

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

August 2018

Important Dates This Month

Wednesday, August 1st – Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Tuesday, August 7th - National Night Out

Wednesday, August 8th – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Wednesday, August 15th – Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 18th - International Procession in Honor of the

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(4th Degree Honor Guard Requested)

Friday, August 31st, Visit the Vets in Martinsburg, WV

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The fraternal year is well underway!! Both Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Patrick Okoronkwo and I have already attended organizational meetings, your Officers have already discussed the upcoming fraternal year calendar in detail, some have marched in a 4th of July Parade, and we're ready to move forward with Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

Borrowing heavily from Worthy State Deputy Ed Polich's opening remarks at a recent organizational meeting, we have been challenged to "Keep the Faith" this fraternal year.

As we Catholics are called to continual conversion in our Catholic Faith, our Christian beliefs and life, and our support and commitment to our Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests, we need to remember and support the Venerable Fr. McGivney's vision, which was to:

- Change a man's life
- Deepen and enrich his faith
- Strengthen his family
- Build better lives for those who so desperately need help

Remember, Fr. McGivney was just 25 years old when he was ordained a priest. He founded the Order at 29-30 years old. He was a young man. Likewise, brothers, we must continue to recruit younger men and more diverse members to grow our order and provide them with the opportunities to live Fr. McGivney's dream.

Along those lines, we—each one of us—need to take the first step and talk to young Catholic gentlemen about our new Faith in Action Programs—programs designed to speak to and relate directly to our young people. This year at PJP II we WILL commit to making family and spiritual programs a priority in our Council. Doing so will maximize our Council's visibility in the parish and in the community. We **have to change** the age-old question, "Will you join the Knights of Columbus?" The question going forward when we are talking to potential Knights is, "Why are you not a Knight of Columbus?"

Live the Venerable Fr. McGivney's vision in your everyday life. Make it a part of your fiber. Never lose hope in Christ and the belief in yourself that you can accomplish whatever you set your mind, heart and soul to do. Furthermore, never forget that *together*—we all—can do so much more! In the spirit of Charity, Unity and

Fraternity, let's commit together to making a difference in someone's life this year, next week, even tomorrow. For when we do, their life will be changed and so will ours!

May God bless you and your family, and "Keep the Faith."

GK Roger



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



SK Jay (center) Only time he sat still all day!

Taking a month off to honor the Knight of the Year, we return to recognize this Knight of the Month, Worthy Chancellor and Sir Knight Jay Moore. It's been

a while, but we will not soon forget June 3rd when SK Jay showed us all what it means to be an outstanding Knight! Showing up at Queen of Apostles before 6:00 am to help set up for the parish's Sunday Social was just the start of his day. After preparations were well underway, he left to complete his weekly Sunday bread run picking up and delivering bread and other baked goods to the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. From there he returned to QofA to participate in the parish's Corpus Christi Procession as part of the 4th Degree Honor Guard at noon. But, he still wasn't done....returning to the Sunday Social event to help clean up! An extraordinary day for a well-deserved Knight of the Month for July! Congratulations SK Jay Moore!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Long overdue, the Family of the Month for July is the Penrose family. The Penroses regularly attend Mass at Queen of Apostles...usually right down in front closest to the Lord. They also regularly participate in Corporate Communion and 5th Sunday Rosary programs. Brother Dan is a consistent presence at Council meetings and participates in most of the Council events throughout the year. Of note are the contributions of his son, Owen (he'll be 10 on August 7th), at said events. Owen donned a white shirt to help serve at Fr. Leopoldo's 25th Anniversary and again during the Council's 60th Anniversary functions, then changed later in April to the highly recognizable KOVAR yellow/orange vest to help collect donations and hand out Tootsie Rolls! Many thanks Dan, Andrea and especially Owen for their contributions to the parish and Council and congratulations on being named Family of the Month for July!



