

The Knightly News

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**Monthly Newsletter****February 2020****IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY**

Wednesday, Feb 5th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home
 Sunday, Feb 9th – World Marriage Day
 Wednesday, Feb 12th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home
 Thursday, Feb 13th – Couples Holy Hour/Reception, 7:30 PM QofA
 Virginia March for Life, Thursday, Feb 13th – Richmond, VA (see the article)
 Wednesday, Feb 26th – Ash Wednesday
 Wednesday, Feb 26th – First Day of 40 Cans for 40 Days

\$\$\$HAVE YOU PAID YOU DUES YET??\$\$**Please do so as soon as possible!**The financial health of the Council depends on your timely remittance of dues!!**Grand Knight's Message**

My fellow brothers, we are proceeding gradually into the final six months of the 2019/2020 fraternal year. Several activities have been completed, and others are approaching as we forge ahead. On Thursday, February 13, 2020, we have "Couples Holy Hour at Queen of Apostles. There will be a wine and cheese reception after the Mass, which starts at 7:30 PM. Further information will be provided at the general membership meeting after I meet with our Chaplain and pastor. We are still in the negotiation of the pilgrimage to the John Paul II Shrine. Brothers Lyman and Lamarre may likely update us at the February business meeting.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the Council held a successful free-throw Championship at the Queen of Apostles school gym coordinated by our Worthy Community Director, Vincent Guevara. Vincent was supported by brothers, Joe Lynem, John Cosgayon, Innocent Nukuri, Dan Penrose, and several others. The Queen of Apostles' parents brought their children to the competition who pleasantly participated. After the competition, certificates and trophies were awarded to the participants. Worthy District Deputy, John Knox was there from the beginning to the end. He continues to support, encourage, and participate in various activities throughout the district. We are seeking donations to meet up with our Council's share towards Special Olympics. I pray you can support essential charity and event of the Knights of Columbus. Please visit our Facebook page at:

<https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/team/260587>

Please my brothers, I need your individual and collective help to finish the fraternal year strong. I am asking that you make all efforts to recruit at least one Catholic gentleman to join our Council. It is one of a member's responsibilities to share this high order with other men of the church.

Brothers, please be reminded that the main tithe asked of us as Catholics by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is clearly outlined on Mathew Chapter 25. Ask yourself, have you cared for the hungry, homeless, in prison, etc.? This is a crucial tithe to pay as a Catholic gentleman most notably that the first Pope of the Church was given the Key by Christ Jesus, our Lord, and Savior.

Fraternally,
GK Patrick Okoronkwo

Knight of the Month

My brothers, please join me in honoring our Worthy Financial Secretary, Roger Williams as the Knight of the Month. After the Council's Christmas dinner, I went on annual leave; brother Roger stepped in to cover for me, the Grand Knight. He was instrumental in helping DGK Innocent conduct the officers' and general membership meeting, as well as, attending the State Mid-Year meeting bearing all responsibilities of his office and that of the Grand Knight. Roger worked with the Worthy District Deputy in completing other activities the Grand Knight should have done. He met with the Chaplain on

behalf of the Grand Knight. Roger also attended to numerous email requests from the State Deputy, officers, and District Deputy on behalf of the Grand Knight.

Family of the Month

Brother Richard Sacra and his wife Clarissa represent the Council as our January Family of the Month. Long-time fixtures at Queen of Apostles, and the force behind the parish’s Sunday Socials, they continue to serve others and bring a smile to everyone they meet. Brother Richard has been a Knight for over twenty-four years. Richard and Clarissa have been managing the parish Sunday Social (1st Sunday each month) for years—through sickness and health—to the delight of all the parishioners and many clergy that have enjoyed the fruits of their labor. Several Council Brothers have gotten involved with the preparation and execution of this monthly event under the watchful eye of the Sacras and are thoroughly enjoying the experience. The Council thanks the Sacras for sharing their blessing, and for their unwavering service over the years and is proud to acknowledge them as the January Family of the Month.

