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Monthly Newsletter

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**CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER****Friday, December 15th 6:30 PM**

Get your crock pots warmed up, the casserole recipes out and get prepared for this year's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. We'll gather with families, friends, old and young for an evening of unity, fraternity, great food and refreshments.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to SK Jean Roger Bion as to your attendance, number in your party AND what you will be bringing!! SK Roger can be reached at rogerbion05@gmail.com or at (202) 340-0339.

THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"Glory to God and Peace to His people on earth" – Luke 2:14.

This popular Bible verse, commonly referred to during the Christmas season, continues to resonate from generation to generation. Unfortunately, we continue to face a myriad of challenges—home and abroad—that call for concerted efforts by all of us to be Brothers of peace, Brothers of patience, Brothers of compassion, and Brothers of understanding and communication, all to ensure Luke's message becomes more relevant in our ever-turbulent world. It starts in our homes, in the Council, in the parishes and on the streets. Let it start with me. Let it start with you.

During this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us pray for an infusion of God's Grace and Power, bringing his kingdom into our homes, parishes, communities, workplaces and to humanity itself. Let us use this season to deepen our faith not only in God, but also in ourselves, our families, and our Brothers and Sisters.

From my family, Sue, Brett and our three "furkids", we wish you and your family a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and we pray that the new year be filled with much happiness and prosperity....and that we Keep Christ in Christmas throughout the year.

May God Bless us all! - GK Roger

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for December is a long time Knight of Council 4522, PGK and current 1st Year Trustee, Al Avellino. Until this year, Brother Al was the long time Chair of both the KCIC and KOVAR Programs. Looking to give Brother Al, the 3rd oldest member of the Pope John Paul II Council—as he is quick to point out—a break, new Chairs were appointed, but Brother Al wasn't done. While our first KCIC event at Queen of Apostles could have gone better (a subsequent second one did very well), Brother Al grew increasingly concerned about sales at St. Philip's and Epiphany of Our Lord, two other parishes we serve. With the approval of the Grand Knight, Brother Al loaded up the available KCIC

supplies and headed off first to the Epiphany of Our Lord one weekend, then St. Philip's the following weekend. In between, he had sold so much inventory, he had to make a personal visit to the District supplier to restock! Brother Al, virtually singlehandedly, has ensured a very successful KCIC program for the Council this year and has certainly helped, Keep Christ in Christmas! For his efforts this season—and many in the past, PGK Al Avellino is this month's Knight of the Month!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month are two of the Knight of the Month's long-time friends, Leo and Bernadette Weston. Brother (and current Worthy Inside Guard) Leo and Brother Al have combined over the years to sell thousands of dollars' worth of KCIC cards and equally impressive amounts in donations to KOVAR. Have a Knights' function that needs manpower? Brother Leo is the first to volunteer—and he fits most of the requests in between ushering at Queen of Apostles, ushering at the St. Pope John Paul II National Shrine, and of course his passion, as a docent at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport. Bernadette equals Brother Leo's passion for serving others, serving in various capacities at QofA such as a Eucharistic Minister. She can also be seen after many Masses collecting the candle donations and cheerfully visiting with parishioners young and old. The Westons exhibit kindness, patience, and humility in every setting and should be looked to as models when wondering how a good Knights of Columbus family should carry themselves and support the Order. Congratulations Weston family, as the Council's Family of the Month for December 2017.

ADORATION – BLESSED TO HAVE TIME WITH THE LORD

Back in August, our Chaplain, Fr. Vives, asked if the Council could provide adorers for one of the most difficult hours to cover during the week, Friday mornings at 2:00 AM. Of course, since we are "In solidarity with our Priests," we said yes. The Council has been receiving this blessing every Friday morning since mid-September, but the acknowledgement has

been overlooked—until now. Please be kind to Sir Knights Ray Venero, Jay Moore, Roger Bion, Carroll Glass, Patrick Okoronkwo and Roger Williams on Friday mornings as at least one of them had their sleep interrupted during the previous night to spend time with the Lord (and to relieve SK Joe Lynem, who bless him, covers a two-hour shift immediately before). Any Knight that wishes to participate in this blessed hour (or any other hour of adoration) is welcome!! Please contact Grand Knight Roger Williams at (703) 629-3239 or sbrog11@yahoo.com for further details.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

As the deadline for contributions to the Newsletter is the 20th of each month, the November edition went to press before a very busy end of October. Here is a quick synopsis of what most of you missed...Please rest assured, WE missed you at these events:

Membership Weekend, October 21st and 22nd



Our first Membership Drive of the fraternal year was held, as well as sales of Keep Christ in Christmas cards. Both events did well, but certainly could have gone better. We all came away with a great

deal of experience learned and looked forward to our next opportunities to do better.

