



AMBROSE ANCHOR

Ambrose Council — Number 8403 — Knights of Columbus — April 2007

April-May Schedule

4/15 – Car Raffle tickets due
4/19-21 – KOVAR campaign (see page 4)
4/24 – Meeting: 1st Degree ceremony
5/6 – Pancake Breakfast
5/8 – Rosary and Business Meeting

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

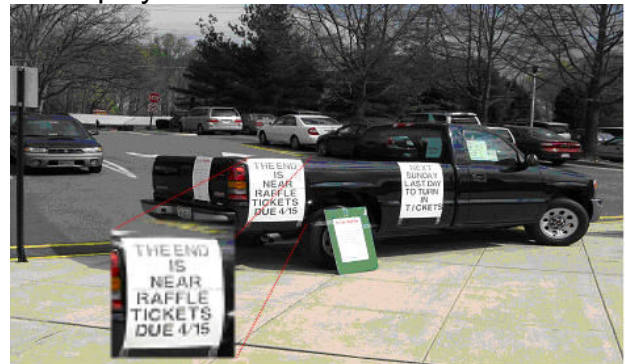
It's hard to believe but we're almost at the middle of April and that means there are only two and half months left in this fraternal year. With the end of the fraternal year comes the election of new officers, and I have asked Brothers Norb Kaus, Hugh Scott and Brian Frank to form a nominating committee under Article 2, Section 1 of the Council Bylaws to report a slate of officers at the May Business Meeting. The election will be at the June Business Meeting. Hopefully when they call on you to serve your Council you will be in a position to respond positively.

I hope everyone is aware of the recent upswing in new members. This increased recruiting is the direct result of the hard work of Brother Bill Foster. He has been responsible for three new members, and with the help of our insurance agent and the efforts of Brothers Bob Hansen and Larry Holmes three other new members will become part of the order during April and May. I doubt if we will win any recruiting awards at the state convention but the recent turn-around can only strengthen the Council and the Order.

There are two major activities planned in April. On the weekend of the 19th through

the 21st is the annual Kovar Collection. All of us need to give a big round of thanks to Brother Bob Elder for taking on the responsibility for planning and organizing our Kovar effort for this year. I am sure that we will have a great effort from all of the members. Even though we had an extremely short summer this year of about 4 days, I am hoping that this really cold weather will be replaced by more normal temperatures and conditions for collecting will be much more pleasant.

On 21 April we will conclude the Car Raffle Ticket Sales effort. The 21st is the day I have to appear at the All Saints Church in Manassas with the sold ticket stubs, the check for the tickets we sold, plus all of the unsold and unused tickets. Anyone that attended one of the Easter Sunday Masses saw that we had another one of the vehicles for display:



Hopefully the possibility of winning one of those great vehicles has motivated more of our fellow parishioners to purchase tickets and equally important it served as a reminder that this Sunday, April 15th is the last day to turn in purchased and unused tickets.

I had a lot of people come up and comment on the reference to Armageddon on one of

our signs. It worked, many said they had forgotten to send back their tickets but the sign will help them remember. So far we have gotten returns back from about 35 % of the parish members. Hopefully, we have a large number of return envelopes come in this week, but if not the estimated response of 30% of the parish membership provided by Father Irace at the beginning of the campaign will have been incredibly accurate.

The month of May will be highlighted by the state convention in Virginia Beach. The most recent Worthy Grand Knight, Mark Stofko, and your current Grand Knight will be headed down to Virginia Beach early Saturday morning for the voting and then return to Northern Virginia. The following Sunday morning is a scheduled Pancake Breakfast. Unfortunately, I will be out of town that entire week on business and will not arrive back home until late Friday night. I need to ask a fellow Knight that has a membership in one of the big box stores like Costco, BJ's or Sams Club to do the shopping for the event on Saturday morning.

We all need to thank Brother Tom Sonnen for his continued work in support of the Sisters in Afghanistan. Without his work the things the Sisters need would just not be getting there. I am sure that we all have seen Tom's most recent request for wheelchairs. Hopefully one of our members knows a commercial source for wheelchairs that might be willing to donate them to the orphanage in Afghanistan.

