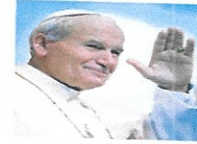


The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

February 2022

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARYWednesday, Feb 2nd – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOMWednesday, Feb 9th – General Business Meeting, 7:00 HYBRID-ZOOM
and In Person in the Blessed Fr. McGivney Room, Queen of Apostles
(Rosary begins at 7:00, GBM at 7:30)Monday, Feb 14th – **Valentine's Day**/World Marriage Day (don't forget your Valentine!)Monday, Feb 21st – President's DaySaturday, Feb 26th – **Council Retreat @ St. John Paul II Shrine (Lv from QofA)****\$\$\$HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 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!!If desired, pay online at <https://cardx.com/pay-kofcpjii>**Grand Knight's Message**

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Knights of Council 4522 for making January a success for the council. We successfully served 60 meals to the needy at Christ House in Alexandria on January 11, thanks to FS Roger Williams, his wife, Sue, FN Carroll Glass and SK Sandy Stone who always work so tirelessly to provide service to that worthy program. Unfortunately, the rise of omicron in the area forced us to an all-virtual monthly General Business Meeting in January, but the Knights of 4522 are always flexible and adapted without incident. We finished the month strongly with the free throw competition, a membership drive, and a corporate communion. Thanks to WDGK Vincent Guevara for his work on the free throw competition, and all the other Knights who made those activities successful.

We are now in one of the two periods of Ordinary Time in the Church year. This shorter stretch of Ordinary Time will end with the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 2). I have often heard from my priests dating back to my childhood that, "Ordinary time is anything but ordinary". We as a council must also do our best to make the most of this time leading up to the season of Lent.



On February 26, we will have a chance to prepare ourselves spiritually for the upcoming season of repentance, and Easter joy. Our council is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the St. Pope John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC. Special thanks to Brother Martin Oppus who has done much of the initial work for this event. I encourage you all to attend, if possible. Please see the accompanying flyer later in this newsletter for further details—and sign up early! Even though the event calendar might be sparse for February, please be on the lookout for worthy Catholic gentleman who would be a credit to the Order.

Vivat Jesus!
Dan Penrose

Knight of the Month

DGK Vincent Guevara is recognized as the January Knight of the Month. DGK Vincent is a very dedicated Knight and parishioner, successfully carrying out his duties as Deputy Grand Knight, Community Director, lector, usher, plays violin with the choir, is heavily involved in the young adult's ministry, is a catechist instructor and participates in virtually every parish-wide and/or council event. The parish and the council are blessed to have him with his continuous energy and enthusiasm. Congratulations and thank you, Brother Vincent!

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is FS Roger Williams, Lady Susan (Sue) and son, Brother Brett, when he is in town. SK Roger is instrumental in guiding the events and activities of the Council, along with managing the capital improvements at Queen of Apostles over the last two years. Lady Sue provides support and a helping hand throughout all the beforementioned activities. Of note, are her efforts serving the needy at Christ House (including baking fresh cookies for all the diners) and her involvement with the Christmas baskets and Coats for Kids programs each year. The Williams have been parishioners at Queen of Apostles for over 25 yrs. And whenever son, Brother Knight Brett, is in town, and there is a council activity, he is quick to jump in and lend a hand. Congratulations to the Williams family as our Family of the Month.

Reminder: Keep Your Information Up to Date

If you move, change your phone number or change your email address, please don't forget to contact the Financial Secretary, Roger Williams, PGK to update your information. The correct contact information is critical in keeping you apprised of parish, council or Supreme activities or events. To update your information, please contact FS Roger at sbrog11@yahoo.com or at (703) 629-3239 or you can go to our website at www.kc4522.com and look for "Contact Us" and request an information update there.

Did You Miss This?

DUES NOTICES for 2022 HAVE BEEN SENT and were DUE NLT JAN 15th!

It is time for the Council to collect your annual Council dues (\$55 Associate/\$9.50 Honorary). Your dues are virtually our only income—the only thing that allows us to help others in need and to maintain our minimal Council needs. Please note, the Council must pay the State Council and Supreme a per capita amount for EVERY member—whether you pay your dues or not.

Remember this year you can pay ONLINE via this secure website <https://cardx.com/pay-kofcnpjii> (For an additional convenience fee of 3.5%)

If you are unable to pay your dues now, please—let Financial Secretary, Roger Williams know as soon as possible. We realize there may still be some that have been unable to fully resume employment due to COVID or other economic variables.

Remember, the financial health of the Council depends on your timely remittance of dues!!

Be Not Afraid

Martin Oppus, Lecturer

"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. – Luke 5:10-11

It is appropriate that, this month, we will be visiting the St. John Paul II National Shrine, which I hope many, if not all of you, will be able to attend. We are called not only to service but, most importantly, to open ourselves up to God's constant and persistent invitation to be close to him. We not only need but must open our hearts to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. "He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength (CCC 1)." As Catholics, we are fortunate to have assembled before us the communion of saints who individually demonstrate the fulfillment of this calling – each path reflective of the uniqueness God each gave us. As we prepare to go on retreat, I thought it would be a good time to briefly reflect on the life of one saint who embodied that call, and that many of us knew: St. John Paul II.

"Be not afraid," exhorted John Paul II over and over through his life. Born in 1920 in a small town outside of Krakow, Poland, Karol Wojtyla was born as the third child. His mother died when he was nine years old. His older brother died when he was about 13. A sister had already passed away by the time of Karol's birth. His father, a devout and pious Catholic man, raised Karol on his own.

