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Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

Wednesday, June 12th – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Friday, June 14th – Flag Day

Saturday, June 15th – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary – 5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria

Sat/Sun, June 15th/16th – Membership Drive, All Masses Queen of Apostles

Sunday, June 23rd – Corpus Christi Procession - After noon Mass @ QofA

Sunday, June 30th – Corporate Communion – NOON Mass @ QofA

Sunday, June 30th – Family (5th Sunday) Rosary - ~1:00 PM @ QofA

Sunday, June 30th – Fr. Vives' Departure Event, 4:00 – 8:00 PM @ QofA

Grand Knight's Message

It's hard to believe that another year has come and is nearly gone again. Sadly, punctuated by the passing of one of our most beloved Knights, SK Richard Owen, PGK, PFN, FDD. May God bless his soul and show mercy and kindness to his family. June 2019—the 30th will be the end of the fraternal year—and my final day as Grand Knight—after two years of service. I have had the honor to be surrounded by a bevy of outstanding Knights, all united in effort to follow the Venerable Fr. McGivney's vision; to *change a man's life*, to *deepen and enrich his faith*, to *strengthen his family* and to *build better lives for those who so desperately need help!*

This year, once again, the Council stepped up to the plate when needed—this time carrying out the requirements of the newly initiated, "Faith in Action" program—the first Supreme level change in the Order in nearly four decades! The new model focuses on creating a dynamic parish-based council, with an emphasis on spiritual renewal. The model is divided into four categories of programs: Faith, Family, Community and Life. They represent the Order's main priorities; a) to strengthen our men and their families in the Catholic **faith**; b) emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal **family** plays in modern society; c) to spread a spirit of charity and service throughout our **community**; and finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to "be committed to the defense of **life** in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II).

With that said, let me outline some of our successes over the past year:

- Fed hundreds at Christ House via five multi-setting dinner servings
- Learned to pray together, be together, and support one another through five Corporate Communion and five 5th Sunday Rosaries.
- Supported the Annual March for Life
- Received and donated nearly two tons of food via the 40 Days/40 Cans Campaign with Queen of Apostles School
- Supported FOUR Seminarians
- Donated food and necessities to over 20 families at Christmas
- Held and/or supported successful and highly competitive soccer and basketball challenges at the Council and District levels for the children
- Kept Christ in Christmas by selling religious cards throughout the Christmas season
- Supported Virginians with intellectual disabilities through a very successful KOVAR campaign
- Through our Foundation arm, provided a total of \$17,000 to more than 20 worthwhile Catholic focused charities
- Planned and participated in our first Spiritual Retreat—this year to the St. John Paul II National Shrine

And that is just a sampling of the Council's activities, events, charity, unity, and fraternity this past year—which was recognized at the end of the year, by garnering the coveted **State Deputy Award!**

I thank each one of you for your support the past two years—yet, we leave so much left to be done. I pray Brothers, that you continue your support of incoming Grand Knight Patrick Okoronkwo and next year's officers and hold on to the momentum the Council has gained the past two years and make 2019-2020 the best year in the Council's storied history.

I must finish once again by thanking my wonderful wife, Susan, and our son, Brett, for their unending support!

May God bless you, Knights of Pope John Paul II Council, and your families.

GK Roger

Knight of the Month

Sir Knight, Worthy Financial Secretary, President of the Casey Club and Casey Foundation (Acting) Vincent Apostolico is recognized as this month's Knight of the Month! Those titles are far more than just "titles"—they are "skin in the game," hours and hours of a labor of love and honor of the order. SK Vincent has been involved in the leadership of the Council—literally for decades. It could be easily argued that without his involvement, there very well may not even be a Pope John Paul II Council 4522 today. While perhaps one particular contribution doesn't stand out this specific month—SK Vincent's contributions can and should be recognized every month! Congratulations to our May 2019 Knight of the Month, SK Vincent Apostolico!

Family of the Month

Shepherds of the "Family of Families," Queen of Apostles' Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Fathers Leopoldo Vives, Ignacio de Ribera, Javier O'Conner and returning Juan Espino are the Council's Family of the Month for May 2019. Queen of Apostles Catholic Church has been blessed to have the stability of the Disciples for over the last six years. The Council has shared in those blessings, as Fr. Vives has provided spiritual support and direction as our Chaplain. All the Disciples are very supportive of the Knights of Columbus and our Council specifically allowing us to get a strong foothold in the parish, which will provide many future Knights and many more opportunities to serve those in need. As Fr. Vives leaves as the parish's Pastor and our Chaplain and Fr. Espino reenters the parish as the new pastor, let us give thanks for their spiritual guidance and support

Officer Election Results FY 2019-2020

Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Officer Elections were held at the Council home on May 22, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. PGK Carroll Glass, on behalf of the nomination committee, conducted the special meeting and the election proceedings. The Council thanks the outstanding work of the Nomination Committee—PGK Carroll and PGK Joseph Lynem. Your slate of officers for next year, commencing July 1, 2019, are as follows:

