

# The Knightly News

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OF COLUMBUS**  
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## Monthly Newsletter

**August 2023**

### IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM Hybrid (7:00 PM Rosary)

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Apostles Parish Festival, 2:00 PM until....**

**HELP WILL BE NEEDED!**

### Grand Knight's Message

The focus of this message is on this month's parish festival. Since the inception of this festival, Council 4522 has been a very active participant. My brothers, we cannot avoid being very active this year around. We are not only to operate and serve the drink stand, but we are also responsible for ensuring that those with alcoholic beverages stay in the reserved station to consume their beverage.

There will be other activity stations throughout the day. Council 4522 members wearing their gear should be patrolling all stations to help ensure safety and caution are observed at all times of the festival. We shall be steady and ready to assist with the Friday setting up the tents to finish what may be left in the morning hours of Saturday. So, please all that could, please come to the parish campus starting at 5:00 pm on Friday, August 18 as well as Saturday morning.

My fellow Knights, though I am not 100% fit to work as others, I'll at least be present to contribute as much as I could. Please, I am requesting as a brother Knight and a member of the Queen of Apostle Parish to kindly make yourself available for the Parish festival. I know I can always count on you and the parish has always counted on you. "Rise brothers and answer the call for your parish and the pastor is calling you."

Vivat Jesus,  
Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, FN, PDD



### Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month is John Cosgayon. John is the Worthy Recorder and The Casey Club Secretary. John is present at all council meetings. He is a eucharist minister and did not hesitate to volunteer to become the Faith Director when Worthy Chancellor (who is also serving as the Faith Director) leaves the area due to retirement. John is always available for council and parish activities.

### Family of the Month

One of our newest Knights, Brother Alex Collazo, his wife Susana, and their children are our Family of the Month! Their son, Matthew is an altar server in the church and his siblings attend Queen of Apostles School. The Collazo family are involved in several QofA ministries. We once again welcome, Brother Alex and his family to the order and look forward to seeing them at many of our Council events! Congratulations!

### Parish Festival: Call for Volunteers!



As our Worthy Grand Knight mentioned in his message, the Queen of Apostles Parish Festival will be happening on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 10:00PM. There will be a bilingual Mass at 5:00PM. This year promises to be as gangbusters as last year! As you all know, this is a huge event requiring a lot of support – and so many of you stepped up last year. Just like last year, the Knights will be managing the beer and wine on the day of the festival. We'll be needing volunteers to man the table and manage the flow of people in the tent. There will also be support needed at the end of the night, when we have to totally clear the lot to prepare for Masses the next day! Volunteers will

also be needed on the day before to set up lights, tents, tables, etc. If you can help, setup will start on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM. Hope you can help while also having fun at the festival!!!



Parishioners, friends, and neighbors enjoying last year's festival.

### A Note From Our Lecturer

We as Brother Knights are faced daily with a multitude of challenges that, depending on how they are handled, reveal much to others about our own faith. Some of these challenges include political influences, attacks on our faith and beliefs, such as Pro-Life stances, and other subtle media-related affronts to our integrity and beliefs as Catholic men. It is easy to desire to lose control and attack the aggressor, but our Lord teaches us to consider other approaches to our defensive responses. Turning the other cheek does not mean compliance with an anti-Catholic-anti-Bible affront. It simply means composure over anger. Love over hate. Here is what we are taught in the book of Matthew.

### *Suffering Afflictions and Going the Second Mile*

"I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also"—[Matthew 5:39](#)

This verse reveals the humiliation of being a Christian. In the natural realm, if a person does not hit back, it is because he is a coward. But in the spiritual realm, it is the very evidence of the Son of God in him if he does not hit back. When you are insulted, you must not only not resent it, but you must make it an opportunity to exhibit the Son of God in your life. And you cannot imitate the nature of Jesus— it is either in you or it is not. A personal insult becomes an opportunity for a saint to reveal the incredible sweetness of the Lord Jesus.

The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is not, "Do your duty," but is, in effect, "Do what is not your duty." It is not your duty to go the second mile, or to turn the other cheek, but Jesus said that if we are His disciples, we will always do these things. We will not say, "Oh well, I just can't do any more, and I've been so misrepresented and misunderstood." Every time I insist on having my own rights, I hurt the Son of God, while in fact I can prevent Jesus from being hurt if I will take the

blow myself. That is the real meaning of filling "up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ..." ([Colossians 1:24](#)). A disciple realizes that it is his Lord's honor that is at stake in his life, not his own honor. Never look for righteousness in the other person, but never cease to be righteous yourself. We are always looking for justice, yet the essence of the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is— Never look for justice, but never cease to give it.

### A Challenge for the Month



This comes from Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, on the occasion of Blessed Fr. McGivney's feast day—August 13<sup>th</sup>:

"This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home, perhaps using the prayer for his canonization."

Archbishop Lori adds, "An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one's own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less and others more. Fr. McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor."

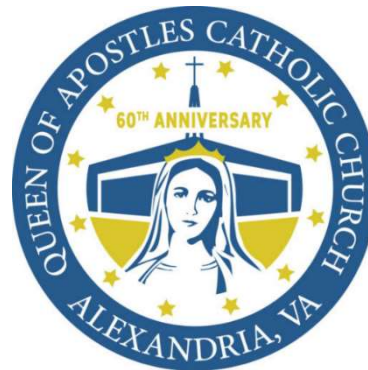
May the Knights of Council 4522 imitate Fr. McGivney's humility in our own lives.

### Casey Women's Club

Our next meeting day will be a luncheon on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be sent out soon. Bunco will be on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our Retiree luncheon/Bunco Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope all are having a wonderful & healthy summer.

God bless all!

Geri Owen VP (President)



## August 2023 Birthdays



Martin J Callaghan	08-03
Erik Michael Lucas	08-03
PGK Ronald J Plavchan, PhD	08-04
Sean D McGinley	08-07
PGK Robert E Kreider	08-16
Joachim E Mmassy	08-17
Maurice P Burnsworth	08-20
Philbert J Masele	08-20
Robert F McKinney	08-22
Marco A Saavedra	08-22
Robert James Lavelle	08-23
PGK Bernard Polanin	08-23
Stephen J Plavchan	08-24

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
60th ANNIVERSARY  
ALEXANDRIA, VA

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH 2023 festival**

**Saturday 08.19.23**  
12 noon - 10:30 pm

**Bilingual Mass 5:00 pm**

**Food & Drinks**

- American
- Hispanic
- Filipino
- Polish
- Beer Tent
- Delicious Pastries
- Iced Coffee

**Entertainment**

- Dancing
- Live Music
- Raffle and much more

**Fun for the Kids**

- Games
- Inflatables & more

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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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