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State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights,

'Ad Gloriam Dei' is not just our theme this year, it has become our mission. To do everything we do for the 'Glory of God', whether it is to serve our church or to serve a family in need. And, as we reflect on the accomplishments of our programs and our membership growth to date, we see the rewards and the blessings of our service. As we begin the second half of our fraternal year I see nothing that we need to change but, only that we continue to improve upon what we are already doing.

My only concern for the future is the retention of our existing Brother Knights. Many of our Brothers may be experiencing some tough economic times this coming year. Some may have to make the difficult decision of whether or not they can afford to pay their council dues. Worthy Grand Knights and Brothers, the inability to pay council dues, absolutely, positively cannot be a reason to drop a Brother Knight. This could be the time when he needs us more than ever. This will be the time when we make it known to him and to all that our Brother is more important to us than his money.

The Knights of Columbus is a ministry, a ministry with one simple purpose – to serve. We serve our church, we serve our community, we serve our youth and we serve our Knights families. We are a ministry that fights to resolve the injustices in our society, to defend human life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and uphold family values.

We must grow our ministry as the demands for our services continue to grow, as the needs of our own Knights families become greater and as the battles we must fight become larger and more frequent. The Knights of Columbus are fighting to defend a culture of life. And if it were not us, then who would it be? No other Catholic lay organization in the world can match the talent, the dedication or the financial resources of the Knights of Columbus. It is our mission, it is our destiny.

Ad Gloriam Dei

Kelly Mortensen
State Deputy

The Virginia Knight



State Secretary's Report

My Fellow Brother Knights,

As you are reading this article we will be wrapping up yet another Christmas holiday season. Hopefully, it was everything and much more than you and yours were hoping it would be. While on that topic my wife and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all the cards, letters, pictures and best wishes we received during this past holiday season. On the other hand please do not expect a similar thank you from my mail carrier because she didn't appreciate the additional workload.

It is humorous to think about how the Christmas holiday season has evolved, when we were young it was a time to receive gifts although a somewhat confusing practice considering it was Jesus' birthday but yet we received the presents. I still remember being upset with my mom because she wouldn't go to the store to buy Jesus a birthday card. Then as we get older we realize it as a time to give gifts and the belief about it being better to give than to receive became a reality. I still recall how great I felt showering my parents with gifts. Now today it seems almost more appropriate to say thank you than to even give gifts. Thanking God for his son and all the blessings we have received, thanking Mary and Joseph for accepting their awesome responsibility, thanking all of our Clergy for their spiritual leadership, thanking our spouses for being that as well as our family and friends, thanking all the men and women who serve/defend this great country and not forgetting all of the veterans who were before them and thanking each and everyone of you for being Knights and for assisting in carrying out Father McGivney's dream.

In closing, may you and yours be as happy and blessed in this new year as you and yours hope and pray they will be.

Fraternally,
Pat



State Treasurer's Report

As we begin the new calendar year and find ourselves half way through the fraternal year, we can feel good about the fact that we belong to an extraordinary organization with committed Catholic men actively serving our Church, our community and our families.

This positive feeling comes at a turbulent time in our

Nation's history. We aren't any different than our neighbors but we have the knowledge that we belong to an organization that's first principle is Charity. Because of that we are in a position to help others and should we need it for any reason, our Brothers will be there to help us.

"If we show them they will come" --- to paraphrase the popular saying. It's unfortunate that so many men aren't aware of the uniqueness of our Order. How easy it is for us to demonstrate it for them by our actions. Our involvement in the activities of our parishes, the manner in which we conduct ourselves in the workplace, our participation in community events speaks volumes about the character of the Knights of Columbus.

The State Deputy has said it is our job as Knights to make every man want to join our ranks. He's right and we know it is up to us to make it happen. The more that join our ranks the stronger we'll become and the more we can do for others.

Make it a permanent New Year's resolution to demonstrate to at least one man that he should want to be a Knight. Then he can join us in the work of the Order as we strive to help others travel the road to Eternal Life.

Ad Gloriam Dei!

