



Knight Talk



Message from the Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

I can't believe I have just completed three months as Grand Knight for Springfield Council 6153! The month of September has been one of those months, where at times one feels as if the challenges of the moment outweigh opportunities ahead.

Thankfully the Lord's scripture in those trying times is always comforting and reassuring, for example the excerpt from today's scripture noted above. I appreciate your continuing support, and most importantly your prayers. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Please pray the rosary every day, with special intentions for our council, our country, the Pope's intentions, and for those who suffer from debilitating diseases all over the world.

During the month of September, there were plenty of opportunities to serve our community, to exercise our first founding principle (Charity), to come together as a council (and with families), to appreciate our Clergy, and to foster relationships with other councils in the District. The building and financial committee was also formed under the leadership of Brother Doug Mills, to help define the vision and future direction of the Council.

I attended the District 14 Leadership Meeting at Holy Spirit in Annandale, VA, Tuesday, September 30, 2014, where we discussed recruitment, Project Manger goals, Hispanic roundtable, District soccer challenge, Youth Essay contest and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest deadlines, and the quarterly state meeting (October 4, 2014 in Newport News, VA). We also discussed requirements for state deputy award and star council award. During this meeting, Brother Frank Guest was unanimously elected as District Nominator Alternate for District 14.

Springfield Council 6153 completed a lot of planned activities this month. Thanks to all of you who provided assistance one way or another, for the success of these events. Our first joint activity with the Legion of Mary was well attended. The Knights and the Legion of Mary co-led an evening prayer of the Rosary in remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 attack and their families. We had a great turnout and beautiful weather during our 13th annual 5K run and fun walk. A little over 200 runners, walkers, and volunteers turned out for this great event, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Pat Hanson and John Tigani for co-leading this event, a fundraiser to support KOVAR and St. Bernadette School Tuition Assistance Program. My appreciation goes out to Sharon Hanson as well for an awesome coordination with the School. Brother Jeff Carroll, assisted by Josh McCave also led a well-participated Soccer Challenge event, where Youth 9 to 14 years old came together to competitively kick some soccer balls. The winners of each age category will advance to the District-level competition.

The night at the Little Theatre of Alexandria to enjoy the production of "Streetcar Named Desire", a fundraiser event for the Catholic Scholarship fund was also a success, thanks to the leadership of Brother Frank Guest and assistance of John Goetchius. Sincerest appreciation also goes out to Linda Guest for the countless volunteer hours dedicated for this event. Thanks to all who supplied refreshments for the event.

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For the fourth year, Brother Mark Price and wife Pat hosted our Council's Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Great turnout among the Clergy, with attendance from Father Vu, Father Wooton, and Deacon Dave. Thanks to Mark and Pat for hosting this event, and I hope you'll do it again.

Other Activities:

- Brothers Mike McNulty and Josh McCave continued coordination with Father Wooton, Father Serrano and the Hispanic community leadership for a potential roundtable discussion.
- Brother Frank Dobrydney planned and executed our first pancake breakfast of the Columbian Year on October 5th.
- Participants at the Good of the Order meeting also unanimously suggested having a free doughnut and coffee after masses during the membership blitz as a way to spark interest. A fundraising activity would be more appropriate for a later date.
- Brother Doug Mills presented to the council his initial thoughts and strategy for leading the building and financial planning committee during the Good of the Order meeting.
- During our business meeting, in addition to approving the budget, the council membership voted to approve two proposals: the first proposal allowed flexibility on selecting meeting start time, and the second reduced the percent contribution to the building funds from 20 to 10 percent.

Congratulations To:

- **Frank Martin** for completing his First Degree.
- Thanks to Brother **Bill McCarron** for escorting.
- **Pat Hanson** for being the Honoree of a KOVAR Grant. KOVAR awarded a grant in the amount of \$16,930 to 'Community Living Alternatives' in honor of Pat Hanson.
- **John Tigani** for being selected as the Knight of the Month for August. Thanks to John for all of his work on the 5K.
- **Bill Spendley** and family for being selected as Family of the Month. Brother Bill and his family, through the Knights of Columbus Council 6153, identified a needy family to whom they could donate their used 1999 Toyota corolla (fair market value of almost \$2,000). When it comes to donating a car, people have many options but Brother Bill exemplified one of the most needed founding principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, by donating their car to benefit a member of our community, Felix who is also related to a fellow Brother Knight. Felix and his family have significant financial, transportation and employment challenges. This generous donation will benefit the family tremendously as Felix will now have the ability to help the family get to work and run important errands like getting groceries. He and his mother had to take the bus, but their work schedules often do not fit the bus schedules so for Felix to have a car is a big help to the family. In addition to their generous donation to family in need, Vanessa Spendley spends countless hours helping as a volunteer with St. Bernadette School. She is also is a Girl Scout Leader in our parish community.

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God."
 Luke 9:62

Be Faith In Action!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Degree schedule for end of Calendar Year



Membership Blitz: Our Council's Membership Drive (also called a membership blitz) will be conducted October 18th and 19th at all weekend Masses at St. Bernadette's.

Here is the upcoming Degree schedule in our area for the remainder of the year.

