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Monthly Newsletter

February 2021

Important Dates This Month

Wednesday, Feb 3rd – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM
 Wednesday, Feb 10th – General Business Meeting, 7:00 ZOOM (Rosary first)
 Sunday, Feb 14th – **Valentine's Day**/World Marriage Day (don't forget your Valentine!)
 Monday, Feb 15th – President's Day
 Wednesday, Feb 17th – ASH WEDNESDAY
 Wednesday, Feb 17th – First Day of 40 Cans for 40 Days @ QofA School
 Saturday, Feb 20th – Rosary at the abortion mill after 8 AM Mass at Queen of Apostles
 Friday, Feb 26th – "2GO Fish Fry"????? @ Queen of Apostles – *Stay Tuned for More Details!!*

\$\$HAVE YOU PAID YOU DUES YET??\$\$

Please do so as soon as possible – If not, you're in the Second Notice Phase!
The financial health of the Council depends on your timely remittance of dues!!

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Quarantine—a word we have heard much of during the past 10 months, has its origin in Catholic Lenten traditions. To find the origin, read on to the end of the article.

It has been a pleasure to serve you all filling in for our Worthy Grand Knight for most of the month of January. I am continually impressed and humbled by the great works done by the Catholic gentlemen of Council #4522.

February brings the first awakenings of the Spring season in this part of the world. This is reflected in the upcoming celebrations of St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. While the days do start to grow longer around Christmas the rebirth of Springtime and Easter remains a long way off. February presages the process of physical and spiritual rebirth culminating in mid-Spring. St. Valentine's Day celebrates the Romantic love that makes new life possible, and the Ash Wednesday is also the beginning of a journey to new life, but not the new life of a child, the new eternal life with God in heaven we celebrate at the Easter feast.

Both celebrations remind us of the journey of mankind. A child is not born immediately but grows and develops in his mother's womb. The joy of Easter is not celebrated without the sacrifice of Lent that starts in the cold dark of Winter.

In the early Church, around the 7th century, it was customary for followers who had committed serious "public" sins to make a public confession and undergo a temporary excommunication from the Church. These sinners would be required to live separate from the parish and their family for the forty days of Lent. The Latin word for "forty" is Quadragesima, the origin of the word quarantine. Obviously, the church has since modified confession and penance to focus on a personal relationship with God.

As we enter this February let us kindly remember our wives or significant others and say a hearty prayer of thanksgiving that we are not members of the 7th century Church.

Fraternally,
 DGK Daniel Penrose



Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for February is PGK and current Trustee, Carroll Glass. PGK Carroll is an ardent supporter of the Council and all things Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Brother Carroll has remained committed to Council activities throughout the pandemic, even as his other roles in the Order have increased (PFN, Worthy District Warden). PGK Carroll is quick to offer support, information, and guidance in every aspect of the Council's operation. Brother Carroll may not be seen "out in front" of things, but be assured,

he is always working for the Council and those we serve. Congratulation to the February Knight of the Month, PGK and Worthy Trustee, Carroll Glass!

Family of the Month



The busy Oppus Family

The Council's Family of the Month is Family Oppus— Brother Martin, Lady Sonia and son, Justo. All three pitched in and helped get the meals ready for Christ House last month at the Council Home. Yes, we all wore masks, and everyone was distanced as possible.

The best news: it felt good to "roll up the sleeves" and

serve again. Brother Martin is also a lector and usher at Queen of Apostles. Brother Martin and Lady Sonia take turns traveling back and forth to California to take care of elder parents—we pray for them and their families—and congratulate the Oppus family once more on their selection as the Council's Family of the Month.

Virtual March for Life

Life unites and calls people of goodwill to a common mission: respect for the inherent dignity of the human person, born and unborn, should unite all persons, regardless of political party."

~ Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life ~

For the protection of all of those who participate in the annual March, as well as the many law enforcement personnel and others who work tirelessly each year to ensure a safe and peaceful event—and not to mention the still peaking pandemic—the National March for Life was held virtually.



