







# **Monthly Newsletter**

# OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

KNIGHTS



April 2019

### **IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL**

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary – 5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria Sat/Sun, April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> AND April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, KOVAR, All Masses at QofA April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday

Grand Knight's Message

Easter Triduum



I pray you and your family are using this Lenten season to become closer to our Lord by praying, fasting, giving alms and listening to his voice. Let me be the first to say, "May you have an enlightened Lenten season and a Blessed Easter!" Praise be to God!

The Venerable Fr. McGivney should be smiling down upon us after last month. We changed a man's life-by feeding him (and our sisters) at our Lenten Fish Fry(s); we deepened and enriched his faith-by participating in Corporate Communion and praying the Rosary; we strengthened his family-through the NOVENA for Life and the KofC Mass for Life; and we built better lives for those who so desperately need help-by serving dinner to those in need at Christ House and collecting 40 Cans for 40 Days. All that and we continued to glorify the Lord by spending time with him in adoration every Friday morning and helped celebrate and support Sister Eneyda in her temporary vows to the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (more about this later). A very good month Brother Knights! Let's keep the fires burning and finish strong as we begin the final quarter of this fraternal year!

May God bless you and your family!

**GK Roger** 

## Knight of the Month

Our March Knight of the Month is SK Jean Roger Bion. SK Jean Roger Bion has donned the cook's apron the past couple of years to fry and bake our Lenten fish-all under the watchful eye of his wife, Hennriette. The year has brought much change to the Bion family as Hennriette and the children have moved to Chicago, while SK Roger has remained here to continue his career. All is good with the family, though they greatly miss each other every day. SK Roger has even moved across the river to Maryland-more reason to recognize him as our Knight of the Month. Knowing the Lenten Fish Frys are a mainstay of the Council and parish Lenten seasons, SK Roger quickly agreed to "come back" and step up to the Sous Chef role (Hennriette was on video chat overseeing productions--hahahahaha). More on the Fish Frys later in this issue. Then, just a few days later. SK Roger returned to Queen of Apostles to participate in a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard for the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph's, Sister Enevda's Profession of Temporary Vows (also covered later in this edition). SK Jean Roger Bion is an exemplary Brother and Knight of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and the Council heartily congratulates him as the March Knight of the Month!

## Family of the Month

The Cooks, Brother Dave, wife Cara, and their five children are the Council's Family of the Month for March. Dave is Director of Operations & Stewardship at Queen of Apostles. He says that he was inspired to become a Knight after seeing the many needs the Pope John Paul II Council 4522 serves at the parish. Cara is a homemaker and coordinates a girls' club and book club for parish families out of their home.

But it's their children who helped to get them recognized as Family of the Month! Their eldest two, Francesca and Teresa, helped to represent Queen of Apostles School at the Diocesan Choral Festival on March 9th. Francesca, an "aspiring" professional baker, donated baked goods to the Bánica Mission Fundraiser, also this March. The whole family participated in CYO basketball over the winter, with Dave coaching one team and serving as assistant coach for another. The kids were also active participants in the Knights' 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign taking place at the School. The Council congratulates the Cooks, our Family of the Month for March 2019.

## Council 4522 – The Future



The Future *is* ours to create with God's guidance, a vision, and a strong desire to do the right thing. Brother Knights at the March General Meeting did just that—created a future

for Pope John Paul II Council 4522 as they voted on and virtually unanimously (one nay) approved the following motion, "to affiliate and move the Pope John Paul II Council to the Queen of Apostles Parish Campus." This historic vote will always be remembered for giving the Council new life and enabling us to grow organically as part of Queen of Apostles. Now as we begin the allimportant deliberations on the process of moving-how, when, where-we can also add an invaluable tool in our recruitment efforts, letting Catholic gentlemen know that when (not if) they join PJPII, their home will be their parish home as well. We all will serve the Lord, Queen of Apostles, and the Order side by side from the same location. This move will put the Council at the right hand of the priests and the parishioners and be a visible sign to all that we are part of their family and they are a part of ours.

As always, if you have questions, comments or grounded opinions, please feel free to share them with Grand Knight Roger Williams at <u>rlwsb11@gmail.com</u> or call (703) 629-3239.

# Solemnity of St. Joseph/Temporary Vows of Sr. Eneyda Martinez



To give one's self to the Lord is never, ever a waste. A fully surrendered life to the calling God places in our hearts is one of the most beautiful and most fulfilling things to ever live out and accomplish. Many of the saints we revere in the Catholic faith are examples of that submission and it has led to the lives well-lived. St.

