

The Knightly News

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.**Monthly Newsletter****Happy and Blessed New Year!!!****January 2017****GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brothers:

Our Council celebrated its Annual Christmas Party on Friday December 9th. It was certainly great to see many Brother Knights attend. Also, during the month of December, the Council dropped off Christmas baskets to the Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph in Alexandria as donations for needy families. I thanked Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy Richard Owen for leading this effort.

I thank Brother Ray Venero, Past Grand Knight Carroll Glass, and Chancellor Edward White for judging the Council Annual Essay Contest. I also extend a big thank you to Past Grand Knight and Church Director Joseph Lynem, who led the Annual Council Essay Contest. He showed strong support at that event and preparation for the Annual Council Free Throw Contest at Queen of Apostles School.

January is a month filled with Multiple Council activities. One such activity is the Annual Council Free Throw Contest, which is on Thursday, January 19th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the gym at Queen of Apostles School. We need Brother Knights to assist with the event. The free throw contest is always one of the highlighted youth activities the Council supports every year. I look forward to seeing many Brother Knights at these events, especially those who joined the Council during this past year.

Last, but not least, the Council seeks Brother Knights to form the Council's Admissions and Membership Committees. Please contact me at CAnchiraic@aol.com or the Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com to get started. This is an urgent request.

I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Knight Of The Month

The Knight of the Month for January 2017 is Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams. For many months, he has contributed to the bread run for the Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph. He is dedicated and committed to any activity that he has led or takes part in. He has been a strong supporter of the Usher Ministry at Queen of Apostles. His invaluable service and dedication is appreciated by the Grand Knight. In the month of January 2017, in the absence of the Grand Knight, he plans to help the Youth Director with the Annual Free Throw Contest at Queen of Apostles.

I congratulate Deputy Grand Knight Roger for earning the honors of being Council 4522's January 2017 Knight of the Month.

Family Of The Month

The Family of the Month for January 2017 is Family Moore. PGK, Brother Jay and his son in multiple occasions have picked up bread for the Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph in Alexandria. His family's contributions to the Council are a great example to new Brother Knights. His family shows all the qualities of a supportive and dedicated family and exemplifies Council values to the needy. His countless dedication to the Order is greatly appreciated by the Grand Knight.

The current Grand Knight is very grateful to have such a supportive family be a part of Council 4522. I congratulate Brother Jay and his family for earning the January 2017 Family of the Month honors for Council 4522.

Fraternally Yours,

Cesar Anchiraico, Grand Knight

THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT URGENTLY REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE ... AND CHARITY

Brother Knights "Charity" Urgently Needed – STILL!

Fellow Brother Knights, as was noted in last month's Newsletter, 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.

Your time, and charity, are still needed. To date, only four Brother Knights have stepped up to the call to assist. We still need several more to come forward—quickly. The Officers have decided to make the appeal one last time, before having to go back to the State and our Assembly telling them that we don't have enough worthy Knights stepping forward to conduct a 1st Degree ceremony. That would be a very difficult conversation since this Council is only one year removed from garnering back-to-back Star Council Awards.

If you are reading this, please pick up the phone and drop me a line or send me a quick email to get started. Call 703-629-3239 or email sbrog11@yahoo.com by January 9, 2017.

Thank you in advance for answering the call....and your Charity! **Patriotism at its best!**

DGK Roger Williams

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The annual Saint John Paul II, Council 4522, Christmas Dinner was held Friday, December 9th at the Council Home. The Dinner was a tremendous success as over 40 Knights and/or their guests enjoyed a huge array of delectable edibles from country ham and assorted chicken dishes to pumpkin pie and sweets too numerous to list...and let us



not forget our Worthy Financial Secretary's secret eggnog recipe. It was very satisfying to see everyone having such a wonderful time eating, drinking and enjoying each other's company. If you missed it, you need to put it on your calendar for next year...now!

And as we were celebrating, little did we know we had two birthdays in our midst. Brother Joe Cassano was celebrating, and with good reason, it was his 97th Birthday! Joining him on the date, but at least many, many, many decades behind was Ethel Apostolico, who was celebrating with her distinguished husband and our Worthy Financial Secretary Vinny Apostolico. Hope both had a wonderful time!



Very special thanks go out to Dick Owen, PGK, PFN, FDD and all other elves he may have had with him setting up the Council Home for the dinner, making it so festive and inviting. Thanks also to Brother Paul Cataldo and DGK Roger Williams for their last minute logistical support with the incoming food and prepping the tables so the dinner could begin on time. And finally, many thanks to all the elves that stayed behind to ensure the Council Home was left clean and tidy.

