



Knights of Columbus - Msgr. James J. Hickie Council 6695

Knights Newsletter

Grand Knights Report

Special points of interest:

- Clergy Appreciation Dinner 4th Dec.
- Men's Communion Breakfast speaker Bishop Stika.
- Seminarian Chris Hess
- In Memoriam, Rosie Fagin.
- Pledge of Allegiance Born and Unborn
- The year of the volunteer

My Dear Brother Knights,

It has been a productive few months since I was elected to Grand Knight. I really appreciate all the support and encouragement that I have received from you all. Having settled now into the routine of being Grand Knight I am currently moving forward with the important goals that—as both Knights and Catholic Gentlemen—we set ourselves each year.

The officers and I have been busy setting goals, organizing events and filling important program leadership 'director' positions.

Throughout its history, The Knights of Columbus supreme leadership and here at St Anne Catholic Church, Msgr. James J. Hickie Council 6695 have espoused the belief that family is paramount in promoting the Catholic faith. As a result, our council stresses the importance of family life.

Many of our programs and events therefore allow families to work together to aid the church, the community and one another.

To be a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6695 does not require any special

training, but it does demand a willingness on the part of the individual member to help others while standing side by side in unity with his brother Knights.

Individually as Catholic Gentlemen I see many of our Knights working in various Church Ministries all throughout the year. This I applaud.

Our brother knights when working together as a team united in their common bond as Catholic gentlemen provide the fraternal teamwork that strengthens the charitable work undertaken, this then becomes a truly magnificent force for good that supports good works in our Church and Community.

I therefore extend a personal invitation to *all our brothers*. Please come to our next business or social meeting. Get involved in any of our upcoming activities. You can get the name and contact details of the directors in charge of future events right here in this newsletter.

We need your active support and presence to move our council to the next level of charitable support to the Church and community. All that is needed from you is a couple of hours here and there



Grand Knight—Tony Fitton

and then as a team we can then really make a difference. I would love to see you at the next meeting or social event!

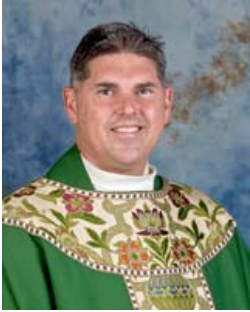
Finally - our dear brother John Kelly Past Grand Knight and also Past District Deputy is leaving us to move to Raleigh NC at the end of the month. John and his wife Nancy have been instrumental in building up the new St Anne School Monday night charity bingo as well as their charitable work for the church over many years at St Anne's. John's dedication to the Knights will be missed by us for sure. So a big thank you, best wishes for the future and farewell from all at Council 6695.

Vivat Jesus

Tony Fitton. Grand Knight.

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Fr. Tim Keeney
Chaplain

“We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards ”

Shaping our lives in imitation of Christ

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others,

and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Seminarian - Chris Hess



Chris Hess
Seminarian

CHRIS HESS grew up in Virginia Beach, where he worked as a lifeguard at the oceanfront and went to paramedic school at Tidewater Community College. While in school he volunteered for the Kempsville Rescue Squad. In 1996, he moved to Hampton, where he attended the Tidewater Regional Fire Academy and later went to work for the City of Poquoson as a medic firefighter.

Chris joined Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Newport News and was active in youth ministry and young adult ministry. At Mt. Carmel, an old interest in the priesthood was renewed and he applied to the Diocese of Richmond.

Chris has completed his 2nd year of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD.

Currently, Chris is at St. Anne

Parish in Bristol from now until August 2010 on his pastoral year assignment.

Chris' hobbies include hiking, camping, reading and photography.

Thanks Chris for all you are doing in our parish - from all at Council 6695.



The Two Great Commandments that contain the whole law of God are:

You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind, and with your whole strength; you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

To love God, our neighbor, and ourselves, we must keep the commandments of God and of the Church, and perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

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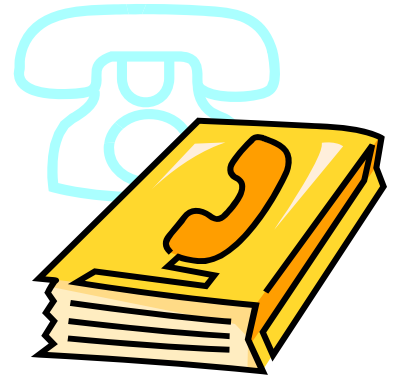
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Program Director

Greg Chudzik: 423-652-7607

We will soon be publishing a Directory of Officers & Members so that you can directly contact every officer or member when needed.

We are also working on a Program Directory so that you will have the contact details of all the Program Directors and event chairmen along with the event dates, times and location.



It is important that you support your officers and fellow brothers... remember Charity... Unity... Fraternity!

