



Knight Talk
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St. Clare of Assisi Council 12963

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Past Grand Knights

2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Ron Vincoli	Jim Adams	Mike Dash	Dick Nadolski	Jason Seiler

Grand Knight's Article:

Worthy Brother Knights;

Easter has come and gone once again, and I presume that the intensity of the religious activities of Holy Week brings the events of two thousand years ago into clearer focus for you as it does for me. It is interesting to learn even more, each passing year, about the faith based portions of our lives. We want to say THANK YOU to Father Lehning for the extra time and effort put forth to make Holy Week all that it is for each of us in the Parish.

The Auto Raffle is winding down for this year – If you haven't sent in your tickets, drop everything and do it now!! It has been a good response to the raffle so we should have another good year.

KOVAR is going on this weekend. Bob Strezelecki put together a good schedule and was able to fill all the slots, thanks to all the willing volunteers who signed up. Thank you for your support for the mentally retarded.

The weather held for us on Saturday the 14th and after a "nutritious" McBreakfast, we got in another round of the ongoing battle with the litter bugs that run up and down Henderson Road tossing out their

bags, bottles, cups, and hub caps! Maybe if we quit, they would quit! Not! Thanks to Mike Dash, Jim Adams, Jerry Walsh, Rich Stretton, Art Luna and yours truly, we now have a spic and span highway for the summer. VDOT will receive a report that we are holding up our end of the bargain.

The Virginia Knights Annual convention is May 4, 5, 6 in Virginia Beach at the Cavalier Hotel. Voting, shows, hospitality suite, banquet, friends from around the State and beach make for a fun weekend. Oh, and a little business!

We have scheduled a wine tasting at our home for our second Council meeting May 26th. The wine tasting will be a bit different than you might be familiar in that we will hear about wine characteristics, but additionally, the identity and characteristics of some of the more compatible cheeses that are nice to serve along with each of the wines presented. Hors d'oeuvres will be included, as will a complete bar. Mark your calendars. This will be a fun evening.

Vivat Jesus!

Skip Coffman
Grand Knight
St Clare of Assisi Council, #12963

Officers

Fraternal Year 2006-2007:

Grand Knight	Skip Coffman
Dep Grand Knight	John Weldon
Chancellor	Rich Stretton
Warden	John Rulison
Recorder	Anthony Cavallaro
Treasurer	Bill Ossenfort
Advocate	Raul AlMeida
Inside Guard	Chris Grecek
Outside Guard	Robert Strzelecki
Trustee-3 Year	Jason Seiler
Trustee-2 Year	Richard Nadolski
Trustee-1 Year	Michael Dash
Financial Secy	Brian Turner
Lecturer	TBA by GK

Delegates

Fraternal Year 2006-2007

GK Delegate	Skip Coffman
Alt GK Delegate	John Weldon
PGK Delegate	Jason Seiler
Alt PGK	Rich Stretton

Brother Knights,

Our Council is creating a page on our web site that contains a picture of each member Knight, their name and a list of any Council positions they hold or ministries they serve in such as Usher, Lector or CCD Instructor. My intent is to contact each of you sometime during the next 12 months to take a digital picture to post on the site. This way any time one of us wants to know what someone looks like or what positions in the Council or ministries they are involved with that information will only be a few mouse clicks away.

Since this information will be posted on our website there are some inherent privacy issues. So if any Knight does not want their picture posted on our Council web site along

with their name and associated positions/ministries please let me know. You can contact me at john.rulison@ravenservices.us or 703.368.8611x11. Otherwise, you can expect me to contact you sometime in the future to arrange to have your picture taken.

Thanks for your time and cooperation."

