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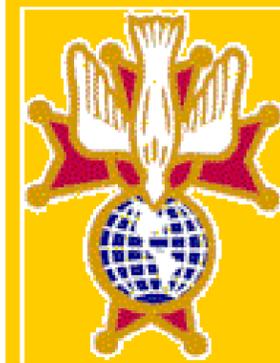
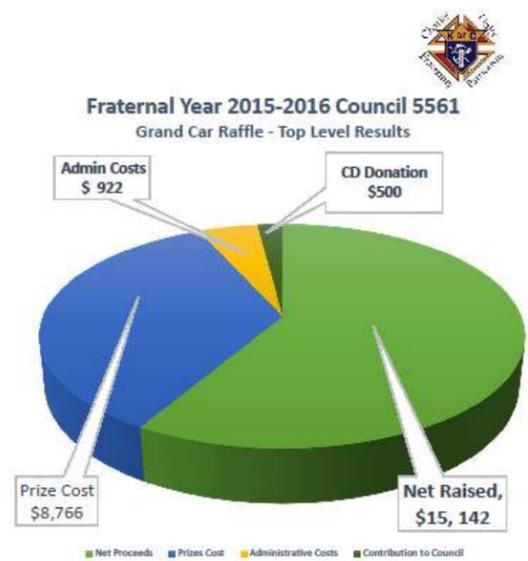
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Feed the Hungry Grand Car Raffle Results—\$15,000 in just Six Weeks

Well Done, Brother Knights!

Top Level Results: (2,396 Tickets)

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| Itemized Costs: | |
| Prizes - | \$8,766 |
| Overhead - | \$ 922 |
| Total Costs: | <u>\$9,688</u> |
| Gross \$\$ Raised: | <u>\$24,830</u> |
| Net \$\$ Raised: | <u>\$15,142</u> |
| (5561 CD Donation: \$ 500) | |
| Return On Investment: | 156.30% |
| Profit/Margin: | 60.98% |



The Patriotic Degree

The Fourth Degree ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: **charity, unity and fraternity.**

Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. There is no longer a waiting period to join the Fourth Degree.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies.

Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

Grand Knight's Greetings

Hail Brother Knights and Caballeros,

As spoken by Pope Francis in his 2016 Lenten message – “Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!”

I offer blessings to you and your families during this Lenten season.

For our Council, 2016 began in joyous fashion with another spectacular New Year's Eve Gala that included the successful conclusion of our inaugural Grand Raffle. Our raffle campaign, which was based on council wide participation, generated more

than \$15,000 in less than six weeks to fund our council's charitable activities focusing on the poor.

Special thanks are offered to all who helped to set a new milestone in our charitable endeavors!

And now there is more to be done.

Throughout Lent, and the months that follow, we are being called to help our Priests, Parish and Community on many fronts.

Among our Council activities where we need volunteers to pitch in include



our:

- ✦ Easter Feed the Hungry campaign
- ✦ Easter Egg Hunt
- ✦ Spring member recruiting drive
- ✦ Sunday Pancake breakfasts
- ✦ St Patrick's Day Dinner dance
- ✦ Array of youth activities

You answered the call to
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The Next Ridgeline — Upcoming Events for MAR-APR

Volunteer Opportunity

- Knight's Night
- State Quarterly Meeting
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Pancake Breakfast
- Lenten Fish Fry
- Feed the Hungry
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Knight's Night
- 4th Degree Exemplification
- Spring Recruiting Drive
- Pancake Breakfast
- Pasta Dinner
- 1st Degree Exemplification
- State Annual Convention
- KOVAR Collections

Dates

- MAR 11
- MAR 12
- MAR 12
- MAR 13
- MAR 18
- MAR 18-19
- MAR 26
- APR 8
- APR 9 (Roanoke)
- APR 10
- APR 10
- APR 16
- APR 28
- APR 29
- APR

POC

- BR John Mazurkiewicz
- DD Bill Boston
- BR Ed Conlan
- SK Ed Cook
- SK Steve Chipman
- BR Phil Doucet
- SK Ray Payette
- BR John Mazurkiewicz
- SK Steve L'Etoile
- BR Woody Berzins
- SK Ed Cook
- SK Leo Pezzi
- WGK Joe Tullington
- DD Bill Boston
- SK Steve L'Etoile

Chaplain's Corner

The penitential seasons of Advent and Lent give us pause to ponder the temptations from the world the flesh and the devil that haunt us each day. We can, and must, resist them with lives animated in our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. For the contemporary Catholic the penitential seasons are often treated as if they were the seasons of varied sports for athletes. Some folks fight the good fight for a couple of months and then go into some form of a sacramental/spiritual off-season until next year.

On a more philosophical consideration of the seasons. They are seasons of the heart with memories to guide us via ethnic/family traditions at Christmas and Easter. Memories can also serve to enhance our spiritual life. For example we might have biblical memories from the ancients of the Old Testament or early Christians that express the meanings of covenants and communities. Ah, let us not forget that life, at any age in time is not without challenges to the spiritual life. For us the current challenge is forgetfulness.

We often forget what God has done for us. We forget who we are. We forget what we have experienced as God's people. We forget where we came from and where we are going. Let us recall the wise old adage: "those who forget history are condemned to repeat it."

