

The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2020

Important Dates This Month

Wednesday, Dec 2nd – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM
 Sat/Sun, Dec 5th/6th – KCIC Card Sales and Coats for Kids Collection, Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
 Wednesday, Dec 9th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM (Rosary at 7:05 PM)
 Friday, December 25th – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!
 Sunday, December 27th – Feast of the Holy Family/KofC Consecration to the Holy Family
 Thursday, Dec 31st – New Year's Eve
 Friday, Jan 1st – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! THANK GOD!!

Grand Knight's Message

We have come to the end of the first half of the fraternal year. Throughout these six months, we were not able to carry out most of the events and activities on our calendar. It was not that we did not want to, rather, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are indeed grateful and thank God Almighty that we have not lost a member from the COVID-19. Brothers, it is not over yet. I know we are getting tired and the monotony is taking a hold of us—please do not let your guard down. Stay focus and prayerful. Use the weapon that was given to you on the day you became a Knight to fight. It is also the greatest weapon we Catholics have. With the Rosary, we shall win the war.

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, we held monthly Officers and Directors' meetings virtually on Zoom. The Council Officers were installed; we participated in the quarterly Corporate Communion, sold Keep Christ in Christmas Cards, and collected donations for Coats for Kids. Our members in support of helping our Neighbors found creative ways to support Christ House without missing the regular schedules. The Remembrance Mass was held, Council members served as lectors, ushers, and several other activities in support of the Parish Community. Other activities included third-degree brothers proceeding to complete the Patriotic degree thus earning the title "Sir Knight." Soccer Challenge, poster and essay contests were all conducted. Council 4522 members showed that with God anything is possible.

Now, that we know the Pandemic could not hold us back in everything, I suggest we formulate what other activities we know we can safely conduct without risking the safety of any brother or family member. I am hereby

soliciting all ideas from the membership. Review the calendar of activities posted on our website and ask yourself what can be done to hold the event safely and what role you are willing to play in the success of the event. In the Mighty name of our Lord and Savior, I am hoping that we shall end the second part of the fraternal year with a potluck dinner or picnic.

Since we may not be able to attend a religious retreat in this fraternal year, we will be exploring how we may have a council-wide spiritual prayer event to help rejuvenate us. The chances of choosing and praying a Novena to enrich ourselves seem more promising especially as we have two major Catholic events ahead of us – Lenten season and Easter period. May I ask that you consider championing this spiritual activity! Under the Faith in Action, we are called to Evangelize. One of the ways to evangelize especially as a family is a participation in Keep Christ in Christmas. The Fraternal Leader Advisory vol. 16 stated that Knights evangelize by focusing on the true reason for the Christmas season, Jesus Christ, through a variety of activities under keep Christ in Christmas Program. You may consider participating in collecting or donating money for Coats for Kids. Selling or purchasing KCIC cards. You may also encourage your family and neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving.

My family and I wish you and your family a very Merry and safe Christmas.

Fraternally,
Patrick Okoronkwo



Knight of the Month

Brother Daniel Amadi returns as the Knight of the Month, the second time in three months! A 3rd degree Knight, Daniel works passionately collecting donations for Coats for Kids and KOVAR. Daniel is a natural at asking people to donate. During the weekend of Oct 10th/11th, Brother Daniel helped set up the KCIC table and collected donations after all SEVEN Masses...then helped take everything down and put it back in storage mid Sunday afternoon. Daniel always has a kind word and is willing to help one and all. God Bless you Brother Daniel and congratulations!

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is that of 3rd Degree Brother Knight Eric T Sanchez! The Council's newest Knight, Brother Eric and his family, wife Lucia, son Ian and daughter Kiara, were already deeply involved in many aspects of parish life including the Hispanic Ministry and Right to Life activities. One of Brother Eric's first



opportunities to participate in Council activities was the October's KCIC sales and Coats for Kids solicitation. Not only did Eric step right in like a veteran, Knight-in-training, Ian, donned a KofC Volunteer t-shirt and showed us all how to solicit! Thank you Sanchez family! Welcome to the Council and congratulations on being this month's Family of the Month!

Council Degree Team Needed!!

The Council has been asked by the State Council and the District Deputy to have a Degree Team ready to provide new prospective Knights with an exemplification of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees by February 2021. While incoming Catholic gentlemen can view the exemplification virtually at regular intervals via Zoom or OnDemand, leadership feels our newest members would get more of the true meaning of being a Knight of Columbus, if installed by their Brother Knights in the

Council, and thus becoming a Council Knight at the same time as well.