Thanks again to Brother Bob Elder for his work in putting together our newsletter. If we have one more newsletter this year before I leave office as your Grand Knight, I can report that we have an active ride system for the older parish members that live at the Virginian on Route 50.
Vivat Jesus

Terry Hines, Grand Knight

Contact our Grand Knight by phone at home, 703-560-1824, or by email, trthines@verizon.net

Request for Email Addresses

Anyone not receiving Council email notices is requested to send their email address to PGK Norb Kaus at hmsi@erols.com

Missionaries of Charity in Kabul

This message was sent through Brother Tom Sonnen:

"To the people of St. Ambrose,

Thank you for all the good things that you did send... This winter is quite cold and many people come to knock at our door so it is very helpful! Thank you to all the people that helped! We had a good Christmas-time here, with lots of snow. When we drove home after midnight mass, Kabul was very quiet and deeply covered under fresh snow... very beautiful. God bless you and please keep us in your prayers!

The Missionaries of Charity in Kabul, Afghanistan"

This **request for wheelchairs** was forwarded to our Grand Knight by Brother Sonnen:

"Terry,
The Sisters in Afghanistan have a need for the kids in their orphanage. They are requesting four wheelchairs for children. Wheelchairs are needed for the following ages: 12 yrs old, 10 years old and 7 years old (two). Can you send this to the members of the Council? Maybe someone will have a POC that has a connection to get them donated.
Thanks, Tom"

Thanks from St. Ambrose 2nd Graders



Katie

The Council recently received hand-made thank-you cards from 20 members of Mrs. Ronnie Royal's second grade class. They were addressed to "Dear Knights of Columbus". Here are a few of the messages (unedited):

"Thank you for the Breakfast with Santa because it was so fun there. I was happy about the food that was delicious. It was the greatest breakfast ever." — Love, Katie

"Thank you for pancake breakfast and the free throw and the donuts and the coffee and thank you for the money that you raised for us." — your friend Joseph

"Thank you for Pancake Breakfast because breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It's really kind of you! I hope you have great day or night!" — Your friend, Marelle

"Thank you for the Donuts and coffee. I liked it because they had my favorite flavor, which is a chocolate donut with mixed sprinkles. I always love doing that. We all appreciate you guys doing this." — From, Robert

"Thank you for the Pancake Breakfast. I like the syrup on it. It is yummy syrup. The Pancakes are delicious. You should make a lot of money. When I eat pancakes I think about you." — Love marianne

"Thank you for the Donuts and coffee because I love donuts. My mom hardly buys donuts. After Mass is almost the only time I get donuts. Please keep up all the fun activities you do." — Sincerely, Lisa

"Thank you for the Donuts and Coffee because the donuts were very good. Also I got to see some of my friends. My sister and I wanted to see who would finish

their donut first. My Mom really liked the coffee. Dad thought it was great." — Love, Spencer

"Thank you for Pancakes for Breakfast and the free Throw is one of my favorite because I can do all my favorite throws. P.S. the Spaghetti dinners were delicious." — from Jack

"Thank you for all you've done for St. Ambrose. We appreciate all you're doing. I hope with all my heart that you keep on doing this." — Sincerely, Janelle

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Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

- Home page:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm>

- Catholic Information Services (evangelization materials):

<http://www.kofc.org/un/publications/cis/index.cfm>

- Council materials:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/officers/index.cfm>

Virginia State Council

<http://www.state.kofcva.org/>

HAPPY EASTER!



Ambrose Council No. 8403

KOVAR 2007

April 19 - 21

Brothers,

As this year's KOVAR chairman, I invite you to participate in this important charity drive. KOVAR, for which we collect money every April, is the means by which Knights in Virginia provide assistance to Virginians with mental disabilities. Find out more about KOVAR by going to the website:

www.kovarva.com

You can support KOVAR in several ways:

- Make a personal contribution

Make checks payable to Ambrose Council 8403, with KOVAR in the memo field. You can drop off checks after Mass the weekend of April 20-21, or mail them to Ambrose Council K of C, St. Ambrose Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003.

- Solicit contributions from family, friends and neighbors.
- Collect after Mass. We are seeking permission to collect after Masses on Saturday, April 20, at 5 PM and Sunday, April 21, at 8 AM, 10 AM, or 12 PM.
- Collect outside a store. We have permission to collect outside the Safeway at 7927 Lee Highway in West Falls Church and are seeking permission from the Yorktown Giant store. Time blocks for collection are:

Thursday, April 19: 6 PM – 9 PM

Friday, April 20: 6 PM – 9 PM

Saturday, April 21: 9 AM – 12 Noon; 12 Noon – 3 PM; 3 PM – 6 PM

Please **contact Bob Elder** to volunteer for a Mass or store time-slot. Call **703-425-9857** or email **bcelder@cox.net**. Some brothers have had great success in the past collecting on street corners or at subway stops (we leave that to individual initiative).

Our Council has an outstanding history of support for KOVAR – please help us to continue that support.

Bob Elder, PGK