GREAT NEWS IN THE COUNCIL THIS MONTH

The Council wishes to extend congratulations to the Gonzalez Family upon the ordination of their son, Deacon (SK) Ernesto Gonzalez III, to the priesthood on January 3, 2017, for the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The ordination will be celebrated at the Cathedral of San Juan. Before Fr. Gonzalez begins his priestly ministry, he will spend a week with his family in Annandale. His first public Mass in the area will be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Falls Church, where and when he will also baptize the grandson of Brother Knight, Ernesto

Great news in the Council (continued)

Gonzalez, Sr. (Fr. Gonzalez' proud dad). Fr. Gonzalez will also conduct mass the following day, January 8th. We wish Fr. Gonzalez the very best in his new ministry. Please pray for Deacon Ernesto as he consecrates his life to our service.

Saint Philomena, pray for us.

SERVICE: ANGEL BREAD PROJECT REVIVED

After an absence of 6 months, the very successful Angel Bread Project is back helping needy families in the Springfield area. The first pickup & delivery of bakery products to the food pantry of the First Baptist Church of Springfield was on December 16, 2016. The Angel Bread team plans to continue pickups at the King Street Safeway store on Fridays, while pickups of food items for distribution to the food pantry at St. Gabriel's Day Care Center will continue on Saturdays. The Council wishes to thank Safeway for its generosity in allowing us to help those in need.

SANTA'S HELPER STOPPED BY, COMMUNITY

On December 17 the Annandale Chamber of Commerce sponsored breakfast with Santa at Magills Restaurant. There was a rumor that Santa could not find his Reindeer. But he had lots of help looking for them and thinking of ideas where to look.



Pictured is PGK Richard Owen who was Santa's helper for this event

SPOTLIGHT A NIGHT, SIR KNIGHT ED WHITE

Sir Knight Edward White first joined the Knights of Columbus in 2003, while a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coronado, California, where he was serving with the U.S. Navy. When the Navy brought Ed and his wife, Dolores, to the Washington area in 2006, they became parishioners at Queen of Apostles, and Ed transferred to Council 4522. Ed retired from active duty in the U.S. Navy in 2014, and began working for the U.S. Department of Justice. For two weeks, after retiring from active duty and before beginning his new civilian job, Ed walked a portion of the Way of St. James (Camino de Santiago), an ancient pilgrimage route across the north of Spain to the tomb of the Apostle St. James the Greater, in Santiago de Compostela. While he did not make it all the way to Santiago in 2014, he hopes to finish his pilgrimage at some point in the coming years. At Council 4522, Ed has served as Membership Director, Warden, Chancellor (2x) and Deputy Grand Knight. He has most enjoyed the myriad opportunities to participate in fraternal and charitable activities, such as the Lenten fish fries and the annual Appalachian Mission collection. Ed has also served as Secretary of the Casey Club. At Queen of Apostles, Ed is a Lector and an Extraordinary Minister of holy Communion. Outside the Parish & Council, Ed is now in his second term as Secretary and member of the board of directors of his homeowners' association. As well, he plays ice hockey in a local adult hockey league, and enjoys reading history, biographies, and political philosophy.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Art. III, Sec. 5 of the revised bylaws, a vacancy in the office of treasurer has been declared. A Special Meeting of the Casey Club Association, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, in the Council Home immediately following the regular business meeting of the Council.

The sole purpose of this special meeting will be to elect a treasurer for the Casey Club to fill out the remainder of the term vacated by Treasurer Craig J. Delaney. No other business shall be considered or acted upon by the membership. The name of a qualified member of the corporation shall be accepted from the membership at any time prior to the election.

PRAYER REQUESTS

May those who are in need of our prayers place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord. We ask that you please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers: Catherine Walsh (Bro. Leo Weston's sister); Tony Ingram & his wife; PGK/FDD John Wenderoth; Betty Medved; Alice McDonald; PGK Al & Rosario Bueno; Sandy & Ileana Stone; PGK Carl Castle; Joe Covas; Joe & Barry Cassano; FS Vince & Ethel Apostolico; Art Montilla; Joe Mainey; Rusty Dionne; Jo-Anne Plavchan; Mark Bush; PGK Bob & BJ Kreider; Linda Lipari; Maria Guevara; Betty and Jean Graziani; and Andy Zaccardi.

Please pray for Karen M. Gonzalez, who is undergoing radiation treatment in an attempt to remove two cancer tumors from her throat.

Please also pray for those Christians in other parts of the world who daily face persecution or even death for their faith. Saint Philomena, pray for us.

In Memoriam

We are sad to announce the death of longtime member, Edward S. Petros (3.15.1926 to 12.3.2016). He resided on Braddock Rd. in Annandale, where he and his wife Marie raised their family, and later moved to Elmdale Rd. in Alexandria. Bro. Ed was a longtime member of the Knights (55 years), joining on 10.1.1961 and becoming an Honorary Life Member in 2011. During World War II Bro. Ed served in the OSS as a field operative, and in 1944 he was selected to serve in the OSS Intelligence Division in the Middle East. Prior to his death, Bro. Ed learned that Congress had voted to award the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor to members of the OSS next year. After the war, Bro. Ed entered the Washington commercial real estate business. He also played a significant role in establishing the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at the base of Arlington National Cemetery. He was one of the founding members of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Bro. Ed will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Requiescat in pace.

