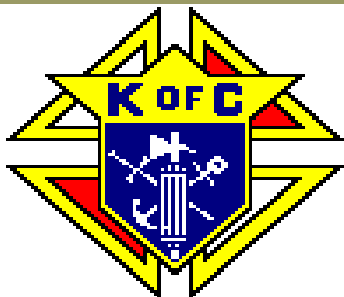


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FATHER CYRIL KARLOWICZ COUNCIL 9002 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# KNIGHT SURGE

## GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER



**Happy New Year!** It's hard to believe that another year has passed and that our fraternal year is already half over. Time flies! Now is a good time to look back at what we accomplished and to look ahead at what we have planned. It is also a good time to make a commitment to be active Knights in 2010.

The first half of this fraternal year was very successful. With a great group of officers and many enthusiastic volunteers, we did a lot. Some of the highlights:

- The County Fair was hugely successful with over \$2,000 in ticket sales for the raffle of the gun and WalMart gift card. Rick Litten did a super job coordinating the whole event.
  - The parish picnic was held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September. Over 100 people attended and had a great time. Mark Labadie and Mike McGrath kept the grills hot and the hotdog and hamburger platters filled.
  - Pancake breakfasts were held in October, November and December. As usual Mike McGrath and his crew have done a fantastic job and our new pricing policy has netted profits that can be used to support our various charities.
  - The deceased Knights Mass and Communion breakfast held in
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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Larry Kreitzer	Treasurer	Frank Ceasar
Dep Grand Knight	Terry O'Neill	Advocate	Richard Seelbach
Chancellor	John Engelstad	Warden	Mark Labadie
Recorder	Robert Devlin PGK	Inside Guard	Russ LeBlanc
Financial Secretary	Todd White	Outside Guard	Ned Cain
Chaplain	Father Ettner	Newsletter	David Fairbank
Trustee (3)	Gerry Hrastar PGK	Trustee (2)	Tony Durso PGK
Trustee (1)	Robert Devlin PGK	District Deputy	Thomas H. Sayre

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Cyril Karlowicz KofC Council 9002 Officers

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- November brought together about 60 people to remember and pray for our deceased brother Knights and other family members. As he does every year, Jerry John coordinated this wonderful event.
- On December 15 about twenty-five Knights and their ladies went to two area nursing homes and sang Christmas Carols for the residents. Based on the smiling faces we saw, I know we brought them some Christmas joy. After the caroling, we all went to Joe's Steakhouse where FR. Ettner joined us for our annual Christmas party. We all had a great time. Thanks to Terry O'Neill for coordinating the caroling and dinner.
- On December 17 we had a KOVAR collection at WalMart and collected over \$750.00 to help the intellectually disadvantaged. Stan Couvillon is our KOVAR coordinator this year.

The second half of the year promises to be just as busy with an Italian Night, the March for Life, the Parish Dinner-Dance, our Valentine's Day social, and our day of reflection to mention just a few of the activities planned. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the first half of the year so successful and I encourage everyone to get involved in the upcoming activities. There is something that everyone can do; so be prepared to say "yes" when one of your brothers calls and asks for your help.

- **Speaking of help, I need everyone's help in recruiting new members...Be enthusiastic in telling them about the Knights...**

Speaking of help, I need everyone's help in recruiting new members. If you know a good Catholic gentleman who is not already a Knight, please ask him to join us. Many men are just waiting for that invitation from someone they know. Be enthusiastic in telling them about the Knights and all the things we do. Recruiting is everyone's job! **Fraternally, Larry Kreitzer, Grand Knight**

**Rev. Michael J. Bader Memorial Scholarship - The deadline for applying for a scholarship is March 13, 2010. Children of current Knights are eligible. Please go to the Virginia Knights of Columbus website ([vakofc.org](http://vakofc.org)) for details.**

## SCOUTING NEWS

### Congratulations!

**Brendan Ayala**, one of our own Scouts, submitted his photo in a national contest and has been chosen as a winner of the 2009 Trail's End Best Popcorn Pix Contest. Thanks to his creative photo and use of Trail's End popcorn, he'll be receiving a Nintendo DS-Lite direct from Trail's End Popcorn Company. Scouts entered hundreds of photos at **Trails-end.com** and his photo was considered one of the best by a panel of popcorn experts! Trail's End thanked Brendan for being a part of this exciting contest and for selling Trail's End Popcorn. Be sure to look for the new packaging next year with some of the winning Scouts' photography. Over 35 winning photos will be featured on the artwork! . Thanks to Brother Todd White for this submission.