Bill McCarthy, State Treasurer



State Advocate's Report

I would like to extend a wish to all my Brothers for a very happy, healthy and safe New Year and may all your resolutions come true. Speaking of resolutions it is my responsibility to remind all councils desiring to submit a general resolution for State and/or Supreme to be considered at the State Annual Meeting in May 2009 to submit them no later than 60 days before convening the annual meeting. Therefore a Resolution must be in the possession of the State Advocate no later than **1 March 2009**. The resolutions should be provided on council letterhead if possible and be provided over the signature of the Grand Knight of your council.

This year saw the implementation of federal legislation requiring ALL Councils regardless of income to file IRS tax report 990. This requires all councils to report their EIN number. The State Advocate was tasked with



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collecting and reporting to Supreme these EINs. I wish to thank all the Councils who worked with me to get this accomplished.

The State Insurance Liability Policy will be up for renewal in March 2009. I will be working with our current insurance company to negotiate a reasonable premium. During February, I will be canvassing ALL councils their intentions to renew, remove or to be a new sign up.

Lastly, a final reminder to ANY 3rd degree brother knight in the jurisdiction who desires to be considered by the Nominating Committee for State Office or Insurance /Associate Delegate to the Supreme Convention that he MUST submit a resolution to the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than **15 January 2009**.

Fraternally,
Ron Gorman, State Advocate



State Warden's Report

Supreme has published a new and more comprehensive Protocol Handbook. Below are some samples of what is to be found in this new publication.

From the Protocol Handbook (booklet # 1612/08)

Miniature Jewels: Miniature Jewels are worn so that the bottom of the jewel is just above the name badge when in the pocket. Miniature jewels are not worn on the jacket lapel or on or below the jacket pocket. The jewel representing the highest ranking office is positioned nearest the heart of the wearer. The priority of past positions from highest to lowest is: Former Supreme Director, Past State Deputy, Former Vice Supreme Master, Former District Master, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator.

Speakers and Speeches: Whoever sets up the program should decide in advance who he wants as speakers and the length of the speech desired. He should give ample notice to those selected that they are expected to speak. He should never ask an invited guest to speak unless the person has been forewarned. There should be only one main speaker who is normally the last speaker on the program. Speakers should be introduced from the lowest rank up to the main

speaker of the occasion. A junior rank should never speak after someone with higher office unless he has been selected specifically as the speaker for the occasion. Persons introduced from the audience should be ranked from the top down as opposed to speakers who appear from the lowest up.

Invitations: Invitations to anyone outside of the Council should be done in writing and well in advance of the event. At least six weeks in advance will give the person ample time to respond to the invitation. All invitations are sent in the name of the Grand Knight or Faithful navigator. Never send a blanket invitation to anyone always sent individual invitations to each invited guest. The proper invitation is in the form of a letter addressed to the specific person. The invitation could include a bulletin or flyer that gives detailed information but a flyer should never be sent alone as the invitation. Every invitation extended should contain all details of the event such as dress, extent of participation, and any other important information. If the invitation is extended to the wife of the attendee then proper dress for females attending should be included on the invitation.

Attention to proper protocol brings a certain dignity to your event be it a formal sit down dinner or a pig roast. Draw attention to your Council in a good way and always observe proper protocol.

Tom Harger, State Warden



Virginia Knights Shine Again

Another successful Special Olympics Fall Games has been conducted in Virginia Beach on November 1st and 2nd. I want to thank those council Brothers, their families, friends and 4th Degree Sir Knights who again stepped forward to serve. At this past weekend Special Olympics Board of Directors' meeting, I was approached by several members thanking me for what the Knights do. At our meeting, we opened with the Supreme video on Special Olympics. For those that have not seen it, please do.

Special Olympic Regional Coordinators may be calling upon our services to assist in other local and state-wide events. I recommend that your council and assembly take that opportunity to show your community that we stand together to support God's Special People.

As you remember, the state coordinated a Keep Christ in Christmas card drive to assist a new military council in Sigonella, Sicily. I have been informed of

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the end results accomplished by the council. They are providing a Christmas meal and gifts to the local orphanage in Sicily.

Lenny Pulizzi, IPSD

Ad Gloriam Dei



Membership Director's Report

Thank you! There are many workers in the field and I want to make sure to thank each of you for the efforts you have made during the year 2008. We have grown our order to higher membership than ever before. The Virginia State Council passed the 24,000 member milestone on December 9th, according to the Supreme Council records. We have performed very well in the Fall Blitz, and we are working hard to bring all those contacts into our ranks.

