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Monthly Newsletter

March 2021

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH 2021

Wednesday, March 3rd – Officer's Meeting – 7:30 PM ZOOM and/or Blessed Fr. McGivney Room @ Queen of Apostles' Parish Center Friday, March 5th – Lenten FISH FRY – QofA's Hannan Hall – Muster per assignments Tuesday, March 9th – Christ House – Food Prep 2:00 PM Council Home Wednesday, March 10th – General Business Meeting – 7:30 PM (Rosary@7:00pm) ZOOM and/or Blessed Fr. McGivney Room @ Queen of Apostles' Parish Center March 16th – March 25th, NOVENA for Life

Wednesday, March 17th – Celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick

Thursday, March 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord – Mass @ QofA @ 7:00 PM (also Chaplain and Fr. Diaz's 15th Anniversary of his Ordination)

\$\$HAVE YOU PAID YOU DUES YET??\$\$

Please do so as soon as possible – Your current Card EXPIRED February 28th !!!

The financial health of the Council depends on your timely remittance of dues!!

Grand Knight's Message

We Catholics in the Lenten season focus on reflections in our relationships with God. It is also a time to prepare for the Easter celebration. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord. May I ask you my brothers as members of the Knight of Columbus Council 4522 that you use this period to also pray and consider serving as an officer or director!

Election of new officers will take place in June and all positions are open except financial secretary. We need to fill every position and the officers and directors will lead all efforts to bring their Council members in closer relationships with the Pastor of Queen of Apostles and the parish community. Queen of Apostles Parish is the primary feeder of members to Council 4522. Explore within yourself and in your prayers for what position you would like to serve in to grow the Council and support the Parish.

We will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 5, 2021. This will be the only fish fry hosted by the Council. Please let your friends know about it. We will be conducting a drive-through and take-outs. We also will need Council members to volunteer to come to Hannah Hall to serve in one capacity or another. We want to make it a success for the council and rewarding for all the patrons.

I would like to inform you that the Abbate Agency will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits Night on March 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm. This special webinar will be virtual, so you will not need to leave the comfort of your home to participate. We really need your participation for this 1.5 hours event. It is important that we have at least ten members participate. Please join with your spouse. We as a Council need to participate in this event to complete the required activities to earn State Deputy's award. This is the only activity that we have yet to complete. My brothers, we cannot miss the State Deputy award for fraternal year 2020/2021. You may pre-register at webinarCH.abbatekofc.com. Thank you!

Lest I forget – we have officers and directors' meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, and the general membership business meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. The meetings continue to be held virtually. If you are not receiving the meeting notices please let me know or contact Worthy FS, Roger Williams.

I pray to the Lord our God Jesus Christ to grant you peace. Please do whatever you can for you and your family to stay safe. Especially in this Lenten period, I ask that you pull the weapon you were given on the day you became a Knight—the Holy Mother will guide you in the Holy Rosary!

Fraternally yours, Patrick Okoronkwo

Drive-Thru Fish Fry Friday, March 5th



Join PJPII Council 4522 for our only Fish Fry this Lenten season on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. As with most things, the pandemic has forced us and the parish to cancel a full-fledged, sit down dinner, BUT the Lord has shown us the way...remember the fish and bread? Full details and your Order Form can be found here: https://forms.gle/1ngo4hUmgK8wySMY6 Or just scan the QR Code below.

Don't delay in putting in your order!! To make sure we have the correct quantities available, orders **MUST BE PLACED BY NOON, Wednesday, March 3rd!** Order yours NOW!!



Service Times: 5:30PM, 6:00PM, and 6:30PM Cost per order: \$8.00 (Max \$40.00 per family) Each order will contain: Three pieces of fish (Fried or Baked – your choice), fries, coleslaw, a cookie and condiments.

Drive-thru pickup will be at the rear of the church -Kitchen Entrance. Please enter between the church and the parish center.

Knight of the Month

Pope John Paul II Council proudly recognizes Brother Martin Oppus as the Council's Knight of the Month. See the Fish Fry article immediately above? Brother Martin was instrumental...vital in getting the Fish Fry off the ground, designing the electronic order form and getting it ready for dissemination. What you don't see is the built-in spreadsheet on the backside, which will allow us to see exactly how much fish and sides we'll need to buy for the Fish Fry event. This will save the Council money and should make for an efficient delivery service on the 5th! Don't forget to get your order in before March 3rd!! Once again, thank you Brother Martin and Congratulations!

Family of the Year!

activities.

Pope John Paul II Council's <u>Family of the Year</u> Award is presented to the family of 3rd Degree Brother Knight Eric Tanchez! One of the Council's newest Knights, Brother Eric and his family, wife Lucia, son Ian and daughter Kiara, were already deeply involved in many aspects of parish life including the Hispanic Ministry and Right to

Brother Eric (and son, lan) has participated in some way in virtually every event since he joined the Council last fall.

Life



Upon learning of the Council's proposed FOTY, Chaplain and Fr. Alex Diaz was delighted and couldn't think of a more deserving family—noting that they are indeed very active in parish activities throughout many ministries! Thank you Tanchez family! Congratulations on being selected as the Council's Family of the Year! Your designation has been reported to the State Council and your family will be in consideration for State Family of the Year!!