March for Life – “Life Empowers”



Thousands gathered once again in Washington, D.C. on a cold January 24th to march—for LIFE! Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, explained this year’s theme for the March for Life, *Life Empowers: pro-life is pro-woman* like this— “2020” marks the centennial of the 19th

Amendment, giving women the right to vote. As we prepare to celebrate this great moment in history, we remember and honor the suffragists, the original feminist leaders who recognized the inherent dignity of the unborn and that abortion not only ended a life but harmed women. The pro-life movement continues their legacy, recognizing that equal rights begin in the womb!" The March for Life, the world’s largest annual civil rights demonstration, focused on the theme because it is timely in framing the historical perspective that "*Life Empowers: pro-life is pro-woman.*"

The thousands of attendees from various political parties, creeds, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds reflect the diversity of the current pro-life movement—and all are convinced that every single unborn child should be afforded the dignity and protection due all human life, from conception until natural death.



SK Joe Lynem readies for another cold, but vital MFL

Many Brother Knights and their families from around the country helped support the pilgrims and/or the rally as well. Many thanks to ALL that support the commitment to the defense of all human life, *especially our own SK Larry Cirignano*, during the annual March for Life event and throughout the year. To read/learn more about the March and ways you can **support life** visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/liberty-life-family/culture-of-life.html>

Couldn’t Make the March for Life in D.C.? Attend the Virginia March for Life!

We need your presence at the Capitol to prove to our General Assembly that Virginia is Pro-Life! Join us at the Virginia March for Life in Richmond on February 13, 2020. The amount and types of extreme abortion legislative actions being considered this year, make our participation critical! Mass with Bishop Knestout and Bishop Burbidge will be held at the Richmond Convention Center at 9:15am before a rally and march at the State Capitol. You can also visit your legislators’ offices. Join us on February 13 to support justice for the unborn! For more information visit www.vacatholic.org.

If you are not a member of the Conference's advocacy network, click [here](#) to receive regular Conference email alerts and updates. Please like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and sign up for our [blog](#).

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.

Paradigm Shift in the Order

At the State Mid-Year Meeting last weekend, we were briefed on a significant change coming to the Order. Separate First, Second, and Third Degrees are no more. They, along with the "secrecy" surrounding them, have been exchanged for a single, Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Exemplification--that will be performed in front of family and friends--hopefully to include a Mass. The new ceremony (without a Mass) should take just over 30 minutes.

We suspect you may have immediate reservations and indeed questions. A video example of the new Exemplification is included below, along with a link to a Q&A to help address any concerns you may have.

As we heard from State Deputy Szerszynski and Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde, change, however much some may dislike it, will come. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson discusses the need for change in detail in the video. Please view the video with an open mind and know THIS change is vital to the health of the Order moving forward.

Here is the link to the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity:

<https://vimeo.com/374081431/eed24d18e9?fbclid=IwAR1lfvA1A7BptwcuDSq9VT9ofQrvrAG2EW8BHBv5YJeT6eCObaWqw5noPdQ>

Some of your questions may be answered by reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions prepared by Supreme:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/a7751b41-6029-47b6-bfee-e61b6c7a366e.pdf>

The Order welcomes your comments and review of the new Degree. Please go to this link to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5355416/EXEMPLIFICATION-SURVEY>

We expect to get further information later this month. It will be forwarded to you as soon as practical. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Grand Knight Patrick Okoronkwo or Financial Secretary Roger Williams.

Basketball Free Throw Contest Results



The Annual KofC, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Free Throw Championship took place on January 14th in the Queen of Apostles School gym. We had 21 students age 9-14 compete against each other to see who could score the most out of 15 free throw shots.

The competition was intense as usual, and we'd like to acknowledge our winners:

- Boys 9 Elijah Amayu
- Boys 10 Sebastian Amayu
- Boys 11 Adrian Gororo
- Boys 12 Emmanuel Samuel
- Boys 13 Jesse Kasenge
- Boys 14 Daniel Smith

- Girls 9 Hailey Gororo
- Girls 10 Leiyu Samuel
- Girls 12 Annette Tennant
- Girls 13 Margaret Tennant

Thanks to Worthy District Deputy John Knox, WGK Patrick Okoronkwo, WDGK Innocent Nukuri, PGK Joe Lynem, Chancellor John Cosgayon, Lecturer Dan Penrose, and Brother Hilawe Tesfa for assisting at the competition! The District Free Throw Championship will be held on Sunday, February 23 from approximately 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at St. Leo's Catholic school gym in Fairfax, VA.