I have talked before about our responsibility to share this promise for the future with our fellow catholic men. The inspiration of Fr. McGivney, now known throughout the world, is the order of the Knights of Columbus. Some people say, "It isn't for everyone." WRONG!!! The Catholic Church is the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Universal Church, open for ALL. We, as Knights, must promote our church and therefore our order to all. If not us, then who? If not me, then who? Have you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus today?

Today, at a Christmas Party held at the church, I found an excellent opportunity to discuss the knights with a man and his wife who are not yet members. They did not know about the works of the order except for the Tootsie Roll / KOVAR event every spring. We discussed the commitment of time and the involvement of the council in the many activities of the church. I invited him and his wife to join us for the March for Life on January 22nd, then discussed the application for membership. He will be my first new member for 2009. The moral of the story is simple. In your everyday conversations with other catholic men, you can ask if they are a member of the order and you'll be surprised how many will respond by joining... but you have to ask.

"We start by making every qualified man **Want to be a Knight of Columbus**". Words from the pulpit help greatly. As we have seen, an order wide Blitz is very productive, but the most effective recruiting is done as

a one to one conversation with a potential candidate. The recruiter needs a good knowledge of the order of the Knights of Columbus. He should have a favorite brochure or a Council Trifold handout to use in his efforts, and always have a form 100 handy. Grand Knights are asked to look at the materials provided to them at the beginning of their term of office. The tools are many. Make a decision as to the brochures to get for your council recruiting efforts and order all you need from the supply catalogue. The council pays only the shipping cost.

So, where are we today? The Virginia jurisdiction is leading the United States in Net Gain for the year, at 484, that's 64.53% of our goal of 750. We are lagging somewhat in the total intake of 600 new members which is 46.15% of our 1300 membership goal. However there are still too many councils that have not reported any successful recruiting yet this fraternal year. Grand Knights, please encourage all members to recruit.

Retention is the difficult subject to write about this time of the year. With the reports of our economy in the state it is, it becomes our duty to assist our brothers more than ever before. Dues must take a back seat to providing food and shelter for the family. Please remember that financial problems in the family are most difficult to discuss or even admit to others. Be very sensitive to members in arrears. Offer every available means of assistance, especially to our young members who are our future. Many friends of mine have been rif'd or "downsized" and are out of a job now. The last thing we want to do is suspend them from the order. Suspensions will be a part of every organization, however, it is a last resort and only when there is no other choice. We need to revisit the membership slogan for this year... "make every qualified man **want to be a Knight of Columbus**". If our council programs are more important, more interesting, more educational, and yes, more entertaining, then we will have accomplished this goal.

Let's talk about Round Tables for a moment. I think we may have a lack of understanding of the purpose or the mechanics of the round table program. Basically, if your council has members attending a parish, AND there is no resident K of C Council at that parish, AND there is no other Council claiming a Round Table relationship with that parish, THEN they should be reporting a Round Table at this second parish. The purpose of the Round Table is to provide a presence of the Knight of Columbus in a parish community to assist that pastor and parish in any way the council can. Typically the smaller parishes at colleges, or



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military bases, or mission areas are the focus of the Round Table program. If the number of members who attend that parish becomes large enough a new council could be proposed.

It is one person, (coordinator) who reports the church activities and the pastor's needs back to his home council, that is what we call a round table. It means that the closest council can and will assist that pastor when needed. Would any council refuse a pastor if he sought out their assistance? There are no assumed meetings, except the formal or informal conversation between the coordinator and the pastor. The reporting is back to the home council at the regular monthly meeting of that home council.

There are only two forms connected to the round table program... 2629, to let the State Council know that the relationship exists between the council and the pastor of a secondary parish, and form 2630, to let us know what the members of the council and the coordinator did for that parish throughout the fraternal year.

This year we have started a new program in membership known as the Member Development program. We will be promoting the use of the Shining Armor Award in all councils. There will be more discussions on how to get new members active and getting older members to renew their commitment to the order at our January State Council meeting. I look forward to seeing you then.

