

# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

July 2017

## SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pope John Paul II Council Summer Picnic

**Saturday, July 15, 2017, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Council Home**

This is THE Can't Miss Council Event of the Year!

The picnic will be fully catered, but if you feel the need to bring something of your own liking, please feel free to do so...especially if it has an alcohol content....

### GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Happy Birthday America!! Happy 4th of July. Independence Day is an amazing day for our country and a joyful day to be a Knight of Columbus. This is especially true if you take advantage of all the benefits and privileges the Knights of Columbus have to offer, including becoming a Knight of the Patriotic Degree, more commonly called the 4th Degree.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. They are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement. Knights of the Patriotic Degree work to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty. And as a 4th Degree Knight, you have the option of joining the Color Corps, an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

As you read this, I work feverishly to fill all the positions in Pope John Paul II Council leadership before our first full Council meeting in the new fraternal year, July 12, 2017. If you are willing and able to give

the Council an hour, perhaps two, per month and/or hear a voice telling you to "step up"—heed the voice. You never know when you are getting "that call." Contact me at sbrog11@yahoo.com or call me at (703) 629-3239, and we can talk about how you can get more involved in the Council, in the community, and closer to God! What a deal!!

Have a very safe and wonderful 4th of July! May God bless America, you and your family and friends!

Fraternally,

Roger Williams

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for July 2017 is Brother Joseph King. Brother Joseph often prepares our Pope John Paul II Council home for general Council meetings, officer meetings and other events. His valuable contribution to the Council is quite noticeable and appreciated by Pope John Paul II Council leadership. In addition, his active participation in the weekly Poor Sister of St. Joseph bread pick-up has been a relief because there are only a few volunteers

who participate. In the time he has been at the Council, he has served in multiple capacities and has done an excellent job.

The current Grand Knight congratulates Brother Joseph King for earning the honors of being Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Knight of the Month.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

The Family of the Month for July 2017 is Family Nukuri. Brother Innocent and his family are active parishioners at Queen of Apostles. More specifically, Brother Innocent is an usher at Queen of Apostles, and he has two children that attend Queen of Apostles School. He often assists as an Usher and with other necessities during processions. Brother Innocent and his family's eagerness to assist and contribute at any Council activity is valuable and appreciated by Pope John Paul II Council leadership.

The current Grand Knight is very grateful to have such a supportive family as part of Pope John Paul II Council 4522. I congratulate Brother Innocent Nukuri and his family for earning the June 2017 Family of the Month honors for Council 4522.

Fraternally,

Cesar Anchiraico

**MEET VIRGINIA'S 28,000th BROTHER KNIGHT**



Brother Knight Son Mai is the 28,000th Knight of Columbus in the State of Virginia.

He received his 1st degree on 16 March, 2017, and his 2nd degree roughly two weeks later. Son is married to his lovely wife, Thuy Mai, and he has one son, John Mai.

Without delay, Brother Son has been active in the Knights with his attendance at Pope John Paul II Council meetings and his volunteering for the Annual Fish Fry dinners. He is an avid jogger, and his son John is an altar server at Q of A Parish.

Please welcome Brother Son Mai to our Council with your warm greeting when you see him at our meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Brother Joe King, the Director of Council 4522 Membership Committee, sponsored Brother Son.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

Following the Noon Mass at Queen of Apostles Church on Sunday, June 18th, Father Malloy Assembly and Pope John Paul II Council Sir Knights—including three from Queen of Apostles' parish—led an Eucharistic Procession through the surrounding neighborhood.



The Procession was witness to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, where parishioners showed their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. It was also a wonderful way to show our love for our neighbors by bringing Our Lord and Savior closer to them.

Pictured above: Color Commander Carroll Glass, front row SK Ray Venero (QofA) and SK Roger Williams (QofA), second row SK James Moore and SK Tobias Amadi (QofA).

## **DONATIONS TO POOR SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY**

You often read here in these pages about the charity Pope John Paul II Council provides to the less fortunate that enter the doorway of the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

The Council recently submitted paperwork documenting our efforts over the last year (June 2016 – June 2017), and we are pleased to announce that the Knights of Pope John Paul II collected well over ONE TON of food, 2,520 lbs. to be precise, to those in need via the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

If you would like to join this meaningful ministry within the Council, please contact PGK Joe Lynem at [plantyourdreams@msn.com](mailto:plantyourdreams@msn.com) or at (703) 628-3473.

