

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

July 2021

Important Dates This Month

Sunday, July 4th – Independence Day

Wednesday, July 7th – Officers' Hybrid Meeting, 7:30 PM
@ QofA Parish Center, Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm and ZOOM

Tuesday, July 13th – Christ House – 3:45 PM @ **Christ House**
WE RETURN TO IN-PERSON COOKING!

Wednesday, July 14th – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (Rosary @ 7:00 PM)
@ QofA Parish Center, Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm and ZOOM

Monday, July 26th – Officers' Installation – 6:30 PM @ QofA

Grand Knight's Message

I would like to thank my fellow Knights of Council 4522 for showing their confidence in me for this next year. I will need to rely on the assistance, experience, and prayers of my fellow Knights to help me make the best of the year. I would like to kindly thank all those who have helped me out up to this point, and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

This year's officers will be installed on Monday, July 26, at 6:30 PM at Queen of Apostles Church. Officers are required to attend this ceremony and all other council members and families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will follow. Please mark your calendars and save the date for this important event.

For this upcoming year, my priorities are to establish a degree team, increase outreach to our Spanish-speaking Catholic gentlemen, and make positive steps toward resolving the future disposition of our Council home. I will try to make it a priority to always respect everyone's time in addition to promoting fraternity among members. We will continue to offer virtual meeting options for the near future.

Establishing a degree team will require 4-5 Knights roughly once per quarter. Initially parts will not need to be memorized, but some practice will be required before the first-degree ceremony. Conducting our own degree ceremonies at Queen of Apostles will enhance our sense of community with the parish and will provide a fitting welcome for our new Knights and their families.

I am planning to increase recruiting from the ranks of our fellow Spanish-speaking Catholic gentleman at Queen of Apostles. Any Knights who speak Spanish will be greatly valuable in this effort. Please reach out to me (dpenrose@engineer.com) or Eric Tanchez (erictanchez@gmail.com) if you speak Spanish and are willing to help with this effort.

Many complex issues surround our Council Home, and I would like to thank SK Roger Williams, SK Craig Delaney, and SK Jay Moore for all their hard work to get this sorted out. It is my goal to make at least some of the decisions needed to put this on a good path regarding these tangled issues.

I am excited to start this new fraternal year, and humbly request your continued prayers and assistance for our council and me personally.

Fraternally,
Dan Penrose

Knight of the Month

The Council recognizes SK Craig Delaney as this month's Knight of the Month! SK Craig served as the 2021/2022 Election Chairman running a smooth nomination period and efficient election, which was held during the June 9th General Business Meeting. SK Craig also was re-elected to the Treasurer's position in the Casey Club—a vital position in the operation of the house that the Council has called home for nearly 20 years. Craig will continue to be an invaluable member of the leadership team as we continue to transition from said "home" to the Queen of Apostles campus. Thank



you, SK Craig, for all your contributions and congratulations as this month's Knight of the Month!

Family of the Month

The Council congratulates Hilario and Edna Mercado as this month's Family of the Month. The Mercados are long-time parishioners at QofA and are an integral part of the parish's Hispanic community. Hilario is the EMHC coordinator, he teaches RCIA in Spanish on Mondays, and now is a part of the Parish's Festival Committee. Edna is the Spanish Lectors coordinator, is a member of the Finance Council and now is also a member of the Parish Festival Committee. She is also a regular participant in the parish's Women's Group. When it comes to the Hispanic community at QofA, the Mercados will be involved with it—one way or another. Thank you, Hilario and Edna, for your many contributions and congratulations again for being this month's, Family of the Month!

Thanks to our 2020/2021 Officers!

Welcome Back 2021/2022 Officers!

As the new fraternal year starts, the Council would like to recognize and thank our 2020/2021 Officers—who successfully navigated the Council through one of the most tumultuous periods in this nation's recent history. Many of the corporal works of our Council continued during this past year due to their outstanding leadership, commitment, and fearlessness! In God's wisdom, we are not losing any of our Officers, though several are changing titles. Elections were held on June 9th—our new slate of officers appears below. The Council thanks these outstanding Knights for their time and efforts and looks forward to their continued participation and fraternity. Please pray for each of them and their families.

