



# The Knight Crier

## Knights Of Columbus Council 4034



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



*Colossians 3:13 (NIV)*

*<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

The verse above came to me while I was listening to the radio the other day. They were talking about "WWJD, What would Jesus do?" We all know the answer to this question – Jesus would do the right thing, because He is the Christ. I think a better way of saying WWJD is "What would Jesus have me do? Now, it is my decision. I hope and pray my answer would be the same as Jesus'. What will your answer be?

My Brothers,  
I hope and pray everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends. As we begin a New Year, let us look back on the past 12 months and be pleased with our work as a Council. We had successful Christmas Tree sales, which will help us to continue

our mission for the next year. The Christmas baskets and Children's Christmas Party were great successes also. I would like to thank ALL of our Brothers who stepped forward this year to make these events such a great success. It takes all of us doing a small share to make great things happen.

On December 17, a day full of events, we started off the day welcoming in 3 new Knights (Marcus Duquitan, Colin Komp, and Luis Farrell – be sure to welcome them when you meet them). This was followed by Christmas baskets being given out and the Children's Christmas party; we had to man the tree sales too. The Christmas party was well attended this year. We had 40+ Knights and their families gather together for a wonderful evening. It was a great end to one of our busiest days of the year - relaxing and enjoying the evening with my Brother Knights.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had 25+ Knights from Fredericksburg and St. Jude's Councils show up and help take down the tree stands and haul off the unsold trees. These trees went to Quantico this year to serve as fish beds for the people that fish on the base and for the "Wounded Warrior Program" that hosts outdoor recreation events, year-round, for service members who are recovering.

Amici in Domino,  
Warren Kimmerly GK

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## COUNCIL 4034 EVENTS

If any Council 4034 member wishes to take part in any of the degrees listed herein, contact the Financial Secretary immediately so that all paperwork and arrangements can be completed for your participation.

Date	Event	Time	Place	Notes
<b>JANUARY</b>				
1/4	Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
1/7	First Friday Adoration	6-7 AM	St. Mary's Church	Council 4034 has Saturday morning
1/7	State Quarterly meeting	TBD	Newport News, VA	
1/7	Family Dinner	6-8:30 PM	Activity Center	Baked chicken, potato salad
1/8	Religious Freedom March	1:30 PM	Train Station	arrive at 1 PM at Train Station
1/11	Business Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
1/18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	TBD	
1/22	New Parishioner Welcome	11:30 AM	Parish Life Center	Follows 10:30 AM Mass
1/23	March for Life	all day	Washington Mall	bus leaves after 9 AM Mass
1/25	Social Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
2/1	Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
2/4	First Friday Adoration	6-7 AM	St. Mary's Church	Council 4034 has Saturday morning
2/4	Family Dinner	6-8:30 PM	Activity Center	
2/8	Business Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
2/15	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	TBD	
2/22	Social Meeting	7:30 PM	4034 Council Home	
2/26	New Parishioner Welcome	11:30 AM	Parish Life Center	Follows 10:30 AM Mass

### COLUMBUS CLUB OFFICERS

Scott Bergeron	President (3 years)	George Johnson	(1 year)
Jack Rosner	Vice President (3 years)	Virgil Nelson	(1 year)
Ralph Steiniger	Treasurer (2 years)	Mark Janda	ex officio (Trustee)
Warren Kimmerly	ex officio (Grand Knight)	Loui Stevens	ex officio (Trustee)
John Wilkes	ex officio (Deputy Grand Knight)	David Corey	ex officio (Trustee)

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

With Christian persecution growing in the Middle East, other parts of the world, and, yes, here in the United States, I urge everyone who is able to turn out and support the Rappahannock Assembly annual observance of Religious Freedom Day. This year, we are commemorating the 235th anniversary of the drafting of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

The event starts with a parade, departing the Fredericksburg train station at 1:30 PM, proceeding

north on Caroline Street, turning west onto Amelia Street, turning north on Washington Avenue, and stopping at the Religious Freedom Monument. The ceremony at the monument begins at 2:00 PM. The ceremony will conclude with the laying of a wreath at the monument.

