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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers:

Our Council will have two Fish Fries during the month of March. I encourage all Brother Knights to attend one or both Fish Fries. This is a great way to serve our Church community. Please see the announcement later in this newsletter for more information if you would like to attend or volunteer.

The District 16 Annual Free Throw Contest took place on Sunday February 19th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Saint Leo The Great School Gym. Ten winning participants will move on to the State Free Throw Championship at St Gertrude's High School on Saturday March 18th. This will be an exciting time, and Youth Director Vincent and Brother Mark will support the event. This is a nice combo, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Brother Vincent and Brother Mark for their participation and for supporting the winners at the event.

Please remember, the Council needs Brother Knights to form the Council's Admissions and Membership Committees. Those Brother Knights who are interested should contact me at CArchiraic@aol.com or the Deputy Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com.

Before I close and move onto Knight of the Month and Family of the Month, I would like to ask everyone to pause and pray with me. We pray for our dear Brother PGK Richard (Dick) Owen. We pray for his strength and health. Send your prayers for strength, wellness, and peace, to our dear Brother Knight, fellow Christian, and leader in our Order, Brother Dick.

Knight Of The Month

The Knight of the Month for March 2017 is Outside Guard Joseph King. Brother Joseph assisted PGK FDD Dick Owen at the Council home when our Brother Dick had some unexpected health complications. Additionally, Brother Joe successfully conducted membership drives at Queen of Apostles on March 11th and March 12th. He is a valuable member of the Council Officer list. His assistance and support to the Council are always appreciated by the Grand Knight.

I congratulate Outside Guard Joseph King for earning the honors and selection as Council 4522 March 2017 Knight of the Month.

Family Of The Month

The Family of the Month for March 2017 is the Bion Family. Brother Jean Roger and his wife Henriette once again volunteered to prepare and cook fish for the Lenten Fish Fry events at Queen of Apostles. Not an easy task by any means. Moreover, Brother Jean Roger and his family are always eager to assist the Council. In fact, the Council has relied upon the Bion Family for many Council activities, and their dedication to the Order is greatly appreciated by the Grand Knight.

The current Grand Knight is very grateful to have such a supportive family as part of Council 4522, and I congratulate Brother Jean Roger and his family for earning the March 2017 Family of the Month honors for Council 4522.

Have a great month!

I remain, Fraternaly Yours,
Cesar Archiraico, Grand Knight

RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH IN JANUARY

The Right to Life March was held on January 27, 2017 (too late for the February Newsletter). Both PGK Carroll Glass and PGK Joseph Lynem were Marshals for the event and Brother Larry Cirignano coordinated the marchers from Queen of Apostles. Brother Vincent also participated. This year’s theme was "The Power of One," meaning that if each of us raise our voice, the power of one becomes the power of many—and with many voices, we will have our voices heard to eliminate the horrible tragedy of abortion.



(Brothers Joseph Lynem and Carrol Glass marshalled the event in Downtown Washington, D.C, and Brother Larry Cirignano coordinated the marchers, along with Brother Vincent Guevara).

Just to recount a bit of the day’s activities - The event has taken place every January since 1974, on or near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout the nation. Vice President Mike Pence spoke to hundreds of thousands, including members of the Knights of Columbus, saying, "I am deeply humbled to be the first vice president of the United States ever to attend this event." On behalf of President Trump, he also thanked the attendees for their stand for life and their compassion for the women and children of America.

This year, as in past years, the crowd at the March for Life consisted of people of all faiths and political backgrounds. Countless pro-life banners and flags were on display, including the thousands of Knights of Columbus "Defend Life" and "Choose Life" signs distributed by the D.C. State Council. Many participants attended with their families and young children. Others, such as college and high school

students, traveled together on parish- or school sponsored buses.

Following the rally, the nearly 2-mile march, approximately half a million strong according to EWTN reporters at the event, began from the National Mall and progressed past the U.S. Capitol before concluding at the Supreme Court building. Standing together, marchers once more defended the weakest in society. It is a cause that has endured both weather and time as people continue to make a stand — or in this case, a march — for life.



(Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly talk with Vice President Mike Pence (Photo: Matthew Barrick)).

POT-LUCK - GREAT things are happening in the pro-life fight. Join us for First Friday Fish dinner March 3rd at Queen of Apostles, Hannan Hall 6:30 PM POT-LUCK. How many kinds of Bubba Gump Shrimp are there? Soup, Salad and deserts needed. Father Stephen Imbarrato of Priests for Life is celebrating his 65th year please join us. RSVP Larry Cirignano 202-306-6863 LarryVote@Gmail.com

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRIES

As in past years, our Council will be hosting two Lenten Fish Fries during the month of March. You might mark your calendar for Friday, March 10th, and Friday, March 24th if you plan to attend. Both dinners will be prepared and served at Queen of Apostles, in Hannan Hall, with dinner starting at 5:30 pm. As always, help is essential to make this a great event for our Council and the Parish. Volunteers should meet at Hannan Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. each day to get "the fires burning" and everything prepared. These

Fish Fries are always well attended, so we can't have too much help!

Please contact Brother Roger Bion to let him you will be there to lend a hand. Brother Roger can be reached at 202-340-0339 or at rogerbion05@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND FATIMA

Queen of Apostles is taking a group of high school and college young men on a pilgrimage to Rome and Fatima this spring (early April) so they can experience Holy Week in these two Holy locations. One of the participants is our very own Council Youth Director, Brother Vincent Guevara. We pray that by exposing these young men to these Holy Sites their Catholic faith is strengthened and for some, might influence them to consider the Priesthood. Planners at Queen of Apostles are fundraising and seeking individual donations to offset the \$2,500 cost per young man for the trip. Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, will be greatly appreciated. Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.



The young visionaries of Fatima - Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia (center) - pose with their rosaries in 1917....

VERSE OF THE MONTH

...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10

SPOTLIGHT A KNIGHT – SIR KNIGHT DENNIS BROWN, PGK, PFN, FDD

Dennis Brown, PGK, PFN, FDD is an exemplary Knight. He has dutifully served our Council and the community for over 24 years. At present, Brother Dennis is our Council's Recording Secretary and serves on the Membership and Retention teams, but during his years in the Knights of Columbus he has served in many, many ways—including two terms as Grand Knight.

Brother Dennis often escorts Knights to degree ceremonies and is a constant volunteer at community and youth events. He is a Faithful Trustee for Fr. Malloy Assembly 1894 in Fairfax and served two terms with the Virginia State Council as District Deputy 16. A member of Holy Spirit Church in Annandale, Captain Brown is a retired Naval officer and retired a short time ago as an appeals analyst with the Social Security Administration. Brother Dennis lives in Springfield with his daughter Susan and grandsons ages 9 and 6.

IN THE CASEY'S WOMEN'S CLUB

The weather cooperated, and a quorum was met with 12 members present. President Connie opened the meeting with the Our Father prayer and a Hail Mary for healing and good health of our members.

Pres. Connie requested the Charity Committee provide a list of charities to consider this year and a possible Lenten offering.

Old Business: Vice Pres. Geri read the letter to the Foundation Committee requesting funds to be sent for the diocese, Gabriel Project. The letter was signed and delivered. Marion Scaffidi and Jean Hughes provided the letter to St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council welcoming their women to join our Casey Women's Club. The letter was approved, signed and mailed to Thomas Howard, GK.

New Business: VP Geri is coordinating with Annandale High School, Culinary school for our spring luncheon.

Retiree lunch is the last Tuesday of every month; March lunch is Tuesday, March 27th, at noon; cost is \$5.00. Bunco at 12:45, call Ethel 703-941-1079.

Spring fundraiser! Ruth Brophy provided order forms for See's Easter Candy—make a list of the great

chocolates and check it twice. The deadline is March 31st with delivery no later than April 10th .

Member birthdays in March are Geri Owen -10th, Ruth McFadden-23rd, and Marion Conrad-30th. A Happy and Blessed Birthday ladies!

