

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2019

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

ADVENT starting Sunday, December 1st

Wednesday, Dec 4th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Sat/Sun, Dec 7th/8th – KCIC Card Sales, Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Wednesday, Dec 11th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Saturday, December 14th – Council Christmas Dinner, 6:30 PM Council Home

Wednesday, December 25th – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!

Sunday, December 29th – Corporate Communion, Noon Mass @ QofA

Sunday, December 29th – 5th Sunday Family Rosary, after the Noon Mass

Tuesday, Dec 31st – New Year's Eve

Wednesday, Jan 1st – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Grand Knight's Message

The celebrations have begun! I trust you had a delightful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. My family and I wish you and your family a very "Merry Christmas." As you prepare for the season, please keep in mind what Christmas is all about. Don't let shopping take over Christmas. You are a Catholic gentleman. Be true to your faith, celebrate with the birth of Christ, our Lord, and Savior. You said that you're a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See! Now is the time to be that Catholic gentleman in the season.

We need your time and effort the weekend of December 7&8, 2019, for Coats for Kids drive and Keep Christ in Christmas. We will need to collect donations of \$500 or more for the weekend and move as many Christmas cards as possible. We are very behind in the amount we need for the RSVP, which we usually get from Keep Christ in Christmas card. Please make an effort to cover one Mass either on Saturday, December 7, or Sunday, December 8.

The Corporate Communion is scheduled for Sunday, December 29, 2019, at noon Mass followed with the Rosary. You and your family's participation are needed. The season offers us an opportunity to show the unity and fraternalism amongst Knights' families as we come together to attend Mass and pray the Rosary once a quarter. Please wear your Knight Gear or name tags.



Our Council's Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, starting at 6:30 pm at the Council Hall. Bring your family and friends, especially children, and a dish to pass. The drinks and special egg nog will be provided.

May I use this opportunity to honor the brothers and families that attended the Remembrance Mass on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, as well as the Funeral Mass for late brother Joe Barnoski on Saturday, November 23! Our Chaplain Fr. Juan and the Barnoski family were very happy for Council 4522 representation at the Mass. I continue to be humbled at your services, support, and activities. Fr. Michael McGivney and our patron saint St. Pope John Paul II will be proud of all your efforts and activities.

One more thing, brothers, if you will be around during the Christmas season, Queen of Apostles parish will need assistance serving as ushers, greeters, and other ministries that will provide you opportunities to "give." I am calling on brother Knights to see to it that the parish does not lack in covering the different roles needed during the season.

The end of the month will complete the first half of the fraternal year, yet our recruitment of new Knights lags behind. Each of us, brother Knights of Council 4522, is encouraged to recruit at least one member before the end of the fraternal year. I am calling on you brothers, to make this goal fulfilled. We all need to put a little more effort in making and exceeding this goal.

We have an officers' and directors' meeting on Wednesday, December 4th and the general membership meeting on Wednesday, December 11th. The Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th, 7:00 pm at Queen of Apostles. The 4th degree Color Corps will gather at 6:30 pm. Thank you!

Fraternally,
Patrick Okoronkwo
Grand Knight

Knight of the Month

The Council recognizes Brother Daniel Penrose as our December Knight of the Month. A former editor of this very newsletter, Brother Dan has returned as a contributing "reporter," taking us through the life of our patron namesake, Pope John Paul II. Additionally, Dan is our Worthy Lecturer this fraternal year—and a very good one at that. Each month he captures his brothers' attention with very interesting and dramatic lessons.

Brother Dan can check, "Have you recruited one Knight this year" off his list as he is responsible for helping Brother Tom Tennant find his way to the Council. Always willing to help, regardless of the need, Brother Dan makes his selection as December's Knight of the Month an easy one! Congratulations Brother Dan!

Family of the Month

We are pleased to announce, Pat and Mary Moran, stalwarts at Queen of Apostles, as the Council's December Family of the Month.

For over 40 years, Pat and Mary have led the Rosary after 8:00 am Mass on Saturdays at Queen of Apostles—special prayers on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays and every 3rd Saturday leading prayer vigils at the local abortion mill.

In addition, Pat leads a group for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays, helps with a group for money counting, is an Eucharistic minister visiting the home bound and ushers as needed. Mary teaches catechism and helps at the school. Pat and Mary also help run Vacation Bible School. They are daily communicants and are always friendly, gregarious and happy to see you.

The Council is proud to recognize Pat and Mary Moran as our December 2019 Family of the Month! May God continue to bless them both!

Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!



Just a quick note to remind you now that the 2020 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming due in Mid-January 2020! *Unlike in the past*, if you have an email address on file, you will only get an email

assessment notice—you will not get a paper "bill." Emailing the assessments will continue to save the Council more money in postage and supplies. You are strongly encouraged to validate your current email OR send us a new/latest email to the Financial Secretary, Roger Williams, at jpji4522@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15th, so look for your notifications sometime soon thereafter and be ready to remit your dues immediately. Each year, we spend an enormous amount of time and effort tracking down tardy payments. Time and resources would be much better spent on spreading the Lord's Word and performing acts of mercy. And remember, whether you pay or not—the Council still must pay your share to both the Virginia State Council, Supreme, and Right to Life activities. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!!

