

# The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

July 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY!

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

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Officers' ZOOM Meeting, 7:30 PM

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Council Summer Picnic, 2:00 PM

@ QofA Parish Center

Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Christ House – 3:45 PM @ **Christ House**

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (Rosary @ 7:00 PM)

@ QofA Parish Center, Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm and ZOOM

## Grand Knight's Message

I am honored and humbled that you have chosen me to serve this council another year as Grand Knight. We had an excellent year last year, and I thank you the dedicated members of this council for it. We did very well recruiting new members, we were active in the Parish, and we served the surrounding community with generosity and distinction.

I look forward to another successful year. I plan to increase outreach to the Spanish-speaking Catholic Gentleman of the Parish. Additionally, I will try to take positive steps toward a permanent home on the Queen of Apostles campus.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Council family picnic at the Queen of Apostles church grounds. This is a family event and I would encourage you all to attend with your extended families. PGK Patrick Okoronkwo will be organizing this event. Further details will follow.

Another big event for us this summer is the Queen of Apostles Parish Festival on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will again, be expected to assist with alcohol sales, setup, and cleanup duties. Please note August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now!

Although we have a lighter schedule in the summer, each activity is still an opportunity to show the community what a group of Catholic gentlemen can accomplish. Please be visible and wear your gear.



Thanks again for entrusting me with another year as Grand Knight and I pray all the best for the year to come.

Fraternally,  
Dan Penrose

## Knight of the Month

The Council recognizes SK Richard Sacra as this month's Knight of the Month. SK Rick, a long-time member of the Council, recently reinvested some of his time and energies back to the Order. Over the last several months, he has been a reliable member of the Council's Sir Knights—participating in parish events and Honor Guards as necessary. As you will read below, SK Rick also stepped up when asked and has assumed the post of the Council's Worthy Advocate. Add in Brother Rick's and Lady Clarissa's hosting of the monthly parish social and you have a very worthy Knight of the Month (as always, thanks to the support of the family). Thank you, SK Rick, for all your contributions and congratulations as this month's Knight of the Month!

## Thanks to our 2021/2022 Officers!

### Welcome Our 2022/2023 Officers!

As the new fraternal year starts, the Council would like to recognize and thank our 2021/2022 Officers—most of all who returned!! The corporal works of our Council and commitment to Faith in Action, due to their outstanding leadership, lead us to the State Deputy's Award—and a coveted Star Council Award from Supreme. Elections were held on June 8<sup>th</sup>—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.

- Grand Knight SK Daniel Penrose
- Deputy Grand Knight SK Vincent Guevara
- Chancellor Martin Oppus
- Recording Secretary SK John Cosgayon
- Treasurer David Cook
- Warden Daniel(Danny) Restivo
- Advocate SK Richard Sacra
- Inside Guard SK Hilowe (Wil) Tesfa
- Outside Guard Kevin Becks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee SK Carroll Glass, WDD, PFN, PGK
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee SK Larry Cirignano
- (assuming seat left vacant by the departure of SK Jay Moore)
- Past Grand Knight Delegate
- GK Patrick Okoronkwo, PGK

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2022**

Queen of Apostles celebrated The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) a day earlier, on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with a bi-lingual Mass followed by a very well attended procession around the QofA neighborhood. A 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard from Father Malloy Assembly 1894 was provided. 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 Carroll Glass, PFN, PGK, WDD; SK Roger Williams, PGK and SK Greg Bacani. Also, leading the Honor Guard, Color Corps Commander, SK George Billy.



**Farewell and Blessing to Brother Fr. Joseph Rampino**

As is the case each year, Bishop Burbidge relocates the clergy around the Diocese to meet the needs of parishes. This year, Queen of Apostles Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Rampino was tapped to move to the other side of Annandale to St. Ambrose. A Farewell gathering was held in Hannan Hall on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to honor Fr. Rampino. The 4522 Council Knights served up refreshments and pitched in where needed. The Council was well represented. We wish Fr. Rampino all the best and will keep him in our prayers!



**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".

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."*

#### **The Creed: The First Article**

"This Creed is the spiritual seal, our hearts' meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul." St. Ambrose wrote these words in the 4th century. I invite you to read it again slowly and appreciate his words. There must be a lot to the Creed that St. Ambrose would write that "it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul." For this and subsequent articles, I will be summarizing and paraphrasing liberally from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

"I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth" "I Believe in God" is the most fundamental affirmation, and the one from which every other part of the Creed stems from. Note that the belief is in one God. "God is unique; there is only one God." When God revealed himself, he told Moses "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham..." A singular God who revealed his name simply as "I Am." Ever present. "God is the fullness of Being and of ever perfection, without origin and without end."

As the CCC explains, these are the implications of faith in one God:

- It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty.
- It means living in thanksgiving.
- It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men.
- It means making good use of created things.
- It means trusting God in every circumstance.

The first person of the trinity is “the Father Almighty,” as the Creed affirms. As a Father, God cares for us and take care of our needs. By calling him “Father,” God is acknowledged as the origin of everything. Jesus himself acknowledges that God is his eternal Father. As the “Almighty,” we acknowledge his omnipotence. Everything in heaven and earth were made by him.

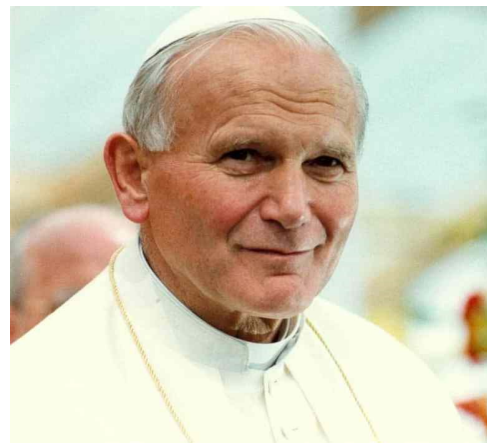
As the “Creator of Heaven and Earth,” the Creed affirms the totality of God’s power, and his gentle love. For he created everything – including who we are – from nothing. God did not have a need to create the universe but, in his generosity, did so. And in further evidence of his generous love for us, gave us free will, respecting our dignity as the unique beings he created us to be. And even beyond that, he created that incredibly unique creature: man.

“God is the sovereign master of this plan. But to carry it out he also makes use of his creatures’ cooperation.” While God is in total control, “the ways of his providence are often unknown to us.”

**July Birthdays!**



PGK Robert P Bubniak	07-04
Cromwell D Enage	07-06
Joel C Spangler	07-06
Sanford “Sandy” Stone	07-09
Terry Baxter	07-15
Rev Andrew J Heintz	07-16
Timothy C Murtha	07-17
Ronald J Kuley	07-19
Richard J Sacra Jr	07-19
Mr Juan Pablo Zelaya	07-19
Brett L Williams	07-20
Rev Philip P Scott	07-21
Paul M Mathews	07-22
Kelvin M Mmassy	07-26
Vincent P Apostolico Sr	07-27
Gregory R Milas	07-30



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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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