Let us remember that in all generations God saves His people. He uses Patriarchs, Judges, and Prophets for the exciting moments involving Arks and Escapes. And, He uses the common folks to rise up as young saints when no one expects them. They are not honored simply as historical markers from our past but rather as models for our future. The Psalms are filled with appeals for God to save His People. Even in our weekly experience at Mass we ask God to pour out His saving power upon us in the days that follow. But here is the rub. What powers should we expect in the coming days?

Should we really be confident in a power to endure some unexpected malady of health or emotions? Will there be such a power to preserve oneself or the loved ones in moments of doubt? Or what of a power to protect the innocent from the world, the flesh, and the devil? Or the power to promote all that is good and virtuous? Yes, in fact, each of us needs to trust that the power of God envelops all of these scenarios and so much more. Unfortunately to many the powers of God are treated as if they came from a UFO. The unexplainable become unacceptable... and ultimately, forgettable.

For us the powers of God, as well as the memories of those powers, play out in our architecture with statues and stained glass windows that fill our churches. They play out in our literature reminding us of sinners become saints or quotes from Catholic commentators in the secular world such as GK Chesterton. .. "the Irish are a people that God made mad for their wars are merry and their songs are sad." There is a valuable mystery in the message worth dying for. Isn't that the story of the seed that dies so new life comes. Isn't that the model for each of in our conversions and transformations in the powers of God. Life will always get better.

God bless one and all in the closing weeks of Lent. Let us pray for one another. **Fr. James R. Gould**, Chaplain

Grand Knight's Greetings cont

serve in joining the ranks of our Council as a Knight.

We need you to engage where you can to help build unity in our parish community, support charity for those in need and enjoy our fraternal bonding.

You can plan ahead and commit to upcoming events by checking the "The Next Ridgeline".

For our Council's veteran knights, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining one of our Exemplification Teams. These brothers aid in the formation of prospective and current members of our Order.

We need the commitment by enough Knights to have a primary and alternate available for each position.

Please call me personally if you can help the Council meet this important need.

As our Council continues to grow in membership, so does the need for involvement by one and all.

I remain grateful and offer thanks again to the many of your for continued tireless support and faithful witness to our Catholic faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph E. Tullington
Grand Knight, Council #5561



Kudo Corner

Council #5561 Attaboys

Knight of the Month

Jan - Gene Cuomo

Feb - David Van Dyke



Family of the Month

Jan - Bill & Roberta Chester

Feb - Woody & Mary Berzins

Knights Herald

Grand Knight Joe Tullington

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Welcome Aboard 1st Qtr 2016

NEW KNIGHTS

First Degree

Greg Coupe

Kenneth Cuomo

Bob Grouge

Angel Luna

Charles Morgeneegg

Second Degree

Bob Lasko

DJ Kingsford

Transfers & Reactivation

Bob Beller

Patrick Danforth

Bill Griffin

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

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

Caballeros de Colon

Un fuerte fundamento formenta un fuerte compromise...

Somos Caballeros. Hombres comprometidos a actu durandera y una comunión inquebrantable. Sabiendo que un hombre pue ar de acuerdo con nuestra fe y ayudar al mundo. Hombres cuya fuerte dedicación a server a la Iglesia está arraigada en los humildes comienzos de nuestra Orden. Cuando el Padre Michael J. McGivney invitó a unos pocos feligresesa reunirse en el sótano de la iglesia St. Mary's, en New Haven, Connecticut, esperaba unir hombre en su fe y mantener a familias católicas en tiempos de necesidad. Guiado por cuatro principios centrals – caridad, unidad, fraternidad y patriotismo – otros hombres católicos las bases que permitieron el crecimiento de la Orden.

Unidos en la fe. Unidos para el futuro.

Hoy los Caballeros de Colón son la mayor organización de servicio católico del mundo. Pero no nos conformamos con esto. De hecho, somos incansables en nuestra búsqueda de la próxima generación de Caballeros. Hombres de character y convicción que estén impulsados por su fe y conciencia a server desineresadamente sus familias, a la Iglesia y a las comunidades.

Como Caballero, usted puede hacer un impacto a través de una fe de hacer una diferecia porque un Hombre ya lo ha hecho.

Legacy Knighthood in Our Council

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has frequently highlighted the importance that Pope Francis has placed on the home as the first "domestic Church" where faith is formed and passed on to the next generation.

Here in Council #5561, we see clear proof of that Catholic witness in the many sons who have proudly followed in their Dad's footsteps as loyal Knights of Columbus. Here are ours:

Father

Son(s)

SK Bill Boston

SK Chris

SK Mike Chapman

Richard, Kevin

Br. Bill Chester

Billy

Br. Gene Cuomo

Kenneth

SK Steve Curley

Ryan, Ian, Logan

Br. John Flood

Bryan

SK Tom Griffin

Robert

SK John Guyant

SK John, Luke (grandson)

SK Ron Haley, Sr.

SK Ron, Jr.

SK Matt Hassan

Matt, Patrick, Will

SK Steve L'Etoile

Joshua, Joe

SK Bob McFarland

SK Justin

Br. Jeff Taylor

Dallas, John, Cody

SK David Van Dyke

Kyle

Our Council at a glance



1st Degrees - 33

2nd Degrees - 30

3rd Degrees - 258

4th degrees - 102

Council Library now open

Come browse and select a book to deepen your faith and knowledge...