



KNIGHT SURGE

FATHER CYRIL KARLOWICZ COUNCIL NO. 9002

Winter Edition 2007/2008

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight Gerry Hrastar



Brother Knights –

Welcome back from the **Christmas Holydays!** I sincerely hope you and your families had a great celebration and will have a happy, healthy New Year. Our family gathering and celebration in Hawaii was absolutely fantastic – as was the weather.

We ended the year with a Columbian bang! You will read more details in this newsletter edition, but let me just point out a few highlights.

- 1 Our KCIC Christmas Card sale, including additional cards, sold out by mid-December – including the Spanish cards.
- 2 The caroling and Christmas pizza party where a huge success with 60-70 people participating including a lot of youth who were working service hours either for Confirmation or Scout advancement.
- 3 The special one-day KOVAR collection at Wal-Mart netted \$900.00 with over 36 hours of service.

We also ended the first half of the Columbian year having met our membership quota with 5 new members officially on the books, and another 4 candidates still awaiting 1st degree ceremonies. Likewise, we have 2 new insurance members – against our goal of 3 – with a couple more pending. Congratulations to Brother Bob Devlin, and all Brothers who recruited new members. Keep up the great work!

In the last 6 months we collectively contributed over 1230 hours to specific Knight activities and events; not including individual Knight works of charity and volunteerism. I challenge everyone to keep the momentum going into the second half of the Columbian Year by participating and supporting our numerous activities and events. Beside the regular coffee ministry, pancake breakfasts, Lenten soup suppers, and chicken sales; we have right around the corner the March for Life, Day of Reflection, Valentine Day Dinner, car raffle and KOVAR. There is plenty to do and we need everyone's help and assistance. Volunteer and sign up!

We held an Officers Meeting on January 8th., and had a quarterly State Council Meeting in Peninsular on January 12th. Let me comment on the highlights of both of these meetings. (cont. on pg. 3)

Grand Knight	Gerry Hrastar
Deputy G K	James Aukland
Chancellor	Larry Kreitzer
Recorder	David Fairbank
Treasurer	Lee Dieter
Financial Sec	Ronald Crook
Advocate	Terrance O'Neil
Warden	John Engelstad
Inside Guard	Michael McGrath
Outside Guard	Emil Plunkett
Trustee (3)	Robert Devlin
Trustee (2)	Gerald John
Trustee (1)	Alfred Benson
Chaplain	Father Ettner
KC Ladies	Jan Cain
Newsletter Editor	David Fairbank
District Deputy	Scott Lavey

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

As a show of our solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, we are reprinting his monthly prayer intentions. The January prayer intentions for Pope Benedict XVI:

GENERAL That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest ever more clearly her nature as a community of love in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

MISSION That the Church in Africa, preparing to celebrate the second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, may continue to be a sign and channel of reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

*The Knight of the Month is a brother Knight selected by the Grand Knight as someone who exemplifies in his daily life, the principles of **Christ in Action**.*

December
January

PGK Jerry John
Jim Auckland

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

*The Family of the Month is a brother Knight and his family, selected by the Grand Knight as people who collectively exemplify in their daily lives, the principles of **Christ in Action**.*

Rick and Kathy Litten
John and Nan Alcott

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Council Members - Since the start of the Columbian Year in July, we have added four transferees, and five new Knights to the Council membership.

- Our transferees are: Rus LeBlanc, Victor Mausser, Robert Seelbach, and John Zaso. We are expecting another transferee—Patrick Meade.
- Our new Knights are: Patrick Cook, Jesus Argueta, Adam Auckland, Amado Galvan, and Francisco Ortega.
- We also have five approved candidates that are awaiting their 1st. Degree: Encarnacion Carreno, Stanley Couvillon, Stefan Haydu, Father Francisco Rivera, and Karl Rosenbaum.

We congratulate and welcome all these fine Christian Gentlemen into our Order and look forward to working with them on Knight activities in the future!

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Council will sponsor a Day of Reflection for all members of the parish on Saturday, February 2nd. Father Robert Lange will be our spiritual director for the day. The day will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts in Hanley Hall. There will be talks by Father Lange, time for private prayer and adoration, an opportunity for confession and Mass. A light lunch will be provided and the day will end by 3:00 PM. There will be a charge of \$10.00 per person to cover expenses including lunch. Please call Diane at the parish office (459-4448) or Larry Kreitzer (459-9493) to let us know if you plan to attend. What a great way to prepare for Lent which begins the following Wednesday.

ANNUAL DUES

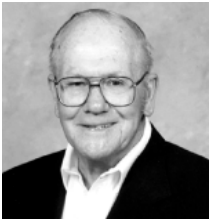
Financial Secretary Brother Ron Crook has sent out dues notices to all Council members. The dues for 2008 are \$24.65. Please turn in your dues as soon as possible so we can hold down the expense of follow-ups and mailings.

