

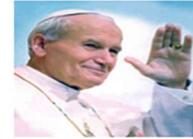
# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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OF COLUMBUS**  
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Monthly Newsletter

July 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day**

Parade in Fairfax City – ALL 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are encouraged to participate

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Christ House (Alexandria, VA) – Meet there at 3:45 PM!

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

### Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights, I want to use this opportunity to salute you for your support and trust in choosing me as your next Grand Knight. I am humbled for this trust and to serve the brothers and families of Council 4522. The council has had so many giants like late Richard Owen, Ron Plavchan, Vincent Apostolico, Sr., Dennis Brown and several others. In the last two years, the council has been led by a visionary, capable, workhorse, dedicated and worthy gentleman Roger Williams. He traveled with the mind of the "success of the council." He could have served for just one year, but it was important to him to move the council ahead. Worthy Grand Knight Roger led with respect, care, and determination. He consistently spoke about the well-being and growth of the memorable Pope John II Council 4522. Roger, we salute you!

The trustees oversaw the health and finances of the Council, ensuring that the required financial audits were completed promptly, and the bills of the council were paid after careful reviews and approval. Vinnie, possibly the longest tenured Financial Secretary of the Council, served honorably with dedication, commitment and trust. Vinnie guarded the books and all financial aspects of the council with integrity. To the Worthy Recorder, Dennis Brown, master of everything, throughout my two years in the council, I observed you serve with honor, dignity, and passion for the order. My brother Knight Jay, you exemplified fraternity, service, and commitment. You answered every call and faithfully took leadership and coordination of the social hour held at Queen of Apostles. I ask that none of you sit back and say, I have served. Instead, to step up in service for your brothers.

My leadership philosophy is to be transformative, participative, and servant services. It will not be a Patrick affair rather our affair. Each of us must step up to contribute to the growth and stability of the council. Each member should commit to bringing in just one member for the year. A member who knows of an inactive member should commit to reaching out to that individual for participation in at least one activity in the fraternal year. My brothers, the council, belongs to every member of council 4522.

The Knights of Columbus was formed to take care of the orphans and widows, so my brothers, one of the things I will push for in the council is how we could start involving our families in the activities of 4522. Please bring any ideas you may have to the general membership meeting on July 10, 2019.

In our services as Knights, an extension of the arm of the priest was given—a Rosary at the first-degree ceremony; we ought to be prayerful and stand firm with the Priest. We should always display our Catholicism and stand tall to defend life and the truth. Brothers, let us be true to our faith and as Catholic gentlemen, seek love, compassion, and fraternity with each other. Let us be pillars of our families and community. I ask that we be our brother's keepers by choice. I need your prayers, advice, and support to serve you, the church and community.

Fraternally,

Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, Council 4522



**Knight of the Year!**

Pope John Paul II Council proudly recognizes, SK James (Jay) Moore, as the 2018-2019 Knight of the Year! SK Jay has only been a member of PJPll Council for a few short years, but since day one, he has consistently shown all the traits of an outstanding Knight and has been instrumental in getting the Council pointed in the right direction. Acting on his own, he has virtually taken over the long-standing Sunday Socials at Queen of Apostles. He can be counted on for assistance at nearly every event, not to mention attending as many 4<sup>th</sup> Degree events throughout the year as well. SK Jay has represented the Council proudly and exhibited all the traits of Fr. McGivney's vision. The Council deeply appreciates SK Jay's contributions over the past year(s) and is proud to recognize him as the 2018-2019 Knight of the Year! Congratulations Brother Jay!!



(L to R)  
WDD Joel Levesque,  
KOTY SK Jay Moore, GK Roger Williams

**Family of the Year!**

Pope John Paul II Council's Family of the Year Award is presented to Brother Daniel Penrose and his family. Brother Dan, Lady Andrea and son, Owen (10) regularly attend Mass at Queen of Apostles, including participating in the Council's Corporate Communion and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosaries. Brother Dan is a consistent presence at Council meetings and participates in most Council events. Of note, is the families' contributions at Queen of Apostles events (always supported by PJPll). And of course, we have to acknowledge future Brother Knight Owen, who dons a white shirt to help serve, or the familiar yellow and red KOVAR vest to help collect or I'm sure would become our next Membership Director if we asked!! This young, energetic, prayerful, Catholic family is just the type of family the Council and the Order needs to recognize at every opportunity! Congratulations to the Penrose family, our 2018-2019 Council Family of the Year!