Ad Gloriam Dei,

Vince Eikmeier, Membership Director



General Program Director's Report

Happy New Year 2009 to you and your families. Amazing how fast the past 6-months has flown by – it's all downhill now but a lot of paperwork still remains to be done before we reach the end. Each council can be a STAR Council awardee, the requirements are; (1) be a COLUMBIAN awardee; (2) be a Father McGivney awardee and (3) be a Founder's awardee. Your council can be one by meeting its membership, insurance and outstanding service program achievements.

To ensure recognition, follow the directions in the Service Program Booklet on how to write and submit

your service programs. The state officers and I will review each service program submission to select the State Deputy's winners. The selected winners (1 in each category) are then submitted to Supreme for their consideration. State and Supreme winners are judged on the effectiveness of the service program. I would recommend reviewing the *Surge for Service Booklet*, page 3, to ensure your program is recognized in the proper category. Be concise and to the point – too much or too little information could make the judging difficult. Typewritten submissions are preferred. Pictures and articles are acceptable (NO CD's).

Supreme announced their 2007 church and community activities service program winners in their recent October and November *Knightline* issues and provided a synopsis of the 1st through 5th place winners. Take the time and read them to get a sense of what and how the programs were written. I placed a folder in your mailbox containing past submissions of poorly and well written programs, please review them and ask yourself if your write-ups truly and proudly represent your council's program for our State Deputy to judge in their current written format.

The following reports are due at the March Quarterly Meeting: ***Knight of the Year - Family of the Year - Young Man of the Year - Young Woman of the Year - Service Program Reports (1 in each category) - College Activity and College Knight of the Year***

The following are due at the Annual Meeting: ***Newsletter Competition (3 only) - Scrapbook Competition - Council website Competition***

Ad Gloriam Dei
George Piette



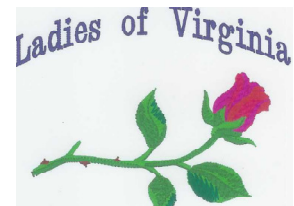
Thank You

To our Knights of Columbus and Ladies of Virginia Family

Tony & I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all for your thoughts and prayers during mom's recent illness and for you expressions of sympathy at the time of her death on December 13th.

Your thoughts and prayers were most comforting to us and to our family during this difficult time. **THANK YOU.**

Pauline & Tony Fortunato



Ladies of Virginia

Virginia State Council
Knights of Columbus

The officers and members of LOV hope that all of you had a Blessed and Happy Christmas and we would also like to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

As we begin a brand new year, it is time again to start preparing for an annual event that all of us hope will not be necessary in 2010. I am of course speaking of the "March for Life" held on the anniversary of Roe v Wade, January 22. If you have never attended the March, I can tell you from personal experience that you cannot imagine the multitude of men, women, teens, children and yes, even babies, joining together as one body standing tall and proclaiming in a very loud voice that **WE BELIEVE IN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH~!**

Many Councils and Churches have buses available to go to the March. Please try to attend and let yet more voices be heard, especially this year. Let's show our new, Honorary Member, the founder of the March for Life, *Nellie Gray*, that we support her 100%. If you do not have a ride and are interested, email any of the State Officers or myself for information regarding transportation from your area.

January is also *Membership Month* for the Virginia State Council. As such, I am now asking each of you: "Do you know someone who attends the quarterly meetings with their husbands that does NOT know about LOV or attend our meetings?" "Is your Auxiliary a member of LOV?" "Do you know someone who does NOT attend the quarterly meetings because she feels she would be sitting alone and waiting for her Knight?" We welcome all and it has been fun to get to know the wives of the Grand Knights, District Deputies, District Wardens, State staff, etc. I know many of you enjoy coming to the meetings and hearing about what other ladies and auxiliaries are doing around the Commonwealth of Virginia. For an Auxiliary to join LOV the cost is only \$26.00 for the entire Auxiliary. If you have an event, we gladly advertise it on our Website.

Our Officers and members are looking forward to seeing all of you at our meetings.

Ad Gloriam Dei

Kathy Mortensen
President

Recruiting Chairman's Report

Let's slice and dice the subject of Recruiting.

Review all of the material you received at the beginning of the year on the "How to" of recruiting.

Educate all of your membership on the importance of new members to the success of your Council.

Create a feeling of excitement in your meetings about becoming involved in Council functions and projects.

Remember to make sure you involve the family in your activities. A strong family makes a strong Knight.

Utilize the new Form 100. It helps you to find points of interest for your candidates.

