



September Business Meeting

13 September 2010
Grand Knight's Report
Justin S. McFarland



Agenda



Activities

- Priorities
- Atta-boys
- Recruiting/Retention
- Church Programs



Past Month's Activities

- 8/12 Dinner
- 8/22 Donut / Taco Experiment
- 8/29 Ministries Sunday

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Two dinners in Quinn Hall – the first on 8/12 was a scholarship honorees dinner with 3 of the 4 awardees attending plus the Best Man of the Year award (who also won a scholarship). We raised ~\$120 in 50/50 plus ~300 in profit from the dinner. We announced the honorees (somewhat poorly as they weren't all announced at once since we didn't know who was who). We placed some cards on the tables indicating who Fr. McGivney is and a prayer for his canonization. Spagetti Parm was served with salads & garlic bread. We had trouble with the oven and had to use the surface units. The line went very long and we ran out of spaghetti early due to the lack of surface space. About 110 were served. Craig B., Kevin, Vince P.

We tried a breakfast taco experiment with 5 Knights on the 22nd with John Wilson leading – Kevin Harr, Justin McFarland, & Mike Farrell supporting. Ed Conklin supported early setup. We may serve the tacos with the pancakes in the future to get the community more familiar with the product. Many people were hesitant to ditch the donuts and go with the soft tacos. Better to use the warmer than the cooler we had on hand. Meat was better than hashbrowns only.



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- 8/25-28 Parish Playground Construction
- 8/28 Sisters of Charity Cookout
- 8/29 Officer Meeting
- 9/12 Parish Picnic

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Missionaries of Charity Cookout (8/28). Attendees/Guests: Residents & Sisters ~ 55 people (7 tables of 8?). Location: 2800 Otis Street NE, Washington, DC

Kevin Harr, Joe Kogut, Zach D'Souza & daughter Marion, Tim Donato, Jim Danaher, Justin McFarland
Summary: Purchased 3 grills – all were donated. Purchased watermelon, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, burgers, chicken, buns, hot dogs, icecream sandwiches/drumsticks, baked beans, potato salad, and mango packages. Transported in 3 coolers with 2 having ice (one was for watermelons). Met at 12:45 pm to load food/cars. Took 3 cars to residence from Blessed Sacrament. Left around 1pm. Arrived in DC around 2pm. Assembled grills. Setup tables & chairs (locally provided). Started cooking at about 330pm for a 430pm dinner time. Some grills were very hot from burger grease cooking. Food served in aluminum serving dishes. Condiments provided by sisters as were plastic ware, napkins, and cups. Diet coke and regular coke also provided by sisters. Knives & cutting boards also provided. Soap was available to assist in cleanup using a garden hose. Left around 6pm and arrived back at blessed sacrament by 6:40pm. Uncooked food returned to freezer. Need to have for all events hand gloves and water containers for cooks especially. Recommend having a first aid kit also on hand.

Number of Knights also supported the

Kevin H. and Jeff R. and Justin M. participated in Ministry Sunday getting perhaps one or two potential applicants. One gentleman filled out a Form 100 but didn't turn it back in immediately.

On 12 September ~ 14 Knights + several potential Knights showed up to support the Church picnic. Over 300 seemed to show up. Grill Setup / Cooking (need 2) Tim Donato, Craig Broyles & two friends (potential Knights)

Slicing, Dicing, Tables (need 2) Anthony Ricci (afternoon), Rob Wagner (afternoon). Utility (runners, servers, cleanup, signage) Justin McFarland, Jim Danaher, Zach D'Souza, Joe Bush, George Driscoll, Bob June. Serving & Cleanup (need 6)

Christopher Hill (evening), Alex Passantino (evening). John Boyd (evening), Benjamin Jones & wife (evening), Food Supplies Jim Danaher, Zach D'Souza, Grill Transport John Boyd



14 August Dinner





Missionaries of Charity





School Picnic





3 Month Schedule

	Date	Event	Location
	9/14/2010	2nd Degree	8592 Richmond Highway Alexandria 22309
Yes	9/16/2010	2nd Degree	401 W. Holly Drive Sterling, VA 20164
Yes	9/18/2010	Soccer Kick Contest	St. Anthony's
	9/25/2010	Dinner 3	QH
	9/25/2010	3rd Degree 12pm – 4pm	8592 Richmond Highway Alexandria 22309
	10/3/2010	Bulletin Announcement	
Yes	10/4/2010	Business Meeting	Trinity Room
TBD	10/10/2010	Breakfast 2/Recruiting/Pulpit 3 minutes	
	10/11/2010	Columbus Day	
	10/23/2010	4th Degree	Richmond, VA
	10/23/2010	Polish/Polka Night	8592 Richmond Highway Alexandria 22309
	TBD	Cathedral Oktoberfest	
	11/1/2010	All Saints Day	
Yes	11/1/2010	Business Meeting	Trinity Room
	11/2/2010	Election Day	
	11/4/2010	Officer's Meeting	Ramparts
Yes	11/6/2010	Day of Recollection	Blessed Sacrament
Yes	11/8/2010	1st Degree / Business Meeting	Trinity Room
Yes	11/13/2010	Dinner 4	QH
Yes	11/21/2010	Keep Christ In Christmas Begins	QH
	11/25/2010	Thanksgiving	
	11/28/2010	First Sunday of Advent / Keep Christ In Christmas	QH
	TBD	School Bazaar	

Next Council Events:

25 September (3pm – 8pm) Serving at 6pm ~100 parishioners

10 October (7am-1pm) Serving after Masses + Recruiting + Pulpit Speech

6 November Day of Recollection

Still awaiting final confirmation. We're in negotiations for multiple Lenten Fish Fries. We'll have at least 2 in April. We're also in negotiations for the bulletin board signage.