## **POPE JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL, 4522 WELCOMES OUR NEWEST KNIGHT**

On June 13, 2017, Brother Kelvin Massy joined the Knights of Columbus after Pope John Paul II Council 4522, initiated him into our Brotherhood. A hearty welcome goes out to our newest Brother!

Brother Kelvin attends Mass at Queen of Apostles Church. He is currently President of Sagun Home Care, Inc. If you cross paths with Brother Kelvin, please welcome him to the Council. We look forward to seeing Brother Kelvin at our monthly meetings and getting him involved in Council activities as soon as possible and as his schedule allows.

## **VIRTUS TRAINING**

The Knights of Columbus, Father Diamond Council 6292 will host a VIRTUS training class to be presented by Deacon Marques Silva from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM on Tuesday, July 11th in Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. All Brother Knights in District 16 are welcome, and, in fact, encouraged to attend. The training is especially applicable to those engaged in a ministry that involves children.

Please contact Joe Gesker, Grand Knight-elect, Father Diamond Council, 6292 at [jgesker@verizon.net](mailto:jgesker@verizon.net); (Cell) 571-606-3317 or (Home) 703-435-4811, if you have any questions, or, if you plan to attend.

Please visit: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/> for more information. Note: Providence Hall is the Knights of Columbus building located next to an athletic field just behind the church and rectory.

## **A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: PRESENTATION OF THE ROBERT D. NEARY AWARD**

Fr. Malloy Assembly, 1864, held its annual Pass in Review on Wednesday evening, June 21, 2017, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Fairfax, VA. While this article will not go into all the details of the outstanding event (if you are reading this and are a 4th Degree Knight and have not attended this event in the past, you are missing a significant ceremony and well spent evening), John Paul II Council takes great pride in our relationship with the Assembly and is honored to have such a distinguished Knight in our midst.

Quoted in part from the ceremony are remarks from the Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master, Richard G. Head, Sr., President of Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

"This year, Fr. Malloy Assembly made a \$500 donation to VKCCI. What few in the Assembly knew was that the donation was being made in the name of one of our Sir Knights! Tonight, we honor that Sir Knight with the Robert D. Neary Award, named for one of the Past State Deputies of Virginia who held Charity near and dear to his heart!

- This Sir Knight has been a member of the Order for over 50 years!
- He has served in his Council in various positions, including Grand Knight. He also has served in our Assembly in various positions, including Faithful Navigator. He has served as a State District Deputy.
- He has been very active in his Council's activities, including heading up their monthly trips to Christ House in Alexandria to serve dinner to the residents as well as the homeless and those just in need of a warm meal.
- He has frequently traveled to the V.A. Hospital in Martinsburg, WV, where members of his Council

lead Bingo and bring books, CD's, and DVD's for the resident-patients.

- He has been very involved in his parish, where he has been the head usher, and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.
- He has been recognized for his volunteerism and acts of charity.
- In 2009, he was awarded the nationally acclaimed "Jefferson Award" by the Washington Times.
- He has also been named Knight of the Year by his Council, and Sir Knight of the Year both by our Assembly and by our District.
- And this is NOT the first time he has received the Bob Neary Award! Nevertheless, it is something he deserves!

For these reasons, and for so many more, we honor this Sir Knight. It is my immense pleasure and joy to present, on behalf of the Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly, the Robert D. Neary Award to, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, and friend to our Assembly...

***Sir Knight Richard P. Owen***

We the Knights of Pope John Paul II Council applaud Brother Dick and his amazing wife Geri for not only their years of service, but the quality of that service and the legacy they have built for all of us to follow. Brother Dick is the man, the Brother, we all should emulate and strive to follow.

It is an honor and immense pleasure to have such a legendary Knight in our Council. When you see Brother Dick or his lovely wife, Geri, please take time to thank them for their sacrifices and contributions to the Knights, the community, and society. God bless them and their family!