Officer Installation Mass & Ceremony Photo





*Men's Communion
Breakfast, Sat Dec 5th,*

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Upcoming Dates

The Clergy Appreciation Dinner is to be held at St Anne Church - Friday Dec 4th, starting with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, Evening Prayer at 6.45pm and Dinner at approx 7pm. We have plenty of volunteers for this prestigious 'Year of the Priest' Church event but if you would like to help in some way please contact us.

The December Men's Communion Breakfast is to be held at 8am on Saturday Dec 5th 2009. **The guest presenter will be Bishop Stika.** Please make it a good turnout and be sure to mark

your calendars for this one.

Please remember these wonderful communion breakfasts are for **all catholic gentlemen** not just Knights, so please spread the word.

Card Night is Friday 20th November at the Columbian center 7.30pm.

There is a **2nd Degree** Saturday, November 21 at 10 A.M at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City (2211 E. Lakeview Dr 37601).

The District is hosting a **3rd Degree** on Saturday December 5 at 10 AM at St. Dominic Church in Kingsport (2517 N. John B.

Dennis Hwy 37660).

If you would like to take your 2nd or 3rd degree—call our Membership Director Ron Davis: 276-669-4885 or GK Tony Fitton 276-591-7545

Our Christmas Dinner this year is to be held 3.30 on Sunday 13th Dec.

A reminder. Every business meeting is at 7.30 on the **FIRST** Monday and our social nights are 7.30pm every **THIRD** Monday of every month.

Officers meetings are 6.30pm every 1st Monday of the month right before our regular business meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance 'The Born And Unborn'

Our District Deputy Tom Manning informed us of a Supreme Directive. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has asked all Knights to stop speaking **aloud** the sentence 'the born and unborn' during the Pledge of Allegiance.

This move is designed to ward off other groups from adding their own interpretation on the end of the pledge of allegiance.

If a group supporting Gay Marriage or a group supporting Abortion decides to make up their own ending to the Pledge of

Allegiance it could cause trouble. Carl Anderson it seems, is trying to prevent the possibility of legal action and trouble against the Knights when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public.

You are informed by supreme that you can always keep the '**unspoken**' phrase 'the born and unborn' in your hearts at the end of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vivat Jesus.



The Year of the Volunteer

Volunteerism is not just a giving of time – but of ourselves. By this gift, we are doing far more than counteracting the economic recession.

We are building a nation of neighbors helping neighbors, making each of us more fulfilled as individuals, and creating a solidarity that makes us more united as communities and as a nation, said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, during his opening remarks at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Summit on Volunteerism as a Response to the Economic Crisis sponsored by the Order in February 2009.

The theme for the 2008-09 membership campaign “The Year of the Volunteer” follows this call to service by not only asking Knights and their families to serve, but to encourage them to bring men with a similar com-

mitment to helping others into our Order – increasing our ability to serve our neighbors.

Our members help our communities and people in need in many ways – by sponsoring blood drives or youth sports teams, raising funds and volunteering for Special Olympics and other programs for people with intellectual disabilities, holding food drives for local soup kitchens.

Through these and other actions, they show prospects firsthand the great work that our Order does and encouraging them to join the Knights of Columbus.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

While impressive, these figures can be even greater if we have more men and their families involved in our good works. Recruiting these prospects will help make this fraternal year truly “The Year of the Volunteer.”



“Can you give a few hours this year for the Year of the Volunteer?”



In Memory of Rosamond “Rosie” Fagan

Lord of Mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal rest grant unto our sister Rosamond, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rosamond Fagan



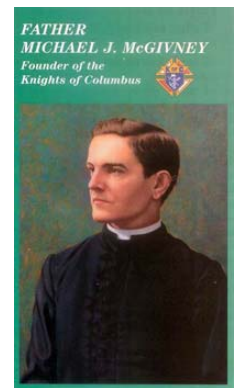


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Knights of Columbus Monsignor James J. Hickie Council 6695 was founded on May 10, 1975 through the efforts of 25 dedicated Catholic gentlemen and with the support of the Pastor of Saint Anne Church. The council is named for Monsignor James J. Hickie, former pastor of Saint Anne Parish.

Council 6695 works closely with the members of Saint Anne Parish and School communities, as well as with the citizens of Bristol, TN/VA, and the residents—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—in the counties of Sullivan in TN and Washington in VA to provide support for various charitable projects and activities. We welcome your inquiries—call us today!

The Knights of Columbus has established a Guild to advance the cause for canonization of their founder, Father Michael McGivney. The Guild gathers evidence on Father McGivney's life and character, collects information about favors people have received as the result of Father McGivney's intercession, promotes Father McGivney's cause for canonization, and offers spiritual benefits to its members. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. Learn more online: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>



Join the Knights of Columbus...

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.

Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Come see just what we are all about and take

the first steps to enhance your personal life by calling us today:

Membership Director
Ron Davis: 276-669-4885

Grand Knight
Tony Fitton: 276-591-7545.

Did you know... We meet at the Columbian Center
125 18th Street Bristol, TN
on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

