

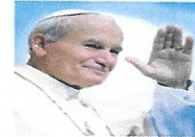
# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## Monthly Newsletter

December 2021

### Important Dates This Month

- Wednesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM  
 Wednesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Hybrid (Rosary at 7:05 PM)  
**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 4522 Council Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner, 6:00 PM**  
 Queen of Apostles/Hannan Hall  
 Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Festival, 5:00 – 10:00 PM  
 Queen of Apostles Catholic Church  
 Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!  
 Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family/KofC Consecration to the Holy Family  
 Friday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve  
 Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! THANK GOD!!

### Grand Knight's Message

I would like to officially welcome three new members to St. John Paul II Council. Max Mitchell, Mike Lenn, and Marco Saavedra received their combined exemplification in person at Queen of Apostles on November 10th. This was the Council's first time hosting the Combined Exemplification—and first hosted degree in recent memory. I would like to express my thanks to all the Brother Knights of the council who helped make that possible, Marc Bion (altar server and son of SK Jean-Roger), and our Chaplain for the evening, Fr. Joseph Rampino (who also received his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees). Also, special thanks this month to Brother Tom Tennant and his daughter Molly, for their assistance with the grill during the re-scheduled Q of A fall festival.

The men of this council have done well thus far this fraternal year and are deserving of our thanks. Brother Marco Saavedra speaks Spanish—further increasing our numbers and continuing our outreach to that community of Catholic gentleman. We hosted the aforementioned combined exemplification in November in conjunction with our yearly remembrance mass—and are making steady progress towards a permanent home on the Q of A campus. All these items have been accomplished through the hard work and dedication of this council's members, and all three were goals I stated when the fraternal year began in July. You should be proud of your achievements thus far, as I am certainly proud of all of you.



The Council will hold its Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Q of A's newly renovated, Hannan Hall. The meal will be potluck, so please bring a favorite dish to share. We will provide further details via email.

Fraternally,  
GK Dan Penrose

### Knight of the Month

A truly deserving Knight, Brother Daniel Amadi returns as the Knight of the Month. Daniel has worked passionately collecting donations for Coats for Kids over the last 6 weeks—helping set up before Saturday's Vigil Mass, then returning and staying all day on Sundays for all the Masses—before helping to take everything down Sunday afternoons! Brother Daniel is instrumental in ensuring the Council meets its goal of providing warm coats to needy children each year! 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 Council is proud to recognize the Tennant family as the November Family of the Month. Brother Tom Tennant, wife, Deirdre, and daughter, Molly, all pitched in and helped GK Dan prepare a few grills full of hot dogs for Queen of Apostles School's rescheduled Fall Festival. Seemingly, fall came quickly, as they had to cook under a single parking lot light, in the cold, without the usual trappings of Hannan Hall—as it was still under renovations and unusable. But, as Knights (and their families) typically do, we stepped up and answered the call! Congratulations to the Tennant family!

**Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!**



Just a quick note to remind you now that the 2022 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming due in Mid-January 2022! If you have an email address on file, you will only get an email assessment notice—

you will not get a paper “bill.” PLEASE ensure your email service will accept incoming emails from [no-reply@kofc.org](mailto:reply@kofc.org)!!! Scan your spam folder if you haven’t seen your invoice by mid-January 2022! Emailing the assessments continues to save the Council thousands 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](mailto:jpii4522@gmail.com) and/or [sbrog11@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrog11@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>!**



Get your crock pots warmed up, the casserole recipes out and get prepared for this year’s Christmas Potluck Dinner to be held at the **Queen of Apostles’ Hannan Hall at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We’ll gather with families, friends, old and young for an evening of unity, fraternity and great food and refreshments. Please contact PGK Patrick Okoronkwo at [pokor22@gmail.com](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Joseph Rampino, QofA’s parochial vicar, celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass with over 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: SK John Battaglia, PGK Carl Castle, Joseph Cassano (101 yrs old), Joseph Mainey, PGK Joseph Roney, Phillip Schulte, PGK John Wenderoth, SK Leo Weston (62 yrs as a 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.

**Council 4522, District 15 -Combined Exemplification**

Council 4522 held its first Combined Exemplification Ceremony on November 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately after our Annual Remembrance Mass, at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. Three new Knights received their combined “degrees” and Fr. Rampino, the acting Chaplain, received his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees as well. Performing the exemplification in person and in church made the entire ceremony and occasion much more enriching for everyone, new Knights and presenters alike—let’s pray virtual exemplifications are now behind us. We welcome our new Brothers, Max Mitchell, Mike Lenn, and Marco Saavedra. Special thanks to the Council’s presenters (Officers) and especially to District 15 Deputy, John Knox, who presented the rosaries and pins to the new Knights as the Investing Officer.