Irenaeus once said that "The glory of God is man fully alive." On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, the Queen of

Apostles parish family celebrated not only the Solemnity of St. Joseph, one of the many individuals who was fully alive, but also one of the church community's very own modern-day saint: Sister Eneyda Jamileth Martinez Rivera.

The bilingual mass was a wonderful celebration of her temporary vows to the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. It was very moving experience. Families of all cultures gathered together under one roof to worship the living God. The choir loft was filled to the brim with young and old to lead the congregation in worship. Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. Orsulak was the principal celebrant of the mass with three of our very own parish priests: Fr. Vives; Fr. O'Connor; and Fr. De Ribera. Mother Maria as well as many of the sisters who faithfully and passionately serve our community were in attendance to welcome Eneyda to a more permanent capacity. Our very own

brothers were in attendance to escort the procession with the mass: GK Roger Williams; our Faithful Navigator, SK Carroll Glass; SK Roger Bion; and SK Jonathan Lash. Knights of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, as well as all Knights, are tasked with following the example of St. Joseph, who was a man of action and service—that was very much on display Tuesday evening.



Seeing Sister Eneyda, our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights in attendance, as well as SK Vincent Guevara, our Worthy Editor John Cosgayon, brother Peter Guevara, and brother Ciro Cosgayon fulfilled St. Irenaeus' statement.

### 2019/2020 Council and Casey Club Nominations

Each Officer position is vitally important in efficiently running the Council, developing fundraisers, identifying ways the Council can assist the parish and the community, and growing the faith in one another.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brothers are strongly encouraged to consider running for a position or nominating a qualified Brother for one (NOTE: Any such nomination should be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for).

PGK Carroll Glass <u>cdglass@gmail.com</u> is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and is being assisted by PGK Joe Lynem <u>plantyourdreams@msn.com</u>. If you are interested in running for a position or want to know what is involved before committing to a position, please contact PGKs Carroll or Joe, or any one of the sitting

Officers, as soon as possible. In accordance with Article VIII of the revised Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will submit its report to the Members during the April 10th Council Meeting. This report will include information related to the nominations for both the Council and the Casey Club in the Fraternal Year 2019 to 2020, which begins July 1, 2019.

Please note – Election Date: The Council will conduct its annual election of officers at a special meeting in the Council Home at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. At this meeting, the only item for consideration and action will be the election of officers for the Council and the Casey Club.

Be advised that nominations MAY be made from the floor the night of the election. It is highly recommended that any such nominations be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for before the actual elections begin—again the meeting will start precisely at 7:30 PM at the Council home.

### Positions are as follows:

Grand Knight Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor Recording Secretary Treasurer Warden Advocate Inside Guard Outside Guard 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee Past Grand Knight Delegate

Candidates are also sought for Officer positions in the Casey Club. The Casey Club is charged with maintaining the Council home and overseeing the organization's investments, among other duties.

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer



### HELP (REQUIRED) WANTED!



Saturday/Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – KOVAR Collections after each Mass – At least 4 points of entry/exit at Queen of Apostles, SIX Masses....SK Innocent Nukuri and SK SonMai will need your help...the intellectually challenged children of Virginia need your help! Please contact SK Innocent at in nukuri@yahoo.fr to let him know he can count on you! That the children can count on you!

### Fish Fry Friday #1

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Led by SK Roger Bion (and overseen via video chat by his wife, Hennriette-from Chicago no less (3) in the kitchen and SK Joe Lynem, in the dining room, a sizeable group of Knights put on a great fish fry for the parishioners of Queen of Apostles, before, during and after the parish's, Stations of the Cross prayer service. Sous Chef #2, SK Innocent Nukuri blended up a delectable coating for the fish, which the

diners absolutely loved. Newly added to the menu—fried clam strips also were a big hit! We are expecting a similar exemplary performance and dining experience, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (results too late for this edition).



Fish Fry #1 was a great success due to the outstanding support of our Knights, Brothers Roger B., Joe L., Joe K., Al, Leo, Sandy, Patrick, Cesar, Innocent, Carroll, Tobias, Daniel, GK Roger—and a new candidate for the Order, Moses Akot! God Bless you all!!



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### 40 Cans for 40 Days



Council 4522 has again partnered with Queen of Apostles Catholic School to hold the Second Annual 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign at the school. The Campaign will provide the children (and their families) blessings each day during Lent—providing them with the opportunity to give alms, promote charity to others, and learn/know more about sacrifice in the way of bringing a canned good to school each school day. The Campaign began on Ash Wednesday and will run through Holy Thursday.

