

# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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## Monthly Newsletter

**December 2016**

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers:

Our Council celebrated a Memorial Mass, on Wednesday, November 9th, for all of the recently deceased members from our Council. I would like to thank Father Majka for presiding over the Mass as the Celebrant. Brothers who attended the Memorial Mass genuinely valued it and sincerely hope to see similar attendance at Memorial Masses in the future.

December is a month filled with Multiple Council activities, such as the Annual Christmas Party on Friday December 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Council home and the Christmas baskets event. I look forward to seeing many Brother Knights at these events especially the ones who joined the Council during this fraternal year.

The Council is selling Christmas Cards at Queen of Apostles on December 3rd and December 4th before and after every mass. Those Brother Knights who would like to assist with this activity please contact PGK Al Avellino at (703) 581-7594.

The Council is looking for Brother Knights to form part of the Council's Admissions and Membership Committees. Those Brother Knights who are interested should contact me at CAnchiraic@aol.com or the Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com

Fraternally yours, Cesar Anchiraico Grand Knight

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for December 2016 is PGK Brother Joseph Lynem. For many years, he has been a dependable and reliable Brother Knight. He is lead on the Poor of Sisters of Saint Joseph Bread

Pickup every Saturday morning. He has shown his dedication and strong commitment to any activity that he has led or being a part of. In the month of December, he conducted and was the lead in the Annual Council Essay Contest held at Queen of Apostles School. His valuable contribution to the Council is appreciated by the Grand Knight.

I congratulate Brother Joe for earning the honors of Council 4522 December 2016 Knight of the Month.

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for December 2016 is Family Plavchan. PGK, FDD Brother Ron Plavchan and his family are always very supportive of the Council. His family's contributions to the Council over the years have influenced and shaped current Council activities, such as our Annual Memorial Mass every November and the Angel Bread Project.

The current Grand Knight is very grateful to have such a supportive family as part of Council 4522. I congratulate Brother Ron and his family for earning the December 2016 Family of the Month honors for Council 4522.

### YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 9TH

You and your family are cordially invited to Council 4522 for an annual Christmas Party that will be held at the Council home on Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m. We will join together in fellowship to celebrate the birth of Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All Brother Knights and their families should participate and help make this gathering a special and memorable one.

All who attend are requested to bring a dish, either an entre, side dish, or desert. Your participation is

**CHRISTMAS PARTY (CONTINUED)**

more important than a dish, so come regardless. We expect at least 15 people.

You may wish to RSVP to Deputy Grand Knight, Roger Williams, at sbrog11@yahoo.com. You may also contact him with any questions. The details are as follows: Christmas Party, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at 4200 Martin Avenue, Annandale Virginia.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS**



*Father Majka shares a story with SK Daniel Zaharevich*

A special Memorial Mass was held at John Paul II Council on November 9, 2016, honoring our deceased members. The regular monthly meeting was suspended so the Council could pray for our Dearly Departed Brothers and their families. Father Majka (Retired) of St. Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa in Annandale was the Celebrant for the Mass. Father Majka led a packed Council home in the full Mass and afterwards passed out a number of prayer cards, various CDs and other religious material. The Council greatly appreciates Father Majka's time and gracious gifts.

**THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE, CHARITY**

Fellow Brother Knights,

Virginia State and our Assembly have called upon our Council to establish a 1st Degree team for the purpose of bringing more worthy Catholic gentlemen into the Order. As you know, the First Degree exemplification ceremony explicates the virtue of charity. Charity can come in many forms; however, one of the most powerful is giving of one's time.



The Council needs your Charity, your valuable time!

We need several worthy Knights to step forward to assist in the formation of our own 1st Degree team. Each member will be certified by the State. Each of us should remember our own 1st Degree ceremony—the excitement, the anticipation, the professionalism of the Brother Knights orchestrating the ceremony. Whether you are still a 1st Degree Knight, a 4th Degree Sir Knight, or anywhere in between, you owe your journey in the Order to a group of dedicated Knights that gave their valuable time and showed you, Charity. We hope a generous group steps up to do the same.

If you would like to be included in this charter group, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams at (703) 629-3239 or sbrog11@yahoo.com by December 10, 2016.

Many thanks for your Charity! - DGK Roger Williams

**Practice, Practice, Practice!**

On Saturday, November 12, 2016, our 4th Degree Assembly, Father Walter F. Malloy, #1894 hosted area-wide training for Color Corps & Commanders (both current and potential) at St. Leo the Great School in Fairfax, VA. Our Council was well represented with four Sir Knights in attendance: SK Paul Cataldo; Roger Williams, DGK; Carroll Glass, PGK, Faithful Pilot; and Dennis Brown, PGK, PFN, FDD. All attendees practiced basic commands, marching, funeral and wake procedures — and a select few stayed a bit longer and were provided instruction in Color Corp procedures, presenting our nation's colors and honoring our great country—Patriotism at its best.



*From left: SK Paul Cataldo; DGK Roger Williams; PGK, Faithful Pilot Carol Glass; PGK, PFN, FDD Dennis Brown*

**MEET OUR TWO NEW FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS**

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, 170 Brother Knights learned the lesson of Patriotism and received the honor of initiation as 4th Degree members of our Order. The ceremony unfolded



*Worthy GK Cesar Anchiraico; SK Jay Moore; SK Daniel Zaharevich (photo by DGK Roger Williams)*

at the Koger Center in Richmond, Virginia. Having supported two of our very own in Richmond, Worthy Grand Knight Cesar Anchiraico and Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams welcomes our two new Fourth Degree Knights into our ranks: Sir Knights James (Jay) Moore and our Faithful Newsletter Editor, Daniel Zaharevich. We are very proud of all our Knights, and especially for those who step up to the 4th Degree!

