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KNIGHTS HERALD

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We are men of faith and men of action.



Diocese of Arlington Men's Conference
 All men are invited.

Featuring: Bishop Michael Burbidge, Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Searby

When: March 4, 2017

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, VA

For more info and to register visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men/index.aspx

(Early-bird registration ends February 1!)

Fr. Herman J. Veger
 Council 5561

Supporting
 St. John the Evangelist
 Catholic Church
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Business Meetings
 4th Thursday of the month
 in Council Chambers

Officers Meetings
 1st Thursday of the month in
 Council Social Room

Social Meetings
 2nd Thursday of the month
 in Council Social Room—
 Dinner with Ladies Aux.

Meetings Location
 Our Council facilities are
 located on the grounds of
 St. John the Evangelist:
 121 John E. Mann St.
 Warrenton, VA 20186

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www.kofc5561.org

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Grand Knight's Greetings

Brother Knights and Caballeros,

When the clock struck midnight on January 1 ringing in the New Year, it closed an outstanding six months of our Council's efforts. I remain thankful and grateful for all of the efforts by so many who brought to bear the true purposes of our Council: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

In unity, we had a good Founders Day. In charity, we fed many in our parish family with the return of our Pancake Breakfasts and made and sold tasty sub sandwiches, while using our funds to feed some 300 needy families through the Thanksgiving and Christmas Feed the Hungry Food Baskets. We supported the annual Oktoberfest, the associated White Elephant Sale and hosted spaghetti dinners, including one for the St. Johns School library. And we reached beyond our borders to aid many in flood-stricken Louisiana with hand delivery and shipments of needed supplies and some funds.



We enjoyed fraternity during many Knights' Nights, and the fall Council golf tournament at the Shenandoah Golf Club. From the successful recruiting drive and personal efforts we brought in more than a dozen new Brothers, many of whom completed their journey to full Knighthood at our fall Second and Third Degree Exemplifications. We helped bid Fr. Morretti good bye and welcomed Fr. Fimian. And many from our community celebrated with us

The Next Ridgeline — Upcoming Events for Jan-March

<u>Volunteer Opportunity</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>POC</u>
March for Life	Jan 27	Tom Griffin
Sub Prep/Sales	Feb 3-4	SKs Steve L'Etoile/ Neil Altoff
Pancake Breakfast	Feb 12	SK Ed Cook
Ladies Appreciation Dinner	Feb 25	TBD
Shrove Tuesday Dinner	Feb 28	TBD
Pancake Breakfast	Mar 12	Ed Cook
St. Patrick Dinner/Dance	Mar 18	TBD

2016 Grand Raffle Results

A very sincere THANK YOU to all Brothers who helped sell tickets—and purchased tickets!—for the **2016 Grand Raffle**.

And congratulations to our winders!:

- Grand Prize, 2016 Chevrolet Cruze—Brother Don Khoury
- Samsung 50” Smart HDTV—Brother Peter Drinkwater
- Samsung 8” Galaxy Tablet—Brother Joey L’Etoile



Grand Raffle performance summary:

Total Revenue: \$24,323 (includes \$700 in donations)
Expenses: - \$14,232 (includes cost of all prizes)
Margin (profit): **\$9,100**

Participants: 148 Knights sold tickets (42% of Council membership)
Top selling team: Team Caballeros (Team #1)
Top selling salesman: SK Steve Chipman
Runner up: SK Steve L'Etoile

A hearty THANK YOU to our 17 Team Leaders who led the charge: Juan Aguilar, Bob Beller, Geoff Grambo, Bill Griffin, Trey Hooper, Bob Lasko, Frank Marinello, Bob McFarland, Tom Monaco, Charlie Morgenegg, Rich Muller, Adam Neil, Louis Nicholls, John Stright, George Swanberg, Joe Tutt, and Dick Zwirko

And special thanks to our Raffle Committee: Woody Berzins, Bob Bodenschatz, Steve Chipman, Jim Downey, John Guyant, and Dan Thompson

Grand Knight’s Greetings Continued...

at the sold-out New Year’s Eve Gala, bringing the Council additional funds.

