

# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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## Monthly Newsletter

December 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM  
 Sat/Sun, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – KCIC Card Sales and Coats for Kids Collection, Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES  
 Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - Council Christmas Dinner/Party, 6:00 PM  
 Potluck Dinner, Hannan Hall, QofA  
 Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - Coats for Kids and Christmas Basket Delivery to PSSJ  
 Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Hybrid  
 Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!  
 Saturday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve  
 Sunday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! THANK GOD!!

### Grand Knight's Message

Merry Christmas! This is the last newsletter for 2022, and it has been a good year for the council. I would like to thank all of you for making this year a success, let's finish the year strong. We have lots going on in December.

First off, we will have our final round of Christmas Card sales on the weekend of December 3 and 4 after all masses and at the Sunday Social at Queen of Apostles. The plan for this weekend is to have a table upstairs in the narthex of the church as well as one downstairs at the Sunday social, this means we will need a minimum of 2 knights (one at each table) for after the Sunday 8AM, 10AM, and noon masses. We have done well with sales, and especially with Coats for Kids collection this year. Thank you so much for your hard work on behalf of the seminarians of Arlington as well as local deserving children.

Our council Christmas party will be December 10th @ 7 PM in Hannan Hall. It will be a potluck with plenty of delicious food provided by your fellow Knights, the council will provide adult and soft drinks. Please RSVP with your dish via the following link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B44A5AB2DA3FE3-council1>

There will also be door prizes, and best of all an evening of fellowship with our brother Knights and their families.

Our final activity of the year will be the Christmas Baskets through the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. You will receive additional information from me via email as the plans for this firm up. If you are interested in helping,

please contact Brothers Danny Restivo  
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Merry Christmas and God Bless,

God Bless,

Daniel Penrose  
 Grand Knight, Council 4522



### Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for November is Brother Sanford "Sandy" Stone. Brother Sandy helped admirably with serving the needy at Christ House in November. His service and dedication are an example to all the Knights in the council, and we are happy to honor him with the November Knight of the Month selection.

### Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for November is Brother Martin Oppus and his wife Sonia. Brother Martin's commendable service reaches all the way back into the last weekend of October where he helped with the Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) card sales. He and his wife both followed this with service to the local needy at Christ House, and subsequently organized and undertook the annual Remembrance Mass for all the deceased Knights of our Council with the assistance of his wife. All the while brother Martin kept the Adoration schedule for the council and his wife served as the coordinator for the entire parish. We congratulate Brother Martin and his wife on this busy month for them and would like to honor them both with the Family of the Month award for November.

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



Just a quick note to remind you now, that the 2023 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.” 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](mailto:jpii4522@gmail.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 notices 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!!

**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 15, 2023.

**Remembrance Mass**



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Alex Diaz, our Worthy Chaplain, celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass with 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: Neil Bingaman, Jean Graziani, and Mervin Daly—all Honorary Lifetime members—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 their families and friends.

**A Christmas Gift: Life Insurance and introducing our NEW FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL (Field Agent)**

A survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that 60% of Americans have life insurance, but on the other hand, over half of those were 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.

Most don’t want to think about life insurance, much less buy it, but you should 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!

With that said, our General Agent, The Abbate Agency, has assigned PGK Carlos Perez, Jr. as our new Financial Professional (aka Field Agent). Brother Perez is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Professional with prior experience in the industry. He is a Past Grand Knight (Fr Sikora Council 7992) and an Army Veteran.

His goal is to help you and your families identify financial solutions to achieve your goals and attain financial security. He works full-time out of The Abbate Agency's Fairfax Office. Brother Carlos' contact information can be found below. Please keep it handy!!

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**March for Life 2023**

Plans for March for Life 2023 are being finalized and our support is needed to make it a success. Our goal is to enlist at least three volunteers to help marshal the March for Life. Having enough, at least 100, marshals is important to having a safe event. For decades Virginia Knights have stepped up to marshal, directing Marchers and helping avoid counter-protesters.

This March for Life marks two important milestones: the 50<sup>th</sup> March for Life and the First Post-Roe March for Life. The theme for this year is *Next Steps: Marching Forward in a Post-Roe America!* Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life explained the theme, "Vital to our strategic "Next Steps" is continuing to boldly march each year in Washington, D.C. This year, rather than marching to the steps of the Supreme Court, where we have for decades asked our highest Court's Justices to undo the destructive decision that was *Roe v. Wade*, we will now march to a new front in our battle for life, the steps of the United States Capitol. We must tirelessly build a culture of life on Capitol Hill, and advocate for the advancement of federal pro-life policies."

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 "*Next Steps: Marching Forward in a Post-Roe America!*" Your help is needed to have a successful March and spread this important message.

Please take a minute to sign up using this link to the Sign-Up Genius page, <https://tinyurl.com/KofC2023MFL>. The March For Life will take place on Friday, January 20, 2023. You will note the starting location will be as before, the National Mall at 12th Street, just off the Smithsonian-National Mall Metro Station. Plan to arrive by 9:00-9:30 AM at the Logistics Vehicle.

**QofA Men's Encounters and 2023 Men's Retreat**

Please mark your calendars for QofA events focused on Catholic men.

Men's Encounter: Queen of Apostles will begin a "Men's Encounter" series, with the first on Saturday, January 11 (9-11 a.m.) and subsequent encounters happening every other month. The encounters will involve prayer, reflection, and fellowship. An invited priest will lead the reflection which, for January, will be focused on the Epiphany. Although not officially a council event, our participation as the visible faithful men of our parish community is strongly encouraged. Your Faith Director will be helping our Worthy Chaplain organize this event and may need a bit of help in setting things up.

Men's Retreat: We have tentatively set Feb. 18, 2023, as the date for the KofC-sponsored Queen of Apostles Men's Retreat. Location is still TBD but likely to be either at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C., or the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg. Either way, it will be a full day affair of faith, reflection, and fraternity. More to come!

**December 2022 Birthdays**



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

**Casey Women's Club (CWC)**

Our ladies club had the Retiree Luncheon & Bunco for November but will not have one in December. We will resume in January, weather permitting. Our next --

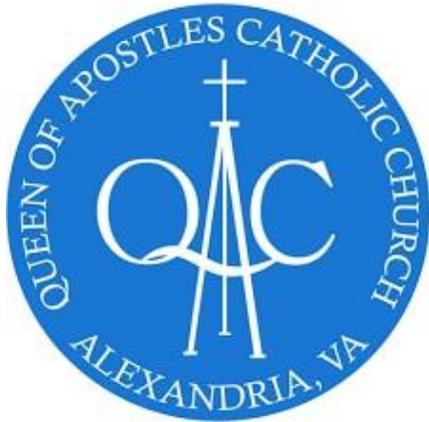


meeting will be on Thursday; December 8th and it will be a luncheon. Our December birthdays include Ethel Apostolico & Dorothy Fanucci. Finally, we offer our prayers for our sick members and to all a very Merry Christmas & Happy and Healthy New Year!

Geri Owen VP

**Reminder**

All editions of The Knightly News, past and current, are available on the Council website at [www.kc4522.com](http://www.kc4522.com).



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**The submission deadline for the January Newsletter is December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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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