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Monthly Newsletter

June 2021

Important Dates This Month

- Wednesday, June 2nd – Officers' Meeting - 7:30 PM via ZOOM ONLY
 Saturday, June 5th – Corpus Christi Bi-Lingual Mass and Procession 5:00 PM @ QofA
 Sunday, June 6th – Corpus Christi
 Wednesday, June 9th – General Business Meeting HYBRID - 7:30 PM via ZOOM and
 IN PERSON – Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm, QofA Parish Center
NOTE: 2021/2022 Elections will be held during THIS meeting!
 Monday, June 14th – Flag Day
 Sunday, June 20th – Father's Day!

Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights, It has indeed been an honor to serve this great Council 4522 as Grand Knight for the last two years. We had so much planned for the fraternal years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. The COVID-19 pandemic derailed many of those plans. Almost six months into the 2019/2020 fraternal year, the pandemic hit, closing most everything, including Mass and other church activities. For the first time in my life, attending Mass was only virtual. All parishes and councils focused on reducing the chances of parishioners, brothers, and their families from contracting the virus. In-person officers' and general council meetings were discontinued. Council 4522 followed the guidelines provided by the Bishop, Pastor, State Deputy, and Supreme and moved to virtual meetings, which continue in most part to this day. Throughout the pandemic, Council 4522 did not miss any Officers'/Directors' and general membership business meetings.

In the 2020/2021 fraternal year, when parishes started to return to limited in-person Masses, brothers from Council 4522 stepped in to help monitor and coordinate sitting, masking, and utilization of sanitizers during all scheduled masses. Brothers from Council 4522 showed that the Knights are indeed an extension of the priest's arm—coordinating the recruitment and coverage of ushers and lectors for all scheduled parish masses. Brothers from the Council worked hand-in-hand with the pastor, ensuring the streaming of Parish Masses and special prayers to the parish community.

The issues of the pandemic motivated Council 4522 to devise a safe process to continue to serve the needy at Christ House on the second Tuesdays, every other

month. The Council arranged to provide restaurant-prepared meals since there were no more extended gatherings in-person to prepare the meals at Christ House. The Council increased the number of food baskets delivered through the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph to the Community. There was also an increase in the number of coats for kids provided and donations to charities.

My brothers, while many things around us remained closed and shuttered, the pandemic did not shut down Council 4522. Instead, it awoke the creativity and innovation of the Council to explore alternative processes to either maintain or increase their services in supporting community. Although the pandemic did not allow the basketball free-throw competition (because it required in-person participation), it increased the number of food donated through the 40 Cans for 40 Days can foods program. The pandemic also shut down the fish fry in 2019/2020. However, Council 4522, in their determination, organized and coordinated a drive-thru fish fry for 2020/2021—the best fish fry it has held in the last five years. Many more activities and programs are not listed here that Council 4522 provided. 2020/2021, the fraternal year, saw the greatest number of recruitments and transfers into the Council in the last five years as well.

In my two years, there was a very close working relationship amongst the positions in the Council. The Financial Secretary worked exceptionally well with the Grand Knight, Treasurer, Trustees, and the Recorder. All required reports and forms were filed on time. Member management was coordinated with the assistance of the Financial Secretary, and all financial

statements were read and reviewed at every meeting. The trustees reviewed and approved all bills before payments were made. Every Council officer and program director served willingly and with their heart in the two years. The Deputy Grand Knight stood ready and willing to provide coverage and counseling to the Grand Knight. I send a special thank you and gratitude to our Chaplain and pastor, Rev. Fr. A. Diaz, for his commitment to the parish and Council. He worked hand-in-hand with the Council in all activities. Council 4522 is very lucky and appreciative for the relationships they have with the two current parish priests—and has maintained a relationship with all the priests who have been in the parish. The Queen of Apostles school has been a willing and supportive partner with Council 4522.

It has been a joy and a rewarding two years of service. I am immensely proud of the accomplishments during the two years. I witnessed a dedicated commitment by the members in their parish and in Council works. I served with men who displayed the fear of God and believed in supporting and encouraging human life from conception to natural death. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity of serving with men of caliber. May the work of Pope John Paul II Council 4522 continue to grow and support the lives of the parish community. May God guide and protect members of the Council and their families. My family and I pray for the incoming leadership and ask God that their reign will be even more successful and rewarding.