NOVENA for Life, March 16th - March 25th

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, Council 4522 is promoting a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. The entire NOVENA is too large to print in the newsletter, but it can be found here. The NOVENA will culminate with The Annunciation of the Lord's Mass, 7:00 PM at Queen of Apostles, with a special intention for Life. It's also the 15th Anniversary of Chaplain, Fr. Alex Diaz's Ordination!



In a Word - HELP!

Brothers, March IS A BUSY MONTH!! We need Brothers on Deck at the following events:

- Friday, March 5th Lenten FISH FRY QofA's Hannan Hall Please contact FS Roger for specific times
- Tuesday, March 9th Christ House Food Prep – 2:00 PM @ Council Home
- March 16th March 25th, NOVENA for Life – Every card-carrying member AND



Casey Club needs a Registered Agent (aka Attorney)

If you are an attorney, the Casey Club needs your assistance! Brother Knight James (Jay) Moore has been our Registered Agent for the last couple of years; however, Jay is moving out of state and we need another volunteer to serve as our Registered Agent. As defined by the charitylawyerblog.com, "the purpose of a registered agent is to ensure that there is a place with a street address where an organization can be contacted or served with notice of a lawsuit or other legal action." As a Registered Agent, you would be listed in our annual Virginia SCC filing, and assuming no lawsuits – there's really not much to do. Virtually zero effort, just need your name and address and Attorney in your title!! If you can volunteer for this position, the Casey Club and the Council would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Brother Craig Delaney at cidelane@gmail.com for more information.

40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign



Pope John Paul II
Council 4522 has
once again
partnered with
Queen of
Apostles Catholic
School to conduct

the 4th Annual 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign. The Campaign offers the children (and their families and school staff) blessings each day during Lent—providing them with the opportunity to give alms, promote charity to others, and learn/know more about sacrifice in the way of bringing a canned good to school each school day. During the last three years, the students have contributed over TWO TONS of canned goods. Pictured are the alms picked up in just the first week of the campaign!

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 on the corner of Stevenson Ave. and Whiting St. 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 were 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....

10 week unborn baby's feet.

Precious Feet

Life Director and SK Larry Cirignano, 202-306-6863.

2021/2022 Council and Casey Club Nominations

Each Officer position is vitally important in efficiently running the Council, developing fundraisers, identifying ways the Council can assist the parish and the community, and growing the faith in one another.

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. In accordance with Article VIII of the revised Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will submit its report to the Members during the May Council Meeting. This report will include information related to the nominations for both the Council and the Casey Club in the Fraternal Year 2021 to 2022, which begins July 1, 2021.

Please note – Election Date: The Council will conduct its annual election of officers during the regular June General Business Meeting (June 9^{th)} under New Business. At this meeting, the only item for consideration and action will be the election of officers for the Council and the Casey Club.

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 are as follows:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Warden
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
3rd Year Trustee
Past Grand Knight Delegate

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.

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

Casey Women's Club

It is a New Year, and we are in the third month, forty days of Reflection and God's love for us.

Prayerfully, we have all received the vaccine and gladly look forward to meeting again when restrictions are reversed. Marion Scaffidi is the chairwoman of the CWC 60th Anniversary Celebration, further information will be available as we near the end of the COVID-19 Stay Safe restrictions.

Joanne Connor and Geri Owen share their birthdays on March 10th, we wish you a Blessed and Happy day.

Be Safe – Stay home – Pray! God Bless us all, Connie King, President

Happy March Birthdays to All!

Rev Thomas E Murphy OSFS	03-03
Michael C Kenney Jr	03-14
Frank B Ford	03-16
Patrick K Okoronkwo	03-17
Ciro F Cosgayon	03-21
Gregory P Erkens	03-22
PGK Joseph P Lynem	03-24
Mark Anthony S Guevara	03-25
Matthew Benedict S Guevara	03-25
Vincent Joseph S Guevara	03-25

St. Joseph Seen Through Artistic Renderings By Danny Restivo

Earlier this year, Pope Francis dedicated 2021 to St. Joseph for his humility, courage, and strength. Amid a pandemic, Joseph's image as the original "strong silent type" is an example we can all follow as Knights. However, the history of Joseph of Nazareth was nearly invisible in the early church.

For the first 200 years of Church, he was nearly absent from art. In their depictions of the Nativity and the visit of the Magi, early Christians seemed to forget Joseph altogether. Christian carvers meticulously rendered ox and ass, stable and straw, manger and swaddling clothes, leaving Mary alone to present Christ to shepherds and kings. Joseph's invisibility, however, served an important purpose: to emphasize Christ's divinity and the Virgin birth to the Gentiles.

Mary's virginity distinguished Christ's sanctity from pagan gods and a world where an Emperor married a vestal virgin to denigrate chastity. The message that Jesus, though born of a woman, was God. To pagan religions, God-made-Man, fully human and fully divine was a shockingly new concept. To avoid any confusion about Christ's divinity, Joseph is often upstaged by oxen and extras to avoid confusion about Christ's paternity, so the Church could proclaim the fulness of truth in all its splendor.

It was not until the fifth century, after Emperor Theodosius proclaimed Christianity the sole religion of the Empire, Joseph made his artistic debut at the Basilica of St. Mary in Rome—the first Western church to be dedicated to the Mother of God. Joseph appeared on the iconographic stage in the triumphal arch, where he was depicted five times, more even than Mary.



Joseph's iconography appeared in several other renderings, but with delicate care for Church teaching. In all the depictions, Joseph is depicted as a man in service to the Lord and the Blessed Virgin.

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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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