

# The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

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## SAVE THE DATE

### OFFICERS' INSTALLATION

**August 9, 2017 7:00 PM Council Home**  
**(Please be seated No Later Than 6:45 pm!)**

Guests are invited and encouraged to attend, but we will have our monthly Council Meeting immediately after the installation, so the Chamber will be limited to Knights holding a current Degree/Membership card. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

As you read this, I hope our prayers have been answered and we have left some of those hot "Dog Days of Summer"—back in July. It's August already! With two months of summer fun behind us, I hope and pray that you and your family have had a wonderful summer to date and have a lot more activities planned ahead—until we start hearing that old classic, "See you in September." Will we see you in September? Or, can you make time in your busy summer schedule to see us in August, say on August 9th at our Installation Ceremony and Council Meeting? (Please see the masthead announcement for the August 9th details.)

Brothers, for the handful of us that attend the monthly meetings and most of the events, the unanswered question is always, "Where are the rest of our Brothers?" Well my Brother Knights, let me ask you, where are you? Are you doing OK? How is your family? Is there something that we have done to you or failed you in some way that keeps you from sharing all there is in being a Knight of Columbus? Is there anything that Pope John Paul II Council can do for you? The last question I can answer with a resounding "YES," but it's difficult to know what is happening in your life if you are not with us to share.

Let me remind you—and tell you about some of the things we can do together this upcoming fraternal year. The Knights of Columbus Insurance program is unsurpassed. I shouldn't have to tell you any more about it at this point, other than if you don't have KofC Insurance or an annuity, then you need to see our new Field Agent, Christopher Schaper, immediately—you are missing out on an invaluable benefit.

Patriotism? We do it all day, every day. Fly the flag, be proud to be an American or be in America. God has blessed this country since well before 1776; take advantage of that blessing and pass it along to everyone you encounter. Next, how about Fraternity? Where else can you gather with a room full of Catholic gentlemen and pray the Rosary? Ask for prayers for your family and friends and hear those prayers almost instantaneously? Share in the camaraderie of men—working together for the Church, the community, humanity? And on that note, let's talk about Unity. Have you ever wanted to do something but didn't have the manpower to get it done? It's kind of tough finding friends or family that will help, isn't it? That's the Council. We have many things we want to do and need to do, but it's kind of hard to get our Brothers to help.

Let me share just a few of the things the Council wants to do, needs to do this fraternal year. Continue with the Bread Runs for the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph's Food Pantry. We're up to three days a week now...with only six Knights actively participating in that amazing charity. We'll have the annual events: KOVAR, KCIC, March for Life, Fish Fries and many more throughout the year—all of which need your support! Additionally this year, we are hoping to take on a couple of larger initiatives involving the parish and community and celebrate our 60th Anniversary in style!! Again, Unity is needed...from ALL of our Knights. We are so much more effective and can do so much more with additional Knights involved!! Which brings us back to all the questions at the beginning of this piece, "Where are you?" Will we "See you in September"?

Fraternally,

Grand Knight Roger

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

One of the newer Knights to the Council, Brother Patrick Okoronkwo is our Knight of the Month for August 2017. Brother Patrick has only been in the Council for a few months, but he has already brought in a new energy and a wealth of information—given his extensive experience in the Knights of Columbus in Michigan and North Carolina. Brother Patrick accepted the Grand Knight's request to become the Membership Director and less than a month on the job has attended a degree ceremony and reached out to numerous Knights to have them move up with their degrees.

Additionally, Brother Patrick is a fixture at Council events, assisting wherever he can. Membership Director Patrick is the first to remind his fellow brothers that we need new Catholic gentlemen in the Knights and our Council and that it's up to them to recruit early and often! The Council and the Grand Knight truly appreciate Brother Patrick's energy and all he brings to the Council at every opportunity and are pleased to honor him as Knight of the Month.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Grand Knight Roger Williams, his wife, Susan, and son, Brett, are recognized as the Family of the Month for August 2017. GK Roger, Susan and Brett are new to serving at Christ House, but they have continued the Council's tradition of service without a hitch and have quickly become integral parts of the team's efforts. They are constant figures at Queen of Apostles Parish where GK Roger is an usher, eucharistic adorer and member of the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph's "Bread Team."