Involve the Priest of your parish in your recruiting efforts. Is your Priest a Knight?

Train next years' membership team members this year. Your DGK will appreciate the help.

Initiate your spring Blitz plans now. The old saying "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" has a lot of merit.

Never assume that someone would never join the Knights. Some of the best Knights just want to be asked.

Go out and ask someone this week. Do for someone else, what someone did for you.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Bear Bryan

Retention Chairman's Report

Is your Council considering dropping a member? Did you do a search to verify the address and find missing phone numbers? In some instances it only requires a few minutes per member, other times it requires doing a little digging. OK, here are the 2 search engines you can use with very good results.

The first is WWW.SUPERPAGES.COM which is free and is much better than others, such as whitepages.com and anywho.com.

The second is WWW.ARGALI.COM which is also free; however, the free version has a lot of ads associated with it. Argali searches the databases of

Anywho.com, Yahoo.com, Infospace/Intelius, and many others. Argali also offers a license for its professional version that only costs \$29.95/year for a single license. No advertisements on the pro version. By the way, that breaks down to \$2.50/month or less than \$0.09/day....can't even beat that with a stick!!!

Do the searches this way -

A) Fill in Last and First name...Town/City...State --- hit search --- No Results...then

B) Fill in Last name and Initial of first Name...Town/City...State --- hit search --- No Results...then

C) Same as above but leave 1st name space blank (might be listed in wife's name) --- hit search --- No Results...then

D) Do a reverse search using the street address, Town/City...State --- hit search --- No Results...then you have done about all you can do to find the member in question.

E) A reverse phone number search can sometimes return an address or verify an address.

NOTE: None of the above will work for a PO Box address.

Other engines have been investigated for the State Deputy and it was determined that the fees charged were not in line with the percentage of positive results we would require. Most of the other search engines charge for a phone number search, charge for an address search, etc.

If the member lives out of state and has not transferred to his new location, a letter can be sent to him advising him of councils and/or assemblies in his local area. To find these local councils, a brief visit to the Supreme website WWW.KofC.ORG is required.

One of the best things a council can do, if the member is married, would be to request the name of the wife to be included somewhere in/on the council roster. So many times a phone number is listed under the name of the wife.

There are several other ways to possibly find information about a particular member. Have you talked with his sponsor who may have information about the member's whereabouts or physical or financial condition? The USPS will forward mail if an individual left a forwarding address with them. Have letters been returned with the new address on them? How about a 'Lost' Column in your newsletter? Someone might know where he is or what happened to him that might be the cause of the loss of contact.

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Retention Chair's Report (Continued)

If a member has relocated to another state it would be prudent when he is contacted to ask if he wants to transfer his membership to a council in his area. To find councils in his area go to the Supreme website at WWW.KofC.ORG and across the top banner click on 'Find A Council'. A dropdown page will appear. Fill in the information requested and click on the 'search' button. The next screen will list five (5) Councils and indicate the distance from the city/town that you entered. It will also indicate how to contact the State Deputy and how to contact local Assemblies if necessary. The member in question can be made aware of the Councils/Assemblies in his area and decide if he would like to transfer his membership.

Also, do not forget that if the member is dropped because he is in arrears, that is money the Council will never collect. Wouldn't it be better to forgive past dues, have the member pay for the current year and keep him in the Knights of Columbus? Hopefully, you will find this information useful and it will be put to good use, thus easing your task of tracking down the address and/or phone number of members you are trying to locate for whatever reason.

Jim Rodriguez
Retention Chairman



New Council Development Report

I am asking each District Deputy to look within your district to see if there is an opportunity to form a new council. One possibility is to look at those Parishes within both the Arlington and Richmond Diocese that have strong Spanish speaking population. Another opportunity may be those parishes that support a strong roundtable. They may be ready to grow into their own council.

If anyone sees an opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Tony Fortunato, New Council Development Chair
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College Council Chairman's Report

At the beginning of this fraternal year, we introduced a new program to help bolster recruitment within the five College Councils within Virginia – The new program simply stated is:

If any member or someone you may know who has a son, grandson, nephew, friend or neighbor that is or will be an attending one of the five colleges that have a college council affiliation who would like to join the Knights of Columbus or transfer to, please send me the young mans contact information. The information should include his name - email address - cell phone number - college he is attending. I will then pass it on to the respective college council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. This will be a great way for a new student to make new friends.