Christmas Dinner, December 14th!



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 14th**. We'll gather with

families, friends, old and young for an evening of unity, fraternity and great food and refreshments. Please contact WGK 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!



Remembrance Mass



On November 13th, Fr. Juan Espino, our Worthy Chaplain, celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass with over 30 Council Knights and/or family members in attendance. The Mass was celebrated at 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: William Ussher, Vincent Schill, James Kemble, Richard Owen, Norbert Phillips, Gerard Welch, Joseph Barnoski and all other Brother Knights inscribed in our Council's Book of the Dead.

May our Brother Knights rest in peace and may God have mercy on their families and friends.

A Christmas Gift: Peace of Mind

A recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured.

So, what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, *Faith and Fraternalism*, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does

life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown—that's where I can help.

Prayers for a glorious Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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 12, 2020.

Football Frenzy WINNER!

Did you buy any Football Frenzy Tickets this year?? If not, you should have! Look what can happen! We have a winner in the Council—FS Roger Williams won \$50...so far. Just one ticket at \$10 keeps you in the game all season long. Now you have to wait until next year, but remember next year.... "You have to play to win!" Also remember, all proceeds go towards Virginia Catholic charities...a WIN for everyone!



Casey Women's Club

We had an interesting and active meeting in November, all members were openly involved in discussions on the Agenda items.

Ruth Brophy and Ruth Zirkle are again co-chairing our Christmas fundraiser of See's Candy. Flyers were passed around at the meeting. Orders are due by 7 December with delivery due 17 December. Super Christmas gifts! Get your orders in early to either Ruth.

Two Christmas donations were approved: 1) \$240 for Coats for Kids, sponsored by the John Paul II Council and 2) St. Gabriel Food Bank - 15 Giant Gift Cards.

Our Christmas Party is Thursday, December 2nd at 1:00 P.M. Geri Owen and Ethel Apostolico are the hostesses (they always do a great job.) President Connie sent an invitation to GK Patrick and Mrs. Okoronkwo, GK Patrick will attend. Come One and All and share in the Celebration of the Season – The Birth of Jesus! GK Patrick has invited the CWC women to their party at the Council Home, Saturday, December 14th @ 6:30 P.M.

Happy Birthday to our December ladies: Ethel Apostolico – 9th, Dorothy Fanucci and Ruth Zirkle – 31st, “Blessings on you.”

No Retiree lunch in December.

May the Christ Child bestow His Blessings of Health, and Happiness on all.

Connie
Connie King, President

The Life of Saint John Paul II (Continued)

Pope John Paul II played a large part in the second Vatican Council. There were a few factors in his pre-ordained life and the early part of his priesthood that formed his approach toward the roles of laity and clergy.

Two short weeks after his ordination on All Saints Day in 1946, the young priest Karol Wotyla was sent to Rome to begin his graduate theological studies. Wotyla traveled to Belgium, France, and Holland during his time in Rome studying theology. During his travels, he noted the ever-growing disparity between the great gothic cathedrals of Western Europe and a population quickly losing its Catholic identity in the post war years.

In France, he visited Ars the home of St. John Vianey and was inspired to commit himself to the reception of confessions and started to think the way to revitalizing Catholicism in the post war era was an engaged and inspired laity. While also in France he was exposed to the French Priest Worker movement. This movement saw priests leaving the rectory to live the same life of their parishioners as workers as well as ministers. Wotyla thought this closeness and experience necessary to bring the church closer to its flock. He also drew on his personal experiences during the Occupation working at the Solvay chemical plant and quarry. These experiences allowed him to experience the hard work of living "from the inside" and shape his future theological views.

Next month we will reflect on his early years and university ministry.

Come Sing Christmas Carols – Because, One Baby Changed Everything!

Please join us for Christmas caroling at the local Abortion mill—5999 Stevenson Ave in Alexandria right across from the old location at Landmark Towers. It's part of a national Effort!

<https://prolifeaction.org/action/caroling/>

Caroling will begin Saturday, December 21, 2019 @ 9:00 AM immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass at Queen of Apostles. We will have Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Donuts. It's not a crime to sing out loud. *Remember: One baby changed everything!*



Happy December Birthdays!

Daniel W Zaharevich	12-01
Gerard A Souser Jr.	12-10
Ms. George E Dobes	12-11
Charles J Hardardt	12-11
Rev. Francisco J O Conner	12-14
Brian D Vaccaro	12-18
Gelacio S Argawanon	12-23
Robert J Hluboky	12-25
Joseph F Lipari	12-25
Michael J Sugar	12-31

And GLORIOUS Birthday wishes to **Brother Joseph Cassano, who will turn 100 years young** on December 21st! May God continue to Bless Brother Joe!

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<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/liberty-life-family/culture-of-life.html>

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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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