The Council is also sad to report that former member, Carl F. Bachurski (age 97), passed away on 11.30.2016 in McLean, VA. Bro. Carl was very active

in Council & Casey Club affairs at the old Council Home on Little River Turnpike. He was probably best known for his brickwork around the old property. He was preceded by his wife of 67 years, Gloria, who died on 3.19.2016 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Requiescat in pace.

GOD'S CORNER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

December was a very busy time for us, starting off with our meeting on the 8th, our extremely festive Christmas party on the 10th, great food for 24 members and guests, delivery of See's candy on the 13th, and preparation of the personal item gift bags on the 14th.

Correspondent Sec. Peggy Puritano reported her funds are very low; the ladies unanimously agreed to increase her funds. Old Business: Marion Scaffidi read a Thank You letter from Bethany House for our monetary donation.

New Business: Connie King requested the formation of a Charity Committee to recommend charities we should fund. Ethel Apostolico and Ruth Zirkle volunteered, thank you ladies.

Retiree lunch is on Tuesday, January 31st, at noon; cost is \$5.00. Bunco will follow at 12:45. Call Ethel 703-941-1079 or Geri 703-941-3848 if you plan to attend the lunch.

Casey Women's Club (continued)

A Happy & Blessed birthday to Peggy Puritano on January 6th and Justine Rood on the 7th.

God Bless and Happy New Year,
Connie King, President

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ❖ Jan. 4th at 7:30 p.m. Officers Meeting
- ❖ Jan. 7th at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Virginia State Meeting, Chesterfield, VA
- ❖ Jan. 11th at 7:30 p.m. General membership meeting at Council home
- ❖ Jan. 14th at 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Membership Drive at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ Jan. 15th at 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Membership Drive at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ Jan. 19th at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Annual Council Free Throw Contest at Q of A
- ❖ Jan. 31st at noon. Retiree luncheon, bunco

WINNING ESSAY, 2016 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Brothers, this is the winning essay courtesy of Brother Joseph Lynem. Special thanks to the judges: Sir Knights Ed White, Ray Venero, and Carroll Glass.

The Importance of Religious Freedom

Religious freedom or freedom of belief is a fundamental human right given to every person. It is the right to live one's faith freely and publicly or to not practice a religion at all. Religious freedom is more than just the freedom to believe in what you want; it is also the freedom to talk about and to act upon your core beliefs. Although this is stated in the constitution, religious liberty in America, and in other countries is under threat and Christians struggle to fight for their religious rights. Churches, religious organizations, and individual Catholics face restrictions when participating in the public square, practicing our beliefs, or serving in society.

As Catholics we face challenges in society because of laws and other threats that violate our moral beliefs. For example, the Department of Health and Human Services forces Catholic schools, charities, hospitals, and other religious institutions to provide and fund things that go against their beliefs because they are not all "religious employers" deserving of religious freedom protection. The HHS mandate forces the funding of sterilization, contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs which Catholics and the church believe to be wrong and immoral. Alabama

has also passed legislation that prevents Catholics from serving undocumented immigrants. This goes against our right to serve the needy and the poor as God wills and I believe as Catholics we have the right to refuse to do something that is contrary to our beliefs.

Religious liberty is very important because any person should have the right to speak and act in accordance with what they believe. Our nation, our society is very diverse with people of many different backgrounds and beliefs, thus faith plays an important role in people's lives and affects their every-day choices. Limited religious freedom leads to violence and conflict, but wherever religious freedom is high, there is more "economic prosperity, better health, lower income inequality, and prolonged democracy." For example Catholics believe in helping the poor, which decreases the amount of poverty by giving food and other donations. Religious freedom directly correlates with the protection of other civil and human rights. If the government tries to change or restrict religious rights then they could, in the words of James Madison, "sweep away all our fundamental rights," such as the freedom of speech, press, and assembly.

Catholics have the important duty of participating in the public square and play an important role. Catholics should be consistent in public life and should speak out against the harming of innocent lives. We should play our part in society by correcting injustices and seeking a world that reflects God's desires for His children. As lay people, whether we have a position in politics or another position that can shape the country, we should live our faith by promoting the common good in society. We are also called to bring others to the faith, but we do not impose all matters of our faith on others in the public square. We don't force others to attend Mass on Sundays or receive the sacraments. However, there are times when the Church is needed to intervene in social questions. As the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (510) teaches, "The Church intervenes by making a moral judgment about economic and social matters when the fundamental rights of the person, the common good, or the salvation of souls requires it."

Freedom of Religion is very important and remains an active issue in the United States. As Catholics we should speak out against restrictions and violations to our belief. Catholics should be respectful of the human dignity of others, including people of different faiths, or no faith, but we should not be afraid to embrace our religion and to put it into practice in public life. I think that a certain religion should not be seen as bad and that people who choose to publicly practice their faith should not be stopped. Religious freedom is vital to society and plays an important role in American life, and as Catholics we have the duty to speak up and to fight for our faith. *Victoria M. December 5, 2016*

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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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