

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2018

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- Sat/Sun, Dec 1st/2nd – KCIC Card Sales, Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
Sat/Sun, Dec 1st/2nd – 4522 is Hosting the QofA monthly Sunday Social! We NEED HELP!
 Wednesday, Dec 5th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home
 Wednesday, Dec 12th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home
 Saturday, December 15th – Christmas Carols, 10:00 AM 101 S. Whiting St. Alexandria
 Saturday, December 15th – Council Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 PM
 Tuesday, December 25th – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!
 Sat/Sun, Dec 29th/30th – Consecration to the Holy Family, Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
 Sunday, December 30th – 5th Sunday Family Rosary, after the Noon Mass

Grand Knight's Message

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 in God, but also cultivate it in our families, and all our Brothers and Sisters. And the Venerable Fr. McGivney left us with a perfect recipe to follow while growing our faith and others: change a man's life for the better; deepen and enrich his faith; strengthen his family; and build better lives for those who so desperately need help.

On behalf of my lovely wife Sue, our son, 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

You might be familiar with a term used a great deal around this time every year, "Giving Tuesday." Immediately following "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday," it has been set aside to remind people to **give back** while getting caught up in the unfortunate commercialism of the upcoming Holy season. PGK and SK Brother Joseph Lynem embodies "Giving Tuesday" every day of the week—every week of the year! The first one to open his wallet for charity, the first one to volunteer (if he has time between all of his volunteer efforts), the first one with an encouraging word and I'm sure the first one with a prayer when needed—Brother Joe is an exemplary Knight, citizen and just kind person. Brother Joe could probably be the KOTM every month, but we'll use this "giving" month to *give* him the recognition he truly deserves, November's Knight of the Month! Congrats Brother Joe and thank you!

Family of the Month

The Kasenge Family is recognized as this month's Family of the Month. Charles (Charlie) Kasenge is a first degree Knight in our Council. Charlie and his wife, Audrey, stay very busy raising a family, supporting Queen of Apostles, and various community activities. Proud parents, Charlie and

Audrey, have four children: Jesse, age 12, a 7th grader at QofA Catholic School, Sophia, age 9, a 4th grader at QofA, Emily age 5, and Gianna age 2.

Audrey taught CCD the past 5 years and is now is a 6th and 7th grade social studies teacher at QofA. Charlie coaches 7th grade CYO boys basketball for QofA and leads the monthly open gym for high school and college students. The Kasenge family is also part of the QofA Bethany group. The Kasenge Family is a wonderful example of a strong Catholic family! Council 4522 is proud to honor them as the December Family of the Month! Congratulations!

Fourth Degree Exemplification



New SK Vincent Guevara poses with Faithful Navigator Carroll Glass

On Saturday, October 27th, 139 of our Brothers received the honors of the 4th Degree at an Exemplification held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles. Of those new Sir Knights, 16 of them are now members of Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly. We are especially proud of one of our own, the newest Sir Knight at Pope John Paul II Council, SK Vincent

Guevara! Congratulations Sir Knight Vincent! May God continue to Bless you and your family. May your dedication to the Council and the Order continue to be a beacon of light to current and future young Knights!

Moving on up??

Calling all 2nd Degree Brothers – You have another opportunity to rise in the ranks of the Order to Knighthood—January 26, 2019 in Fairfax, VA. ALL 2nd Degree Brothers are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this blessing. Each Degree provides a Knight with a stronger sense of fraternity and unity, increases their knowledge of the workings and proceedings of the Order, opens opportunities for leadership, and clears the way towards your ultimate goal, serving in the Patriotic (4th) Degree. Please contact GK Roger Williams, DGK Patrick Okoronkwo, or our Membership Director, Rich Lamarre, for more information.

Are you a federal retiree?

Did you know, that as a federal retiree, you can now contribute to your favorite charity through the Combined Federal Campaign—just as you did while working? And how wonderful would it be if you selected, KOVAR, as one of those charities? KOVAR’s CFC number is 42569. For more information, please visit: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> You can make your donations through January 11, 2019.



Defend Life: Caroling at Landmark Towers

On Saturday, December 15th, Catholics all around the country will gather outside abortion centers to sing Christmas Carols. We pray you will join us at the busiest abortion mill in the Diocese—right here in our backyard—Landmark Towers, 101 S. Whiting St. Alexandria, VA. Caroling (and hot chocolate) will start at 10:00 AM. Our hope is that the women who feel they have no other choice will be encouraged by our presence and know that their baby is a gift from God. One baby can and DID make a BIG difference—Jesus! Please contact SK Larry Cirignano at larryvote@gmail.com or at 202-306-6863 for more information.

March for Life 2019

Plans for March for Life 2019 are being finalized and our continued support is needed to make it a success. The theme for this year is **Unique from Day One - Pro-Life is Pro-Science**. Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, explained the theme, "At thirteen weeks, the baby has a fingerprint. Unique from day one. One hundred years ago our understanding of embryonic development and fetal development was very different than what it is now. We owe so many advances to medicine and science and technology, and they all continue to reaffirm the scientific fact and the truth: that life begins at fertilization, at conception. Pro-life is Pro-science." The March For Life, the world's largest annual civil rights demonstration, will focus on this theme because it is timely in framing the discussion that we are all "Unique from Day One." Our Council’s help is needed to have a successful March and spread this important message.