Corpus Christi Procession



The Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary held their annual Corpus Christi Procession after the noon Mass on June 3rd. The procession was

to have snaked throughout the parish neighborhood, but due to the historically hot and humid weather, activities were limited to inside the church. Nonetheless, Council 4522 Knights comprised the Honor Guard who led the revised procession. It was an honor and blessing to be asked by the Council Chaplain, Fr. Vives, to participate in this special event. As was noted in the invitation, "It is important that Our Lord be accompanied through the

streets by His closest friends.” Certainly, the Knights pray to always be considered a close friend of Jesus—and thus always need to answer his call—in whatever format it is received. Special thanks to Faithful Navigator, Carroll Glass, for being Color Corps Commander, and Sir Knights (Chancellor) Jay Moore, (Outside Guard) Tobias Amadi, Jean Roger Bion and (Grand Knight) Roger Williams who represented the Council and Assembly 1894 proudly.

Outstanding Young Woman and Young Man of the Year

Congratulations are extended to Alexia de Costa and John Michael Agtarap, Pope John Paul II Council's Virginia State Finalists as Young Woman and Young Man of the Year respectively. Alexia and John, both rising 8th graders at Queen of Apostles Catholic School, were presented their certificates during a school-wide award ceremony at the end of the school year.

Alexia, daughter of Brother Alfred de Costa, is a prolific artist and extremely accomplished student—having received acclaimed awards in both areas during the past few years, including being deemed "a vital part of the Church's missionary work" by the Very Reverend Andrew Small, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S.; designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) as an Outstanding Young Spokesperson of the Future and claiming 1st Place National Winner in NASA's 2016-2017 Scientist for a Day Essay Contest.

John Michael represents his class on the school's Student Council. A consistent member of the school's Honor roll, he is the recipient of the Catholic Witness Award. John's academic prowess earned him 1st place in the school's Geography Bee and 2nd place in the botany program. John is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. In his "spare" time, John likes to play basketball and the piano.

Congratulations to our Young Woman and Young Man of the Year!!

Welcome our Newest Knight!

Wednesday, June 27th, candidate Kelechi Okoronkwo participated in and completed his Admissions Degree at Fr. Diamond Council (St. Leo's Parish) and was welcomed into the Order. Pope John Paul II Council 4522 welcomes Kelechi to his new home. Brother Kelechi regularly attended masses at Queen of Apostles with his father, Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Patrick—during the summer, but recently returned to college in Ohio. Please keep Brother Kelechi in your prayers!

National Night Out on August 7

Join your Brothers (and neighbors) between 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in sending a united message to criminals to stay out of your neighborhood! National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event observed by locking doors, turning on porch lights, and enjoying a block party, cookout, or other planned community event. Contact the district police station in your area for more information about NNO events in your neighborhood. To register and participate in NNO2018, visit <https://form.jotform.com/jrsherburne/nno-registration>

Humanae Vitae's 50th Anniversary

(Excerpts from Council Chaplain, Fr. Vives' Pastor's Letter – Sunday, July 15th)

July 25, 2018—is marked in red in the calendar of the Catholic Church. It was Humanae Vitae's 50th anniversary. In the early 60's the world population reached 3 billion, and the population growth was over a yearly 2%. Neo-Malthusianism, prophesying a potentially exponential growth of the population while the growth of the food supply was linear, strongly advocated for contraception. The discussion about overpopulation was a lively one. The II Vatican Council echoed this discussion, leaving the authoritative decision to Pope Paul VI.

This is his teaching in n.10—Responsible parenthood has varied and interrelated aspects:

- With regard to the biological processes, responsible parenthood means an awareness of, and respect for, their proper functions (respecting biological laws)
- With regard to man's innate drives and emotions, responsible parenthood means that man's reason and will must exert control over them.
- With regard to physical, economic, psychological and social conditions, responsible parenthood is exercised by those who prudently and generously decide to have more children, and by those who, for serious reasons and with due respect to moral precepts, decide not to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time.
- Responsible parenthood, as we use the term here, has one further essential aspect of paramount importance. It concerns the objective moral order which was established by God [...] responsible parenthood requires that husband and wife, keeping a right order of priorities, recognize their own duties toward God, themselves, their families and human society.