The thousands and thousands of annual pilgrims were asked to stay home and join the March virtually. A small group of pro-life leaders from across the country did however travel to and march in Washington,

DC. Those leaders represented pro-life Americans everywhere who, each in their own unique ways, work to make abortion unthinkable and build a culture where every human life is valued and protected.

Jeanne Mancini noted that she and the March for Life leadership are profoundly grateful for the countless women, men, and families who sacrifice to come out in such great numbers each year as a witness for life – and they look forward to being together in person next year.

Locally, many Brother Knights and their families help 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> or here <https://marchforlife.org/>.

Here are some other notes of interest:

Unbelievably, every night, we hear how many people died yesterday from COVID related symptoms, but we do not know how many people were killed by abortion in 2019 let alone 2020 or 2021. Here's where you can go to do your own fact checking: <https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/HealthStats/stats.htm>

We continue to make progress at 5999 Stevenson Ave.—the local abortion mill. Come join Brother Knights, parishioners, and their families every 3rd Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass at Queen of Apostles. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Donuts are served.

Did you see where Bishop Burbidge came and blessed a new Sonogram Machine? It is highlighted in the Knights of Columbus December *Columbia Magazine*

The Arlington Catholic Herald, Dec 24th issue Page #6 ran a great story about our Christmas caroling event which was held Saturday December 19th—complete with guitar and flute players! Over 70 people carolers participated!

If you have any questions about our Pro-Life activities, please contact SK Larry Cirignano at LarryVote@gmail.com or call 202-306-6863

New Regalia

For those who have not purchased the new Regalia, have you ever wondered "Why should I buy it"???



In August 2017, Supreme unveiled the new Official Regalia Dress. Soon, it was announced the use of the old Regalia (cape & chapeau) would end on June 30, 2019, leaving the new Official Regalia

Dress as the only authorized regalia for our Color Corps activities. Sadly, many Sir Knights have been reluctant to purchase the new Official Regalia—for many different reasons. Unfortunately, this has left our Color Corps having difficulty in providing Honor Guards when needed.

Our Assembly, Fr. Malloy, #1894 is offering several incentives to encourage Sir Knights to purchase the new Official Regalia:

- \$100 rebate for the first 10 Sir Knights who purchase the new Regalia and agree to a few reasonable requirements (such as attending Assembly meetings, which is made easier right now with our Virtual Meetings! and participating in Color Corps activities).
- There are several “free” swords available and once they are gone, the Assembly will provide a \$150 rebate for the purchase of a new sword (which typically costs about \$150).

Sir Knights without the Official Regalia should give serious consideration to purchasing it. Consider the various events that you will be faced with in the future: the passing of a brother Knight or Sir Knight, the installation of a new Pastor, the dedication of a new church... just to name few. Please visit: www.kofcuniform.com for more information and if you have any questions at all, please contact FS/SK Roger Williams at (703) 629-3239.

Christian Unity in a Period of Discord

On January 20, during his weekly audience, Pope Francis asked Catholics to show what the journey to unity looks like.

The devil "fosters division everywhere and in every way" by tempting people "with the weaknesses of our brothers and sisters. He is astute: He magnifies others' mistakes and defects, sows discord, provokes criticism and creates factions," the Pope said. People need to ask themselves how they live each day and whether "we nurture conflict or fight for greater unity with the tools that God has given us: prayer and love."

As the American public remains fragmented and divided during a deadly pandemic, it is important for Knights and other Christians to remain committed to good faith actions in our Church and community. In a society that is inundated with divisive messaging on social media, television, or the internet, it is easy to fall victim to emotional arguments that foster conflicts among otherwise like-minded and well-intentioned individuals.

As Catholics, we must remain committed to unity through our actions, thoughtful prayer, and faith in the Holy Spirit.

As the Pope said, "the solution to these divisions is not to oppose someone, because discord generates more discord. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace, reconciliation, unity."



February Birthdays!

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| Jean Roger Bion | 6 th |
| William Kayes | 9 th |
| Kelechi Okoronkwo | 9 th |
| Jay Simon | 11 th |
| James Dillon | 14 th |
| Msgr. Michael Carroll | 15 th |
| Mervin Daly | 17 th |
| Tobias Amadi | 25 th |



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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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