Brothers, please make all efforts to attend the next general business membership meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, when the Council will hold the election of officers. The current term will end on June 30, 2021, and those elected will commence their term on July 1, 2021.

Fraternally yours,
Patrick Okoronkwo

Knight of the Month

This month's Knight of the Month is FS and SK/PGK Roger Williams. FS Roger has been instrumental in ensuring Council meetings have continued through the pandemic via setting up and operating ZOOM meetings—and now is coordinating efforts to conduct hybrid meetings—as we pray, we are returning to some sense of normalcy. FS Roger has gone great lengths to ensure all safety precautions have been taken at the parish center, home to the Blessed Fr. McGivney Conference Room, to allow Brother Knights to return to in-person meetings there. The May general business meeting was a great example, there were nine Brothers in attendance in person and only eight online! This is only one of Brother Roger's many contributions to the Council and parish, but a particularly important one that

we are all very thankful for. Congratulations to SK/FS Roger Williams as our June Knight of the Month!

Family of the Month

Congratulations to the Restivo family, Brother Danny and his wife, Meredith as this month's Family of the Month. Danny and Meredith have become fixtures in supporting the Council's bi-monthly Christ House food prep and delivery. Always ready to pitch in however needed, the "pandemic" Christ House dinners could not be accomplished without their support. The Council deeply appreciates their efforts and knows that those they help through their works of Mercy also appreciate them immensely. Thank you and Congratulations to the Restivos!!

2021/2022 Council and Casey Club ELECTIONS—June 9th!!

Subject elections will be held during the June General Business Meeting under New Business. Obviously, it is imperative to not only have a quorum, but to have as many members vote as possible. Your Officers, lead YOUR Council. As the old adage claims, "Make your voice heard." Plan now to attend this very important meeting.

All 3rd and 4th Degree Brothers are strongly encouraged to consider running for a position or nominating a qualified Brother for one (NOTE: Any such nomination should be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for).

Brother Craig Delaney cjdelane@gmail.com is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and is being assisted by FS Roger Williams sbrog11@yahoo.com and SK Vincent Guevara vincentg97@gmail.com. If you are interested in running for a position or want to know what is involved before committing to a position, please contact a committee member or any one of the sitting Officers—as soon as possible.

Be advised that nominations MAY be made from the floor the night of the election. It is highly recommended that any such nominations be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for before the actual elections begin.

Positions—along with those nominated to date are:

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| Grand Knight | SK Daniel Penrose |
| Deputy Grand Knight | SK Vincent Guevara |
| Chancellor | Daniel Restivo |
| Recording Secretary | SK John Cosgayon |

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| 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 |
| | Al Avellino, PGK |
| Past Grand Knight Delegate | GK Patrick Okoronkwo |

Candidates are also sought for Officer positions in the Casey Club. The Casey Club is charged with maintaining the Council home and overseeing the organization's investments, among other duties.

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| President | SK Roger Williams |
| Vice President | SK James (Jay) Moore |
| Secretary | SK John Cosgayon |
| Treasurer | SK Craig Delaney |

Final Note: Volunteers are also sought to lead the following Supreme mandated Programs in *Faith in Action* (which frame and guide Council activities) Community, Life, Family, and Faith. More information can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>

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.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

The Knights of Columbus are well-known for making an impact in communities and localities throughout the world. However, some of our brothers have made the ultimate sacrifice for their Catholic values. From the Six Mexican martyrs executed for carrying out ministry, to Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, a prisoner of war in the Pacific theatre during World War II who converted more than 200 other prisoners to Catholicism, these men embodied the values of the Knights of Columbus. As saints and martyrs, they remain a guiding light for our council, and others around the world. For more information on Father Lafleur, the Six Mexican Martyrs and others, please check out the [Knights of Columbus page on Saints and Martyrs of the Church](#).

FIVE TAKEAWAYS FROM CHRIST'S 'TAKEN UP' Jesus' Ascension was more than a return trip to heaven

By Gerald Korson, a veteran Catholic journalist, is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana.