L to R Front Row: Max Mitchell, Mike Lenn, DD15 John Knox, Marco Saavedra; Back Row: SK Vincent Guevara, SK John Cosgayon, GK Dan Penrose, SK Roger Williams, Fr. Joseph Rampino

**Just 15 minutes a day...**

*Martin Oppus, Worthy Lecturer*

Advent is upon us, and so are the multitude of reflections, books and essays on it. As the beginning of our new church year, as well as the season leading up to our Lord’s birth, the richness of this season cannot be understated, and I encourage each of you to add a reflection on Advent to your daily routine.

While I, myself, was initially tempted to write a reflection on Advent, I was instead drawn to writing about what has been frequently referred to as our weapon of choice: the rosary. As Knights, we each receive a rosary as part of our induction—and for good reason. For hundreds of years - through saints, mystics and by our Blessed Mother herself – we have been encouraged and urged to pray the rosary. This enduring and distinctive representation of our Catholic faith is more than just a symbol. With discipline, like any healthy habit, praying it brings us closer to Jesus himself – and serves to cultivate our roles as men.

Like so much of our Catholic faith, our communion with God involves every aspect of our being. Our body and spirit are intertwined – which is why we cannot just leave our spirituality just for the Mass. We must actually live our faith out every moment of the day. The humble rosary is a gentle yet powerful reminder of that. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, the rosary “involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual, and in that order.” In it, we verbally pray, mentally reflect and physically respond (through the rosary beads in our hands) to the entirety of Jesus’ everlasting presence, while invoking our Blessed Mother.



The origins of the rosary are hard to pinpoint. Like many religious traditions, it is believed that beads were used by illiterate, lay religious brothers to keep track of commonly used prayers (remember that for most of mankind’s history, most of humanity was illiterate). Tradition holds that around the 12th century, St. Dominic evangelized and institutionalized the rosary in the recognizable form which we use to this day. Its popularity as a devotion increased dramatically in the 1500s – around the period that the Muslim Turks were attempting to conquer Europe. In the battle of Lepanto in 1571 – which is still frequently viewed by historians as one of the great turning points in Western history – the praying of the rosary played a prominent role. Indeed, Pope Pius V instituted the feast of “Our Lady of Victory” because of the naval victory of Lepanto.

I urge every one of my brother Knights to start or keep on praying the rosary every day. It’s 15-20 minutes of your day that will create fruits in this life and beyond.



### The Spirit of Christmas



As another 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.

### 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 7, 2022.

**Casey Women's Club**

The November meeting was held on Thursday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. A card from Marion Scaffidi was read - thanking Ethel & Peggy for all the work in organizing our 60th anniversary and for all the members & family attending to make it such a success.

Also noted was the article in the Catholic Herald about the anniversary and Marion (found [here](#)) who was instrumental in starting the club at the request of the Grand Knight.

Our See's Candy Fund raiser is a go. All orders must be into Ruth Zirkle by Dec 3rd. Expect delivery on Dec. 14th. There will be no Retiree Luncheon in December, but we will resume in January 2022.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>—we will have a social luncheon at Tempo restaurant! This will be a self-pay event. You may bring a guest. Please notify Ethel Apostolico 703 941-1079 by Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> if you intend to participate so reservations can be made.

Please pray for our member, Ileana Stone, (wife of SK Sandi Stone) who passed away in Puerto Rico recently.

December Happy Birthdays - Ethel Apostolico and Dorothy Fanucci

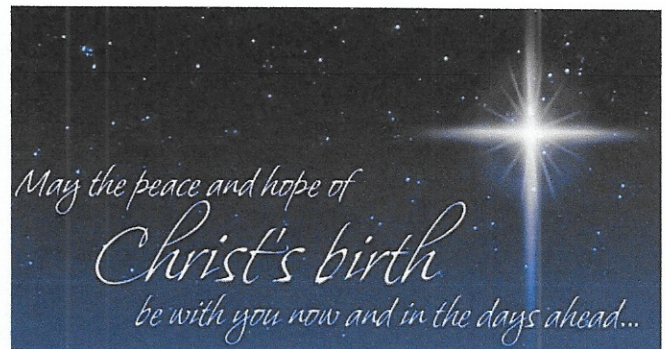
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Geri Owen, VP



**December Birthdays!**

Gerard A Souser Jr	12-10
Most Rev. George E Dobes	12-11
Chris Hubbard	12-13
Rev. Francisco J O'Conner	12-14
Brian D Vaccaro	12-18
Gelacio S Argawanon	12-23
Robert J Hluboky	12-25
Joseph L Lipari	12-25



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**QUEEN OF APOSTLES**  
FIRST ANNUAL



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
CHURCH FRONT PARKING LOT  
4401 SANO STREET, ALEXANDRIA  
5:00 TO 10:00 PM  
BILINGUAL MASS AT 5:00 PM

WE'LL HAVE CHRISTMAS CAROLING, PETTING ZOO, BONFIRES, LIVE  
NATIVITY SCENE, FOOD AND LOTS OF FUN!

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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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