We are looking for at least current 3rd Degree Knights to serve in the following positions:

- Presiding Officer (Serves as Master of Ceremonies)
- Presenter on Charity (Teaches the Lesson on Charity and delivers the discourse on the rosary)
- Presenter on Unity (Teaches the Lesson on Unity)
- Presenter on Fraternity (Teaches the Lesson on Fraternity)
- Warden (Guides the Candidates)
- Investing Officer (Presents rosaries and lapel pins to the Candidates) *The Grand Knight or highest-ranking officer in attendance typically fills this role.*

Memorization of the provided scripts is no longer required. Robes have been retired and the entire ceremony is open to all family members and friends. The exemplification itself is less than 45 minutes. This is a great opportunity "give back" to those that are following in your footsteps!

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Grand Knight Patrick Okoronkwo at (734) 431-1275 or pokor22@gmail.com or FS Roger Williams at (703) 629-3239 or sbrog11@yahoo.com.



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 jpii4522@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!!

Remembrance Mass



On November 16th, Fr. Alex Diaz, our Worthy Chaplain, celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass with nearly 20 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: Robert Molseed (55 yr. Knight), Alfred Moreau (47 yr. Knight) and William Cleary (70 yr. Knight) and all other Brother Knights inscribed in our Council's Book of the Dead.

May our Brother Knights rest in peace and may God show mercy to their families and friends.

A Christmas Gift: Life Insurance

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."

Blessed 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!

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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 and many more available Catholic centric charities, please visit: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> You can make your donations through January 12, 2020.

ACCA Winter Outerwear Drive



Please drop off donations of winter outerwear on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. until noon, at the ACCA Furniture Warehouse located on the campus of Annandale United Methodist Church next to the little white church at 6935 Columbia Pike in Annandale.

Clothes collected during this drive will be shared with local day laborers, the children and families of the ACCA Child Development Center, and residents of the Baileys Shelter. Donations should be winter jackets, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, gloves, scarves and wool pullover hats for men, women, and children of all sizes. *Please avoid dress attire (overcoats, shirts, suits) and other things.*

Donations should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags and sorted and labeled with the quantity, type of clothing and sizes enclosed. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask when you arrive at the warehouse. Help us out by sharing this with your friends and neighbors. Thank you for your generosity.

The Spirit of Christmas



As a tumultuous year wraps up, Advent has arrived to help remind us of the many blessings in our lives. While we will undoubtedly get bombarded with advertisements urging us to focus on the material aspects of the holiday season, it is important for us to keep the true spirit of Christmas alive in our homes, schools, communities and parishes. Whether its volunteering at a soup kitchen, spending more time in thoughtful prayer, or buying Christmas gifts for less fortunate children, we should remind our friends and family about the spiritual significance of Christmas, as well as our responsibility to ensure others have a happy holiday season.

Please visit [KofC website](#) to see how you can support Christ's message this Christmas.

Casey Women's Club

The birth of Christ is the reason of Christmas. May His Love and Goodness bring you Blessings and Health! We pray for all to be Well, Safe, and an end to the pandemic soon.

The flyers for See's Candy are in the mail. Please complete your order and mail it to Ruth Zirkle. This is an easy way to purchase your Christmas gift list...no shopping in stores and nicely gift-wrapped.

The Officers are studying ways we can meet again, we miss all of you.

Past November Birthdays: Lieana Stone - 12th, Lenore Principato - 22nd and Ruth Zirkle - 30th. Blessings for a Happy Birthday all Year!

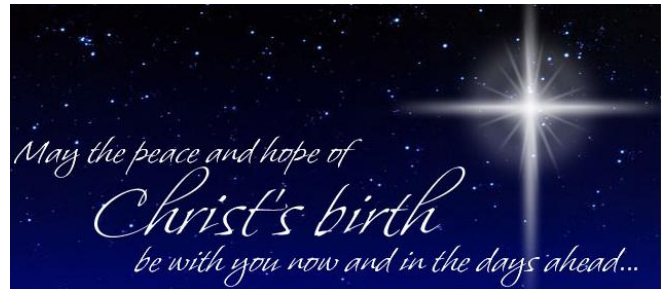
Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, we pray to you for our country!

God's Blessings be with you,
Connie King, President



December Birthdays!

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| Gerard A Souser Jr | 12-10 |
| Most Rev. George E Dobes | 12-11 |
| Rev. Francisco J O'Conner | 12-14 |
| Brian D Vaccaro | 12-18 |
| Joseph M Cassano | 12-21 (101 yrs old!!) |
| Gelacio S Argawanon | 12-23 |
| Robert J Hluboky | 12-25 |
| Joseph L Lipari | 12-25 |
| Michael J Sugar | 12-31 |



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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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