**Knights of Columbus Council #9002  
Woodstock, Virginia  
Calendar of Events and Activities-2009-2010  
(Approved 5-5-2009) (Rev. 5) 12-28-2009**

**July 2009**

07 -Regular Meeting  
11 -*State Org Mtg (VA Beach)*  
18 - Officer Installation  
21 - Regular Meeting  
25 - Chicken Sale

**August 2009**

04 - Regular Meeting  
11- Officers Meeting  
13 - Altar Servers Picnic  
15 - *Council Audit Due*  
18 - Regular Meeting  
22 - Chicken Sale  
28-05 Sep - County Fair

**September 2009**

28 Aug -05 Sep - County Fair  
13 – Coffee Ministry (K)  
13 - Parish Picnic  
15 - Regular Meeting  
20 – Coffee Ministry (Y)  
26 - Chicken Sale  
27 - Coffee Ministry (H)

**October 2009**

03 - *State Qtrly Mtg*  
04 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
04 - Life Chain  
06 - Regular Meeting  
10 - Diocesan Pilgrimage  
11 - Pancake Breakfast  
18 - Coffee Ministry (Y)  
20 - Members Social  
25 - Coffee Ministry (H)

**November 2009**

01 - Coffee Ministry (HS)  
01, 08, 15, 22, 29 KCIC Sales  
03 - Regular Meeting  
07 - Deceased Knights Mass  
08 – Pancake Breakfast  
10 – Officers Meeting  
15- Coffee Ministry (Y)  
17 – Song Fest Social  
22 - Coffee Ministry (H)  
30 - KCIC Billboard Up

**December 2009**

01 - Regular Meeting  
06, 13 KCIC Sales  
06 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
13 - Pancake Breakfast  
15- Christmas Caroling/Party  
17 - KOVAR @ Walmart  
25 - *Christmas*

**January 2010**

03 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
04 - KCIC Billboard Down  
05 - Regular Meeting  
09 – State Mid-Year Meeting  
10 – Coffee Ministry (K)  
16 – Italian Night  
17 - Coffee Ministry (Y)  
22 - March for Life  
24 - Coffee Ministry (H)  
30 - Parish Dinner Dance  
31 - Coffee Ministry (K)

**February 2010**

02 - Regular Meeting  
07 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
13 - St. Valentine’s Day Social  
14 - Pancake Breakfast  
17 - *Ash Wednesday*  
19 - Lenten Soup Supper  
21 - Coffee Ministry (Y)  
26 - Lenten Soup Supper  
27 – Day of Reflection  
28 - Coffee Ministry (H)

**March 2010**

02 - Regular Meeting  
02T - Start Car Raffle Sales  
05 - Lenten Soup Supper  
06 - State Qtrly Mtg  
07 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
09 -Officers Meeting  
12 - Lenten Soup Supper  
14 - Pancake Breakfast  
19 - Lenten Soup Supper  
20-21T - KOVAR @Church  
21 - Coffee Ministry (Y)  
26 - Lenten Soup Supper

**March 2010 (continued)**27T -

KOVAR @ Food Lion  
28 - Coffee Ministry (H)

**April 2010**

04 - *Easter*  
06 - Regular Meeting  
10T - Chicken Sale  
16-17T - KOVAR @ Walmart  
19T - End Car Raffle Sales  
21 - Regular Meeting  
23-24T - KOVAR @ Banks  
25 - Coffee Ministry (H)

**May 2010**

02 - Coffee Ministry (C)  
04 - Regular Meeting  
09 - Coffee Ministry (K)  
13-16 State Convention  
16- Coffee Ministry (Y)  
18 - Regular Meeting (Nom. Committee Report)  
29T - Chicken Sales

**June 2010**

01- Regular Meeting (Elections)  
15T - Regular Meeting???  
19 - Awards & Outgoing Officers Social  
26T - Chicken Sales

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“T” -- Tentative Date



**A TYPICAL CHICKEN SALE WRAPPING SESSION**

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Ever wonder what the whole “dues procedure” is for a council? There is an Option A and an Option B.

