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Monthly Newsletter

July 2025

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

Wednesday, July 2nd – Officers' ZOOM Meeting, 7:30 PM

Friday, July 4th – Independence Day

Tuesday, July 8th – Christ House – 3:45 PM @ **Christ House**

Wednesday, July 9th – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (Rosary @ 7:00 PM)

@ Guadalupe Center, QofA, Knights' Chamber and ZOOM

Wednesday, July 16th - Installation of 2025/2026 Officers, Queen of Apostles Church @7:30PM, Reception to follow

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Queen of Apostles Parish Festival – AUGUST 16th

Grand Knight's Message

As we begin our new Fraternal Year, we have much to be thankful for. First of all, I extend a sincere thank you to Patrick Okoronkwo, now Past Grand Knight, and Roger Williams, now former Financial Secretary. Without Patrick's willingness to step up two years ago and Roger's many, many years of total dedication, we would not have the successful robust Pope John Paul II Council we now have. Your commitment helped keep alive Council 4522, which has faithfully served people, parishes and our Lord for over 65 years!

I must say I am humbled to be elected as Grand Knight of Pope John Paul II Council. From my first encounter with the council—in the early 1990's to now, I am thankful for the many graces I have been blessed with through our Queen of Apostles Parish and the Knights of Columbus—both in our Council and Fr. Walter Malloy Assembly 1894. I am dedicated to serving all of you, our parish and community to the best of my ability following the motto of our Saint John Paul II to "Follow Christ's Way" in all activities.

Building on the successes of our Council over the years, I look forward to working with the Council Officers, some returning and some new faces for the future. I am pleased to welcome new officers, Danny Restivo, Deputy Grand Knight, SK Daniel Penrose (PGK), Financial Secretary, SK James (Jay) Moore, Chancellor, and Milton Cruz, Outside Guard. Thank you for stepping up when I and the Council needed you! A special thanks also to our returning officers. I have enjoyed working with you in the past and am pleased to continue to work side-by-side in the new year.



I appreciate the support and encouragement given to me by Fr Diaz. I look forward to his continued support and spiritual direction.

I have some new ideas that I hope we can try over the course of the upcoming year. The future is bright not only for our Council, but also for our Catholic Church during this "Year of Hope" when we also welcomed our new Pope Leo XIV.

Please pray for me, our Officers and Council as we work together to serve our parish and community. Throughout the year, I pray that we can fully live the motto of our patron "Follow Christ's Way".

Fraternally,
SK Richard Sacra

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Brother Milton Cruz, once again, recognized as the Knight of the Month! Since becoming a Knight just over a year ago, Brother Milton has answered the call to duty numerous times. Most recently, stepping up to accept the nomination as the Council's Outside Guard (an Officer position). Brother Milton was unanimously voted into the position and now "has a seat at the table". The Council looks forward to his insights and participation throughout the year and greatly appreciates all of Brother Milton's efforts! We proudly recognize him as July's Knight of the Month.

**Congratulations
Milton!**

Thanks to our 2024/2025 Officers!**Welcome Our 2025/2026 Officers!**

As the new fraternal year starts, the Council would like to recognize and thank our 2024/2025 Officers—especially the several who once again returned to carry on God's work in the Council!! Elections were held on June 11th—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. A very special thanks to SK Dan Penrose, PGK, who has stepped up to a three-year term as our next Financial Secretary! Please pray for each of them and their families.

Grand Knight	SK Richard Sacra
Deputy Grand Knight	Brother Dan (Danny) Restivo
Chancellor	SK James T. Moore
Recording Secretary	SK John Cosgayon
Treasurer	Brother Tuan Nguyen
Warden	SK Robert (Bob) Lavelle
Advocate	SK Edward (Sonny) Masso
Inside Guard	SK Hilowe (Wil) Tesfa
Outside Guard	Brother Milton Cruz
1 Year Trustee	Brother Kevin Beck
2 Year Trustee	SK Roger Williams, PGK, PFS
3 Year Trustee	
SK Patrick Okoronkwo, PGK, FDD, PFN	
Past Grand Knight Delegate	
SK Patrick Okoronkwo, PGK, FDD, PFN	

Opportunities Calling!

While all the Officer positions have been filled for the upcoming fraternal year, there are still other critical positions—look at them as opportunities—to serve our Council and support the Council's efforts this coming year. Starting

with the **Editor's** position of this fine monthly publication.