As the Council's new Grand Knight, Roger has brought his strong organizational skills to the table, along with a commitment to support our four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Susan is also a Eucharistic adorer and is an active spouse of the Council and our Assembly. She was instrumental in the success of our Annual Picnic, which will be detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. The Council thanks the Williams Family for their source of prayers, dedication to the church and exemplification of a strong Knights of Columbus family.

**THE ANNUAL PICNIC BEAT THE HEAT**



The Lord did bless us with a beautiful day for our Annual Picnic on July 15th, and for that and many other things we are truly thankful. While we would have liked to have had a larger gathering, those that

were there we treated to an outstanding meal catered by Red Hot and Blue, good conversation with old and new friends, and several very competitive yard games such as croquet, bocce ball, and corn hole (bean bag toss). Brother SonMai in particular was a very fast learner in croquet, snatching victory at the last moment from the Grand Knight! And be careful if Brother Roger Bion offers you a game of bocce ball... All those in attendance were blessed by a surprise visit from our dear Brother Dick Owen and his wife, Geri. It was wonderful to see Brother Dick out and about, if only for a little while. Brother Dennis Brown took honors (and

our money) as the winner of our 50/50. All and all, the picnic was a grand success! If you were not there, we missed you and you missed a good time!

The Council would like to thank Brothers Joe King, Carroll Glass, Leo Weston, Al Avellino, Ray Venero, and Patrick Okoronkwo for their outstanding support before, during and after the event. A special thank you goes out to GK Roger’s wife, Susan, for her assistance in “food handling and clean-up” at the end of the day.

**FOURTH OF JULY – AMERICA CELEBRATES**

It couldn’t have been any more American Made— 4th of July, hot, humid, the Fairfax City Parade, throngs of onlookers from babies to senior citizens, bands and firetrucks galore and Knights of Columbus Color Corps! Pope John Paul II Council 4522 was proud to have two Brothers serve in the Color Guard leading well over 30 other Knights in full regalia along the Parade route; Grand Knight Roger Williams far left and Past Grand Knight Carroll Glass carrying the flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia!



The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community. The Council greatly appreciates the participation of any of our 4th Degree Knights in any event calling for Color Corps

representation. Want to join this select group of Knights? Please see or contact Grand Knight Roger Williams, PGK Carroll Glass, PGK, PFN, FDD Dennis Brown or any 4th Degree Knight.

**NEW FIELD AGENT IS NAMED**

After months of not having a Field Agent, Council 4522 was fortunate to have Brother Jim Bertine come to our rescue for the short term. The Council would like to thank Brother Jim for his outstanding service during the last few months, as we welcome our new, permanent Field Agent, Brother Christopher Schaper. Brother Chris works out of the same office in Springfield, Virginia. He can be reached at (703) 845-3402 or via his website at:

<https://www.kofcknights.org/FieldAgentSite/indexnew.asp?FA=1700>

Please contact Field Agent Schaper for any questions you may have about the outstanding fraternal benefits that the Knights of Columbus offers with regards to insurance, personal financial management and long-term care.

**FORMER CHAPLAIN FR. ANDREW AMARUMA, AJ**

Fr. Andrew Amaruma was our Council chaplain when he was Parochial Vicar at Queen of Apostles. He writes from Uganda, where he is chaplain with the Apostles of Jesus at the Adjumani General Hospital. The city of Adjumani is very near the border of South Sudan. The hospital receives Christian refugees fleeing Muslim persecution in that region. Fr. Andrew recently wrote to the Council on the anniversary of his Priestly Ordination....

His message to us:

**"My 21st Years of Priestly Ordination Anniversary July 20, 2017"**

This date takes me back to the memory of my priestly ordination in July 20, 1996. A joy filled moment for me, my relatives, friends, the Christians, benefactors, formatters and the Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. Join me in thanksgiving to God for these years of service in the Ministry of Priesthood; a call for my personal Sanctification and bringing others close to Christ that they found their callings and

vocation to serve in different Ministries in the Church. I am humbly confident that I have had my own satisfaction and also some challenges too that I endeavor with the Grace of God to overcome them and bear the crosses they also entail.

