

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

March 2018

ATTENTION

60th Anniversary Celebration Date/Time Change!
It is now Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Queen of Apostles Catholic School Gymnasium

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

You have no doubt heard the old adage about March, "In like a lion out like a lamb or in like a lamb and out like a lion..." Well, I think that sums up this March leading into April. Its been a relatively quiet February for Pope John Paul II Council, though we obviously have started Lent—a time of quiet reflection, a time to get closer to the Lord through prayer, penitence, sacrifice and Almsgiving.

In this light, we have started our First Annual "40 Cans for 40 Days" campaign with the children of Queen of Apostles Catholic School. That blessing will allow the children to further understand and appreciate Almsgiving, charity, sacrifice, responsibility, communication, humility, teamwork, and supporting others—just to name a few spiritual and character building traits. In any case, we wait for the joyous resurrection of our Lord on Easter Morning and then all that April brings our way—the Council's 60th Anniversary, our next blessing of Corporate Communion and the 5th Sunday Rosary, plus another opportunity to introduce more catholic gentlemen to our order with another membership drive.

Indeed, April will be a busy month, so let's enjoy the last "quiet" month of this fraternal year and concentrate on the Lord and our fellow Brothers and their families. May God bless everyone this Lent.

GK Roger

P.S. Dues payments are now past due. Please see the article included on page 4.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for March 2018 is our Worthy Chancellor, SK James (Jay) Moore. In a little more than a year in Pope John Paul II Council, SK Jay has established himself as a quiet yet effective leader and an exemplary Knight.

Chancellor Moore (AKA Brother Jay) is not only prepared for his portions of our meetings but has capably filled a number of Officer seats as needed during this fraternal year. Brother Jay has volunteered for any number of activities, including the Soccer Kick Challenge, picking up food and delivering it to local food banks, taking an hour of adoration on a rotating basis with other Knights and most recently, agreeing to take a role on the Charity Committee. If there is a need, SK Moore will do his very best to rise to the challenge. The Council has been blessed with his arrival and willingness to help his brothers, the Council, the parish and the Community. Congratulations SK Jay Moore on being the March 2018 Knight of the Month.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

By the time you read this article, SK Jean Roger Bion, his wife, Hennriette and their two children will have completed the first of two Lenten Friday night Fish Fries, supported by Pope John Paul II Council and the parishioners of Queen of Apostles Church.

Last year's success put them in the, "You have to do that again next year" category. It's great to be

needed and wanted! SK Roger and his family can be found at nearly every Council, parish, or Queen of Apostles school family function—either helping out and making sure things are getting done while thoroughly enjoying themselves at the same time!

Again, the Council is blessed with their presence. Congratulations Bion family being named March 2018 Family of the Month!

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE

As noted in the masthead section of this newsletter, the 60th Anniversary Celebration has been moved to Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 2:00 PM-5:00 PM. It will be held in the Queen of Apostles Catholic School gymnasium. The event will include heavy appetizers, beer/wine, sodas etc., a short, structured program and lots of time to socialize with Knights from the past six decades, parishioners, and special guests. The costs are reasonable: \$15 single, \$25 couple, and \$35 for families (each price includes two adult drink tickets per adult). Invitations to Council 4522 Knights and their families will be arriving in the mail soon. Please R.S.V.P as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Brother Ed White at edwardswhite@verizon.net or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS

Pope John Paul II Council 4522 has partnered with Queen of Apostles Catholic School to initiate the First Annual 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign at the school. The Campaign will provide the children and their families 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 day.

The Campaign began on Ash Wednesday and will run through Holy Thursday. Each school day during the Campaign, each student will bring ONE can of food (or non-perishable item) to school and place it in specially designated boxes in the gym. At the end of the Campaign, we will tally the results (most weight donated—prorated by class size). Everyone wins!

The proceeds will be split between ACCA and the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph food banks and the winning

classes will decide between a “dress down day” or a pizza lunch!

SEMINARIANS

The approved budget for the fraternal year included a \$2,000 donation (expense) to support Arlington Diocese Seminarians. Due to the dedicated efforts of Brother Tobias Amadi, PGK Al Avellino, and our WFS Vincent Apostolico during the “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaigns, the Council raised more than the \$2,000 needed to meet the need.