- A monthly newsletter is a Knights of Columbus Supreme requirement. Even if future editions go down to a single (or couple of pages) the Council must distribute one monthly. A successful editor must be good with deadlines, have better than average computer skills, and be ready to prod contributors—when needed! Takes about 2-3 hours total a month. Contact SK Roger Williams, PGK sbrog11@yahoo.com for further information.
- **Faith Director** - The faith director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the Chancellor. This Brother Knight is responsible for shepherding our faith-based council

programs (annual spiritual retreat, corporate communion, Holy Hour ((Adoration schedule for the Council)), and support for the Seminarians). He should develop a relationship with our pastor/Chaplain, in order to ensure the Council's activities are in line with the pastor's goals. Takes anywhere from 2-8 hours a month, depending if there are any activities scheduled for that month.

- **Family Director** - The family director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the Chancellor. This Brother Knight is responsible for shepherding our family-based council programs (40 cans for 40 days, Lenten Fish Fries, Coat for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas cards, and Christmas Baskets). Sounds daunting, but know in advance, all of these activities are already well planned and usually have lots of help available. As St. John Paul II said, "Do not be afraid"! The Family Director will have to complete Safe Environment training and undergo a basic background check. Takes anywhere from 2-10 hours a month, depending if there are any activities scheduled for that month.
- **Community Director** – *FILLED! Thank you Brother Jonathan De Bernardo!* The community director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the Chancellor. This Brother Knight is responsible for shepherding our community-based council programs (primarily those dealing with the school and kids' activities). Those programs include Basketball Free Throw Competition, Soccer Free Kick Competition, Catholic Essay Contest, KCIC Poster Contest). The Community Director must complete Safe Environment training and undergo a basic background check. Takes anywhere from 2-10 hours a month, depending if there are any activities scheduled for that month.
- **Life Director** - *FILLED! Thank you SK Larry Cirignano!* The life director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the Chancellor. This Brother Knight is responsible for shepherding our life-based council programs The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable discussing and planning efforts within the context of supporting and affirming life in all stages and in all conditions—with Council members, the pastor and external pro-Life

groups. Notably, he strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of the pro-life movement, people with intellectual disabilities, and persecuted Christians (March for Life, NOVENA for Life, KOVAR collections, supporting attendance outside of abortion mills, etc.). Takes anywhere from 2-10 hours a month, depending if there are any activities scheduled for that month.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2025

Queen of Apostles started the celebration of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) a day earlier, on Saturday, June 21st at Vigil Mass, followed by a very well attended procession around the QofA campus. A 4th Degree Honor Guard from Father Malloy Assembly 1894 was provided, including our own SK Rick Sacra, who is the Assembly's Color Corps Captain. GK (elect-at the time) Sacra was joined by Faithful Navigator Timothy Hogan (1894), SK Joseph Gesker, PFN, SK John Kuchenbrod, and our own WDGK (elect-at the time) Danny Restivo. Many thanks to each of them and to all that assisted in the set up of Council 4522's Altar seen here.

Fr. Ramon Dominguez, Parochial Vicar, kneels in front of the Monstrance holding the Holy Eucharist, seen here on the Council 4522 "altar"



4th Degree Honor Guard leads the Corpus Christi procession and "guards" the Holy Eucharist

Lecturer's Reflection

"Light From Light"

I adore you, O my God, as the true and only light! From eternity to eternity, before any creature was, when you were alone—alone but not solitary, for you have ever been three in one—you were the infinite light. Nothing created is more than the very shadow of you. Bright as are the angels, they are poor and most unworthy shadows of you. The highest seraphim veil their eyes. For me, I cannot even look upon the sun, and what is this but a base material emblem of you?

How could I look upon you and live? If I were placed in the illumination of your countenance, I would shrink up like the grass. O most gracious God, who shall approach you, being so glorious, yet how can I keep from you? For you, who are the light of angels, are the only light of my soul.

Remain with me till death in this dark valley, when the darkness will end. Remain, O light of my soul. Shine on me, O fire ever burning and never failing, and I shall begin to shine as you shine: so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from you. None of it will be mine. No merit to me. It will be you who shine though me upon others. Oh, let me thus praise you, in the way you love best, by shining on all those around me. Give light to them as well as to me; light them with me, through me. Teach me to show forth your praise, your truth, your will. Make me preach you without preaching—not by words, but by my example and by the catching force, the sympathetic influence, of what I do—by my visible resemblance to your saints, and the evident fullness of the love which my heart bears to you.

Saint John Henry Newman

HEY....Are you reading this? If so, send an email to jpii4522@gmail.com saying, "Vivat Jesus" for a chance for a \$25 gift card—to be presented at the General Business Meeting, Wednesday, July 9th. You must be present to win! Entries will be cut off at Noon, Monday, July 7th.

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."*

July Birthdays!



Robert P Bubniak, PGK	07-04
Deacon Vincent M Kapral, PGK	07-04
Beau Lovdahl	07-07
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
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	07-27
Gregory R Milas	07-30

Reminder

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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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