Please keep in mind that our Knights of Columbus Council is always happy to accept individual donations or memorial bequests for our CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND, A GIVING MEMORIAL

IN MEMORY



Brother Knight, Larry Edward Davidson, 71, of Woodstock, passed away Wednesday, April 18, at the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Virginia. The funeral was held Monday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church in Woodstock, Father Wilhelm Ettner officiate. Burial, with military honors by Woodstock American Legion Post #199, followed in Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock.



Brother Knight, Francis E. (Buck) Haller, of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away on June 19, 2007 at Inova Fairfax Hospital. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax on Monday, June 25th. Interment was at the Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock on Tuesday, June 26th.

Both of our Brother Knights will be deeply missed by family and friends.

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At the Officers Meeting we went over the past six months and looked to the next six months.

- As reported at the first meeting of the year, the first half of the year was very active and successful. We are on target for new members and insurance members. All of our reporting is up-to-date so unless something drastically falls through the crack, we are well on our way to "Star Council".
- We also reviewed and modified the calendar for the rest of the year.
 - Of primary note, we established dates for KOVAR collections. Chicken Sale dates have also been firmed up for April through September.
 - At the request of Cursillo we also added a Pancake Breakfast on 30 March. This is 3 weeks after our regular and last scheduled Pancake Breakfast. The Cursillo crowd was VERY generous when attending our October breakfast.
 - Lastly, due to a very crowded calendar in late April and early May we dropped the tentatively scheduled Spring Social and will concentrate on a successful Awards and Outgoing Officers Social on June 21st.
 - We also reviewed and made assignments where appropriate for major upcoming events such as the March for Life, Day of Reflection, Lenten soup suppers, etc.
 - Copies of the updated calendars are available and are included in this newsletter and on the Council website.

The Quarterly State Meeting and KOVAR Conference were held in Newport News. The emphasis of the meeting was membership, KOVAR and the State nominating committee. We also exchanged our KOVAR aprons. The new ones state "intellectually disabled" vice mentally retarded.

- They also announced that VKCCI will be raising their norm for grants from \$1500.00 to \$2,000.00. One of the prime fund raisers for VKCCI is through the address label program. As of now there had been only a 20% response. Please respond and be generous!
 - Father Badder scholarship applications are due in by March 1st. This year 8 scholarships at \$12,000 each will be given. These scholarships are for sons and daughters of Knights in good standing who are seniors and will be graduating and entering
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the first year of college. Let me know of anyone who would like an application.

- All reports and nominations for awards are due in NLT April 1st, but preferably at the Quarterly Meeting on March 1st in Richmond.
- The 2008-2009 Planning Meeting will be on June 28th in Richmond – a little earlier than usual.
- IRS Form 990Ns must be filed by May 15th by all Councils regardless of the dollar amount that goes through the Council's books. Don't believe the form is available yet, but keep checking irs.gov!
- The Youth Soccer Challenge had little participation this year. Four out of seven entrants won prizes. Looking to revamp the process next year.
- There are a number of 3rd Degree ceremonies scheduled from now through October – some on Saturdays and some on Sundays. Anyone still needing the 3rd Degree should plan on attending one of these ceremonies.
- The next 4th degree will be held on May 17th in Chantilly.

As we enter the second half of the Columbian Year we are on a roll and need to keep up the momentum. Remember this year's State Deputy's theme, **Together Everyone Accomplishes More – **TEAM**. We are a team and everyone needs to actively participate – whether it's as an officer, committee director, event director, or a worker on one or more of our many events and activities. Remember our tenets and why we joined – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Volunteer and sign up!**

Grand Knight, Gerry Hrastar

VALENTINE DAY DINNER

The Council is sponsoring a Valentine Day dinner on February 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Old Mill restaurant in Strasburg. The cost per person is \$25.00 to include buffet with coffee, tea, soda, and one glass of wine or beer. Price also includes gratuity.

Only 70 tickets will be sold. All parishioners are invited to join us. Tickets are available in Hanley Hall after Sunday Masses, the church office during the week, or by calling Brother Terry O'Neil. (459-9740)

KOVAR

Collections for KOVAR will take place in late March and throughout April. Since 1971, KOVAR has given out more than \$10 million in grants, and currently has in force \$1.2 million in home loans. The Father Cyril Karlowicz Council 9002 has played active and substantive role in making things happen in Shenandoah County since our establishment in 1985. PGK Brother Jerry John has again taken on the task of leading our KOVAR effort. He got a head-start this year with a special one day collection at WalMart of Woodstock on December 20th. With the fine help of fellow Brothers, we collected \$900.00—a great way to the KOVAR year.