Fr. Leopoldo Vives' 25th Anniversary of Priesthood, October 24th

In honor of our Chaplain's 25th Anniversary of Priesthood, the Council donated financially and physically to the parish's Anniversary Party, held in the Queen of Apostles School gymnasium. Members of the parish and the Council revamped the large gym into a beautiful reception area—and needed every bit of space as those that came to honor and celebrate with Father Leopoldo tripled the expected attendance! Knights tended the "refreshment" stands and became the de facto clean-up squad at the end of the evening.

Annandale Fall Parade, Saturday, October 28th

Sir Knights from Fr. Malloy Assembly, 1894's Color Corps, (including Council 4522 SKs Roger Williams, Carroll Glass, James Moore, Joseph King and Ray Venero) proudly led the annual Annandale Fall Parade in full regalia, carrying the colors of the United States, the Vatican, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Knights of Columbus. Participation in this event was especially important and gratifying this year, in that our very own Sir Knight and PGK, Richard Owen was the parade's Grand Marshal.



Queen of Apostles School's Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 28th

Council 4522 was especially busy on Saturday, not only leading the Annandale Parade, but then returning to the parish campus Saturday evening to cook hot dogs, brats and sausages in support of the Queen of Apostles School's Oktoberfest and "Trunk or Treat" event. SKs Roger Williams, Jean Roger Bion and Dennis Brown cooked hundreds of grilled meats, then assisted with the tear down and clean-up duties—resulting in a pleasant shout-out in the school's weekly paper, "Eagle Flyer."

Corporate Communion Mass and 5th Sunday Rosary, Sunday, October 29th

The dynamic last week of October concluded with what arguably could have been the Council's most important events—in some time—our first Corporate Communion Mass and our first 5th Sunday Rosary, both held at Queen of Apostles. Council Knights and their families filled the first four center pews at QofA. They prayed together, sang together and took communion together in a strong showing of unity and fraternity. Then, immediately after Mass, the Knights,

their families and approximately a quarter of the parishioners all gathered to pray the Rosary in honor of Priesthood Sunday. The rosary was led by our own SK and Chaplain, Fr. Leopoldo.

Christ House Charity Continues

On the second Tuesday, every other month, the Knights of Columbus #4522 are blessed and pleased to serve dinner to the needy and homeless at Christ House in Alexandria. On Tuesday, November 14,



2017, eight of our Knights, including our seminarian, Brian Vaccaro, (and a few wives) worked in unison to serve a hot meal of hot dogs and vegetables, potato salad and cookies for dessert to over 60 Alexandrians in need. This regularly scheduled service to others has been going on for nearly 15 years, first under the

watchful eye and direction of SK Dick Owen, PGK, PFN, FDD and most recently under PGK Carroll Glass' direction. Pictured above, Seminarian Brian Vaccaro readies refreshing ice tea for the diners.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Ask anyone what comes to mind when they think of Pope Francis, and most will point to his love for the poor. This concern for the least among us has been one of the hallmarks of his pontificate. It should come as no surprise, then, that he dedicated Nov. 19, 2017, as the first World Day of the Poor. There are many "world days" on the calendar of the Church, such as the World Day of the Sick, of Vocations, and of Marriage. Pope Francis has chosen to add this one as a permanent extension of the Jubilee of Mercy. Read more here:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/2017worlddayofthepoor/

A STAR IS BORN

Anyone who happened to pick up a copy of the Washington Post's Express on 11/14/2017 and glanced at the CFC ad at the bottom of page 3 will

recognize a familiar face from the Council. It's our own Bro. Joe Lipari who became the CFC poster boy for "People with Disabilities". Nice picture! Now that he has found a second career, perhaps we can use him as the 2018 KOVAR poster boy for our upcoming KOVAR campaign. Thanks Bro. Joe for your service to others and we can't wait to hear about your new fame during our next Retirees' Luncheon.

RECAP OF OUR MEMORIAL MASS

This year's memorial liturgy, once again celebrated by former Chaplain Fr. Philip Majka, was well attended. Although the Mass was for the souls of for deceased members of Pope John Paul II Council 4522, special emphasis was for those 12 members and former members who had died since last November's liturgical celebration:

PGK Charlie White, 3/17/1941 - 11/17/2016
 Carl F. Bachurski, 12/10/1918 - 11/30/2016
 Edward S. Petros, 3/15/1926 - 12/3/2016
 Joseph R. Adams, 1/19, 1921 - 12/22/2016
 Norbert T. Kidd, 12/12/1920 - 1/18/2017
 John J. "Jack" Delaney, 10/26,1921 - 5/8/2017
 Kendall J. Girard, 7/13/1938 - 5/13/2017
 Deacon Charles Coutu, 10/3/1927 - 7/8/2017
 FS John R. Williams, 10/19/1927 - 7/25/2017
 Telesphore Charland, 3/31/1921 - 7/27/2017
 John A. Scanga, 8/26/1919 - 8/2/2017
 Charles E. Wilkerson, 7/27/1938 - 9/10/2017

Fr. Majka's homily, based on the Gospel reading for the Mass (Mt. 5, 1-12) offered much food for thought on how we respond in our daily lives to Jesus' call to action. We would like to thank the Casey Women's Club, especially Geri Owen & Ethel Apostolico, for providing refreshments after the Mass.

