



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Newsletter

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**B**rothers, I apologize for not publishing newsletters more frequently. It's been hectic, and I'm still learning the job. However, I promise to publish many more newsletters to you. With so many issues to discuss in this newsletter, I will highlight the important points. I'll try to keep it as short as possible.

### Christmas Dinner

Matt Powell and his crew did a wonderful job on our Christmas Dinner this year. We had a great crowd and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Next year we need to do something special for the kids. With that in mind, I'd like to ask for ideas from all of you. Please let me know what you think we can do to make the Christmas Dinner even more enjoyable for the adults, but an overwhelming joy for the youngsters also.



### BINGO

As you know, we went smokeless at BINGO. The crowds have actually been about the same size and in some cases even bigger than when we allowed smoking. We had to wash the walls, then paint them. The call for volunteers was answered with true vigor. Marc St. Hilaire, a school parent, was joined by a host of Knights. George Rosen, Steve McKinney, Gene Rosetti, Tom Cassin, Clint Smith, Lou Pingo, Skeeter Ritter, Jack Sardina, Berle Jenkins, Kevin Corbett, and Jim Fiala joined me in the project. With that great crew, it took us less than three hours to finish the job on the upper parts of the Msgr. Hickie Center. We still need to paint the kitchen, the tip room and the "beadboard" on the lower half of the walls. I promise to ask for help again as soon as the paint is available.

BINGO badly needs more volunteers. With the smoking problem gone, it should be easier to find guys who are willing to put in one Saturday, or two Tuesdays per month. Steve Harris serves as the coordinator for Saturday volunteers.

Please call him at 276-685-6004 and volunteer to work one Saturday per month. If you feel you can volunteer for Tuesdays, give me a call at 423-335-0822.



Ron Davis

*The Deputy Grand Knight is second ranking officer of the Council and is elected by the members of the Council. He shall preside in the absence or inability of the Grand Knight.*



Herb Jensen

*The Financial Secretary handles of the financial transaction record keeping. This includes issuing and collecting bills, issuing membership cards, etc.*



Skeeter Ritter

*The Treasurer is responsible for the funds of the Council as is elected by the members of the Council.*



John Meyer

*The Chancellor is elected by the members of the Council. He shall exercise a special interest in new members and members who are sick or in distress.*



Randy Emerick

*The Recorder keeps the minutes of the meeting and the historical records for the Council. He is elected by the Council members.*



Bill Boyce

*The Advocate is the Chief Legal Officer for the Council as is elected by the members of the Council.*

## Wheelchair Ramps

We have been asked to build a number of wheelchair ramps in the very near future. This is a real help to our community, and we have received a great deal of thanks for doing so. Sometimes these ramps are for our own brothers, sometimes for our parishioners, and sometimes for complete strangers. But they are sorely needed and provide a great deal of help to those who need them. We really need some help in swinging hammers and using saws. Ron Davis (276-669-4885) is coordinating the crew. He needs as much help as we can muster. Please call him and volunteer to help build a wheelchair ramp.

## Pro Life Activities

Jeff Cochrane (276-690-5458) is our pro life director. He has been working with the guys from our neighboring Councils on a number of programs. Keep your eyes out for the billboard that our council will be sponsoring soon. Jeff is spearheading that program. Recently a few of our brothers joined with guys from Kingsport and Johnson City to stage a protest across the street from the abortion center on "Hamburger Row". It was a great feeling when passersby honked their horns and gave us the thumbs up. We plan to have more such demonstrations in the future.



## Facebook Page

Jim Johnson has developed a facebook page for our council. This is an excellent way to get the word out about what we do and what we plan to do. We will have to have Jim demonstrate the Knights of Columbus facebook page and how we can best use it in the near future.

## Catholicism Project

As you know, we have sponsored the showing of the ten part series "Catholicism" being presented at the Abingdon Cinemall. These one hour episodes are indeed fabulous. The filming, the music, and most of all the information presented by Fr. Barron are entrancing and educating. If you've not seen one, please make an effort to attend one. There is only one episode remaining this Winter and there will be five more presentations starting this coming Summer. Fr. Tim has made sure to thank the Knights before each presentation.

## St Anne BINGO

Mondays, Tuesdays & Saturdays

Doors Open: 4:30 PM  
Games Start: 6:30 PM

Msgr. Hickie Center  
430 Oakview Avenue, Bristol  
(276) 466-8446

*If you have anything you would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please contact our Grand Knight, Greg Chudzick or Randy Emerick, editor.*

## Mid-Year Meeting

I recently attended the midyear meeting of the State Council held in Nashville. I'll quickly discuss a couple of major points from the meeting.

The role of the Chaplain at our monthly meetings is going to change significantly. No longer will we have a scheduled chaplain's report. Our chaplain will have the opportunity to come into the meeting at any time and we will immediately suspend the meeting to allow him to give a short spiritual talk. This allows the priest the chance to see and address us without having to stay for the entire meeting. We must realize how busy our priests are and give them the freedom to just drop in rather than requesting them to spend hours of their time at a complete meeting.

The past few years we have been blessed with the opportunity to host the Silver Rose on its journey from Canada to Mexico. It does not look like we will do so this year. The route this year goes through Kentucky rather than Virginia, and many more councils are asking to host the Silver Rose. However, there is a very good chance we will host an icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Three of them will be touring Tennessee. Each icon has been touched to the original *tilma* in Mexico City, then sent to Rome where it was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI. This is a beautiful icon and it will be an honor for us if we can host it this year.

## Special Olympics Bowling

Get ready, one of our favorite events is coming March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We always have a great turnout of volunteers for this event, and, as always, we need as many as possible to show up again this year. This is one of the most fulfilling things we do. The energy and effort that the athletes put forth seems to rub off on the volunteers. We always leave the site completely exhausted, yet feeling totally wonderful. Put the date on your calendar and we'll get more info out to you ASAP.

Thanks for your support at our meetings and your patience with me as I get to learn more about being your Grand Knight. We've done a lot this year and I'm asking for help in preparing the reports that will earn us some rewards to bring home from the State Convention in April. If you can help in preparing reports, developing our program book, and coming up with further ideas, please give me a call.

## January Birthdays

Clyde Hopper	1/04
Ed Balaban	1/05
Larry Gray	1/05
Herb Jensen	1/11
Jim Kosinski	1/12
Bill Burriss	1/14
Jack Weisenburger	1/15
Doug Cooper	1/16
Ron Davis	1/17
Bill Young	1/20
Greg Chudzick	1/22
Chuck Reynolds	1/25
Mike Ellis	1/26
Jay Tebeau	1/27
Dick Burke	1/30
Dave Manahan	1/30
Dick Blade	1/31

# February Calendar/Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Mark Eubanks	3	4 Men's Communion Breakfast 8:00 AM Dick Ethridge Andy Kilinski, PGK
5	6 K of C Business Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12 Rudy Bracher Bob Walsh	13	14	15 Gene Rosetti	16 BCC Board Meeting 7:00	17	18
19	20 K of C Social Meeting 7:30 PM Art Morton, PGK	21 Jack Sardina	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			



*Welcome Father Francis!  
One of our Newest Knights*