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the May 29, 2020 issue of Knightline and has been lightly edited for our Newsletter.

The feast of the Ascension is an observance that does not seem to generate a lot of hoopla. But it should. The Ascension is not simply Jesus' way of getting back to the Father. There's a lot more significance to the event in the life of Christ — and to the life of the Church. Here are five takeaways as to why Jesus was "taken up" to heaven and what resulted from his Ascension.

1. He opened heaven to our human nature

By his bodily Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus brought his human nature into heaven and "opened the gates of heaven" for us. Just as by his rising from the dead he became "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:20), so by ascending to heaven he became the first fruits of humanity to enter there.

This means that the just who had died before him were finally able to enter heaven. When Jesus died, he descended into "hell" — not the eternal hell, but "sheol," the "abode of the dead," where all who had died then

resided. There Jesus preached to these souls, and those who believed in him were saved.

Since his Ascension, all who die are subject to judgment at death and immediately go to heaven, purgatory or hell. As he told his apostles, "When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (Jn 4:3). Because he ascended with his human nature, we have a pathway to enter heaven too.

2. He would send the Holy Spirit

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to his apostles. The Holy Spirit would bear witness to him, dwell within them and "teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26).

But Christ had to ascend to heaven to make this happen. He told them that "if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7). That is what happened at Pentecost, ten days after the Ascension, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the Upper Room and inspired them to go out boldly to preach the Gospel.

3. The work of the Church had to begin

Just before he ascended, Jesus gave his apostles the great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

He had already given them the authority to celebrate the Eucharist and to forgive sins and had instructed them to return to Jerusalem to await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit came, on Pentecost, the evangelizing mission of the Church began, and some 3,000 were baptized that day. The fledgling Church needed the power of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus had to ascend for the Holy Spirit to come upon the Church.



4. He remains present in the world in a new way

Even after the Ascension, Jesus is with us. The Church recognizes his presence in the Church, in the hearts of his faithful, in the sacraments, in Scripture and wherever his faithful are gathered. That’s a mystical or spiritual presence. But his Real Presence — his body, blood, soul and divinity — remains with us in the Eucharist itself, in the elements of bread and wine consecrated by the priest. Jesus ascended to heaven, but his promise to remain with us is fulfilled most perfectly in the Eucharist.

5. Jesus ascended to return at the end of time

The work of the Church begun at Pentecost will not be completed until Christ returns in power at the final judgment. As the angel told the apostles as they stood staring into the sky after Jesus’ Ascension, “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

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.

Casey Women’s Club

The Cicadas are in full force for the next several weeks, fortunately they are harmless to people.

Several women met May 13th at the Council house. We had a brief meeting with discussions of Fall activities and the Casey Women’s Club 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Lucretia Slaby, July 24th. Prayerfully all our members have received their vaccine shots and are doing well, and we will see all of you in September. Jean Hughes will contact members with date, time, and place.

Enjoy the summer months with family and friends; Remember to stay safe!

Connie King, President

June 2021 Birthdays



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| Daniel J Restivo | 06-01 |
| Walter F Glowicki | 06-02 |
| Robert L McMurrer | 06-04 |
| Philip J Moser | 06-05 |
| PGK Roger L Williams | 06-08 |
| James William Amos | 06-08 |
| 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 |
| Martin Oppus | 06-24 |
| Hilawe Tesfa | 06-27 |



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Join us for an informative live presentation by Bob Abbate, the general agent for The Abbate Agency. The Abbate Agency is consistently a top 10 agency in the Knights of Columbus. Bob has earned many designations over his career, including Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC), Certified Senior Advisor (CSA), and Life Underwriting Training Council Fellow (LUTCF). He is also a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), an international organization that recognizes the top one percent of financial professionals.

All are invited to this informative seminar to better their understanding of benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to learn more. It is open to the entire community.

Bob will be speaking about many of the features and benefits inherent in Knights of Columbus membership including: Knights of Columbus Founding Principles and facts - Fraternal Benefits - Life Insurance - Retirement Annuities - Long Term Care Insurance - Disability Income Insurance - and more.

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Date: June 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Online via zoom

Registration link: june16.abbatekofc.com



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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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