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Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

40 Days of Lent is finished, and we look to celebrate Easter. Some events during the past month induced. the Knights provided support for the Soup and Lenten Suppers during the Stations of the Cross—All of you who participated and supported—Thank you! Thank you for those who also helpd our Spaghetti/ Trivia Dinner, we had a fantastic turn out, even after have to reschedule due to a weather call. And we cannot forget about SK, PGK Frank Guest's hosting the Clergy Appreciation Curry Dinner! Another great event! Finally—Thanks to Rob Canter for providing the Council a very informative Insurance briefing.

April will be another fast moving month. We are sponsoring a Softball team—Go KNIGHTS! We will sponsor a KOVAR fundraising event and on 26 April at the 0900 Mass, we will conduct a Corporate Mass to celebrate the founding of the Springfield Council. With all these events, compiled with parish, community and family events, we sometime forget the importance of the events. Easter can be one of those things,

In Catholic doctrine, Easter is the most important feast of the entire liturgical year, including Christmas. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ—and we get a bunch of gifts—primarily the gift of Salvation. Easter, we also get gifts—candy eggs, which are supposed to represent new life, because Easter is celebrating the Resurrection, new life which is the foundation of our Catholic faith, Jesus' victory over sin and death—it is the fulfillment of the scripture that He has risen!

What is the "So What?" Well first of all, Easter celebrates the foundation of Christianity–the resurrection of Jesus, an event confirming he is more than simply a remarkable leader; he is truly the Son of God. Easter remembers the miraculous fulfillment of this prophecy through Jesus Christ. In order to save us from sin and its price of death, Jesus voluntarily gave his own sinless life as the perfect sacrifice. Afterwards, on the third day, he rose from the dead, just as he had promised: Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22, Matt 16:21, John 2:19-20, Acts 10:40, 1 Cor 15:3-4).

But with that said, there is still more, especially for those of us who are not from Abrham's lineage. Galatians 4:4-5 states,[4] "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." and Romans 9:25-26 states, "[25] As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. [26] And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God." Easter is when we become the adopted children of God! His resurrection and fulfillment of the scripture has given the of life to the "Gentiles".

This gift of acceptance as God's adopted children is a the beginning of our Church — Christianity (and Catholicism) our Religion that has been incorporated into every day life. To accept that gift, you have to believe. And when you look at the world's wounders and beauty, it is hard not to believe.

Thank you for all you do!

I am proud to call you a Brother Knight.
Vivat Jesus
GK Casey Carr

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Calendar Events

Council Events

1 Apr Rosary – Wednesday 7PM
8 Apr Council Business Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting / KOVAR Briefing
15 Apr Rosary – Wednesday 7PM
22 Apr Council Plans Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting
29 Apr Rosary – Wednesday 7PM
6 May Rosary – Wednesday 7PM
13 May Apr Council Plans Meeting
7PM Rosary/7:30PM Meeting

Holy Days / Feast Days

April—The Blessed Sacrament
April 2: St. Francis of Paola
April 4: St. Isidore of Seville
April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer
April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle
April 8: St. Julie Billiart
April 11: St. Stanislaus
April 12: Divine Mercy Sunday and St. Teresa of the Andes
April 13: St. Martin I
April 16: St. Bernadette Soubirous
April 21: St. Anselm
April 23: St. George and St. Adalbert of Prague
April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist
April 26: St. Rafael Arnáiz Barón
April 28: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Peter Chanel, and St. Gianna Molla
April 29: St. Catherine of Siena
April 30: St. Pius V

Holy Week

29 Sunday, PALM SUNDAY
2 Apr Thursday of Holy Week – HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30pm, Adoration until 12am in the gym
3 Apr Friday of the Passion of the Lord, GOOD FRIDAY Tre Ore, 12-3pm (limited confessions), 4pm Stations of the Cross Via Crucis, (Spanish), 5PM PASION Y VENERACION dela SANTA CRUZ, 730PM, PASSION and VENERATION of the HOLYCROSS,
4 Apr HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGILOF THE RESURRECTION OF THELORD, 8pm
5 Apr EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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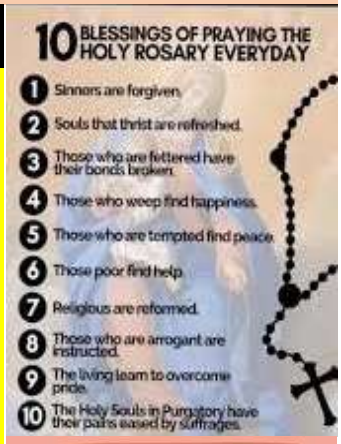
Rosary Program