Our Council’s charitable fundraising efforts included sales by our Brothers of Knights Christmas cards and tickets for the second grand car raffle that grossed \$24,323 and gave \$9,100 to our accounts. We had 148 Brothers provide hours of effort selling raffle tickets to support our Council’s largest fundraiser. We were also blessed with the generosity by others who believe in what we do, with one parishioner donating \$10,000 toward our good works.

All of this only happened by keeping to our core principles, making personal sacrifices and the volunteering of hundreds of hours by many in our Council. We need to build on these many successes by engaging more Brothers in our many different activities.

Looking ahead in 2017, we have more to celebrate and still more to do.

Our Council continues to grow and with it comes the growing challenges of effective communications, ensuring our Brothers are reached to ensure they are alright, and seek their support to carry on our efforts.

Each Brother was examined and voted on about their worthiness to become a Knight. With the council vote they entered our fraternity where volunteering is an expectation rather than an option.

Each of you is asked to think about why you became a Knight and reaffirm your commitment to show it in the year ahead. Our Council’s successful efforts depend on it.



Vivat Jesus!

JR Gearhart
 Grand Knight,
 Council #5561

Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome our newest Brothers:

First Degree:

Daniel Flook
 Donald Davies
 Henry Pielat
 Harvey Powers

Second Degree:

Zachary Begnell

Third Degree:

Thomas Adinolfi
 Christopher Butler
 Jason Fazenbaker
 Antonio Javonillo
 Myles Robinson
 Geoffrey McGarrigle
 Allan Dianic
 Stephen Harney
 John Pitcher
 Jeffrey Riester

And new officers!:

Deputy Grand Knight

Ed Cook

Financial Secretary

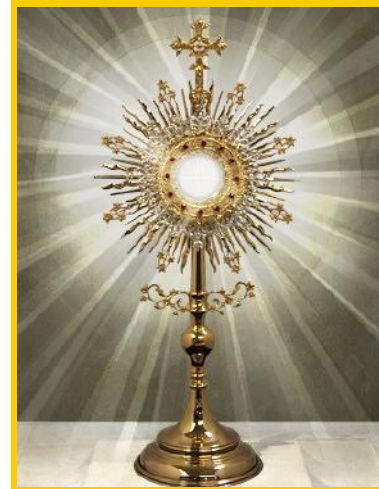
Steve L’ Etoile

Trustee

Tim Whitney

Men’s Holy Hour

Join Fr. Fimian and the men of the parish on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. for prayer, followed by fellowship in the rectory.



Food Baskets: Feeding the Hungry

Under the leadership of Brothers Phil Doucet and Jim Hunt, our Council distributed 150 food baskets with turkeys this past Thanksgiving and another 150 baskets with hams for Christmas to families in our community.

Each basket of food, to include the ham/turkey, cost about \$100 each. We are planning our next food basket campaign for Easter.

We had numerous Knights and their wives volunteer their time building and distributing the baskets. Thank you so much to all who were involved in these efforts, and we hope to see NEW and returning volunteers come Easter!



New Year’s Eve Gala: A Smashing Success!

THANK YOU to the many, many volunteers who made our Council’s New Year’s Eve Gala a wonderful night to remember, especially Leo Pezzi.

Mercy Hall near capacity for the event. Our volunteer chefs cooked literally hundreds of pounds of food! We had a great selection. And of course, Champagne was served for the midnight toast to bring in the New Year. Ticket sales for the gala were \$5,005 and expenses were \$2,129.54. The Council’s profit was \$1,877.



Enjoy (& Help With) Pancake Breakfasts!

The monthly Pancake Breakfasts continue to have great attendance, and thus, are a big shot in the arm for our Charity Fund. Of course, the Breakfast Crews are top shelf and make this event a mouth watering favorite for the Parish—we can’t thank our volunteers enough. Please show them your gratitude as you go through the line. If you haven’t been to our Council’s breakfasts this year, all we can say is, "Why Not?" It's guaranteed “the best deal in town” and it comes with all the fellowship you can handle.



More Food Basket Volunteer Pictures



More New Years Eve Gala Pictures