As in previous years, our Brother Virginia Knights of Columbus will be the marshals for the March. Knowing who and how many will be there is critically important. **Please take a minute to sign up using this link to the Sign Up Genius page, <https://tinyurl.com/KofC2019MFL>, so March representatives will know you are coming and supporting this life-saving event.**

March For Life will take place on Friday, January 18, 2019. You will note the starting location will be as last year, the National Mall at 12th Street, just off the Smithsonian-National Mall Metro Station. The new, earlier start time is to meet at 8:30 AM at the large Recreational Vehicle.

Please contact PGK Joe Lynem at plantyourdreams@msn.com for more information



Happy December Birthdays!

Daniel W. Zaharevich	12-01
Gerald A. Souser, Jr.	12-05
Mar George E Dobes	12-11
Charles J Hardardt	12-11
Rev. Franciso J O Conner	12-14
Brian D. Vaccaro	12-18
Joesph M Cassano	12-21
Gelacio S Argawanon	12-23
Robert J Hiuboky	12-25
Joseph F Lipari	12-25
PGK Richard Owen	12-28
Michael J. Sugar	12-31

Remembrance Mass



On November 14th, Fr. Leopoldo Vives celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass with over 30 Council Knights and/or family members in attendance. The Mass was celebrated at its new future location—Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Alexandria. The Mass, using scripture from the recent All Souls Day’s readings, recognized and remembered the following Brother Knights: Fred W. "Bill" Parkhurst, Francis G. Haas, John A. Banick, O.D., Michael J. Kelly, Peter P. Weidenbruch, Jr., Joseph A. Covas, Anthony J. Houck, Jr., Ernest W. Fitzgibbons, Frederick H. "Fred" Hundemer, Jr., Raymond J. Welch, Anthony J. "Tony" Valentic, William A. Campbell, Jr., David B. Finnegan, and Richard G. "Rich" Saunders. May our Brother Knights rest in peace and may God have mercy on their families and friends.

Soccer Challenge Final Results



As we reported last month, for the first time in a long time, Pope John Paul II Council fielded a District winner in the annual soccer challenge, Anthony Rodriguez (Age 12). We are very pleased to announce that our young champion continued his winning ways by finishing 1st Place in the State Regional contest (this year the State split the competition between Northern Virginia and the rest of the state). Anthony’s final score of 200 fell just short of the 230 posted by the state’s eventual winner in their age group. We hope to provide a picture of our Champion in next month’s edition of the Newsletter.

The Council is very proud of Anthony and wishes him the best in his future soccer “career!”



Christmas Dinner – December 15



Get your crock pots warmed up, the casserole recipes out and get prepared for this year's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner to be held at the **Council Home at 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 15th**. We'll

gather with families, friends, old and young for an evening of unity, fraternity and great food and refreshments. Please contact WDGK Patrick Okoronkwo at pokor22@gmail.com or at (734) 431-1275 for more details. He needs to coordinate what you are bringing and how much you can help out—pre or post dinner! Put it on your calendar now!!

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

This month we continue our pursuit in the knowledge of masculine love. Thus far we've learned that this "love" can be very beautiful, but for men's lives to shine with their beauty, these insights need to be made practical. What does masculine love look like in practice? What are the virtues that show forth genuine manly love?

In order to see how man is called to love in a masculine way, let's go to an example—and what better example is there other than Saint Joseph? After all, he taught Jesus what it meant to be a man according to his human nature. Saint Joseph's holy, masculine, virtuous life can be summarized under four titles: fatherhood, chaste love, obedience, and action. Want to know more? Be part of the continued "learning experience" at the Monthly Council Meeting, December 12th at 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

Casey Women's Club

Thank you GK Roger Williams for attending our meeting and giving the women an understanding of the Council's fundraiser of *Coats for Kids* a worthy cause.

If you have not paid your dues for this year, be sure to send your check to Ruth Zirkle or Ethel Apostolico.

The See's Candy fundraiser is underway! Orders are due no later than 7 December to either Ruth Brophy or Ruth Zirkle. Get your orders in early; delivery is 18 December, just in time for Christmas.

Marion Scafidi reminded members to bring their donations of personal items for the 'adult woman of the home' and a \$5.00 cash donation for additional items to complete the gift bags. Marion will accept all donations at our December 13th meeting.

Peggy Puritan is doing it again—as Chair for our Christmas Party! She has a caterer who is preparing a delicious menu for us. Cost is \$5.00 per person payable at the door. **We will have a short meeting at Noon with lunch served at 1:00 PM**

There will not be a Retiree Lunch in the month of December.

December birthdays are: Ethel Apostolico/9th, Dorothy Fanucci and Lucille Wilkerson/31st. Happy Birthday ladies, may you have many more!

T'is the Season to Rejoice and be Glad! Happy Christmas to all.

Connie King, President

Reminder

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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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