Congrats to Sir Knights Jay and Daniel! - DGK Roger

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- ❖ Dec. 1st is the due date to purchase candy! Call Ruth at 703-256-8335
- ❖ Dec. 3rd at 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Christmas card sales at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ Dec. 4th at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Christmas card sales at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ Dec. 7th at 7:30 p.m. Officers meeting at Council
- ❖ Dec. 9th at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Party at Council home, details above. Please join us!
- ❖ Dec. 10th at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Casey Women’s Club Christmas party at Council home
- ❖ Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m. General membership meeting at Council home

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

May those who are in need of our prayers place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord. Please pray for all of our Brother Knights and their families, that they be healthy and safe this holiday season and in 2017. Please also pray for our Country, our Government, and the leadership therein.

**GOD’S CORNER**

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen!

**CASEY WOMEN’S CLUB**

Twelve members had a very pleasant lunch at Fratelli’s Italian Restaurant prior to our November meeting. The food and service was superb. A short meeting was held. Jean Hughes read the October Minutes, Ruth Zirkle gave the Treasurer’s report, and Peggy Puritano presented her report. Birthdays were sent to Lleana Stone, Leonore Ptinvipato, and one will be sent to Ruth Zirkle.

*Old Business.* Geri reminds us to bring the personal items (soap, shampoo, etc.) to the December 8th meeting, we will prepare 20 bags to be included in the Pope John Paul Council Christmas baskets for the needy; a \$5.00 donation is requested to purchase additional personal items as needed. Ruth Brophy reminded us the fundraiser for December See’s Candies is due no later December 1, this is our only fundraiser. Call Ruth for additional information/order forms @ 703-256-8335. Delivery will be made on December 13th.

New Business: Dick Owen in a meeting of St. Michael’s KofC was asked if our women’s group would invite their women to join the Casey Women’s Club. Jean Hughes will draft a letter to St. Michael’s KofC to invite their women to join our Casey Women’s Club.

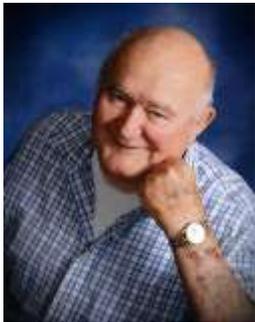
The Casey Women’s Christmas party is Saturday, December 10th, at the council house from 1:30-

3:30PM. Geri Owen, Ethel Apostolico, and Peggy Puritano are planning a wonderful lunch.

Member birthdays in December are Ethel Apostolico 9th, with both Dorothy Fanucci and Lucille Wilkerson celebrating on the 31st. A Happy & Blessed Birthday ladies.

God Bless – Connie King, President

**REMEMBERING CHARLES WHITE**



PGK Charles “Poppy” Keith White, 75, of Fredericksburg, VA, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016, with his loving family at his bedside. A funeral mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in, Fredericksburg, VA, on November 23, 2016.

He graduated high school and then served in the US Marine Corp from 1960 to 1964. Charlie met and married Esther Rosemary McGinn on October 31, 1964. He worked as a driver for Railway Express and DC Transit, before joining Charles E. Smith Companies as superintendent in their Construction Mgt. Division. Charlie retired in 2009 after he and Esther moved to Fredericksburg. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, in Fredericksburg, VA, and was a devout country music fan, and loved Ray Price and all the old stars. His life also centered around his wife, children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Esther; son, Charles Joseph II, three daughters; Anne Christine Rodriguez, Marie Janine Anderson, Lisa Renee Vogel; two brothers; Tennis S. White, Larry L. White; sister: Judi Ann Harry; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**HOLIDAY SAFETY**

Did you know that more people get hurt at home during the holidays than at any other time during the year? Follow these helpful tips to avoid becoming a statistic!

**Decorating Safety**

- ❖ Never use lighted candles near trees, curtains/drapes, or any potentially flammable item.
- ❖ When displaying a tree, cut off about two inches off the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water.
- ❖ Keep your tree away from fireplaces and radiators.
- ❖ Use indoor lights indoors (and outdoor lights only outdoors). Look for the UL label. Replace or repair any damaged light sets. Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Do not run cords under rugs or across doorways.
- ❖ Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Unplug extension cords when not in use.

**Ladder Safety**

- ❖ Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places. Don't stand on chairs, desks or other furniture.
- ❖ When using ladders outdoors, get down immediately if inclement weather begins.

**Winter Vehicle Preparation**

- ❖ Prepare your car for the winter by checking items such as the brakes, spark plugs, battery, and tires. Check your owner's manual for the recommended interval for a tune-up.
- ❖ Be prepared for emergency situations on the road by having a winter “survival kit” in the vehicle including items such as, a flashlight, batteries, reflective triangles, compass, first aid kit, exterior windshield cleaner, ice scraper, hat and gloves, and a tool kit.
- ❖ Don't drink and drive.



The Knights of Columbus from Pope John Paul II Council 4522 wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a very healthy, safe, and fruitful New Year in 2017!!!!

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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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