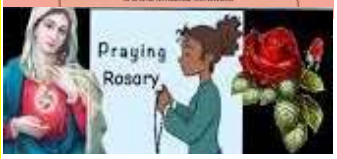
On the 1st / 3rd / 5th Wednesdays of the month at 7PM in the back of the Church on the side of the St Bernadette statue, there are 3-5 Knights who pray the Rosary. They take the prayer requests and other individual requests and pray for God's divine blessing and support. This is one way that Catholic Gentlemen can get together and support not only each other, but the community as well.

Prayer requests can be submitted at any time on the Council's website. The requests will be included at each Council Meeting's prior to the Rosary and Meetings as well as at the weekly Rosaries: Springfield Council #6153

Prayer Requests from the Council website

- FOR: The repose of the soul of SK, PGK Walter Fernoy who recently passed away
- FOR: The repose of the soul of Victoria Castro Guerra , the mother of SK, PGK Franklin Mendoza
- FOR: Cassi Smith - SK Tom Smith's daughter-in-law treatment and recovery, and their family
- For Daniel Tobat who is receiving Chemo treatment at Walter Reed for multiple myelomas and has been moved to Hospice
- FOR: Miriam Joyce's steadfast healing from recent surgery, and Elnora Caralos' medical treatment plan and healing from severe case of Valley Fever.
- FOR: Charles Keckonen, SK, PGK Sean Lenahan's 2 month old nephew, who is recovering from surgery
- FOR: Dan Mador's job search that will allow him to thrive in his profession
- FOR: The sick and distressed; recovery and healing of our Brother Knights and community
- FOR: Pope Leo's March Intention: For disarmament and peace
- FOR: Christians and Catholics around the world who are persecuted for their faith
- FOR: the strength to keep your New Year's resolutions
- FOR: Peace in Russian/Ukraine war and in Gaza
- FOR: Those prayers in our hearts





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March Events

SKs, PGKs Frank Guest, Mike Candalor, and Lou Tobat, and SK John Caldwell, hand delivered 10x certificates. 60 packages of Honorary, Honorary Life, and 50+ year Anniversary certificates "Never Forget Memo and anniversary pins were mailed to our Brothers

Over 100 participated at the Spaghetti Dinner and Trivia night. Fun times was had by all - The GK's sauce was the best - at least that is what he said.

Over 50 enjoyed an evening of curry and wine celebrating our Clergy for what they do within our community. THANKS!!!

Council Date 13 Mar

The Council provided critical support for the Soup and Lenten Suppers each weak to give the parish the strength to complete the weekly stations of the cross. And on Friday, the 13th, our soup was the very best of the Friday meals!

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CONGRATUALTIONS !!

April Knight of the Month

Lou Tobat

SK, PGK Lou Tobat sets the standard for the entire council. SK, PGK Lou is the first to dial into every meeting and fully participates, providing insight, guidance and mentorship to every Knight present. He is a leader amongst men who has set the standard high for all to obtain.

April Family of the Month

The Frank Guest Family

The Guests are a power couple that are active in teh community as well as in the parish. Leaders in Mary's Comfort, CCD, CE and every ministry. They recently hosted the clergy appreciation curry and wine dinner,, opening their home to support parish fellowship.

Please continue to support the Knight and Family of the Month Programs. Nominations are submitted on the "Member's Only" (not the jacket) uKNIGHT website, https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/membersOnly.asp?CNO=6153

Let us know if you need assistance

April Birthdays

Matthew C McDonnell	Jeffrey A Witko
Donald R Mueller	John D Tuminaro
PGK John E Conners Jr	Kenneth P Balbuena
Rev Patrick Holroyd	Thomas C Burger
Juan P Alvarez	Jose O Torres
Mark E Meyers	John E Caldwell
Joseph M Wilson	Christopher F Crim
Michael B Candalor PGK	Romeo Eric Neuyou Nana