Event List is now online:

<http://www.kofc11947.org/newsArchive/KofCEventList.pdf#EventList>

Fraternal Fun Event -

Polish/Polka Night

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Mount Vernon Council 5998



Football Frenzy




- Ticket stubs due back in October with funds



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Priorities

- Event Scheduling and Communications
 - √ – Working with office
 - Informing Parish on what we do and who we are
- Recruiting Tools (J. Rostand)
 - √ – Business Cards
 - √ – Posters (J. Rostand)
- √ • Easels Prototype by 1 September for Approval
 - Two advertising easels outside Church Entrances
- √ • Bulletin Board seek approval by 1 September
- Pulpit Speech 10/10/10
- New materials:
 - Placemats (Kogut / Butler?) for 10/10?
 - Semi-annual Newsletter (J. Wilson) for 10/3?
- Bulletin Boards Installed by February 2011

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Been working with office on scheduling events – majority are scheduled with Fish Fries, Basketball free thrown, . Met with Fr. Cramer to discuss general agenda. Will submit plan to him directly to take to Fr. Cramer on particular ideas like easels, bulletin board, and others.

Looking for 1-2 extra 1st degree team members. Contact team captain – Joe Bush.



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Something to Be Proud Of!




- Knights of the Month
 - July – Jim Danaher – Awards, Food Runs, & Supporting All Events
 - August – Kevin Harr – Supporting All Events
- Families of the Month
 - July – Joe & Rosemarie Bush (Keep Christ in Christmas)
 - August – Zach and Marion D’Souza (Missionaries of Charity)

Simply fantastic!



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Recruiting & Retention (1/2)

- Current Status:
 - 112 “Active Knights”
 - 8 Inactive
 - 8 Honorary Knights
- November, February, and May Degrees
 - Would also like to plan for one in August 2011
 - 12 new Knights
 - Recruiter follows progress of new Knight like a sponsor
- Major activity for recruiting on 10/10/10

Our intention is to grow and cultivate active members by communicating effectively our vision for our programs

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Material from 2 July meeting. Had 3 members contact via email since July.



Recruiting & Retention (2/2)

- Contacting Active but Scarce Knights
 - Inviting to more activities
 - Is email list adequate?
 - Council Directory
- Social Programs
- More Efficient Business Meetings
- Planned Reduction of Inactive Roster over Year
- Shining Armor Award Program

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Material from 2 July meeting. Have 4 members eligible for Shining Armor. Kevin R Campbell Jr., Courtney Jordan, Jeff Rostand, James Hanley, Jr. Members to recruit 1 new member, meet with an insurance agent, attend 3 events, and 3 meetings before (12/7/10) and for James (2/18/11). Our requirement is 8 new members + 3 new insured.

By the way... 2 meetings each 1 hr long. Not too shabby. Plus you get a great opportunity to pray with your brothers and hang out after.



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- Rosary
 - Weekly 8am Mon.- Sat. in main worship space
 - For Life 9:30am Sat. Respect Life meeting room
 - Of Love 6:30-7pm Thurs. Daily Chapel
 - Mother's 10am Tues. 1601 W. Braddock Rd.
- RCIA
 - Wed 7-8:30pm start Labor Day

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Would like to coordinate with the church to get # of rosary pledges for quarter.



Additional Materials

Previous Meetings for Reference



Your Officers

2010-2011 Council Officers Photograph



PGK Yurasko, Rob Wagner, George Driscoll, Jeff Rostand, PGK Farrell, Jim Danaher, GK Justin McFarland, Tim Donato, John Wilson, Rev. Cramer, PGK Kevin Harr, District Deputy Le Nguyen, District Warden Luis Vega. Not pictured Ed Conklin, PGK Joseph Bush, and Bradford Butler.

2010-2011 Officers

2010-11 Officers							
Last Name	First Name	Title	City	State	YRS. SVC	Phone	Email
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FARRELL	MICHAEL	1 Yr Trustee, PGK	ALEXANDRIA	VA	11	(703) 549-2067	sk7mfarell@yahoo.com

From our website off the council link.



Metrics

- Financial
 - Monthly cash flow
 - Budget vs. Planned
- Participation
 - Meeting attendance (numbers)
 - Event participation (who, how much)
- Event attendance
 - Parish Involvement

Track progress vs. an action plan to determine scholarship budget, fraternal event budget

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Plan on implementing metrics by 1 September.



Council Programs

- 1 Million Rosaries for Life, Family, and Marriage
- Tuesday Fasts for Life (E. Conklin)
- Keep Christ in Christmas card sales
- KOVAR (J. Boyd)
- Fundraisers
 - 11 Fundraising Dinners/Breakfasts
 - 4 Lenten Fish Fries
 - Football Frenzy, NASCAR, Final Four ticket sales
- Scholarship Program
 - 8th Grade Visit in Fall, Spring Essay Contest
- Lenten Men's Retreat
- Intradistrict Relationships
 - Bowling Tournament
- Youth Programs
 - Soccer Kick & Free-throw



State Key Notes

- Father Michael J. McGivney Guild
 - Anyone can join. Only 1 in 10 Knights by the numbers has.
 - Free
- VKCCI -Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
 - Only 11% of letters receive returns (\$26)
 - Average assistance ~\$1700 about 70 grants issued
- Insurance Program
 - Only ~50% of Virginia Knights involved
 - Insurance program pays for 99.7% of KofC operations
- Pledges for 1 million rosaries on a quarterly basis
 - Recommend a pledge card campaign for the Parish
- Want councils to develop members over the year
- 4th Degree 10/23
- 1700 target new members