Each school day during the Campaign period, each student will bring ONE can of food (or non-perishable item) to school and place it in specially designated boxes in the gym. At the end of the Campaign, we will tally the results (most weight donated—prorated by class size), then everyone wins! The proceeds will be split between ACCA and the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph food banks and the winning class(es) will decide between a "dress down day" or a pizza lunch!

#### Seminarians

The approved Council budget for the fraternal year, included a \$2,000 donation (expense) to support Arlington Diocese Seminarians. Our efforts during the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign will allow the Council to once again sponsor four deserving Seminarians—as selected by the Office of Vocations: Mr. Jonathan Smith (studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary); Mr. Charles Pavlick (studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary); Mr. Robert Renner (studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary) and Mr. Daniel Rice (studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary). Congratulations to all of the seminarians and a special "thank you" to our Knights that helped to make it happen!!

# Four Council 4522 Free Throw Champions Win District! Move on to State

The District 16 free throw contest was held on Saturday February 23 at St. Leo's school gym. We had five students participate and four were district Champions!

Girls 13 - Leah Vincent Boys 10 - Adrian Gororo Boys 12 - Jesse Kasenge Boys 14 - Sebastian Gongora While none were able to participate at the State competition due to scheduling conflicts, we are proud of them for having come this far! Congratulations to all four!

Thanks for representing Pope John Paul II Council and District 16 so well.

### The Light Is ON for <u>You</u> this Lent

Wednesday evenings during Lent, through March 21, every parish across our Diocese and the Archdiocese of Washington is open for confession or quiet prayer. For many of us, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be stressful. We may be



nervous or consider ourselves unforgivable. Yet, with confidence, Pope Francis reminds us: "Don't be afraid; go to Him; He is waiting for you. He will take care of everything. We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: His is a caress of love." Visit <u>http://thelightison.org/</u> for more information.

### Building the Domestic Church – Becoming a Real Man of God

In February we heard what it means to be a good soldier- He is willing to give his life to protect others; he lets his actions speak for themselves; he does his duty, even when it is unappreciated; he is a man of honor, who is loyal to others and to his principles; he is rooted in discipline and strength; he may be tender and compassionate but never soft; he sees himself as part of a unit, a band of brothers, greater than himself; he follows the chain of command, without considering it demeaning; he is courageous, even and especially when heroism is required; and he sees un-waivered loyalty as an opportunity to show his character and demonstrate love. We certainly hope you got all that and have taken it to heart-everyday! At the April 10<sup>th</sup> General Business Meeting, Worthy Lecturer Ray Venero, will continue his series, "Becoming a Real Man of God." We hope to see you there!

### Casey Women's Club

St. Patrick of Ireland was the theme for our March 14th meeting. After the opening prayer, President Connie read a traditional Irish Blessing.

Ruth Zirkle, co-chair with Ethel Apostolico of the Charity Committee presented their report of charities for consideration and vote from the Ortolani Trust for this year and received unanimous approval of the membership.

Ruth Brophy our go-to-member for the Easter See's candy fundraiser provided additional "Easter" items, i.e. chocolate eggs, jelly beans, 'treasury' eggs, and standing chocolate Bunnies. Your orders are due March 29th with delivery April 11th. Contact Ruth Brophy at (703) 256-8335 or Ruth Zirkle (703) 527-9367.

Marion Scaffidi recommended a Lenten Project to provide a basket of newborn baby items be brought unwrapped to our April 11th meeting. In addition, several ladies will visit members in April who are unable to attend our meetings.

VP Geri Owen confirmed the Bistro Lunch at Annandale High School/Culinary School, May 9th at noon. Jean Hughs will contact members for reservations and those requiring a ride.

Member April birthdays are Beth Medford-1st and Patricia McHenry-19th. Happy Birthday and may God Bless you!

Retiree Lunch is April 30th at noon, Bunco will follow lunch. Call Ethel if you plan to play Bunco.

God Bless you - Connie King, President

## Happy April Birthdays to our PJPII Knights!



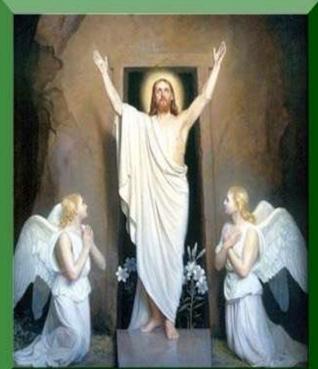
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Have a Blessed Easter! Praise be to God!



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MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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