April Golden Knights Fraternal Anniversaries

William G Walker	75
Valerian E Stasik	61

NOTE:
Will Recognize Annual over 50 Years / and at 5-year intervals

Tyler J Fabian 15
Mr Anthony W Thomas 5
Mr Garedew D Woldemedhin 5

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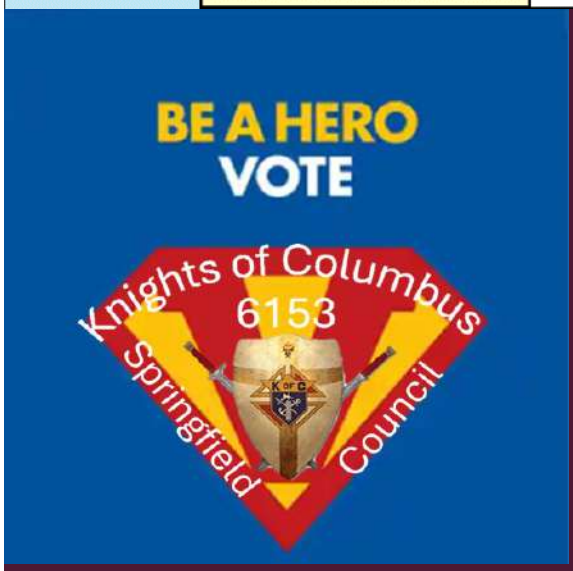
Cast Your Ballots

Council Officers and Annual Awards

Position	Knight of the Year	Family of the Year
Grand Knight		
Deputy Grand Knight		
Chancellor	Young Man of the Year	Young Lady of the Year
Treasurer		
Recorder		
Lecturer - Suggestion GK Nomination		
Advocate	Rookie of the Year New Award - Knight with less than 5 years	Volunteer of the Year New Award
Warden		
Outside Guard		
Inside Guard		



It is VOTING SEASON!!!

The intent is to hold the Council Officer Election on 22 April, the Plans Meeting

Ballots will be sent out to review and will be discussed on the Business Meeting on 8 April.

Make your voice and opinion heard to vote for the annual awards that will be announced at the Annual Dinner/Dance.

Knight of the Year
Family of the Year
Rookie of the Year (A New Award) Knights with less than 5-years
Volunteer of the Year (A New Award)

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Program Director Support Needed

Programs Director—Deputy Grand Knight	
Volunteers Needed for the Following Positions	
Faith Director	- Responsible for all Faith based council member - Keeps accurate records of the council's Faith programs including Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
Family Director	- Responsible for all Family based council programs - Keeps accurate records of the council's Family programs - Must complete all required Knights of Columbus Safe Environment training (kofc.org/safe) and must also pass a background check
Community Director	- Responsible for all Community based council programs - Keeps accurate records of the council's Community programs - Must complete all required Knights of Columbus Safe Environment training (kofc.org/safe) and must also pass a background check
Membership Director	- Collaborates with the grand knight and council leaders on council membership goals - Ensures that Membership Applications(#100) are transmitted by the Financial Secretary to both the Membership Records Department at the Supreme Council

Program Directors and Committee Chairs are assigned by the Grand Knight—however, these positions always operate better when they are filled by volunteers

Volunteers needed to fill 4x directors
Faith
Community
Family
Membership

Faith	Community	Family	Life
SK Don Mannebach	SK John Cosgrove	SK, PGK Sean Lenahan	SK, PGK Mike Candalor
Need New Volunteer	Need New Volunteer	Need to Verify	Will Continue
✓ RSVP	✓ Soccer Challenge	✓ Pancake Breakfast	✓ 5-K Run
✓ Rosary	✓ Free Throw Challenge	✓ Breakfast with Santa	✓ Box of Joy
➢ On Line Rosary	✓ Coats for Kids	✓ Perish BBQ	✓ Can a Week
✓ Our Lady of Guadalupe	✓ Council Branding	✓ Council Christmas Party	➢ Youth of the Year
✓ Chaplain Dinner	✓ Fundraising	✓ Spaghetti Dinner	➢ KOVAR
✓ KCIC Cards	✓ Christmas Tree Sales	➢ Mother's Day	➢ Project Manger
✓ KCIC Poster Contest	➢ Teacher Recognition	✣ ~~Vow Renewal Mass~~	➢ Blood Drive
✓ Citizenship Essay	➢ Softball Team	➢ Council Dinner Dance	
✓ Soup Dinner	➢ Youth Baseball	✣ ~~Knight Out~~	
➢ Corporate Mass	➢ Golf Scramble		
	➢ Adopt a Highway		

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Committee Chair Support Needed