God Bless and be Healthy,
 Connie King, President

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brother Richard Owen, PGK, PFN, FDD, a stalwart of JP II Council and the greater community, and his wife Geri, urgently need our prayers. Brother Richard has encountered some medical problems. We all need to pray for Brother Richard, Geri and his family.

May those who are in need of our prayers place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord. We ask that you please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers: Catherine Walsh (Bro. Leo Weston's sister); Tony Ingram & his wife; PGK/FDD John Wenderoth; Betty Medved; Alice McDonald; PGK Al & Rosario Bueno; Sandy & Ileana Stone; PGK Carl Castle; Joe Covas; Joe & Barry Cassano; FS Vince & Ethel Apostolico; Art Montilla; Joe Mainey; Rusty Dionne; Jo-Anne Plavchan; Mark Bush; PGK Bob & BJ Kreider; Linda Lipari; Maria Guevara; Betty and Jean Graziani; and Andy Zaccardi.

Please pray for Karen M. Gonzalez, who is undergoing radiation treatment in an attempt to remove two cancer tumors from her throat.

Please also pray for those Christians in other parts of the world who daily face persecution or even death for their faith. Saint Philomena, pray for us.

GOD'S CORNER

Unfailing prayer to St. Anthony

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"
 O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who

loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

You can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) alone at anytime, but people most often pray them in a group setting Friday nights during Lent.

Tradition traces this loving tribute to our Lord back to the Blessed Mother's retracing her son's last steps along what became known as the Via Dolorosa (the Sorrowful Way) on His way to His Crucifixion at Calvary in Jerusalem.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land commemorated Christ's Passion in a similar manner as early as the 4th century A.D. The Stations of the Cross developed as a devotion in earnest, however, around the 13th to 14th centuries.

It became a way of allowing those who could not make the long, expensive, arduous journey to Jerusalem to make a pilgrimage in prayer, at least, in their church! Although the original number of stations varied greatly, they became fixed at 14 in the 18th century.

The Stations of the Cross themselves are usually represented in churches by a series of 14 pictures or sculptures covering our Lord's Passion. They are meant to be "stopping points" along the journey for prayer and meditation. Although there are variations on this list below, these 14 scenes are taken from St. Alphonsus Liguori's well-known setting of the Stations in prayers, his Way of the Cross.

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries His cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time under His cross
4. Jesus meets His sorrowful Mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry His cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus
9. Jesus falls for the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher (the Tomb).

In between each Station, in addition to saying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, congregations often sing verses from Stabat Mater, a moving hymn about the Blessed Mother's sorrow at her son's Passion.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ❖ March 1st at 7:30 p.m. – Officer's meeting
- ❖ March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. – First Friday Fish Fry at Queen of Apostles Church
- ❖ March 8th at 7:30 p.m. – General membership meeting at Council home.
- ❖ March 10th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. – Council Fish Fry at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ March 11th at 8 to 3:30 p.m. – State meeting in Charlottesville
- ❖ March 11th at 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. – Council membership drive at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ March 12th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Council membership drive at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ March 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Council fish fry at Queen of Apostles
- ❖ March 27th at noon – retiree luncheon and bunco

NEW INSURANCE FIELD AGENT NAMED

After many months, we have finally gotten a new Field Agent assigned to our Council. Our new Field Agent's name is James Bertine. Brother Jim's contact information is

Office: (703) 845-3402

Web: www.jimbentine.com

Please contact Field Agent Bertine for any questions you may have about the outstanding fraternal benefits that the Knights of Columbus offers with regards to insurance, personal financial management and long term care.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

Please address all your mail to the Casey Foundation, Casey Club, and Knights of Columbus to the Council Home address:

**Knights of Columbus
4200 Martin Avenue
Annandale, Virginia 22003-3007**

Council Dues may be mailed there or directly to:

**Financial Secretary
7005 Murray Court
Annandale, VA 22003-1822**

If a dues payment is made, and you do not receive your membership card within seven days, please advise the financial secretary at vpa007@aol.com or call 703-941-1079.



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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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