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Council Meetings:

August 14 – Rosary 7:00pm Church – Business Meeting 7:30pm Church Basement

August 28 – Rosary 7:00pm Church – Planning Meeting 7:30pm Church Basement

Council Sponsored Activities and Events:

Date	Activity	Contact	Add'l Info
Saturday 9 Aug 14 6:30pm	Installation of new Officers	marc.burner@gmail.com or call 202-674-1262	Chapel at St. Claire
Saturday 9 Aug 14 Immediately following the installation	Installation of new Officers and PGK Dinner	RSVP by Friday 8 Aug 14 by email to marc.burner@gmail.com or call 202-674-1262	PGK Dinner: Bryon's Grille
Tuesday 12 Aug 14	Next 2 nd degree	marc.burner@gmail.com or call 202-674-1262	Hosted by: George Brent Council
Early September Date TBD – but coming soon	St. Clare Parish Picnic		Watch the bulletins, check at the parish office, and our KoC website

Grand Knight's Article:

Worthy Brothers,

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve you, the council and our Catholic faith as the Grand Knight for 2014-2015. I shall strive to be worthy of the confidence that you have placed in me to lead our council this year.

This will be a longish message as we start the year as I have a lot of information to give you.

Mission and Vision statements:

St. Clare Council's mission this year is to support Supreme's mission of:

Be Faith in Action --- Together as a Team.

My vision for our council is for us to continue showing our faith by setting the example through our good works and having a great time doing it. I believe that we can have fun at our meetings and doing our projects. The more time we spend together in joyful activities the more we and those around us will want to participate.



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Installation of new officers and PGK Dinner:

You are all invited to the installation of officers at 6:30pm on Saturday 9 Aug 14 in the chapel at St. Claire.

There shall a PGK Dinner immediately following the installation at Bryon's Grille across from George Mason University in Fairfax. You are all invited and encouraged to attend as a great time will be had by all.

RSVP by Friday 8 Aug 14 by email to marc.burner@gmail.com or call 202-674-1262.

Address is: 10621 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Dinner is \$40 per couple or \$20 each. Money will be collected by DGK Chris Montano as you enter Bryon's back room so please bring cash. There will only be one **dinner** bill. Alcohol and dessert are extra and you will have to pay individual bills.

Entrée choices are a 10oz **rib eye steak** with baked potato or **chicken (2 pieces)** over risotto. Dinner includes a house salad with choice of ranch or vinaigrette dressing. Soft drinks and tip are included in the price of the meal.

Dress is coat and tie or close approximation.

Degrees:

I strongly encourage everyone to finish their degrees and move as quickly as possible into the 4th degree. There are a monthly degrees that allow those of you with tight schedules to find a time and day that works for you.

No brother will attend a new degree by themselves. An officer of the council will meet with you at the degree and ensure that you are properly taken care of. Pete Fisher, our Chancellor, will be reaching out to all 1st and 2nd degree members to facilitate taking the next degree. George Alexa, 4th degree representative will be reaching out to all 3rd degree members.

I've included some degree dates at the end of this message.

Next 2nd degree is 12 August at GBC, hosted by GBC.

Activities and Programs:

Our council has a number of activities and programs and I encourage everyone to volunteer to participate in at least one activity throughout the year. A calendar of events



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will be forthcoming from our Deputy Grand Knight Chris Montano and you can reach out to him directly to volunteer.

Brothers, get active now and be involved in a program that means something to you. If we aren't doing what you are interested in or passionate about tell us and we'll start doing it (as long as it isn't illegal or immoral.... ☺).

We have the opportunity this year to be involved in both youth soccer and youth free throw competitions but need leaders. District soccer now looks like 28 September in the afternoon ([1pm](#)) due to scheduling issues at St Andrews for the [27th](#) (Hosted by Fr Cilinski). Free Throw is 31 January at All Saints (Hosted by GBC). Please contact DGK Chris Montano if you're interested in leading or participating.

Our parish picnic is early September. Watch the bulletins after Mass for dates and times or check out the parish and our KoC website.

New Website:

Brothers we have a new website and George Alexa has done a great job as webmaster. Check the new site now at: <http://kofc12963.org>

Insurance:

Brothers insurance isn't about taking care of you it's about taking care of the ones you love when you aren't there anymore. You have car and home insurance so take steps now to get loved ones insurance. Nothing is sadder than a widow with young children who's husband has left her in poverty and misery when he died.

Contact our KoC field agent Jim Bertine right away to be protected. His contact information is: 703-845-3402 or james.bertine@kofc.org

Business and Social Meetings:

Our council meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30pm. Rosary is at 7pm in the chapel.