Charity SK, PGK Mark Price	Need New Committee Chair	Sports SK, PGK Mark Price	Need to Verify for 2026	Dinner / Dance SK Don Mannenbach	Will Assume when assume DGK
Fraternal Rick Downer	Will Maintain Committee	Adult Softball SK, PGK Mark Price	Need to Verify for 2026	SK SK, PGK Tom Smith	Need to Verify for 2026
Golden Knight SK, PGK Frank Guest	Will Maintain Committee	Youth Baseball SK, PGK Gabe Ortiz	Need to Verify for 2026	Communications Richard Caralos	New for 2026-2027
Mentor SK, DGK John Stanten	Will assume when assume GK	Golf Scramble SK, PGK Mark Price	Need to Verify for 2026	Fundraiser Richard M. Caralos	New for 2026-2027

A Committee Chairman is appointed by the Grand Knight and is the Knight responsible for managing specific projects or permanent service area

Core General Responsibilities

Every chairman is expected to:

- Schedule Event Rates: Deconflict event dates with council and parish activities

- Set Clear Goals: Define the overall objectives for the committee and ensure members understand expected outcomes.

- Lead Committee Meetings as required: Organize and preside over committee meetings, ensuring they stay on track and respect the members' time.

- Assign Tasks: Recruit and organize a committee of at least three members to help implement programs.

- Plan Resources: Develop and update required resources. Update budget accordingly

Maintain Records: Keep accurate logs of activities / volunteer hours for mandatory reporting on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) & Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

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New Insurance Rep

Wishing Bob a Happy Retirement

Knights of Columbus Virtus Agency

Member MDRT

Robert J. Canter Jr., LUTCF®, FICF

Assistant General Agent

Office: 571-669-4170

robert.canter@kofc.org

10472 Armstrong Street

Fairfax, VA 22030

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance

Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

After 29 years with the Knights of Columbus, I have decided to retire to spend more time with my wife and daughter. I have really enjoyed the past 29 years and feel blessed to have had such a remarkable career. It has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you the best.

Thanks, and God Bless,

Bob

Welcoming Derek to our family

Knights of Columbus Virtus Agency

Member MDRT

Derek E. Brown, CLF, FIC

General Agent

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Office: 855-729-1791 x fax

Derek.Brown@kofc.org www.KnightsInsurance.org

11551 Nuckols Rd, Suite D2

Glen Allen, VA, 23059

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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Derek Brown and his team will remains fully available to serve your needs. his team will continue to monitor Bob's office phone line and email address to ensure no communication is missed during this transition.

Moving forward, for any assistance or service needs, please contact:

Main Agency Office: 804□547□2373 / Admin Team Email: virtusagency2@kofc.org

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PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROMTHE EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

Prayer for Protection

from the Extreme Abortion Amendment

Almighty and Eternal God,
we thank you for the sacred gift of every human life
created in your image and likeness.

We pray for an end to the grave evil of abortion and ask that you protect our Commonwealth of Virginia from the dangers of the proposed extreme abortion amendment.

Grant wisdom and compassion to our legislators, healing to all who have been wounded by abortion, and courage to your people to speak the truth in charity.

Hear the prayers of your children as we pray and fast in reparation for sins against the human person. Inspire parents to defend their children by opposing this resolution which can jeopardize the authority, rights and responsibility you have entrusted to them.

Through the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude, may our Shepherds be bold in their defense of the unborn, leading us in this critical hour, as we educate and engage all citizens of Virginia to vote against the amendment and to persevere in protecting all human life.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
and Mother of the Church, come to our aid.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Stop the Extreme Abortion Constitutional Amendment

VOTE NO

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 3RD
STOP THE EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

If passed, it would establish a radical, so-called "fundamental right" to abortion in the Virginia Constitution.

ABORTION IS A FUNDAMENTAL TRAGEDY NOT A "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT"

The amendment is **dangerously vague** and creates risky loopholes for unregulated abortions at any time, **even up until birth**, by **unlicensed abortion providers**, threatening the health of mothers and healthy babies.

The amendment lets the government remove the right of parents to be included in healthcare decisions with their children, **creating family division and conflict**.

THIS IS AN EXTREME, RISKY AND DEADLY AMENDMENT

Virginia's current laws already protect healthcare for miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, and serious complications. This amendment adds nothing to women's rights to protect their health. In fact, it puts women's health and safety at risk.

For additional information and resources to help stop the Extreme Abortion Amendment, visit **vacatholic.org/Amendment** or scan the QR code.