At the February Business Meeting, the Council approved \$500 in support to the following deserving Seminarians: Mr. Guillermo Gonzalez (studying in Madrid); Mr. Edouard Guilloux (studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome); Mr. Jonathan Smith (studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary); and Mr. Tony Bennett (studying at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary). The news gets better.

Supreme reimburses Pope John Paul II Council \$100 for every \$500 of support provided to seminarians. Thus, with the \$400 anticipated additional “income,” the Council approved an additional \$500 in support Brother Knight, Brian Vaccaro!

Congratulations to all of the seminarians and a special “thank you” to our Knights that made it happen!!

COUNCIL 4522 / QUEEN OF APOSTLES FREE THROW CHAMPIONS MOVE ON

The Annual Basketball Free Throw competitions moved on to the District level on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at St. Leo’s the Great Catholic School in Fairfax.

Pope John Paul II Council is pleased to announce that FOUR of our contestants won their age groups and are now moving on to State level competition on March 10th at St. Gertrude’s High School in Richmond.

Our winners in Virginia State District 16 are:

Boys: age 10, Noah Lenn; age 11, Mhlawla Dumbo; age 12, Josiah Grant.

Girls: age 13, Emily Reagan.

We wish all our competitors the best of luck!!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU THIS LENT

Wednesday evenings during Lent, through March 21st, every parish across our Diocese and the Archdiocese of Washington is open for confession or quiet prayer. For many of us, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be stressful. We may be nervous or consider ourselves unforgivable. Yet, with confidence, Pope Francis reminds us: "Don't be afraid; go to Him; He is waiting for you. He will take care of everything. We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: His is a caress of love." Visit <http://thelightison.org/> for more information.

Toward a Missionary Family: March Topic – Lent - A Mission of Joy

Joy is probably the most powerful tool for evangelization. The joy of the gospel, as Pope Francis says, "fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" and "...is one of the greatest gifts we can bring to the people we care for and the entire world."

The following well-known expression from St. Teresa of Avila applies to the one who evangelizes too, "A sad saint is a bad saint." But this idea is older than St. Teresa of Avila. It has roots in the words of St. Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." (Phil 4:4-5)

But it has further roots. It began with the early Church's encounter with the Risen Christ, the foundation of our faith: the women who departed from the tomb "with great joy" (Mt 28:8) or the Disciples at Emmaus whose "hearts were burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us." (Lk 24:32).

The Holy Father reminds us, "Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone." These aren't new obligations – they appear in people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. Besides practicing with joy, during the corporal and spiritual deeds of mercy this year (see below), you are strongly encouraged to invite someone to the most joyful and solemn celebration of the Liturgical year: the Easter Vigil.

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Especially during this time of Lent, our acts of love through sacrifice and prayer are a tangible witness of God's love to those around us.

- Counsel the Doubtful (Spiritual): Invite a friend to come to Youth Group, Mass, or a retreat with you. Read the book (and/or share it) *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly, if you or someone you know are questioning your/their faith.
- Give Alms to the Poor (Corporal): As a family, decide to decrease or give up the use of a luxury, putting what is saved into a Mercy Jar—then, as a family, decide to which charity to donate the saved money.

Blessing of the Month:

Bless Our Mission of Joy
 God of new possibilities,
 each year you give us the gift of Lent to anticipate
 baptism,
 to reflect on our baptism,
 and to call us to conversion of heart.
 Bless my efforts to turn my heart to you and to be
 grateful.
 Renew the joy of my baptism in my heart.
 Guide my efforts to pray for those
 now preparing for the Easter sacraments,
 and to invite others to our celebrations.
 May I find my place in the joy-filled assembly gathered
 to celebrate
 your Resurrection at the Great Easter Vigil.
 †
 Amen

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Friday, **March 2nd**, Fish Fry @ Queen of Apostles' Hannan Hall – Be there at 4:30 to help

Wednesday, **March 7th**, Officers' Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, **March 13th**, Christ House (Feed the needy), 4:15 @ Christ House, Alexandria