My goal is to have the meeting last no more than one hour. Our Lecturer, Jim Mark, prepares the finest meals of any council in our district and he serves up a feast at the end of each meeting. Come for the meal and stay for the meeting. The social meeting



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that is. We usually stay for an hour and socialize while we share our meal. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while come back. We miss you.

Training for Knights both new and old:

When I first joined the Knights I looked for more information on our history and traditions and found nothing available. I will be providing information to all members of our council on what the officers do, what is expected from them and from the members of our council.

My goal is to disseminate as much information as possible to so we all have a better understanding of our organization and a richer experience.

Final thoughts:

My Brothers in Christ I implore you to share your gifts with each other. We all have other interests and outside obligations but the charter that pulls us together is our faith. Help each other anyway that you can. We as Catholic Christians are being persecuted across the globe and in our own backyards. Reach out to one another and share your gifts and insights. Hire a Brother Knight into your company. Help one cut his grass. Whatever assistance you can give, give it as we have only ourselves and our Brothers to rely on.

Reach out to the good Catholic men that you know and bring them into our Brotherhood. Invigorate our organization with their goodness and enthusiasm for we need new Brothers just like you.

I've included some good information from our District Deputy that supports our mission this year. I hope you enjoy it. The next newsletter article from me won't be quite so long.

Vivat Jesus,
Marc Burner, GK
Marc.burner@gmail.com or 202-674-1262.

"All our religion is but a false religion, and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are only hypocrites in the sight of God, if we have not that universal charity for everyone - for the good, and for the bad, for the poor and for the rich, and for all those who do us harm as much as those who do us good. "

- St. John Marie Vianney



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From our Past Grand Knight:

Worthy Brothers,

Last month I had the great pleasure to recognize people and families that truly gave of themselves as they served the Parish family. We celebrated their contributions at the last social meeting in June. We had a great turnout of more than forty people, but I think it's important for all of you to know who these people are.

The first were our Young Man and Woman of the Year. The Young Man is Michael Della Santina, and the Young Woman is Alyssa Mangahas. Both are truly pretty young, but have participated in the parish as choir members, altar servers, and in other youth events. They also excel at school in their grades and participation in other activities.

The Family of the Year is Jim and Chris Mark. Jim serves as an usher, and Chris is an important member of the Choir. They are at church every week, and still find the time to contribute wonderful meals for many of the Council's social events. Ask any Knight who attends the meetings, who as Lecturer has provided the best homemade meals, and they will name Jim!

Then there is the Knight of the Year, and that is Mark Roddy. Lucky for us that Mark transferred to St Clare from St. Mary's. He brought with him his enthusiasm and experience from a larger council. He was responsible for chairing the art auction this year, as well as helping Rich with the Mother's Day celebration. He is also putting together a social event in the fall for an event not to be missed.

Last I would like to thank you that read this newsletter. Some months I found it a chore to get this done, but there was always a response or two that let me know that it was being seen. Most recently Chris Jones responded with a very generous contribution to KOVAR. He read what my goal was and made it happen.

So Brothers that is almost it, except for the recognition that never is given to our Brother KC Cavallaro who is solely responsible for putting this newsletter out every month. Unfortunately KC is unable to attend monthly meetings due to his living in the Northern Neck now. But he still "Gives of Himself" with every newsletter!

May God continue to Bless Us and Our Council! Vivat Jesus, Bob, PGK



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Your Council Officers, 2014-2015 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight	Marc Burner
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Montano
Chancellor	Pete Fisher
Warden	Tony Less
Treasurer	George Bolash
Financial Secretary	Brian Turner
3-Year Trustee	Bob Stzelecki
2-Year Trustee	Rich Stretton
1-Year Trustee	George Alexa
Advocate	Bill Ossenfort
Recorder	Michael Dash
Inside Guard	Michael Johnson
Outside Guard	Alfredo Giro Quinche
Lecturer	Jim Mark
Chaplain	Fr. Thomas Lehning

Past Grand Knights:

<i>Ron Vincoli</i> 2001-2002	<i>James Adams</i> 2002-2003	<i>Michael Dash</i> 2003-2004	<i>Dick Nadolski</i> 2004-2005	<i>Jason Seiler</i> 2005-2006	<i>Richard Coffman</i> 2006-2007
<i>Jim Adams</i> 2007-2008	<i>Richard Stretton</i> 2008-2009	<i>John Rulison</i> 2009-2010	<i>Art Luna</i> 2010-2011	<i>George Alexa</i> 2011-2012	<i>Greg McClelland</i> 2012-2013
<i>Bob Stzelecki</i> 2013-2014					