### Option A:

You receive your dues and fees letter, write a check and mail it by 31 December. Your membership card will come back to you in return mail. Easy. Your council loves you and your finance team smiles abundantly. You can request a big hug from the Grand Knight.

### Option B (also known as “the hard way”):

Payments not received by 15 January will cause a Second Notice Form #424 to go out. 30 days later, the infamous “Knight Alert” is sent out, which also triggers the Retention Committee into action. This causes lots of phone calls and written reports.

At the first of March, all unpaid members will receive the dreaded Form #1845—Notice of Intent to Suspend. **If you like to get mail, phone calls and personal visits**, this is the form for you. Copies go to Supreme, State and District officials—all for the purpose of contacting you.

Finally, on 30 April, a form 100 to suspend goes out to Supreme. No smiles, no hug from the Grand Knight, no love from your council.

Please vote for Option A. Thank you. **Todd White, Financial Secretary**

### More Scouting News:

**January is rechartering** time for our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop. At this time we are on the verge of our second Eagle Scout (so please encourage Matthew Critz when you see him). Forty boys are being served right now, with spring recruitment right around the corner.

The council has also agreed to sponsor a Venture Crew (another BSA program) directed at the **female members** of the parish youth. Camping, hiking, rock climbing, and more are available to our young women (ages 14-20). Five have signed up so far, and will be guided by Lore Critz.

Sponsorship by the Knights has allowed us to continue to grow and open a world of leadership and citizenship to your parish. We appreciate your help.

**Special thanks** to Knights, Gerry Hrastar, Steve Clifford, John Zasco, Joe Haydu, Zac White, Greg Ostrand, Ron Happ, Victor Rohr and Jon Carlson for all of their hard work and dedication to our boys-and girls. (Gerry, John, Joe, Zac and Victor are all Eagle Scouts, by the way.)

Want to help? Contact Todd White at 540-331-5995 or [Scoutsigns@gmail.com](mailto:Scoutsigns@gmail.com).

## DINNER DANCE & DEGREE TEAM

**The Annual Parish Dinner/ Dance** is coming up soon, and we are anticipating great participation. It will be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, January 30. Thanks go to Lee Dieter

for arranging The Moose Lodge hall for us. Shaffers will be catering the event once again and they always come through with excellent food. There will be choices of Roast Turkey, Chicken Breast Dijon, and Baked Salmon along with plenty of side dishes, salads, and breads. For entertainment we are trying something different this year; there will be a DJ who has a large selection of dance music to suit all tastes, but also has the capacity for real professional - type Karaoke. We hope to see a lot of parishioners come forward and take the microphone! Spread the word, it should be filling and fun for all.

**DEGREE TEAM** Preparations are underway for this District to have its own Second Degree Conferral team. There will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, January 12, and assuming that we get certified, a real ceremony on January 26. These two will be held in Warrenton because they have all of the necessary accoutrements, but after that we will get our own and be able to hold second degree ceremonies in Front Royal, Winchester and right here at St. John Bosco. Seven Brothers are needed for supporting (non - speaking) roles; Rick Litten would be grateful if some of you would come along on the 12th to help fill that need, and to give moral support. Please contact him ASAP if you are interested. (459 - 4694 - [Cantor4Trinity@aol.com](mailto:Cantor4Trinity@aol.com) or [Staricius@aol.com](mailto:Staricius@aol.com))

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

## Recruiting

We are half way through the Knights year, and the start of the year 2010. So far this year we have had one new member, Greg Forde, joining us as a new 1st degree Brother. We also have applications for three more candidates that were presented at our first meeting of the year 2010. This will bring us to around 45% of our goal of 9 new members, and doesn't take into account the replacement of several Brothers that are being dropped from the rolls due to unpaid dues or personal desires to no longer remain active.

It's time for everyone to hone their recruiting skills and invite your Catholic friends and relatives to become Brother Knights. To help your recruiting efforts, we have put together a "membership packet" - in both English and Spanish. The packets include a letter covering our Council's organization and program, and membership and insurance brochures. Also included is an application Form 100. Just give me a call or email and I'll get you all the membership packets you need.