Oct 22 1st Degree, 7:30 Springfield Council. Cafetorium
 Oct 28 1st Degree, Time TBD at Holy Spirit parish (7:30 estimated start time)
 Nov 18 1st Degree, Time TBD at Fr Sikora #7992 (Nativity Parish). 7:30 estimate.
 Nov 8 2nd Degree, time TBD, at St. Raymonds Parish (Estimate. 10:00 am)
 Nov 15 3rd Degree, time TBD at Nativity Parish (estimate 11:00 am)

Council members will be notified ahead of time exactly when degrees are scheduled.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Bill McCarron at (703) 451-3531 or wjmccarron@aol.com

Essay Contest:



Springfield Council 6153 Youth Essay Contest

The topic this year is "**The Importance of Religious Freedom**".

The contest is open to all Catholic students grades 8-12 in public/private/home schools.

Postmark deadline for essay submission is January 21, 2015.

Gift cards will be provided to writers of winning essays in each grade level, and all participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Entry forms are available on the Knights bulletin board in St. Bernadette church, or by contacting: Matt McGarvey at (703) 300-0241 or essaycontest6153@gmail.com

Bingo! Did someone say Bingo?

B I N G O				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE 4TH SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Family bingo is back. Mark your calendars and plan on enjoying an evening of fun with your friends, family and brother Knights.

When: November 22, 2014, Saturday.

For questions, contact Joe Krupp, (703) 455-9383, treasurer@knights6153.org

It's Beginning to Sound a lot like CHRISTmas!



***Scott Monroe is our point person for **Keep in Christ in Christmas** card sales!**



Pat Hanson is once again leading the council's major fund raiser: **Christmas Trees!*

**Pat needs our help. Tree delivery is scheduled for Friday, November 28.
Christmas Tree sales schedule will be out shortly.**



Breakfast with ole Saint Nick!

December 6, 2014

This has always been our most popular and best K of C Breakfast!

You won't be disappointed!

Take your studio quality pictures with Saint Nicholas on Saturday December 6!

For information contact: John Goetchius, Jr

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COUNCIL SPORTS EVENTS



Golf

Fr. Pat Holroyd Honored by Council 6153 at the Fall KofC Golf Tournament at Burke Lake on October 7, 2014

The Fall KofC Golf Tournament was held at Burke Lake Golf Course on October 7, 2014 with 19 tournament players. The Tournament was dedicated in honor of Father Pat Holroyd for his many years of participating with the Knights sports teams. He has been playing in nearly all of our Golf outings, actively plays on the Knights softball team and plays in our basketball tournaments. The Council recognized him at the American Legion awards luncheon with a Knights golf Towel and Golf Shirt. Father Pat has always given us an adequate supply of golf balls for awards.

The golf tournament was a success with three priests participating in the Tournament.

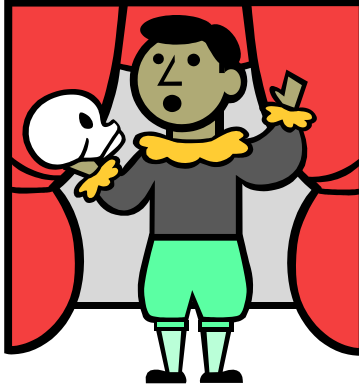
The weather cooperated and the golfers enjoyed a good day of fall golf.

The winners were: Low Gross 1st Place Bill Vitaletti; 2nd Place Bill McCarron; and 3rd Place Fr. John DeCelles. Low modified Calloway Handicap 1st Place was Fr. Joseph Kenna; 2nd Place Peter White; and 3rd Place was Manny Mendoza. The highest gross score for an award was SK John Tracey. All of the players were given sleeves of golf balls for their participation. A special thanks to PGK Bill McCarron for coordinating the Luncheon at the American Legion and Brother Joe Karbelk for the special arrangements with the Burke Lake Golf Course.

Our next Spring Golf Outing will be held at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course during the June 2015 time period. Hope we have a good turn-out for this Event.

Degree Team

We are always looking for new members of our First Degree team. The degrees exemplifying the principles of our Order provide a powerful influence on every Knight. The First Degree on Charity is the first impression a new Knight receives on what we are really all about. Please consider joining our team. It is fun and very rewarding. If you are interested, please contact the Degree Team captain, PGK Joe Krupp, at JosephKrupp@gmail.com. Vivat Jesus.



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Calendar November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints' Day
2 All Souls' Day Council Memorial Mass/Brunch	3	4	5	6	7	8 KCIC Card Sales
9 KCIC Card Sales	10 1st Degree at Council 7363 [Host: 11984]	11 Veterans Day	12 Council Business Meeting	13 Marian Assembly Meeting	14	15 3rd Degree [Host: 7992] KCIC Card Sales
16 KCIC Card Sales	17	18	19 1st Degree Exemplification [Host: 7369]	20	21	22 Family Bingo
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Christmas Tree Delivery	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent	1	2	3	4	5	6 Breakfast with Santa KCIC Card Sales

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December

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 1st Sunday of Advent	1	2	3	4	5	6 Breakfast with Santa KCIC Card Sales
7 KCIC Card Sales	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	9	10 Council Business Meeting	11 Marian Assembly Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Christmas Tree Take Down	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3