**IN THE CASEY'S WOMEN'S CLUB**

Our June meeting was short, as all our members were anxious to partake in our Second Annual Tea Event, which was elegant with a variety of teas, sandwiches, scones, and savories.

Thank you to the hostesses of our End of Year Party: Ethel, Geri, Marian, and Peggy. Members and their guests enjoyed good food and friendship. Peggy and Marian offered to plan the luncheon for our September meeting.

There are no retiree luncheons in the months of July and August. The luncheons resume in September.

Member birthdays during the summer are Dianne Walsh – JULY 21, Ruth Brophy – Sep. 2, and Susan Brown – Sep. 9. Happy & Blessed Birthday ladies!

God Bless, be Happy, be Healthy,  
 Connie King, President

**Q of A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

Queen of Apostles Church hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Friday, June 16th at 5:30 p.m. in Hannan Hall. Several Brother Knights from Pope John Paul II Council were in attendance for fellowship with their Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The mood was relaxed and cheery.

During the past year, Brother Knights from our Council represented several volunteer positions at Queen of Apostles. These include: Ushers, Mass Scripture Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Collection Counters, Choir, Baptism Set-up, Altar Server, and Catechist.

**MEDITATION**

*From Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the Pontifical Council for the Family*

The new evangelization depends largely on the Domestic Church (cf. *ibid.* [Familiaris Consortio], n. 65). In our time, as in times past, the eclipse of God, the spread of ideologies contrary to the family and the degradation of sexual ethics are connected. and just as the eclipse of God and the crisis of the family are linked, so the new evangelization is inseparable from the Christian family. The family is indeed the way of the Church because it is the "human space" of our encounter with Christ. Spouses "not only receive the love of Christ and become a saved community, but they are also called upon to communicate Christ's love to their brethren, thus becoming a saving community."

The family founded on the sacrament of Marriage is a particular realization of the Church, saved and saving, evangelized and evangelizing community. Just like the Church, it is called to welcome, radiate and show the world the love and presence of Christ. The reception and transmission of divine love are realized in the mutual commitment of the spouses, in generous and responsible procreation, in the care and education of children, work and social relationships, with attention to the needy, in participation in church activities, in commitment to civil society. The Christian family to the extent it succeeds in living love as communion and service as a reciprocal gift open to all, as a journey of permanent conversion supported by the grace of God, reflects the splendor of Christ in the world and the beauty of the divine Trinity.

How can we as a family better communicate Christ's presence to others in word and action, thereby becoming a "saving community" that shares the love of Christ? Remembering that the "new evangelization" is not new in content but "new in ardor, methods and expression," what are some ways we as a family can evangelize, and what truths might we express? Why is family such an effective voice for addressing important issues?

**GOD'S CORNER**

Psalm 148:1-6, 11-13

*A song of praise to the Lord*

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you his angels;  
give praise, all you his hosts.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all shining stars.  
Praise him, highest heavens,  
you waters above the heavens.  
Let them all praise the LORD's name;  
for he commanded and they were created,  
Assigned them their station forever,  
set an order that will never change.  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all who govern on earth;  
Young men and women too,  
old and young alike.  
Let them all praise the LORD's name,  
for his name alone is exalted,  
His majesty above earth and heaven.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ❖ July 5th, Officers' Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 pm
- ❖ July 8th, Virginia State Meeting, St. Leo's Catholic Church
- ❖ July 12th, Full Council Meeting, Council Home  
7:00 pm Rosary  
7:30 pm Meeting

↘ *Surprises at the beginning of the Meeting and Refreshments afterwards – This is NOT your "fathers" meeting...you'll want to attend—this monthly meeting and all those going forward this fraternal year.*

- ❖ July 15th, Annual Council Picnic, Council Home  
1:00 – 4:00 pm
- ❖ July 20th, Deadline for August Newsletter Submissions
- ❖ July 25th, Retiree luncheon

**NOTE:** We host a food donation run for the St. Joseph Food Pantry each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Joe Lynem at [plantyourdreams@msn.com](mailto:plantyourdreams@msn.com) or (703) 628-3473 to volunteer.

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**The submission deadline for the August 2017 Newsletter is July 20th.**

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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