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Full Knighthood - Our Call to Serve

On December 5, 2015, 23 members of our Council joined nine brother Knights from nearby Councils to complete their journey to full Knighthood - attainment of the 3rd Degree in our Order. All 19 Knights completed their Formation (2nd Degree) Exemplification in Mercy Hall immediately prior to the ceremony earlier in the morning. The Combined/Dual-Exemplification represented a historic first time achievement by Council #5561 and District 20.

You can see their names listed on page 3 and please congratulate your Brothers on reaching this significant milestone in their journeys as Knights.

Why is advancement so important? In a nutshell, the formation process arms us a Knights with the tools we need to grow in our understanding and practice of our Order's guiding principles of *Charity, Unity and Fraternity*. Together, they ground us in our shared purpose to serve Christ as Catholic men by serving our Priests, our Parish and our Community. We get an introduction to these principles at the 1st Degree, but the broader context comes into better focus during advancement to the higher degrees.

Once there, what's next? You are now eligible to assume greater leadership roles in the Council, and to advance to 4th Degree. Our leadership needs are many. Councilar officers, Program Directors, and indeed Sponsors for new Knights are among the many activities where we look to our Full 3rd Degree Knights to carry the baton. The grounding that you gain during successive advancement helps impart the necessary knowledge, ethos and understanding to enable your success.

How do you define success? That answer is straightforward and simple. It is to grow as Catholic gentlemen in fidelity to Christ and his Church by serving Him and serving others to the best of our ability, in fraternal solidarity with our Brother Knights.

We normally host a 2nd Degree twice per year, and the 3rd Degree once. You don't have to wait until Council #5561 brings the District 20 or State Exemplification Teams to Saint John's in order to advance. We frequently bring men to ceremonies hosted by other Councils in Northern VA.

If you are interested in taking the next step, check the latest dates at www.vakofc.org or contact our Membership POCs Dan Thompson at ddthompson4@aol.com or George Phillips at phillipsgeo@comcast.net.

Being a Knight of Columbus is less time-consuming as some may believe.

We ask a brother to invest just 24 hours a year, hopefully more...

4 hours Reading weekly St. John's Church bulletin

4 hours Reading State and/or Council 5561 newsletters

4 hours Reading Supreme-Council magazine COLUMBIA

2 hours Volunteering—Council 5561 Event of Your Interest

2 hours Attending—two Council 5561 Prayer Services with Family

2 hours Attending—Council 5561 sponsored Family Project or Event

2 hours Attending—a Council 5561 Social Meeting, hopefully more

4 hours Attending—a Council 5561 Social Function with Family

Grand Knight's Greetings

Happy New Year Brothers One and All!

As we close the books on another eventful year, it is an auspicious time to recall how far we've come together with a view towards the bright future ahead.

During the past 12 months, our Council has grown from 274 to 326 Knights.

We saw Council support to our Priests, Parish and Community expand in important ways.

It is fitting that during the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Knights are prominently contributing to corporal and spiritual acts of mercy as an integral dimension of our fraternal mission.

Significantly, Brother Knights were actively en-

gaged in a wide range of activities. They included leadership of youth activities, participation in virtually every Church ministry, sponsorship of dances and

small.

All of us conducted this charitable work without remuneration, or acclaim. We did it because we are



galas and myriad activities that enhance Christian fellowship among all parishioners, financial support to missions and seminarians, stalwart witness to the sanctity of life and countless other ways, big and

Catholic men, called to serve.

During the year ahead, we will be called upon to do even more.

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The Next Ridgeline — Upcoming Events for JAN—FEB

Volunteer Opportunity	Dates	POC
Pancake Breakfast	Jan 10, Feb 14	SK Ed Cook
March for Life	Jan 22	SK Tom Griffin
Sub Sales	TBD	SK Steve L'Etoile
1 st Degree Exemplification	Jan 28	GK Joe Tullington

El Caballero de Veinticuatro Horas

Los hombres jóvenes de familia actuales tienen muchos compromisos. Sus dos mayores obligaciones son su familia y su trabajo. ¿Cuántas veces cuando tratamos de reclutar a estos hombres jóvenes escuchamos: "No tengo mucho tiempo que dedicar a los Caballeros así que prefiero no unirme"?

Desarrollamos una idea que puede ayudarles en sus esfuerzos para persuadir a estos hombres jóvenes. Pregúntenles si pueden dedicar sólo 24 horas al año en ser miembro de Caballeros de Colón. Usando este horario como ejemplo ustedes pueden mostrarle a miembros potenciales que el tiempo que dediquen a Caballeros de Colón no tiene que ser demasiado. Los Caballeros de Colón tienen algo que ofrecerle a él y a su familia y todos ellos se beneficiarán de su membresía.

Este horario incluye el que el miembro aprenda sobre nosotros (leyendo sobre Caballeros de Colón) y nosotros conociéndole (con su asistencia a proyectos y actividades.) Él se involucrará y fraternidad; su familia estará involucrada en la iglesia y actividades sociales. Tal vez esta sea la mejor respuesta que podamos darle a miembros potenciales cuando digan "No tengo tiempo."

- 12 horas al año el Boletín local, el periódico del Consejo de Estado Knights Herald y la revista mensual de Consejo Supremo Columbia (la cual pueden incluso recibir en Español.)
- 2 horas al año sirviendo como voluntario en el fin de semana de campaña de "KOVAR" del consejo.
- 2 horas al año participando en las misas especiales del Consejo
- 2 horas al año en algún proyecto del consejo enfocado en la iglesia, en la comunidad, en el consejo, en la familia o en la juventud.
- 2 horas al año asistiendo a una junta del Consejo.
- 4 horas al año asistiendo a algún evento social (una comida, un baile, un día de campo, etc.)

