

The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

Wednesday, Dec 3rd – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM
 Sat/Sun, Dec 6th/7th – KCIC Card Sales and Coats for Kids Collection AND Membership Drive
 Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
Monday, Dec 8th – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation
 Wednesday, Dec 10th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Hybrid
Sunday, Dec 14th – Breakfast with Santa! All Hands-on Deck!
Hannan Hall, Queen of Apostles
 Saturday, Dec 20th - Coats for Kids and Christmas Basket Delivery to PSSJ
 Thursday, December 25th – The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord!
 Wednesday, Dec 31st – New Year's Eve
 Thursday, Jan 1st – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! THANK GOD!

A Message from the Grand Knight

Has it only been six months since I began my time as your Grand Knight? We've participated in so many activities in a short time. We shared work, fun, brotherhood, giving of self, all while "Following Christ's Way." You were an important part of all the events, Parish Festival, Ministries Fair, Altar Server Picnic, Silver Rose Mass, Remembrance Mass, our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Coats for Kids and Card Sales etc. etc. Wow! I want to extend a sincere thank you to all of you. You are blessings to me! When I call you, you answer, you are my reliable brothers!

As a reminder our Christmas Party is for you, to recognize your efforts, to say thank you to you for your services with our PJII Council. I hope you will attend. See details in this newsletter.

As we begin Advent, I want to remind you of the many blessings of the rosary. If you do not already say the rosary daily, Advent is a great time to say at least a decade every day, preparing for Jesus! It will help you keep your peace in a busy time!

We do have a few events in December, please read the newsletter for some great information and get involved!

I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas filled with Christ's peace and love. May the New Year 2026 bring you faith, hope and many blessings.

You will remain in my prayers, especially this month as I travel to Italy with the Queen of Apostles Pilgrimage. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

Follow Christ's Way!

GK Richard Sacra
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Knight of the Month

Our December Knight of the Month is Daniel Amadi. Daniel is a faithful member of Queen of Apostles Parish and our Council. Daniel was a very successful collector for our November Coats for Kids collection. Daniel participates in and leads the Holy Rosary every Saturday morning after 9AM mass. He is a man of faith in whom we can see God's blessings.

Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month is all of you, the members of Pope St. John Paul II Council 4522 who make our council such an overwhelming success. In addition to your faithful service to your family and other parish activities you show up, work hard and serve the functions of our council. You make our Council Great. For this and many other reasons, you my Brothers are the Family of the Month.

Council 4522 Shows support for the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph

On November 16, Sister Delfina of our Poor Sisters of St Joseph neighbors left to be with the Lord. Mother Maria requested a contingent of Pallbearers to assist with Sister's burial. We had nine men attend the burial on November 24th. Thank you to all the attendees for helping with this important service.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COUNCIL!

Christmas Cards and Coats for Kids

Saturday and Sunday, **December 13th and 14th** after ALL Masses.

We will be selling Christmas Cards and Collecting donations for Coats for Kids after all masses on Saturday 5:00 PM AND 7:00 PM and Sunday (8, 10, 12, 1:30). **We can use help after each mass, please stop after mass for just 15-30 minutes to help cover an exit door. Thanks in advance!**

Parish Santa Breakfast

December 14th after the 8:00, 10:00 masses.

We need egg cookers, pancake makers, sausage warmers and servers. Please plan to be at Hannan Hall between 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM to participate in this fun event serving our parish. Many hands make the work light and fun! Thanks to those who have already said they would help! Spouses are also welcome to keep the tables in the hall stocked and clean. **Please RSVP to Danny Restivo by December 6th if you can help!**

Christmas Baskets

(for families identified by the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph)

Our Keep Christ in Christmas – Coats for Kids event will wrap up on the morning December 20th at 9:00 AM in Hannan Hall. Knights AND their families are encouraged to celebrate the Christmas Spirit helping to fill the 15 baskets. Join in and help put together festive gifts for these families in need of our work of mercy. Light refreshments and Christmas music will help you enjoy the morning. Many cheerful hands make this a quick but joyous event! The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph coordinate delivery of the baskets—along with Coats for all members of 15 families.

In preparation for Saturday morning, we need a couple able bodied people to help the Grand Knight pick up food donations.

- Harris Teeter donations will be picked up at Harris Teeter on Friday, December 19th, time TBD.
- ACCA food donations will be scheduled for pickup on Friday or Saturday morning final details TBD.
- Saturday, December 20st from 9:00 AM till Noon we'll fill the baskets and sort out the coats for kids! Please come join us in the Hannan Hall and then deliver them to the sisters for distribution.

Christmas Party, Saturday January 10, 2026, 6:00 PM
The Christmas season extends until Epiphany on January 11, 2026. Our Knights of Columbus celebration of Christ's birth will take place on Saturday, January 10th in Hannan Hall. This season's party will include a catered dinner, as well as some festive music and other activities. More details to follow – watch your email! Be assured this will remain a family-friendly event, children and grandchildren are welcome. If you have a special dessert you would like to share, potluck desserts are welcome but not mandatory. Vince Guevara has graciously stepped up to lead the party plans. A few Brothers and/or their ladies are welcome to help him.

Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!

Just a quick note to remind you now, that the 2026 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming DUE in Mid-January 2026! 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, Daniel Penrose at dpenrose@engineer.com as soon as possible.

Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15th, 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!!