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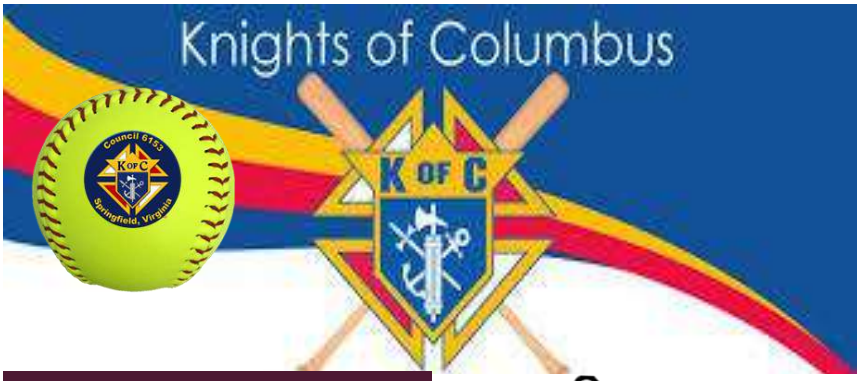
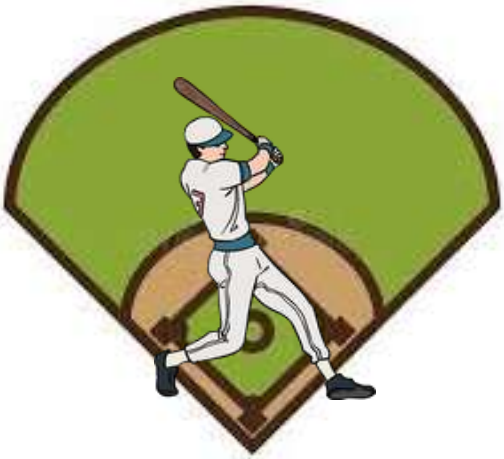
Springtime Sporting Events!

Council 6153 will sponsor a Softball team! Come and join the team or root for your team!



Golf Scramble—Coming this May…

See SK, PGK



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Council Awards and Dinner Dance

SAVE THE DATE

Springfield Golf & Country Club

8301 Old Keene Mill Road

Springfield, VA 22152

Saturday, May 30, 2026

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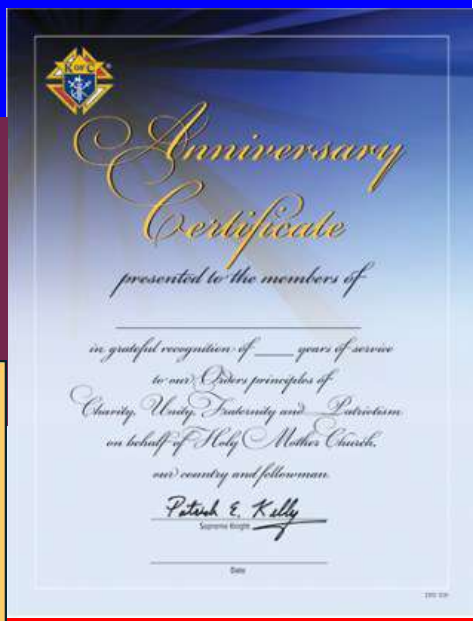
The Golden Knight Program

SK, PGK Frank Guest had proposed to develop an outreach program to visit our Senior Bothers that were not able to attend our meeting due to various reasons. SK, PGK Frank and his team wanted to codify these visits into an official program. SK, PGK Frank will set up a schedule to visit these Brothers throughout the year. Intent is threefold. First is to have fellowship with our Brothers, visit with them and see if they need anything. Second is to ask for their suggestions and input for the council, focusing in how we can be more inclusive to those who cannot attend. Finally is present an Anniversary Certificate to our Senior Knights who have been members in good standing for over 50-years.

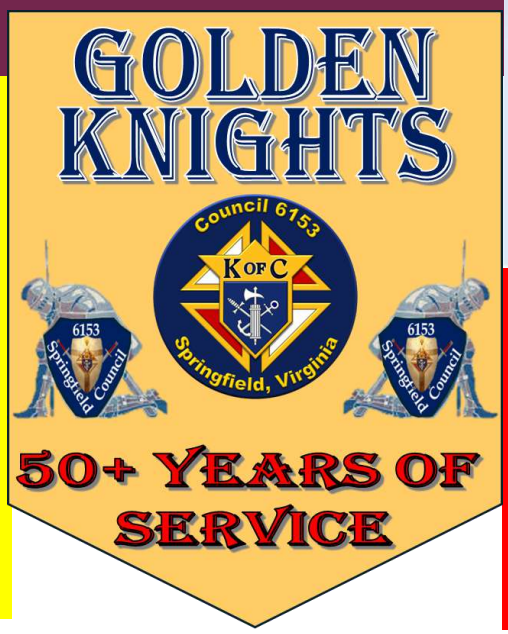


UPDATE TO THE PROGRAM

The council has procured (a fancy term for bought) "50-Years of Service" and "60-Years of Service" Pins. These will be presented with the certificates