Hay 8,760 horas en un año. Con sólo darle 24 de esas 8,760 horas (menos del 0.3 por ciento) cada hombre puede ser un mejor Católico, un mejor padre, un mejor esposo, un mejor hombre. Sólo piensa en la diferencia que NOSOTROS podemos hacer en estos hombres jóvenes al hacerlos parte de nuestra orden. Lo único que tenemos hacerles saber es que son necesarios y requeridos. Uno nunca sabe... tal vez un día, nuestro mejor amigo será también un hermano Caballero de Colón.

Grand Knight's Greetings con't

Christians are persecuted in the lands where Christ and the Apostles first walked.

The Church here at home is under attack in malicious ways.

Now is the time for us to stand tall, together, and be counted.

How can you help?

As Father Gould often admonishes us all, first let us pray for one another.

And we need each and every brother to step up in 2016. When we do the efforts such as the *Feed the Hungry Car Raffle* offers us results to be able to provide and serve still more.

Send a note, make a call to a Brother in distress. Make it a point to stay abreast of Council communications so that you know what is happening and where you can pitch in via www.kofc5561.org, email, newsletter,

or attend one of our regular business meetings.

Thanks for being a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Tullington

Grand Knight, Council #5561



Our Council at a glance



1st Degrees - 31

2nd Degrees - 31

3rd Degrees - 253

4th degrees - 107

Kudo Corner

Council #5561 Attaboys

2015 Knight of the Year –
FDD/PGK/SK Tim Whitney

Knight of the Month
Nov - Fernando Reyes
Dec - Tim Whitney



Family of the Month
Nov - Bill & Tammy Anzenberger
Dec - Bill & Marianne Boston

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Welcome Aboard 4th Qtr 2015 NEW KNIGHTS

Full Knighthood – 3rd Degree

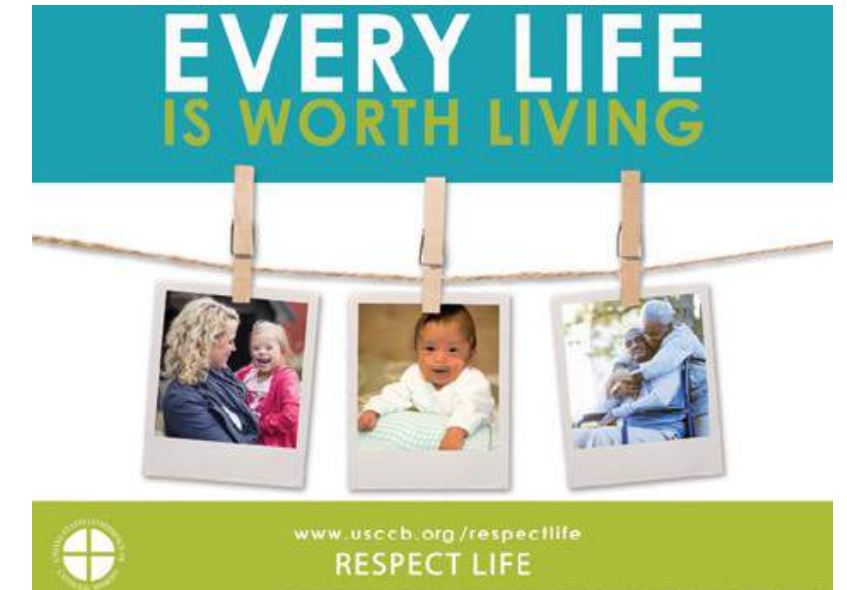
Juan Aguilar	Bill McKiernan
Woody Berzins	Lenny McNeal
Phil Doucet	Vito Monteleone
Matt Hassan	Jose Luis Morales
Pat Hassan	Louis Nicholls
Will Hassan	Keith Peitler
Trey Hooper	Fr Henry Rivera
Jim Hunt	Jose Luis Sandoval
Paul Knight	Pete Shiner
Vince Mankowski	John Stright
Mario Martinez	Adrian Uribe
Brian McGinnis	



Transfers & Reactivation

Neftali Mendez (new 1st Degree Knight)
Pete Conor (Transfer)

Please congratulate these new Brothers on joining our ranks and sharing our journey.



...Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life. - Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

For more information go to <http://bit.ly/1JekFdk>

Respect Life Program

We now live in a culture where innocent babies in the womb are slaughtered — with the consent and taxpayer support of our government — so their body parts can be sold off for profit.

We live in a world where governments legalize and encourage assisted suicide not only for elderly, sick and disabled adults, but for little children!

The inability, or refusal, to recognize and repudiate evil and defend the fundamental right to life has given rise to a Culture of Death in the U.S. and around the world.

Now, more than ever, our culture needs to hear that Every Life is Worth Living! That's the theme of this year's USCCB Respect Life Program.

One of the most visible ways you can defend the sacredness of life is with your support of the annual March for Life on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016.

Our Council provides escorts for students and staff on the parish bus to the National Mall. Other Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary prep food and drinks for those attending the rally.

Please contact Culture of Life Director Tom Griffin at tfgriffin12000@yahoo.com to get involved in this important event!

Visit your Council Website at www.kofc5561.org to stay abreast of events, activities and news