FORE...Charity



The Virginia State Council proudly announces the First Annual Knights of Columbus Virginia Open! The first annual golf tournament and fund-raising event will benefit in

the part, the 200th Jubilee of the Diocese of Richmond. The Tourney will be held at the prestigious Magnolia Green Golf Club in Mosley, VA on Friday, May 1, 2020—a best ball style event, designed for maximum entertainment and comradery.

For \$100 per person you get: Entry fee (which includes range balls, green fees, cart, goodie bag and lunch) Several mulligan programs will be available. Beverage and cigars carts will roam the course. Prizes and a lunch will be waiting at the end of the tournament! If you are interested, please contact Financial Secretary, Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com or (703) 629-3239 to get more details and/or join the fun! This is a GREAT cause and the more the merrier!!

Commemorative Golf Hats are also available for just \$20 AND sponsor opportunities also exist!!! Again, contact FS Roger.

In Memory

It has recently been brought to our attention that we lost two more respected Brother Knights during 2019; Honorary Lifetime Brother Frank Polink (91) of Fairfax, VA was called home on October 5, 2019 and Honorary Lifetime Brother Charles Hardardt (92) of West Chester, PA joined our Lord back on April 8, 2019. May we all take a moment to pray for the repose of their souls and ask the Lord to grant mercy upon their family and friends. Amen.



The Life of St. Pope John Paul II

We have followed Karol Wotyla through his early years, the Nazi occupation, and subsequent communist party rule. We have followed him from childhood to become a young man, priest, philosopher, and eventually Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Krakow. At this



point on his life, we approach the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The Council was a watershed experience in his life and its' changes affected innumerable other Catholics.

An ecumenical council (also called a general council) is a gathering of all the Roman Catholic bishops of the entire world. There have only been twenty-one general councils in the history of the Church. Some of the councils were brief, and some lasted for years (the longest being 18 years), they all tackled major issues of the Church. The only common thread amongst all these councils is that all were surrounded by conflict and followed by controversy.

Pope John XXIII stunned the world by announcing the Second Vatican Council in January of 1959. The Church (and world) has just made it through WWII and was dealing with new philosophies questioning the need for God or religion in modern thinking. Wotyla himself had said to view the Council as a string of arguments between "conservatives" and "liberals" of the Church would be the wrong way to go about it. He said that the Council needed to be viewed first and foremost as the spiritual experience that it was and was meant to be. While much of our mass and personal interaction with the Church changed because of the implementation of the Second Vatican Council, we must remember that this was a spiritual exercise, and approach it as such as we continue to learn about Wotyla's role in the proceedings

Happy February Birthdays!

- William A Ussher 02-05
- Jean Roger G Bion 02-06
- John M Maloney 02-08
- William J Kayes 02-09
- Kelechi P Okoronkwo 02-09
- Jay Allen Simon 02-11
- James M Dillon 02-14
- Msgr. Michael K Carroll 02-15
- Mervin L Daly 02-17
- Tobias C Amadi 02-25
- Marvin C Rodney 02-27



CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

Our January 2020 meeting had eight attendees; although we had few members, we had a full agenda active participation.

Ruth Brophy and Ruth Zirkle will decide at the February meeting if we will have a Spring fundraiser of See's Candy.

Marion Scaffidi recommended we attend as a group for the Stations of the Cross as our Lenten project providing a church has afternoon Stations. Decision held over to our February meeting.

Hostesses for February 13 are Ruth Zirkle and Alice Groene.

Happy Birthday to our ladies: Jean Hughes – 6th, Alice London - 16th, and Linda Lipari – 26th. God' Blessings be with you.

Retiree lunch is February 25th. Please call Geri or Ethel if you plan to attend.

May the Christ Child bestow His Blessings of Health, and Happiness to all in 2020.

Connie King, President



Presentation of the Lord – February 2nd

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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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