**Thanks to our Outgoing Officers!**

As the new fraternal year starts, the Council would like to recognize and thank our outgoing Officers, Past Grand Knight (X2) Roger Williams, Past Worthy Warden (X2), Joseph King; Past Worthy Chancellor (X2), James (Jay) Moore; and Past Worthy Treasurer, Paul Cataldo; The Council thanks these outstanding Sir Knights for their time and efforts and looks forward to their continued participation and fraternity. May God bless each of them and their families.

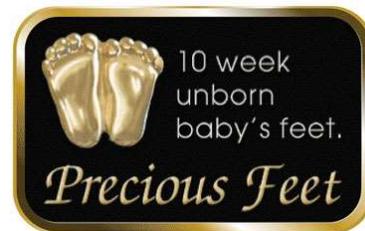
**How much would you be willing to donate—  
To save a life?**

The baby bottles collected at Queen of Apostles on Father's Day averaged a little over \$20 in "spare" change. Thanks to everyone who participated! Your spare change may very well save a life! But you can do more!!

How about donating one Hour? It only takes about 20 minutes to say a Rosary outside the local killing center on the corner of Stevenson Ave. and Whiting St. near Landmark Towers. We know that when people pray outside appointments go down by up to 75%. Join us every third Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass—or come with a friend any day of the week.

No one wants to be seen walking into an abortion mill or a porn store. Your witness is enough to save a life. We hear all the time from women who say they regret their abortion and wish someone was outside when they were going in. Occasionally, we meet a baby that was born because someone was at death's door and defending their right to life. All you have to do is hold a sign or provide a phone number. Let the professionals at Heartbeat International talk the Mom through her "crisis." Help is available 24/7 in any language. 1-800-712-HELP (4357) Silence is consent. All that is necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing. I'm happy to join anybody who wants to come pray. Call me, Life Director and SK Larry Cirignano 202-306-6863

The things that keep me up at night are not the things I have done but the things I have failed to do....



**Corpus Christi Procession  
Queen of Apostles – June 23, 2019**



Pope John Paul II Sir Knights Ed White, Carroll Glass, Dennis Brown, Jay Moore, Tobias Amadi and Rich Lamarre (assisted by Fr. Malloy Assembly Color Corps Commander, George Billy) proudly led the Queen of Apostles' Corpus Christi procession through the parish's adjoining neighborhood on a warm, but beautiful Sunday afternoon. Our Council Chaplain, Fr. and SK Leopoldo Vives, reverently presented the monstra and our Lord to adoring neighbors and friends. The entire event was well attended and appreciated by all—and we, the PJP II Council, appreciate our Sir Knights' participation!



**July – The Month Dedicated to the Precious Blood**

Excerpted from [\*The Precious Blood of Christ\*](#), Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.



**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893. It contained no reference to Almighty God, until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation". The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York, and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter.

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of

Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said: *"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."*

In August 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as having initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution.



Happy July Birthdays!



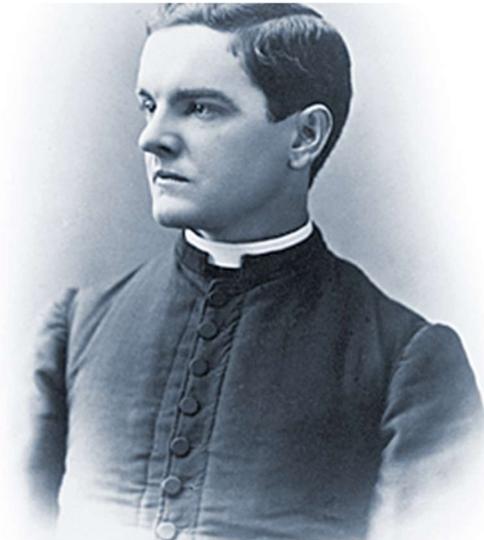
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MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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