It is important to understand the context of Karol's time. He entered university in 1938, at the age of 18. By September 1939, the Germans invaded Poland, marking the beginning of World War 2. Everyone's lives were turned upside-down. He left his schooling to work in a quarry. His father would end up dying in 1941. By the time he was 21, in the middle of darkness of war, Karol was alone. Nevertheless, even in the midst of this, Karol heard and responded to the call of the priesthood. In 1942 – merely a year after his father's death, and while in the midst of the German occupation – he began courses at a clandestine seminary.

This darkness eased somewhat after the ending of World War II but continued in many ways as Poland remained tightly within the Soviet sphere. After finishing studies in Rome, Karol returned to communist Poland, where he served until his election to the papacy in 1978. While Catholics were tolerated, they were also persecuted in Soviet-era Poland. After his election, now Pope John Paul II overcame the barriers and returned to Poland to preach the gospel. It is generally acknowledged that the eventual fall of communism began with Pope John Paul II's 1979 trip.

Imagine the courage of pressing forward in the midst of the bleakness of war, austerity, oppression and personal tragedy. Yet, in that darkness, Karol Wojtyla heeded the call and responded to God's stirrings. For each of us, this call from God can come to us in big ways and small. But we must each affirmatively respond to the invitation. God loves us so much that he can only invite; he gives us the complete freedom to choose. Courage comes in many forms – it may even be as simple as sacrificing one's own comfort or convenience.

As Knights, let's each continue to strive to heed Pope St. John Paul II's call to "Be Not Afraid!"

SK Owen's Chalice is "Home"



One year ago (January 29, 2021), our Fourth Degree assembly, Fr. Walter Malloy Assembly #1894, held a beautiful chalice ceremony and memorial Mass in memory of SK Richard P. Owen, PGK, FDD, PFN. SK Richard (Dick) was long a mainstay within the Assembly and a

revered leader here at Council 4522 for years on end. The Chalice, engraved with SK Richard's name, was used in the memorial Mass, and then delivered Fr. Jun in Makilala, Mindanao Philippines. Fr. Jun is pictured here with SK Richard's Chalice. May God bless Brother Richard and all the Chalice serves each time it is used.



SK "Deacon" Brian D. Vaccaro

One of our own Council Brothers, SK Brian Vaccaro, celebrated becoming a Deacon on Saturday, January 8th in Baltimore, MD, then wasting no time, celebrated his first Mass on Sunday, January 16th at St. Michael Catholic Church.

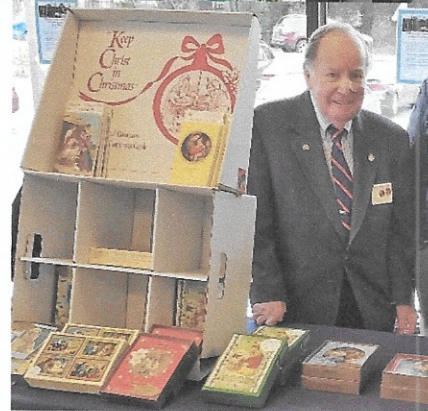


Deacon Vaccaro is a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Latin: Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris; CSsR), commonly known as the Redemptorists, a religious congregation of the Catholic Church, dedicated to missionary work and founded by Alphonsus Liguori at Scala, near Amalfi, Italy. Members

of the congregation are Catholic priests and consecrated religious brothers that minister in more than 100 countries. Continue to pray for our Brother and Deacon Vaccaro on his way to priesthood!

A Smiling Pastor/Chaplain

Sunday, January 30, 2022, Council 4522 leaders presented a check for \$3,000 to Queen of Apostles pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Alexander Diaz, towards the purchase of liturgical chairs for the recently renovated confessionals and a parish Chalice. The donation was made in memory of SK Leo Weston, a beloved Council brother, who was laid to rest just over a year ago. May Brother Leo be remembered at every Mass the Chalice is used and at every confession. Presenting the check to Fr. Diaz are (L) DGK Vincent Guevara and (R) FS Roger Williams.



February Birthday Prayers go to:

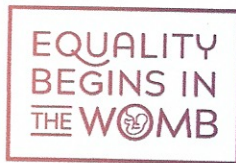
- Jean-Roger G. Bion 02-06
- William J. Hayes 02-09
- Kelechi Okoronkwo 02-09
- Jay Allen Simon 02-11
- James M. Dillon 02-14
- Msgr. Michael K. Carroll 02-15
- Mervin L. Daly 02-17
- Tobias C. Amadi 02-25

Casey Women's Club

We cancelled our meeting in January due to the surge in omicron. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 10th. Hopefully we will be able to have our Retiree Luncheon on Tuesday Feb 22nd. Stay tuned.


Our See's candy fund raiser in December was successful. We missed joining the men's club with their Christmas food baskets but did manage to donate grocery gift cards to the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph pantry shortly thereafter. Birthday wishes in February to Jean Hughes, Linda Lipari and Alice London.

God bless all and stay healthy!
Geri Owen, VP



Reminder

All editions of The Knightly News, past and current, are available on the Council website at www.kc4522.com

St. Valentine
beheaded 269a.d.

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. Pope St. Gregory the Great

2022 QUEEN OF APOSTLES
MEN'S PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT TO THE
St. John Paul II National Shrine



Jesus Calls His First Disciples

A WHOLE DAY AFFAIR OF FAITH, REFLECTION, AND FRATERNITY
A TOUR OF THE EXHIBITS, MASS, CONFESSION,
AND A TALK LED BY OUR PASTOR FR. DIAZ

OPEN TO ALL PARISH MEN

THE PILGRIMAGE WILL BEGIN AND END AT QUEEN OF APOSTLES. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26, 2022
FROM 9:30 AM TO 5:30 PM
DONATION: \$20.00

Join us!

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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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