TOWARD A MISSIONARY FAMILY: DECEMBER'S TOPIC – RECONCILIATION

Pope Benedict XVI pronounced the following words at the Mass in Nationals Park in April 2008: "The renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends on the renewal of the practice of Penance and the growth in holiness which that

sacrament both inspires and accomplishes." However, when the Pope spoke about the need for a renewal of this sacrament's practice, he wasn't speaking only about the need of receiving it, but the need we all have of living it to the fullest. He noted we always need to look at the way in which we celebrate it and reflect before the Lord—if we are making the most of this opportunity of Mercy.

Preparation? This sacrament cannot be isolated from the rest of our life. It is a part of a never-ending journey: "Authentic knowledge of the God of mercy, the God of tender love, is a constant and inexhaustible source of conversion, not only as a momentary interior act but also as a permanent attitude, as a state of mind" (John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia* 13). In this sense, the practice of a daily examination of conscience is an indispensable tool.

How do we celebrate it? It is beautiful to see families, or couples go to confession on the same occasion because it allows us to recognize that our sins are not individual sins, but that we offend God in others, and that we need our brothers and sisters in order to overcome our sins. St. John reminds us, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). We must not forget our particular vocation or state of life in our confessions because this is where God wants to bless us.

What is the next step? Finally, we must go out from this encounter with our Merciful Lord with a clear plan in mind, something concrete, doable and useful in our journey. How many times do we experience the frustration of always repeating the same confessions? Isn't it possible that we are missing this next step when we come out of the celebration?

If we want to bring God's mercy to our brothers and sisters, we must experience it ourselves first. A fruitful and regular celebration of this sacrament is an extraordinary beginning.

Blessing of the Month:

Encountering Mercy
 †
 God of love,
 give me the grace
 to reflect on my life
 with honesty and humility,
 to turn my heart to you,
 and to encounter
 your abundant mercy
 in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 Then, strengthened by your grace,
 help me to bring your mercy to others
 in acts of forgiveness,
 kindness and care,
 so they may experience
 your love through me.
 Amen

IMPORTANT DATES

Additional information is available elsewhere in this newsletter or on our website at www.kc4522.com.

December 2nd/3rd, Sat/Sun, Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales at Queen of Apostles

December 7th, Thursday, Officers' Meeting, 7:30 PM at the Council Home **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

December 8th, Friday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

December 13th, Wednesday, Council Meeting 7:30 PM at the Council Home Rosary starts at 7:10 PM

December 15th, Friday, Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at the Council Home, 6:30 PM

December 15th, Friday, Renewal Invoices for 2018 Membership Sent Out

December 18th, Monday, Casey 4522 Foundation :meeting at Council Home 7:30 p.m.

December 25th, Monday, Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ Christmas Celebration

December 29th, Friday, VA Hospital Visit, Martinsburg, WV

December 31st, Monday, New Year's Eve

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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Daniel W Zaharevich	12-01
Gerard A Souser Jr.	12-10
Msr George E Dobes	12-11
Charles J Hardardt	12-11
Brian D Vaccaro	12-18
Joseph M Cassano	12-21
Gelacio S Argawanon	12-23
Robert J Hluboky	12-25
Joseph F Lipari	12-25
Richard P Owen	12-28
Dr Laurent N Kabala	12-29
Michael J Sugar	12-31

WOMEN'S CASEY CLUB

Our November meeting was busy with many items on our agenda for November and December. President Connie distributed the CWC calendar of meeting dates through June, 2018. Ruth Brophy reported she has received orders for See's Candy; orders will be delivered December 14th. Marion Scaffidi is chairing the Women's Christmas Gift Bags, please bring your gift items and donation of \$5.00 to the December 14th meeting.

The CWC Christmas Party is Saturday, December 16, at 1:00 PM; our Super hostesses are Ethel, Geri, and Jean. Be sure to attend, bring your spouse/guest, enjoy good food, and mingle with friends in celebration of the birth of the Infant Jesus.

December member birthdays are Ethel Apostolico-9, Dorothy Fanucci and Louise Wilkerson-31. Birthday Blessings ladies!

The CWC will not host a retiree lunch in December.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Joyous Christmas!

Connie King, President

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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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