20 Knights with 50+ years

70+	2
65-69	1
60-64	4
55-59	6
50-54	7



The "Golden Knights" recognition program was named for the contributions past, current and present of our senior statemen

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Thought of the Month:

Your Attitude Speaks Volumes

Brothers,

Last month we discussed being a good follower is an important leadership trait which builds our ability to be a good leader and Shepard for our community. Just as important is your attitude on how you support. If you think they are tasks, then are they from the heart or mind. Are you doing these tasks because you "have to" or because you want to. You attitude and why you do these actions are more important then the act itself. It is the same on how you respond to you neighbors.

As Tony Dungy said, "You can't always control circumstances. However, you can always control your attitude, approach, and response." How we answer a tough email or react to a sudden setback can either tear down or build up. A soft answer-a calm, professional approach doesn't just keep the peace; it keeps us moving forward.

Proverbs 15:1 tells us a soft answer turns away wrath but a grievous (or harsh) word stirs up anger. The soft answer refers to a response marked by gentleness, respect, and self-control. In the original Hebrew, the word for "soft" (rak) implies something tender or delicate suggesting a response that is not aggressive or forceful. The harsh word describes speech that is cutting, dismissive or intended to cause pain-regardless of whether the information shared is true or false.

The Impact: Like gasoline on a fire harsh responses fuel existing hostility and can escalate simple disagreements into full-blown conflicts.

How you respond to the weather or storms of life for yourself, and your Team indicates emotional intelligence (EQ). A leader's tone is just as important as their message, as it signals stability and opens the door for peace even during chaotic situations. Your response demonstrates not just your competence but also displays your character. Our attitude and response is our biggest competitive advantage and has the power to either build bridges or create barriers.

Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." With that said, when you do these acts, do not think of them as tasks, but as actions that are pleasing and supporting God's will, or perfect plan. As Philippians 4:8 states, we should be focusing on good things—"—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things;" Proverbs 17:22 reminds us, "A cheerful heart is medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones; " and finally, Psalm 118:24 reminds us, "The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad." Remember—the Lord has made this day, and every other day. We should be rejoicing and giving thanks, by performing our actions with a good attitude. As leaders and Shepards, your family and team looks to your examples on how you respond—lead with your heart!

God Bless
Vivat Jesus,
GK Casey

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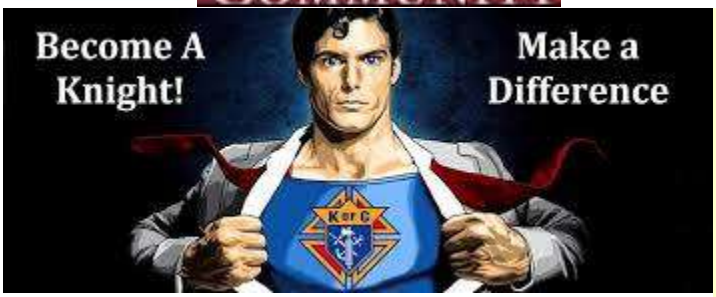
Who We Are

On 28 April 1969, the Supreme Board of Directors granted the Springfield Council their charter and Council number of 6153. The official Chater presentation was made on 23 January at the Springfield Country Club by the Worth District Deputy Patrick J O'Driscoll to the Founding Grand Knight Manuel "Manny Marks. The Council was formed to support growth of the Richmond and Arlington Dioceses in the Springfield area. With over 500 families in the St Bernadett's boundaries, it was the perfect centralized location for the new council. The Council doubled its member within the first 3 months. Currently, the Council has over 250 members

The Knights of Columbus

are Catholic Gentlemen who are proud of our Catholic Beliefs, and support our family, parish and community in our walk with Christ

Our Core Principles



Do you know anyone that should be a Knight?
Do you want to pass on the Spiritual Gift?
Everyone should be answering ***"Yes!!!"***
Please send the QR code to these individuals and help them sonly their path

Join the

KNIGHTS