Picture: Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to WalMart for their long running participation and collection fund matching with the KOVAR program. Left to right: Brother Ron Crook, WalMart's Connie Jordan, Director of Public Relations, PGK Jerry John, Council KOVAR Director, Jim Weaver, Woodstock's store manager, & GK Gerry Hrastar

Jerry John Honored by KOVAR PGK and Brother Jerry John was selected as an Honoree of a KOVAR grant presented to the Blue Ridge Opportunity Center in Front Royal on January 17th. This was a great honor and well deserved by Jerry who has championed the cause for the intellectually disabled through KOVAR for a number of years. Congratulations to Brother Jerry John.

KNIGHTS FOR CHARITY

Council 9002 members and KofC Ladies provided over 4,500 hours of volunteer time in support of the St. John Bosco Catholic Outreach Program (SJBCO). This is a significant contribution, and any member who wishes to participate in this charity effort needs to call 331-7178 and a volunteer will contact you! This Parish Catholic Charity Program is believed to be the second largest effort for Shenandoah County impoverished residents administered on a non-discriminatory basis. Assistance provides food supplements, clothing, household items, and financial assistance for medical, electrical, heating, rent, as well as emergency lodging. **Council Charity Committee.**

Knights of Columbus Council #9002
Woodstock, Virginia
Calendar of Events and Activities - 2007-2008
Second Half of Columbian Year

January 2008

02 - Regular Meeting (Wed)
 02 - KCIC Billboard Down
 06 - Coffee Ministry
 08 - Officers' Mtg
 12 - *State Qtrly Meeting (Peninsula)*
 13 - Pancake Breakfast
 15 - Regular Meeting
 20 - Coffee Ministry
 22 - March for Life
 26 - *SJB Dinner Dance*
 27 - Coffee Ministry

February 2008

02 - Day of Reflection
 03 - Coffee Ministry
 05 - Regular Meeting
 06 - *Ash Wednesday*
 08 - Lenten Soup Supper
 10 - Pancake Breakfast
 14 - St. Valentine's Day Social
 15 - Lenten Soup Supper
 15 - *Council Audit Due*
 17 - Coffee Ministry
 19 - Regular Meeting
 22 - Lenten Soup Supper
 24 - Coffee Ministry
 29 - Lenten Soup Supper

March 2008

01 - *State Qtrly Meeting (Richmond)*
 02 - Start Car Raffle Sales
 02 - Coffee Ministry
 04 - Regular Meeting
 07 - Lenten Soup Supper
 09 - Pancake Breakfast
 14 - Lenten Soup Supper
 16 - Coffee Ministry
 18 - Regular Meeting
 23 - *Easter*
 29 - **KOVAR (Food Lion)**
 30 - Pancake Breakfast (Cursillo)

April 2008

01 - Regular Meeting (Hanley Hall)
04-05 - KOVAR (Wal-Mart)
 06 - Coffee Ministry
12-13 - KOVAR (Church)
 13 - Coffee Ministry
 15 - Regular Meeting (Hanley Hall)
18 - 19 - KOVAR (Banks)
 20 - Coffee Ministry
 26 - Chicken Sale
 27 - Coffee Ministry

May 2008

01-04 - *State Convention (Roanoke)*
 04 - Coffee Ministry
 06 - Regular Meeting
 11 - Coffee Ministry
 18 - Coffee Ministry
 20 - Regular Meeting (Nominating Committee Report)
 31 - Chicken Sales

June 2008

03 - Regular Meeting (Elections)
 17 - Regular Meeting
 21 - Awards & Outgoing Officers Social
 28 - Chicken Sales

To be added

?? - Drug Poster Contest
 ?? - Basketball Free-Throw

Chicken Sales

- 7-26
- 8-16
- 9-22

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Calendar For 2008

January 1	Tuesday	Mary, Mother of God	
January 2	Wednesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
January 13	Sunday	KofC Pancake Breakfast (after AM Masses)	Hanley Hall
January 15	Tuesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
January 22	Tuesday	March For Life	Washington, DC
January 26	Saturday	<i>SJB Dinner Dance</i>	Woodstock Moose Lodge
February 2	Saturday	Day of Reflection	Hanley Hall
February 5	Tuesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
February 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
February 10	Sunday	KofC Pancake Breakfast (after AM Masses)	Hanley Hall
February 14	Thursday	<i>St. Valentine's Day Social</i>	Old Mill Restaurant
February 19	Tuesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
March 4	Tuesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
March 9	Sunday	KofC Pancake Breakfast (after AM Masses)	Hanley Hall
March 17	Monday	St. Patrick's Day	Wear Your Green
March 18	Tuesday	KofC Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Knight's Hall
March 23	Sunday	Easter Sunday	He Is Risen
March 29	Saturday	KOVAR Collection	Food Lion Stores
March 30	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast—Cursillo	Hanley Hall

Other Activities

September-May

Coffee and Donut Social

Hanley Hall After Sunday Mass

Please pray for deceased Brother Knights and families and for those who are sick. Please contact Council 9002 if you know of a Knight or Knight's family member who is in need of prayers or a visit..