For those who have experience grace filled moments in my priestly service the glory and gratitude goes to God. Where things have not gone well in my Ministry both for me and the people of God I serve in the past we entrust all to the mercy of God. and In humility we entrust the future in the providence of God.

My sincere gratitude for the people who have supported, and continue to support me spiritually, by wise advise and with monetary aid; friends, confreres, benefactors and Superiors. Christ is the source and summit of my Vocation, but "I am and my ministry is because I rely in your all-round support". I do commit in prudence the challenges I have got in my Priestly Ministry for a change to do better; through your prayers and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, the Apostles of Jesus and the Martyrs of Uganda. Bishop Sisto Mazzaldi and Very Reverent Fr. John Marangoni, MCCJ; our Founders of Great memory intercede for me.

I seek for your support through prayers and other means too as our Communities are face with the "crisis of truth, love and culture" leave alone the influx of refugees from South Sudan and challenges of "Relative Moral Ethics and Fundamentalism".

May this anniversary take me back to the original grace filled memory of my ordination and bring a novelty in my Ministry and those I encounter as a priest.

- Fr. Andrew Amaruma, AJ.

Fr. Andrew is a terrific supporter of the Knights and indeed served our Council well! His mission needs financial support.

Donations may be sent to:

Apostles of Jesus  
 Attn: for Fr. Andrew - Adjumani  
 General Hospital Chaplaincy  
 c/o Regional Superior USA Region  
 829 Main St.

Northampton, PA 18067

Fr. Andrew's address is:

Fr. Andrew Amaruma, AJ  
 Adjumani General Hospital Chaplaincy  
 P.O. Box 49  
 Adjumani, Uganda

**MEDITATION - HOSPITALITY**

*From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia*

Led by the Spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring for others and seeking their happiness. This openness finds particular expression in hospitality, which the word of God eloquently encourages: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware" (Heb 13:2).

When a family is welcoming and reaches out to others, especially the poor and the neglected, it is "a symbol, witness and participant in the Church's motherhood." Social love, as a reflection of the Trinity, is what truly unifies the spiritual meaning of the family and its mission to others, for it makes present the kerygma [teachings] in all its communal imperatives. The family lives its spirituality precisely by being at one and the same time a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ❖ August 2nd Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm Council Home
- ❖ August 9th OFFICERS' INSTALLATION 7:00 pm Sharp – Council Meeting follows
- ❖ August 16th Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894 Meeting 7:30 pm Rosary begins
- ❖ August 20th, Deadline for August Newsletter Submissions

**NOTE:** We host a food donation run for the St. Joseph Food Pantry each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Joe Lynem at plantyourdreams@msn.com or (703) 628-3473 to volunteer.

**GOD'S CORNER**

Psalm 84:9-13

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
listen, God of Jacob.  
O God, watch over our shield;  
look upon the face of your anointed.  
Better one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
Better the threshold of the house of my God  
than a home in the tents of the wicked.  
For a sun and shield is the LORD God,  
bestowing all grace and glory.  
The LORD withholds no good thing  
from those who walk without reproach.  
O LORD of hosts,  
blessed the man who trusts in you!

### **INTO THE BREACH: An Excerpt To Think About**

Original By: Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

*“And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land...”* EZEKIEL 22:30

#### **A CALL TO BATTLE**

I begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, *do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you*, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.

The world is under attack by Satan, as our Lord said it would be (1 Peter 5:8-14). This battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%.<sup>1</sup> *This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines.*

While the Diocese of Phoenix has fared better than these national statistics, the losses are staggering...

...As our fathers, brothers, uncles, sons and friends fall away from the Church, they fall deeper and deeper into sin, breaking their bonds with God and leaving them vulnerable to the fires of Hell. While we know that Christ welcomes back every repentant sinner, the truth is that large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they made at their children's baptisms – promises to bring them to Christ and to raise them in the faith of the Church...

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**The submission deadline for the September 2017 Newsletter is August 20th.**

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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