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We are men of faith and men of action.

The KofC Car Raffle Benefiting Those in Need is Coming Soon!

Last year's raffle was so successful, we're doing it again this year!

The Grand Prize will once again be a mint condition, nearly new car, and we'll have lots of other great prizes as well.

Best of all, we'll be helping our neighbors in need with the collected funds!

Stay tuned for details about the raffle and how to buy, and help sell, tickets.



Grand Knight's Greetings

Brother Knights,

It is my honor to take the reins from our outgoing Grand Knight, Joe Tullington, a stalwart Catholic gentleman whose legacy of service and leadership will be hard to replicate. As he will be the first to concede, Council #5561 begins our new Fraternal Year in exceptionally good shape by virtue of your collective efforts in support of our Priests, Parish and Community.

For those of you who don't know me yet, I am JR Gearhart. I joined the Knights of Columbus a few short years ago here at Saint John's the Evangelist parish. My wife Kathy and I have been parishioners here since 2011. We are the proud parents of two children and raised them in the faith. Professionally, I work on the Parts counter for Alban Cat in Sterling, Va., selling parts for all Caterpillar equipment.

My priorities for the new Fraternal Year are straightforward:

- Continue the legacy programs which our Council has long provided to our parish and community;
- Align our best efforts towards Mercy, corporal and spiritual, and the priorities set by our priests;
- Enrich our growth as Catholic men; and
- Encourage teamwork, unity and fraternal collaboration within our Council and with the wider Order of the Knights of Columbus of which we are an integral part.

Towards that purpose, I ask you for the same outstanding support that you never failed to give PGK Joe and all of the superb Grand Knights who preceded him. We have several important activities on the immediate horizon. After the summer hiatus, we plan to ramp up quickly with our regular pancake breakfasts, sub sales and various parish and fraternal activities.

The Next Ridgeline — Upcoming Events for July-Sept.

Volunteer Opportunity	Dates	POC
Officer Installation/PGK Dinner	July 23	DGK Dan Thompson
Founders Day/Orientation	Aug 20	DGK Thompson/ FA Chris Winston
Admissions (1st Degree) (TBD)	Aug 25	GK JR Gearhart
Knights Night	Sept 9	SK John Mazurkiewicz
Pancake Breakfast	Sept 11	TBD
KofC Youth Soccer Challenge (TBD)	Sept 24	Mark Nesbit
Sub Sales Kickoff	Sept 24	SKs Steve L'Etoile/ Neil Altoff

Fr. Herman J. Veger
 Council 5561

Supporting

**St. John the Evangelist
 Catholic Church
 Warrenton, VA**

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

Online at:

www.kofc5561.org

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The Knights and Parish Fellowship

In addition to supporting Youth activities described earlier, the Knights' efforts to enable fellowship among all parishioners form an essential component of the vibrant Church life that we all enjoy in our parish. Let us count the ways!

Knights promote a wide range of Church activities where parishioners can meet and enjoy time with each other outside the more formal setting of sacred worship. In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke describes how early Christians would gather together to break bread as a natural corollary to worship and its antecedent, fellowship in the Mystical Body of Christ.

Continuing in the best spirit of that tradition, the Knights have long organized many popular events including our Pancake Breakfasts led by SK Ed Cook. His two Teams serve the "best breakfast deal in town" during the second Sundays each month to our appreciative customers in Mercy Hall. It's a great venue where parishioners can see old friends and make new ones.

Other perennial favorites include the Pasta Dinners brought to us by SK Leo Pezzi and Br. Charlie Sassi, prominent supporting roles in Oktoberfest (led by SK John Guyant), St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance (led by Br. Pete Conlan), the top selling Lenten Fish Fry (led by Br. Steve Chapman) and the capstone social event of the year, the New Year's Eve Gala, spearheaded by Brothers Leo, PGK Roy Francis and a big supporting cast.

Willing hands and hearts are always welcome – and needed. Help us make a difference in our parish! C'mon out to pitch in alongside your Brother Knights.

New Council Officers

Please congratulate our new leadership team!. These positions are effective as of July 1, 2016.

Grand Knight	Curtis E. Gearhart, JR.	Financial Secretary	Edward Cook
Chaplain	Rev. James R. Gould	Treasurer	Neil Altoff
Deputy GK	Dan Thompson	3 Year Trustee	Joe Tullington
Chancellor	Woody Berzins	2 Year Trustee	Ron Haley
Warden	Bill Anzenberger	1 Year Trustee	Steve L'Etoile
Advocate	John W. Guyant	Inside Guard	Steve Chipman
Recorder	Peter Conlan	Outside Guard	John E. Mazurkiewicz

Grand Knight's Greetings Continued...

Of special note, the Council recently voted to authorize another Grand Raffle. Last year's success was instrumental in raising the funds needed to *Feed the Hungry*, our flagship charity. This year's Grand Raffle is equally essential to support our many ongoing charities and programs. Success makes Service possible. We need every Knight to do his part to achieve it.

During the last issue of *Knights Herald*, we included a Survey to canvas your inputs for the upcoming Fraternal Year. If you haven't already done so, please take a few moments to complete that form, or submit your inputs online at our website

www.kofc5561.org.

In closing, thank you for being a Knight, and thank

you for the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight for Council #5561. I promise you my very best efforts and fidelity to our shared values of *Charity, Unity, Fraternity* and *Patriotism* as together we meet the challenges ahead.

Yours in Christ,

JR Gearhart
Grand Knight
Council #5561

Kudo Corner

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Attaboys



Knight of the Month

April — Peter Conlan

May — Leo Pezzi

Family of the Month

April — Ron and Lucy Haley

May — Ed and Sue Cook

Congrats to Chris Winston on being recognized for his exceptional work as a fraternal insurance agent!

Welcome Aboard 3rd Qtr 2016

Second Degree

Juan Arellano

Ed Davis

Kenneth Cuomo

Brian Gunn

Bill Hamilton

Neftali Mendez

Alex Stieb

George Swanberg

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

THANK YOU!

A warm note of thanks to all those who once again braved the June heat to collect donations for **KOVAR** at various businesses around town. Your time and dedication are truly appreciated. We also wish to thank our local businesses for allowing us to collect money for this important charity.

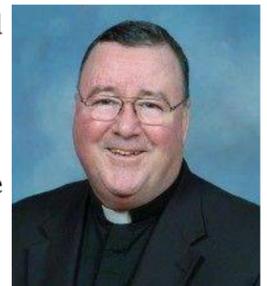
We also want to thank those that helped with the setup and execution of our annual **Corpus Christi procession**. We show our love for Christ in the Real Presence on this great feast by publicly honoring Him. We also show our love for the community by bringing the Lord closer to them. We pray that all those present and all those who drove by and saw the procession may be touched to draw closer to Jesus.



Happy Anniversary Father Gould!

We wish our Council Chaplain Father James Gould a happy 35th anniversary of his ordination as a priest! Fr. Gould was ordained May 9, 1981.

We also thank him for his priestly ministry to our Council, parish and community. May God continue to bless you Father!



Farewell Father Moretti!

Council 5561 offers our deepest thanks to Father Mark Moretti for his priestly ministry at St. John's. Fr. Moretti has been transferred to the Church of the Precious Blood in Culpeper effective July 13.

As Fr. Gould said in announcing Fr. Moretti's departure: "By his priestly life and example all of us have been treated with many, many blessings. ... Oh, Dear Lord, where we do find such men? Adieu to our good priest."