From this it follows that they are not free to act as they choose in the service of transmitting life, as if it were wholly up to them to decide what is the right course to follow. On the contrary, they are bound to ensure that what they do corresponds to the will of God the Creator. The very nature of marriage and its use makes His will clear.

Responsible Parenthood means that there is a common good which the spouses serve. It is not just about their emotional satisfaction. Sexual intimacy has consequences on the couple, their family and the human society. Responsible Parenthood reminds that husband and wife are stewards of God's blessing: "be fertile and multiply" (Gen 1:28). Children are God's most precious gift to the couple and humanity. Therefore, the spouses ask God about their vocation to

parenthood, either having more children or waiting, but always respecting God's plan.

Today's population is over 7 Billion. Nowadays we produce enough to feed 14 billion. Is it about overpopulation or rather about individualism and personal satisfaction?

Humanae Vitae Anniversary Prayer

Almighty and All-loving God, in the beginning You created them male and female as a sign of the Covenant with Your people, the Covenant which You would later seal with the Most Precious Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank You for the sublime gift that is the life-giving one-flesh union of husband and wife, and we ask You for the grace always to cherish, revere and foster it: the foundational good of human society and the icon of the union between Christ and his Church.

As we celebrate these fifty years of the Encyclical Humanae Vitae's articulation of the Church's timeless teaching help us to be wise, bold and charitable messengers of this good news, so that a culture of love, life and marriage may flourish in our land. Open the minds and hearts of those far away from this truth, heal those harmed by its rejection and strengthen those committed to living it out and inspiring others to do the same.

By means of this grace grant us peace with one another and happiness with You now in this life, and to know its perfect fulfillment forever in the life that is to come.

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Head and Bridegroom of the Church, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen.*



August Birthdays!

Martin J Callaghan	08-03
Erik M Lucas	08-03
PGK Ronald J Plavchan	08-04
Sean D McGinley	08-07
John Beatty	08-09
PGK Brendan Newell	08-09
Alfred E Moreau	08-14
Steven T Zust Jr	08-14
PGK Robert E Kreider	08-16
Thomas F Longuillo	08-16
Maurice P Burnsworth	08-20
Leo J Weston	08-21
Robert F McKinney	08-22
PGK Bernard P Polanin	08-23
Stephen J Plavchan	08-24
Jose A Sancho Quintana	08-25

CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

Our End of the Year Party was a superior affair with a catered lunch of two entrées, salad, and bread, served by Peggy Puritano and Jean Hughes. amongst elegant decorations.

Peggy, with her many talents arranged fresh floral potted centerpieces for all the tables which were the door prizes. Marion Scaffidi provided a decadent cake for dessert and Ethel Apostolico contributed the wine. Complements and beaucoup thanks to the committee of Peggy, Marion, Ethel and Jean; it was truly a terrific mix of good food and friends.

Geri Owen will remind members of cookies for Christ House due Monday, September 10th.

Information for the September meeting and lunch will be available soon. There will be no Retiree lunch in August.

God Bless and be Happy!
Connie King, President

St. Philip – New Council

After serving more than a dozen parishes at one point, Pope John Paul II Council recently said good-bye to yet another parish—St. Philip Catholic Church. Continuing the Supreme mandate for each parish to be served by a single council, St. Philip the Apostle Council 17056 was chartered by the Virginia State Council at the end of June and started business on July 1, 2018. Pope John Paul II Council had served St. Philip for over 50+ years. This latest move leaves PJP II Council serving only the Queen of Apostles parish in Alexandria, VA and the Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic parish in Annandale, VA. May God bless our Brothers of St. Philip the Apostle Council as they embark independently on their missions of Charily, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!



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Wednesday, August 15th

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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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