The five College Councils are:

James Madison University - Harrisonburg - Council # 9286
George Mason University - Fairfax - Council # 10806
University of Virginia - Charlottesville - Council # 11324
Virginia Tech - Blacksburg - Council # 11323
William & Mary - Williamsburg - Council # 11501

Thank you for helping our College Councils GROW.

Ad Gloriam Dei
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Church Activities Chairman's Report

Knights of Columbus Launch News and Information Site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus has launched a new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere called [Headline Bistro](http://www.headlinebistro.com). The Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you will find links to the original sources here. You also will find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is www.headlinebistro.com. You can find more information on Supreme's website.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Roy Blakeburn



Community Activities Chair Report

Brothers, think about the last time you took a day off work to play golf, go fishing or just stay home to finish your “honey do” list. Now, think about taking a day off to support for the 36th annual March for Life. As Catholic men we have an obligation to support the beliefs and teaching of our Church, and the sanctity of life is certainly a great reason for taking a day off.

Every life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage and work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. The 2009 March for Life is on Thursday, January 22, in Washington, D.C. beginning at noon on the Mall. All Knights and their families are urged to join the March. Councils are asked to carry their banners and K of C posters, wear jackets with the K of C emblem, and walk together to show the Order’s support for the right to life.

Knights who cannot go to Washington to participate are urged to schedule prayer services for unborn children. Remember to invite members of the Squire’s Circles, Ladies Auxiliaries, parish pro-life groups, and similar organizations to attend or co-sponsor planned activities.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Roy Blakeburn



Health Services Chairman’s Report

Breast Cancer

Most men don’t think about breast cancer very much. After all, women are 100 times more likely to contract this particular form of cancer than are men. But you can believe that it is often on women’s minds. One in eight women will have some sort of brush with this disease at some point during their lives, and almost all know someone who has suffered or died from it. It is feared not only for its deadly effects, but for the potential suffering and disfigurement some treatments may bring and the damage to a woman’s self image that often results.

So what can a man do about this disease that haunts and steals too many of our wives and daughters from us? There are already many campaigns to raise money for research, advertisements urging women to perform self checks, and readily available diagnostic procedures such as mammograms. Yet many cases

still go undiagnosed during the early stages when they are easier to treat and the success rate is higher. Perhaps what we can do is to learn more about this “women’s disease”. That would enable us to talk intelligently about breast cancer and gently urge the women in our lives to be checked, or to report any possible symptoms to their doctors so that the possibility of the presence of a cancer can either be eliminated, or confirmed and treated. Surely the ability to openly discuss fears and concerns with someone who cares and understands makes them more bearable; and the presence of an interested and informed loved one makes taking any step that might lead to possible diagnosis and treatment easier to take.

There are many books and pamphlets available on the subject of breast cancer, its risk factors, diagnosis, and the treatment options. They are readily available at bookstores and libraries. Or, you can go on-line and just type “breast cancer” in your browser and find a wealth of information. Why not spend a few minutes increasing your knowledge of this prevalent and deadly disease, which is often little understood by most men? It may better prepare you to offer comfort, reassurance, or understanding at a critical point in the future of a woman you love.



Convention Chairman’s Report

This year the Virginia Annual State Meeting is being held at the Fairview Marriot Hotel in the heart of Northern Virginia. The three-day two-night convention will be held May 1st through May 3rd. Information about the annual meeting and required registration forms will be published on the Virginia Knights of Columbus Web Site in mid January. Planning is well underway. Our goal is to make this as enjoyable and inexpensive as possible for all, while accomplishing the business at hand for this most important meeting of Virginia’s Columbian year. Delegates, Brother Knights and their guests should plan to spend both Friday and Saturday night at the hotel since all of the business sessions and most of the activities will be held within the confines of the Marriott Fairview Park Hotel located just inside the 495 beltway at the Highway 50 exit. This includes our Northern Virginia Knights as well. The hotel has all the amenities you and your family will need to include an indoor pool and exercise room.

Ad Gloriam Dei

Steve Burnley
Convention Chairman
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Virginia State Council Necrology List for 2008—2009

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Past State Deputy James E. Wiley, (1993—1994)

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