**If you've read this newsletter,
email our Grand Knight, with a comment
about a December event.**

**All emails will be in a drawing at the
Christmas Party on January 10.**

**Must be present to win!
One entry per member!**

Knights of Columbus OVER One Million Coats Donated Through Its Coats for Kids Program



"The Coats for Kids program has become synonymous with the Knights of Columbus mission of charity, as first established by our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, more than 140 years ago," said Supreme Knight Kelly. "The generosity of our donors and the work of our local councils to distribute 1 million coats to underprivileged children is proof that where there's a need, there's a Knight."

Here in Pope John Paul II Council 4522, we have donated nearly 400 new coats in just the past six years—due to the generosity of the parishioners of Queen of Apostles. The majority of the coats have been given to children in need as determined by our local partners, the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the parishioners and the assistance provided by the Sisters—and of course, the outstanding work of our selfless Knights!

Lecturer's Corner

Blessed Are the Eyes That See

Advent is a short season, yet it covers a long distance. It is the road of a soul from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It seems such a short distance as we are accustomed to thinking of distances. Yet it is a road into infinity, into eternity. It has a beginning, but no end. In truth, Advent is the road of the spiritual life which all of us must start if we do not want to miss the way. We must start with a fiat that each of us should say in the quiet of our hearts.

Let us arise, then. Let us shake the sleep out of our eyes—the sleep of emotions run amuck, the sleep of indifference, of tepidity, of self-pity, of fighting God. Let us arise from that sleep...and begin our journey to Bethlehem. But let us understand that this "Bethlehem" we seek is within our own souls, our own hearts...It is an inner pilgrimage, a pilgrimage in which we don't use our feet...So, then, let us enter, you and I, into the pilgrimage that doesn't take us from home. For ours is a journey of the spirit, which is a thousand times harder than a journey of the feet. Let us "arise and go."

Servant of God Catherine De Heuck Doherty

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, 2026.

A Christmas Gift: Life Insurance

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!

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Happy December Birthdays!



Edward Masso	12-02
Wilber Gaitan	12-09
Gerard A Souser Jr	12-10
Mrv. George E Dobes	12-11
Curtis Hubbard	12-13
Rev. Francisco J. O'Conner	12-14
Our Lord, Jesus Christ	12-25
Robert J Hlubocky	12-25
Joseph L Lipari	12-25

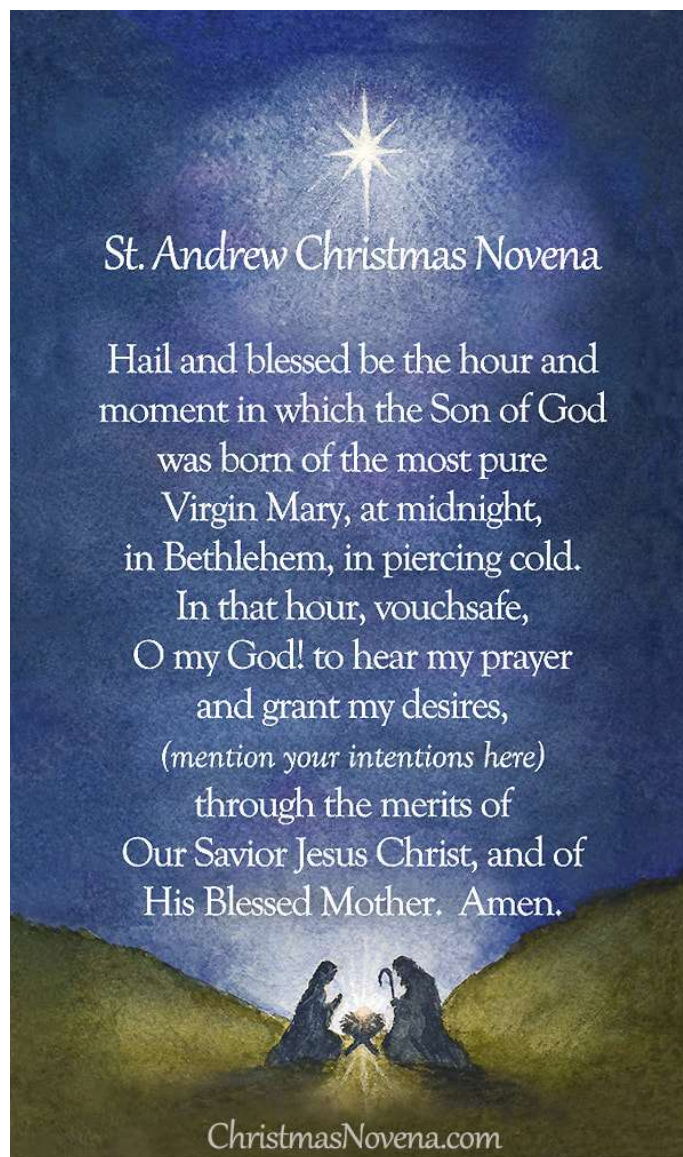
Reminder

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*Wishing you and your families a blessed
Christmas Season!*
AND
A joyous New Year!

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The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena prayer, also known simply as the Christmas Novena, gets its name from the prayer beginning on the feast of Saint Andrew (November 30) and concludes on Christmas. It is believed to be over 100 years old, and is traditionally prayed 15 times every day, though not necessarily all at once. It may be broken up to be prayed throughout the day, such as five prayers in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Event Sponsored by:
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Breakfast

With St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 14th 2025 | Hannan Hall
After the 8:00am and 10:00 mass

**Pancake Breakfast with photo opportunity
with St. Nicholas!**



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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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