-4th Food Bag distribution for Christmas food collection

December 10th The Knights were provided five family names within the church in need of food baskets for Christmas. The Knights purchased the baskets, hams and fixings and delivered the baskets to the families at their homes.

The council held their regular officers, business and social meeting for the month.

December 22/23rd distributed two bundles of Coats for Kids (Boys&Girls) to the Social Services office in Spotsylvania to be distributed to the young people.

December 17th participated in the monthly Share program and distributed the food to the requested families.

January 6th First Friday Adoration

January 7th will attend the Mid-Year meeting in Newport News and will prepare two new reports and submit to the WDD prior to the meeting and copies at the meeting. Invited all authorized delegates to attend the meeting to obtain a count for the WDD to announce at the Mid-Year meeting.

January 7/8 will publish a bulletin in the church newspaper for family submissions for YMY and YWY

January 8th Requested attendance for council 12434's participation in Religious Freedom Day Parade

January 8th Pancake & Sausage Breakfast W/Warm Cider after all Sunday masses

January 15th Council 12434 will sponsor a buffet after the 11am mass for the parish and the ordaining of Deacon Michael Strain on Jan 14th.

January 23rd Participate in the Right to Life March held in Wash DC.

Hold our three required meetings for the Council during the month

Jan 29th Prepare a draft for the bulletin to announce the Soup and Scripture dinners scheduled for all of the Fridays scheduled during Lent and sponsored by different groups in the Parish and supported by council 12434

January Free Throw contest to be held at Marshall and report submitted on Jan 31 with results.

Jan 31st the following reports are due FT-1, Form 4001, Form 1728, Form 4584

Fraternally,

Joe Liposky, GK #12434

St. Jude Council #13599



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

Delivered 91 SHARE packages to the following Charity organizations, Retirement apartment complexes, and Churches:

McKendree Place - 5
Meadows - 13
Mill Park Terrace - 2
St John Baptist Church - 19
Fourth Baptist Church - 12
Hope House - 11
Other families - 22

- Worked with the St. Mary Council to sell Christmas trees and wreaths for 34 consecutive days. This included removal of the unsold trees and wreaths, stands, signs, lighting, and portable office from the St. Jude grounds, and clean up on Friday, 23 Dec 2011, the morning after the sale ended.
- Sponsored a Parish Christmas Party/Buffer. The Council purchased and prepared deep fried turkeys and ham and provided sodas and punch. Parishioners contributed salads, vegetable dishes, and desserts. The Parish provided coffee, set ups, table cloths, and trash bags.
- Presented Father Hudgins, Parish Parochial Administrator and Council Chaplain with a check for \$2,118. 60 For the Church Building Fund. Money was from the 300 Club fund raiser. The check was presented during the Parish Christmas Party/Buffer.



- Served coffee and donuts to parishioners at the St. Jude Activity Center after the 9:30 AM Mass for three consecutive Sundays.

Fraternally,
Roman Marciniak, GK #13599

Honor America Corps Commander



Six members of the Corps from the Fredericksburg vicinity journeyed to Louisa on 10 December 2011, to take part in the Louisa Christmas parade. We traveled by reindeer and got to our appointed starting point well in advance; in fact we were the first marchers there. Expecting a gloomy, cold, and dreary day, we were pleasantly surprised by a rather nice day. In fact the sun came out on occasion and the day was pleasantly warm at times. Father Justin Cunningham Assembly provided the color guard and in addition to the color guard the Honor America Corps followed up carrying 12 of the official U. S. flags. The Knights of Columbus led the

parade and provided a great showing for the people of the Town of Louisa. Wonderful refreshments followed the parade in the activity center at St. June (Louisa) Catholic Church by Sacred Heart's Council.

Our next event will include a small static display at the monument for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg on 8 January 2012.

Please consider coming out and joining in the events of the HAC this coming year. Your presence will help us swell our ranks and carry out our mission.

Happy New Year,

Frank Connors, HAC Commander
540 786-3177 fsconnors@aol.com

Assembly #1613 Color Corps Commander



New Year's Greetings

I wish a Happy New Year to all Sir Knights and look forward to another very busy and rewarding year for our Color Corps. Let's keep up the great work.

December Activities

In December the Color Corps activity involved an Honor Guard escort at the Mass preceding our Annual Memorial Ceremony and Honor for the Ceremony, at which we also performed a Regalia Retirement. Thanks to all Sir Knights who participated including; Joe McEuen, John Trammell, Mark Sewell, PFN, and Faithful Captain Loui Stevens in the Honor Guard, and Faithful Navigator Bob Jankovits, Wayne Cushing, Faithful Captain Loui Stevens, Frank Connors, George Johnson and Tony Spehar for the necrology.



Memorial Mass Honor Guard
SKs Sewell, McEuen, Case, Stevens, Trammell

Upcoming Events

One of our major events for the year is the Religious Freedom Parade and Ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, January 8. For those who wish to participate in the parade, show time is 12:45 PM at the parking lot near the Fredericksburg Railroad Station between Caroline and Sophia Streets. Dress is full service regalia with swords including the National Combination Fourth Degree Lapel Pin. Assembly kits will be available on request. Parking will be available at the First Christian Church across from the Religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue. A luncheon for all parade participants will be served at the Catholic Student Center, 1614 College Avenue. Shuttle service will be provided between the Monument and the Railroad Station, and between the Monument and Catholic Student Center. Let's make this an exceptional turnout. I hope to see you there.

David Case, SK, Commander

Columbian Squires and Squire Roses



Squires to Knights

Please welcome Colin Komp and Marcus Duquiatan as new Knights of Columbus. Both Colin and Marcus are past Chief Squires for St. Peters Circle #5207 in Fredericksburg. I've often talked about the benefits of the Columbian Squires to the Squires, but it is also a great route to the Knights of Columbus. Just like in the days of old, the Squires learn from their sponsoring Knight and many strive to follow in their footsteps.

Colin and Marcus are both seniors at Pope John Paul the Great High School in Dumfries and plan on attending college next year. Marcus plans to major in computer engineering and would love to attend MIT. Colin is undecided on his major and school. He is interested in everything from history to biogenetics.



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 Join Paul II house behind St Mary's in Fredericksburg. Squires meet at 10 AM and Roses meet at 1:30.

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy

Gregory Komp, Chief Counselor

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





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(As Of: 1 July 2011)

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(Vacant) - I need a volunteer. Are you up to the task?

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