John Rulison

Slate of Officers

Fraternal Year 2007-2008:

The Trustees have recommended the following candidates serve during the 2007-2008 Columbian Year:

Officers

Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Deputy Grand Knight	Rich Stretton
Chancellor	John Rulison
Warden	Russ Bogacki
Recorder	William Ossenfort
Advocate	Mike Rath
Treasurer	Art Luna
Inside Guard	Bob Strzelecki
Outside Guard	KC Cavallaro
Trustee 3 Year	Skip Coffman

Delegates

GK Delegate	GK elect
Alt GK Delegate	DGK elect
PGK Delegate	Trustee 3 elect
Alt PGK Delegate	Chancellor elect

Positions of Chaplain, FS, and Lecturer are appointed, not elected. Trustees are appointed for 3-year terms.

Reflections on the Lives of the Saints.

St. George:

Pictures of St. George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness. The lady stands for God's holy truth. St. George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil.

He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. Now Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians. He put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without fear, he went to the Emperor and sternly scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. For this he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.

So boldly daring and so cheerful was St. George in declaring his Faith and in dying for it that Christians felt courage when they heard about it. Many songs and poems were written about this martyr. Soldiers, especially, have always been devoted to him.

We all have some "dragon" we have to conquer. It might be pride, or anger, or laziness, or greediness, or something else. Let us make sure we fight against these "dragons", with God's help. Then we can call ourselves real soldiers of Christ.

Duties of a Financial Secretary:

Editor's note: For those brother knights who might be wondering what your financial secretary does for the Council, our Financial Secretary, Brian Turner, has graciously provided this synopsis. Thank you, Brian.

A Council's Financial Secretary (FS) is the only officer appointed by the Supreme Knight and who holds office for a period of three years, unless other circumstances intervene. A FS must be a Third Degree knight and must not be engaged in the sale of insurance for the Knights. Because of the importance of the position, an FS is bonded in the amount of \$5,000.

The office of Financial Secretary has three principal responsibilities: 1) ensuring that an effective accounting system is maintained for all council funds, 2) recording membership additions and changes (in all councils, the District Deputy, Grand Knight, the Treasurer, and the Trustees also play key roles in both of these activities); and 3) ordering all council supplies.

Council Funds: It is the duty of the FS to "collect and receive all monies due the council and all funds obtained from any source." In other words, all funds that a council receives to include initiation fees, dues, contributions, and other income must go to the FS and be recorded as to the amount and the source in an official council book before the monies are transferred to the Treasurer at the next council meeting. The Treasurer provides a written receipt to the FS of the monies received.

Membership Records: The FS must maintain an up-to-date database on each member to include full name, address, occupations, degrees obtained, insurance status, phone number, and e-mail address, if available. Annually the FS mails a membership dues bill to each member and records the monies received. Follow-up actions to collect unpaid dues are initiated by the FS.

Supply Orders: Supreme Council requires that only an FS (and GK) can order council supplies. Supreme provides a Supply Catalog annually to each council from which supplies are ordered. Charges for supplies by Supreme are recorded in the monthly Supreme report sent to a council's Grand Knight and FS.

Other related activities:

Reports - It is the responsibility of an FS, along with the Treasurer, to prepare the semiannual Audit Report in which membership changes and funds received/expended are recorded and verified by the Grand Knight and the Trustees. The Audit

Report is then sent to Supreme Council and the District Deputy. The FS also maintains the Constitutional Roll of membership for the council.

Council Seal - The FS also keeps the seal of the council and makes it available for use on appropriate council documents.

FS Compensation - A FS is paid annually by Supreme Council an amount of 40 cents for each life insurance certificate registered in good standing at the end of a calendar year. In addition, a FS may receive from the local council not more than 10 percent of the dues collected annually.

From The Editor: The editor will gladly accept articles for the newsletter. Just send them to (MEDSR@Cox.Net) anytime, but preferably during the first half of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

April 15 – May 15, 2007 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Recita- tion of the Ro- sary 7:30 K of C Meet- ing	27	28
29	30	May 1	2	3	4 1 st Fri- day	5
6	7	8	9	10 7:00 PM Recita- tion of the Ro- sary 7:30 K of C Meet- ing	11	12
13	14	15				