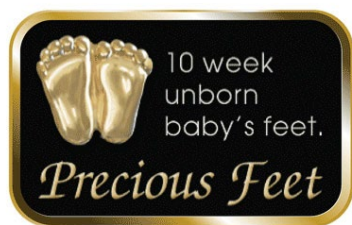
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| Grand Knight | SK Daniel Penrose |
| Deputy Grand Knight | SK Vincent Guevara |
| Chancellor | Danny Restivo |
| Recording Secretary | SK John Cosgayon |
| Treasurer | David Cook |
| Warden | SK Joseph King |
| Advocate | SK Ron Plavchan |
| Inside Guard | Hilawe Tesfa |
| Outside Guard | SK Larry Cirignano |
| 3 rd Year Trustee | GK Patrick Okoronkwo |
| Past Grand Knight Delegate | GK Patrick Okoronkwo |

Corpus Christi Procession 2021

Queen of Apostles celebrated The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) a day earlier, on Saturday, June 5th with a bi-lingual Mass followed by a very well attended procession around the QofA Campus. A 4th Degree Honor Guard from Father Malloy Assembly 1894 was provided and staffed entirely by Council 4522 Sir Knights. Pictured are, Brother Knight/Fr. Joseph Rampino; Chaplain, SK, and Fr. Diaz praying over two of the five altars and your Council Sir Knights that comprised the Honor Guard, SK Richard Sacra, SK Carroll Glass, PFN, PGK, WDD, SK Roger Williams, PGK and SK Greg Bacani.



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



How about donating one Hour? It only takes about 20 minutes to say a Rosary outside the local killing center at 5999 Stevenson Ave. (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 must 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.

The things that keep me up at night are not the things I have done but the things I have failed to do....
Life Director and SK Larry Cirignano, 202-306-6863.

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.

St. Thomas More, A Man for All Seasons

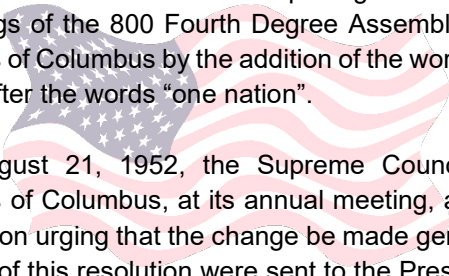
During the 16th century, Thomas More served as Lord Chancellor to Henry the VIII of England but opposed his separation from the Roman Catholic Church. After refusing to acknowledge Henry as the supreme leader of the Church of England, More was executed. His courage and steadfastness have made St. Thomas More an inspirational figure in the Church. His friend Erasmus defended More's character as "more pure than any snow" and described his genius as "such as England never had and never again will have." More's bravery and commitment to faith was captured

in *A Man for All Seasons* (1963), which became an instant classic while winning the Academy Award for Best Picture. The film showcases a man of conscience holding to his principles and beliefs under dire circumstances, while providing an example of how faith can guide us towards Christ. In 2000, Pope John Paul II declared More "the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians," cementing him as a model for all Christians.

For more information on St. Thomas More, [check out](#) past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson talk about St. Thomas More and *A Man for All Seasons*.

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".



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 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At its annual meeting the following year, the Supreme Council repeated its resolution and sent 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, 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 Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954!

In a message to 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, 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."

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July 2021 Birthdays



- PGK Robert P. Bubniak 07-04
- Joel C. Spangler 07-06
- Cromwell D. Enage 07-06
- Mark J. Van Dyke 07-08
- Sanford Joseph Stone 07-09
- Philip A. Schulte 07-14
- Terry Baxter 07-15
- Rev. Andrew J. Heintz 07-16
- Lt. Col. Timothy C. Murtha 07-17
- Richard J. Sacra Jr. 07-19
- Ronald J. Kuley 07-19
- Rev. Philip P. Scott 07-21
- Paul M. Matthews 07-22
- Rev. Lawrence Terrien 07-24
- Afo R. Afo 07-25
- Kelvin M. Mmassy 07-26
- Vincent P. Apostolico Sr. 07-27
- Gregory R. Milas 07-30



It's SUMMER!

Enjoy God's gifts every day!

God Bless you all!

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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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