Wednesday, **March 14th**, Full Council Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 PM

Friday, **March 16th**, Fish Fry @ Queen of Apostles' Hannan Hall – Be there at 4:30 to help

Tuesday, **March 27th**, Retiree Luncheon @ the Council Home

Thursday, **March 29th**, Holy Thursday

Friday, **March 30th**, Good Friday

HELP (time) Wanted (update)

Knights to step up and become the Charity Committee—charged with evaluating incoming solicitations for donations, preparing a quarterly list (along with recommendations) for review by the Casey Club Foundation Board of Directors. **Still waiting.....**



Knights to step up and assist Brother Ed White in the preparation and execution of the Council's 60th Anniversary,

Sunday, April 8, 2018. WE NEED MANPOWER TO EXECUTE THE EVENT! Please contact Brother Ed White at edwardswhite@verizon.net or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com to sign up or get more information

A Knight (or more than one) to step up and join several other Knights already in rotation, for Adoration at Queen of Apostles every Friday morning at 2:00 AM. The more we have the easier that time becomes for everyone. **Still waiting.....**

NEW!! Knights to step up to help with the Lenten Fish Fries – March 2nd and March 16th: Set up, serving, clean up. Please contact Brother Roger Bion at rogerbion05@gmail.com to help out!!

NEW!! Knights to step up to help with QofA's International Day, Friday/Saturday, May 4th and 5th: Set up, serving, clean up. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Ray Venero @ dgk4522@gmail.com or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com to sign up or get more information.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Anyone that has yet to pay this year's dues is now considered severely delinquent and could face expulsion from the Order. Our annual dues of \$48 (\$51 if you choose to add the optional \$3 for Right to Life activities) is a small price to pay for the benefits, unity, and fraternity the Knights of Columbus offer.

If you and/or your family are facing financial hardships which are limiting your ability to pay your dues, please contact Grand Knight Roger Williams to discuss what options are available to you.

Please note: Your 2017 Membership Card is no longer acceptable for entrance to any Knights of Columbus meeting—including our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The Inside and Outside Guards have been instructed to carefully examine all cards and refuse entry to anyone without an issued 2018 Membership Card [that said, you may come to the meeting and enter with your 2018 due payment in hand].

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray all the deceased members of our Council, especially those who have died this current Columbia Year and their grieving families...

Paul E. Mandragona, (Age 95) 1/20/1921 - 5/13/2016

Fred W. "Bill" Parkhurst, (Age 73) 8/8/1944 - 12/29/2017

John A. Banick, OD (Age 96) 1/31/1921 - 1/18/2018

May they rejoice forever with the angels & Saints before the Heavenly throne of God.

CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

Our February meeting opened with the Our Father prayer, 10 members attended the meeting. Jean Hughes, Recording Secretary, requested she be excused from the meeting to celebrate her Special Day.

Ruth Zirkle reported on deposits and disbursements. Members approved a donation for the Little Sister of the Poor from the Ortolani Trust. CWC sent a letter request to the Casey Foundation Committee for their consideration and approval. Ethel Apostolico distributed the Member List, she requested any changes/correction to the list to notify her.

Ruth Brophy and Ruth Zirkle are taking orders for See's Easter Candy. Orders are due March 20th with delivery March 27th. Be sure to get your orders in as soon as possible.

Geri Owen is coordinating a Spring Lunch at the Annandale Culinary School.

Retiree lunch is the last Tuesday of every month; March lunch is Tuesday, **March 27th**, noon; cost is \$5.00. Bunco at 12:45, call Geri, 703-941-3848.

Member birthdays in March are Geri Owen 10th, Ruth McFadden 23rd, Marion Conrad 30th.

Happy & Blessed Birthday ladies!

God Bless,

Connie King, President

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR MEMBERS**



- Rev Thomas E Murphy OSFS 03-03
- Hector E Contreras 03-10
- Peter S Guevara 03-10
- Michael C Kenney Jr 03-14
- Frank B Ford 03-16
- Patrick K Okoronkwo 03-17
- Ciro F Cosgayon 03-21
- Greg Erkens 03-22
- Vincent Ray M Ramos 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

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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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