All parade participants should plan to arrive at the Fredericksburg train station by 1:00 PM. For questions concerning the event, please contact Rick Reschick by email, [rez55@cox.net](mailto:rez55@cox.net), or phone at 540.368.9345.

### JANUARY FAMILY DINNER

The January Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, January 7 from 6 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Life Center (aka the Activity Center). The menu includes baked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and fruit salad. The dinner is

open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Teens:\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAXIMUM COST PER FAMILY IS \$24.  
Wayne Cushing

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

*“And the Word became Flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and Truth.” John 1:14*

Merry Christmas brothers and I hope that your Advent and Christmas seasons are times of physical and mental refreshment and especially spiritual renewal. How blessed, indeed, are we to have a Father who loves us and desires to lead us to freedom from darkness and sin. How blessed are we to have a Father who desires to save us and forgive our sins. What is so striking about what God does for us, is not simply the acts of salvation and redemption by themselves, but that He accomplishes them in a manner that we can both understand and to which we can relate.

We might have trouble relating to judges and rulers, but it is hard to ignore the joy of newborn life. For our Brother Knights who have children, I can surely say that the day their child was born was one of the happiest of their lives. For God, who is constantly inviting us into a deeper communion with Him, the joy of a newborn baby is combined with the joy of the advent of the long-expected Messiah! No wonder the angels sing to shepherds, stars shine brighter, and kings travel from afar to humble themselves on a stable doorstep. It’s a

joy-filled night that befits the King of Kings, even if much of humanity misses the fanfare.

God has set in motion from the beginning of Genesis, a love story that culminates in the gift of his Son, first as a newborn and later on the Cross. It is this season that shows us how God redeems us in Christ. It is the season where we remember that God comes to earth and Divinity takes on Humanity. It is the season where, through visible signs, we might know His love. Jesus doesn’t redeem us by snapping his fingers; He wants more. Through his redemption, He wants to invite us into a family, a relationship through, with, and in Him.

So this Christmas, Brothers, I urge you to embrace the invitation that God has extended to you. Let our Lord draw you and your family deeper into His family. Let us embrace our King, Judge, and Savior through the sacraments, through service to others, and through our welcoming Him into our spiritual lives with heartfelt prayer and praise.

May our Lord richly bless you this year and may you always rejoice in His unconditional love for each of us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen  
Father Bresnahan, Chaplain

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN 2011

After the Thanksgiving Holiday, it is time for the chairman of the charity programs of Council 4034 to coordinate the second annual Christmas Party for Needy Children. The chairman contacts the parish office to obtain the names of families that have children who qualify to attend the party and families that need food baskets for the Christmas holidays. The chairman then asks Brother Knights to submit requests for children to attend the party or for those who need food baskets.

By December 10, 2011, the list has been completed and families are notified that their children have been selected for the party or the family has a food basket to pick up on December 17<sup>th</sup>. A charity committee member then purchases the food, toys, and a religious gift for the children. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, gifts are wrapped and food baskets are put together.

This year, the parish office staff wrapped 50 gifts for the children and 23 food baskets for needy families. The Fraternal Order of Police provided 45 gift bags left over from their children’s party earlier in the week.

On Saturday, December 17, the Council gave out food baskets from Noon to 1 PM. Next, the committee members, parish staff, and wives of the Brother Knights set up the Parish Life Center for children’s party that began at 1 PM and ended at 3 PM. The parents dropped off the children, ages 6 to 15, at the party and returned at 3 PM to pick them up.

The children watched a puppet show and then were served hot meals. Thirty children attended the party. After this, a reader told the story of the birth of JESUS. Games were played and then Santa Claus arrived. Santa noted to the chairman that each child asked for ONLY one small gift (not the typical list of 20 things). When the party ended, the children thanked the workers and hugged them. Every child was given a bag of treats to take home and share with their family. This was another success for the Council; the children and the families were helped again this year. Thanks to all who participated in this worthy project.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Ralph Steiniger



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