## Degree Scheduling

**1st Degree**—Between the Winchester and Warrenton Councils, we have the opportunity to get new candidates through their 1st degree at least once each month. Warrenton conducts a 1st degree on the 4th Thursday of **EVEN** months, and Winchester on the 3rd Thursday of **ODD** months. All Brothers are invited to attend any of these ceremonies. The schedule for the next six months is as follows:

<b>January</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Winchester</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Warrenton</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Winchester</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Warrenton</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Winchester</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Warrenton</b>

**2nd Degree**—After several years of no 2nd degree ceremonies in District #20, we are happy to report we now have a qualified 2nd degree ceremonial team—of which our own Brother Rick Litten is a member of the team. The first 2nd degree ceremony in over two years is now scheduled for Tuesday, 26 January in Warrenton starting at 7:00 PM. Our Council has 36 Brothers who are 1st degree Knights and need to become 2nd degree Knights. This is the opportunity! Put it on your calendar and plan on meeting at St. John Bosco Church parking lot to carpool and depart at 5:45 PM for Warrenton. Meanwhile, please let me know via phone or email if you plan on participating so we know how many Brothers to expect. If you can't make the 26th ceremony, hopefully a 2nd degree ceremony will be conducted every month somewhere in the District—including right here in the Father Cyril Karlowicz Council. We'll keep you posted.

**3rd Degree**—To become a fully qualified Knight, and eligible to hold Council Officer positions, you must be a 3rd degree member. There are a number of ceremonies scheduled over the next six months. There are no time limitations between any of the degrees so if you go through the 2nd degree on the 26th of January, you can take your 3rd degree on any of the following dates. Let me know if you would like to attend any of the following 3rd degree ceremonies:

<b>January</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Fairfax (Saturday) (3:00 PM)</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Sterling (Saturday)</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Arlington (Sunday)</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Norfolk (Saturday)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Salem (Saturday)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>Richmond (Saturday)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Norfolk (Sunday)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Manassas (Saturday)</b>

For more information or to schedule attendance at one of these ceremonies, please contact Membership Director Gerry Hrastar at 540-933-6360, or email at [ghrastar@shentel.net](mailto:ghrastar@shentel.net)

## **Last Thought:**

A healthy organization depends on recruiting new members and sustaining current members. Without membership growth and active participation, the organization will gradually wilt away and cease to exist. We have a vibrant organization in the Father Cyril Karlowicz Council that does great things in support of our Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth activities. Lets all help keep it that way by bringing in new members. Recruiting is every member's obligation! Gerry Hrastar PGK ([ghrastar@shentel.net](mailto:ghrastar@shentel.net))

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

In keeping with the spirit of the Season, “Keep Christ In Christmas”, members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 9002, along with their wives, visited two homes for the elderly in Woodstock

on December 15th. The purpose of the visit was to sing favorite Christmas songs for the residents and employees of the homes. The two homes visited were Consulate Health Care and Greenfield of Woodstock. It was apparent that the Christmas singing brought smiles and joy to the hearts of all of us. After the singing at the two homes, the Knights and their wives went to Joe’s Steakhouse on Main Street for their Christmas celebration and dinner. The singing at the homes was organized by our Deputy Grand Knight, Terry O’Neil and the music was led by St. John Bosco’s own Brother Rick Litten, choir director for the parish. There were several choir members in attendance at the songfest which most certainly added to the joyful music.



## MARCH FOR LIFE

We at *March for Life* send our deep appreciation to all Marchers for your enormous presence at the Rally and March on January 22, 2009. There is no doubt that your greatly increased numbers and peaceful sincere determination was recognized in

Washington. Now, we are very pleased to have received follow-up phone calls from many of you at schools and organizations asking about the dates for the next three years so that you can plan your schedules. This type of organization is great. Therefore, we have set the dates for the March for Life for the coming three years. Next year, the anniversary date of the Roe v. Wade decision will fall on a Friday. So mark your calendars--we will make our pro-life presence known to the lawmakers in Washington, the citizens of the United States, and people around the world, on **Friday, January 22, 2010**. In 2011 and 2012, the anniversary date will fall on a weekend, a time when lawmakers are typically away from Washington. We want to make sure that our pro-life pilgrimage to our nation’s capitol has maximum impact on our elected leaders; and that our Marchers have an opportunity to visit with their Congressional delegations in order to press their pro-life message. For those reasons, we have scheduled the March for Life to be held on **Monday, January 24, 2011**, and **Monday, January 23, 2012**.