- Grand Knight - Patrick Okoronkwo
- Deputy Grand Knight – Innocent Nukuri
- Chancellor – John Cosgayon
- Recording Secretary - Dennis Brown
- Treasurer – Rich Lamarre
- Warden – Vincent Guevara
- Inside Guard - Leo Weston
- Outside Guard - Tobias Amadi
- Advocate – Ron Plavchan
- 1st Year Trustee – Joseph Lynem



For the Casey Club

- President: Roger Williams
- Vice President: James (Jay) Moore
- Treasurer: Craig Delaney
- Secretary: Ron Plavchan

Congratulations gentlemen and thank you in advance for your service and support in the upcoming year! God Bless you and your families!

Special Reprint in Celebration of Father's Day Men on a Mission by Joseph McInerney

Suppose you had a choice: your dream car with all the options and a summer home on the shore, or a life of daily toil spent with persons you truly love and who truly love you. Which would you choose? Think twice.

The answer lies in what really makes you happy. If there is more to happiness and fulfillment than material comfort, where can we turn to find the truth about these things? While there is always a limit to the number of things you can accumulate, or cars you can fit on your driveway, there is no limit to the amount of happiness a human heart can receive – or give. The same is true for love.



Ultimately, the human heart reaches out to the infinite and eternal love of God. The Second Vatican Council tells us that we should look to Jesus Christ to find the meaning of human fulfillment. "Christ...in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his very high calling" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

Mission: Redemption

Christ's role on earth can be depicted in terms of a mission. God the Father sends his only-begotten Son into the world to reconcile it to himself. In other words, the mission of Jesus is nothing less than to save the souls of all people from all time. Christ achieves this mission through his roles as priest, prophet, and king. As the perfect priest, Christ offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity. As a prophet, he bears God's message of reconciliation to the world, teaching about God's love and mercy. As king, he rules the universe, exercising his authority through service and humility.

The mission of the modern-day father, like that of Christ, is the salvation of souls. The difference between them is the fact that Christ's mission is universal, concerned with the salvation of all mankind. The father's mission is concerned primarily with the salvation of his own family. Despite the difference in scope, the father has the same methods at his disposal to achieve this mission of salvation.

Through his share in Christ's grace in the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, a father shares the grace of Christ's death and resurrection with his children. He is also a priest in the sense that he brings his children to the sacraments, giving them a direct share in the grace of Christ. The father is a prophet – the bearer of God's message – to his children by fulfilling his obligation to teach them the Catholic faith.

Lastly, he performs Christ's kingly function as the spiritual head of his family. This headship is always exercised in a Christian manner, rather than a worldly manner. A father's obligation to lead his family in holiness is not a call to domination, but to service.

A Father's Fulfillment

Each week at Mass when reciting the Gloria we learn that Christ alone is the holy one. In living out the vocation of fatherhood, a man is called to imitate the holiness that led Christ to give his entire self for the love of his brothers and sisters. At its root, then, fatherhood is a call to holiness. The example of Christ shows that holiness consists in the radical gift of oneself for the sake of others.

Fatherhood is the mission that allows a man to give of himself unreservedly. Thus, it is through fatherhood that most men will find their greatest happiness. To avoid fatherhood for the sake of that dream car, or that special summer home, is to cheat yourself out of one of life's most rewarding experiences. By calling men to make a gift of themselves to others, God calls fathers to a life of remarkable holiness, indescribable happiness, and true fulfillment.

Reprinted from <http://www.fathersforgood.org> Joseph McInerney, a graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, lives in Springfield, Va., with his wife and five children. He is also a member of Springfield Council 6153.

Don't Forget to Fly Your Flag!



Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental

Congress. The United States Army also celebrates its' birthday on this date. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress, although it is not an official federal holiday.

Happy June Birthdays!



- Walter F Glowicki 06-02
- Robert L McMurrer 06-04
- Philip J Moser 06-05
- GK Roger Williams 06-08
- James William Amos 06-08
- Patrick T James 06-10
- PGK Joseph M Roney 06-11

- Stephen W Nary 06-12
- Jordan Andrew Ryan 06-16
- Daniel J Stessalavage 06-16
- MAJ Robert J Ulses 06-16
- PGK John V Wenderoth 06-18
- Michael M Hadeed Sr 06-19
- Vicente L Guevara 06-22



Mass Intentions

Our former Chaplain, Fr Andrew Amaruma, AJ in Uganda, recently notified our Council with the following:

“If there are Brother Knights who want Mass to be celebrated for their intentions let me know. With stipends or no stipends, I will do.”

Mass requests can be sent to:

Apostles of Jesus Mission
Promotion Office
Memo: Fr Andrew Amaruma, AJ
829 Main St
Northampton PA 18067

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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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