Please plan now to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of Roe v. Wade, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America’s future.

This article taken from the *March For Life Education and Defense Fund*  
Annual Report for 2010  
([www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org))



## BUILDING A BETTER LIFE

### All Knights Are Urged To Oppose Abortion Mandate in the Health Reform Bill

Both the House and the Senate approved versions of health care reform legislation before leaving Washington for their Christmas break. A House-Senate conference committee will negotiate a single version of the bill upon their return this month (the House returns on January 12 and the Senate returns on January 19).

Knights and their families are strongly urged to contact their Senators and Congressmen during and after the recess, and ask that they support the House language authored by Representa-

tive (and brother Knight) Bart Stupak (D-MI), which retains the long-standing policy against federal funding of abortion. Stupak's language was approved by a strong bipartisan majority in the House.

The Senate version of the health care reform bill does not ban abortion funding, and the American Catholic bishops oppose it: under the Senate version, "federal funds will help subsidize, and in some cases a federal agency will facilitate and promote, health plans that cover elective abortions," the bishops said.

Contacting Senators and Representatives at their home district offices is an especially effective

way of making them aware of your views on the abortion funding and conscience protection issues.



## FATHERS FOR GOOD

**Our children need to know many things to succeed in this highly technical, always changing, world. As parents, we may cringe to read that our students are falling behind China or India or some other emerging power in math and science achievement. We wonder what new skills they will need to compete in the new global economy. The fact is, we don't know. The best we can do is to give our children educational opportunities, chances to grow and develop, and the grace and wisdom that comes from our Catholic faith. In fact, if you think in terms of the true goal in life – to gain heaven – then you will narrow your list of what your kids absolutely need to know. You will focus on things that are deeply personal and rarely changing.**

**Here is one father's list of 10 things he wants his children to know:**

- 1. You love them** Say today, "I love you," and then give life to the words.
- 2. God loves them** Your children will look to you, their father, for affirmation through your actions that the Father in heaven does love them.
- 3. You love their mother** The marriage relationship is the central reality in the lives of children.
- 4. Life has meaning and is worth living** Teach your children to respect the mystery, accept the knowable and discover their own potential for love and achievement under the eyes of God
- 5. They must learn to forgive** "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- 6. Morality matters** There is a right and a wrong in life
- 7. The Catholic Church is the one true Church** St. Peter is the one Apostle Jesus chose to lead his Church.
- 8. Evil is real and they will suffer** The devil roams "like a roaring lion" seeking souls to devour.
- 9. One day they will die** The one Church gives us all the means on earth to gain everlasting life.
- 10. Love is stronger than death** The love of Christ has rescued us from death.

**Fathers for Good is an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus.** To learn more about this initiative, go to their website: [fathersforgood.org](http://fathersforgood.org)

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

**FAMILY 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**.*

*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**.*

- July** Gerry Hrastar PGK
- August** Ned Cain
- September** Rick Litten
- October** Mike McGrath
- December** Jerry John PGK
- January** Charles McKenna

- John and Eunice Taylor**
- Mark and Dianne Labadie**
- PGK Ron and Joyce Skidmore**
- PGK Robert and Caroline Devlin**
- Emil and Margaret Plunkett**

**Haiti Earthquake Relief**

To All Knights of Columbus:

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we invite Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order. Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature is available on the Supreme Council website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)). Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check. Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest. We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

*January 14, 2010*

**Knights of Columbus**

**Launch News and Information Site for Catholics**

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere – **Headline Bistro**. The new Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is [headlinebistro.com](http://headlinebistro.com). ghts began spreading devotion to Our Lady of Charity through a new yearlong Marian Prayer Program for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.



## Knights of Columbus

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newsletter are not necessarily  
those of the Knights of Columbus.

**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**

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

As a show of our solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, we are reprinting his monthly prayer intentions. The January, 2010 prayer intentions for Pope Benedict XVI:

**GENERAL** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**MISSION** That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.



**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..**