

The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2018

Important Dates This Month

- Wednesday, May 2nd, Officers' Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, May 5th, 10:00 AM QofA School – IFest cooking/support
- Tuesday, May 8th, Serving at Christ House, Contact SK Carroll Glass for details
- Wednesday, May 9th, Full Council Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 PM
- Sunday, May 13th, Ascension of the Lord (Celebrated)
- Sunday, May 20th, Pentecost
- Wednesday, May 23rd, Special "Elections" Meeting, Council Home, 7:30 PM

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Last month in this space (and in the Header), you read that April was going to be a busy month—well I hope Pope John Paul II Council didn't disappoint anyone! The 60th Anniversary Celebration was a grand success...a great KOVAR drive...the results of the 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign...two sparkling new Knights...two more Sir Knights in our midst...a membership drive...Corporate Communion and a 5th Sunday Rosary...all in one month. Congratulations to everyone that participated in or supported any one (or all) of the activities.

It truly was a memorable month—one which the Council gained a lot of respect, received a lot of praise and showed our true red, white and blue colors. The hope is we all, together (unity), can sustain the momentum and bask in the fraternity going forward—doing good things for those in need, supporting one another, the Council, the parish, and the Order.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for a great April! God bless you and your families!

GK Roger

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

God is Good! The "Same Ten Guys" are expanding! This month's Knight of the Month, Innocent Nuruhi, is the latest to step up and make a major

contribution to the Council and the Order. Brother Innocent has been an usher at Queen of Apostles for well over a year and a good Knight, helping out whenever his extremely busy schedule has allowed. April provided Brother Innocent with a wonderful blessing, managing and directing the Council's KOVAR collections. With only one weekend completed as of this article, collections were already approaching \$1,800!

Brother Innocent managed a cadre of Knights, donned in their traditional yellow KOVAR vests, throughout the weekend masses, ensuring each Mass and every door was covered—critical elements to ensuring a great success. His KOVAR success and support of the Knights would have been more than enough to garner this month's acknowledgement, but to top it off, Brother Innocent will be joining Brother Son Mai for their 4th Degree Exemplification, April 21st!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Council is the "Family of the Month." Borrowing from our Chaplain's philosophy, the Knights are but one of many families that make up the "parish family." Our Council put on an amazing display of what a family can do when everyone bands together to reach a specific goal, in this case, the Council's 60th Anniversary Celebration held on Sunday, April 8th in

the Queen of Apostles School gymnasium (full article elsewhere in this newsletter). Brothers Dave Cook, Fr. Juan and (SK) Fr. Vives were all instrumental in making the celebration a success. Council Knights seemingly came out of the woodwork to help set up the gym in an amazingly short time—then stayed after the event to completely restore the gym back to its original state. It was incredible to see how much could be done in such a short time with a few more than the “same ten guys.” A goal of the event, other than to celebrate 60 richly rewarding years, was to fortify the Council’s unity and to strengthen the fraternity amongst decades of Knights. If the Council’s Knights can take ownership of what they accomplished over just one weekend, then the hope is we are well on our way to being more unified and enjoying a more robust fraternity in the years to come. Congratulations Brothers on being named, “Family of the Month!” Vivat Jesus!

40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign - Results

We completed the First Annual 40 Cans for 40 Days Campaign/Challenge with Queen of Apostles Catholic School. The Campaign offered children of all grades (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.

The Campaign began on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, the children donated an amazing 1,324 lbs. of canned goods!! As with all “competitions”, there was a serious push at the end, with the 5th Grade overcoming 1st and 3rd grades on the last day!

Congratulations to everyone! It’s amazing the ways God blesses us all every day!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FY 2018-2019

Chaired by SK Paul Cataldo, the Nominating Committee put forth the following nominations for the Council-wide elections – to be held during a Special Meeting, May 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Council Home. These are the only nominations received to date.

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

For Pope John Paul II Council 4522

- Grand Knight - Roger Williams
- Deputy Grand Knight - Patrick Okoronkwo
- Chancellor - Jay Moore
- Recording Secretary - Dennis Brown
- Treasurer – Paul Cataldo
- Warden - Joe King
- Inside Guard - Leo Weston
- Outside Guard - Tobias Amadi
- Advocate – Ron Plavchan
- 1st Year Trustee – Joseph Lynem

For the Casey Club

- President: Vincent Apostolico
- Vice President: Richard Owen
- Treasurer: Craig Delaney
- Secretary: Ron Plavchan

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

One of the seminarians we support, Edouard Guilloux, was featured in a recent edition of the Arlington Herald. For those that missed it: Edouard is in his third year of Theology at the North American College in Rome. He credits his supportive family, wonderful priests and seminarian friends with influencing his decision to become a priest. He enjoys cooking and outdoor activities.

His advice to someone thinking about a vocation: “Don’t be afraid to take the first step. What helped me...was the understanding that I just had to take it

one step at a time, and that God would guide me along the path He has planned for me...”

Isn't that good advice for all of us...no matter what the path?

TOWARD A MISSIONARY FAMILY: MAY'S TOPIC – REDISCOVERING THE ROSARY

When St. John Paul II visited New York in 1995, he recommended one prayer to families: “the Rosary, and especially the Joyful Mysteries, which help us to meditate on the Holy Family of Nazareth.” The Rosary is a treasure to be rediscovered, a life-changing prayer. St. John Paul II was sure that if the American family discovers the Rosary, divorce and abortion will be defeated, and the Catholic family will become a beacon of hope and joy.

In the Rosary we contemplate the life of Jesus with the eyes of Mary. We see Christ in the womb of Mary, a newborn in Bethlehem, and flying to Egypt; working in Nazareth, preaching the Gospel, and suffering for us; finally, we discover him risen and victorious. When we pray the Rosary, we become disciples of the heart of Mary. She teaches us become like Jesus.

During May, the month of Mary, we are invited to pray the Rosary with our family. It is good to pray the rosary alone, but it is even better to pray it with our spouse, our children, or even with our neighbors. When we pray together we stay together. Why? When we spend time together looking at Jesus Christ, we remember the source of our love and our companion in our family journey. We are not alone, Mary helps us to look at Jesus Christ.

Mary is the first missionary because she taught St. John and the apostles after the resurrection how to contemplate and learn Christ. Through the Rosary, Mary also teaches us not only to learn, but to be conformed to Christ. And so, learning Christ and being one with him moves us to proclaim Christ through Mary, making us missionaries like her.

St. John Paul II was right. We need to rediscover the untapped power of the Rosary. Mary helps us to look at each other with different eyes, with the eyes of Christ: eyes of forgiveness, gratitude, and joy.

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the Sinners (Spiritual)

- Pray the rosary (or a decade) for someone who is in need of God's mercy and forgiveness.
- When a family member or neighbor is in need of correction, pray for the courage and grace to speak with love and mercy.
- Give drink to the thirsty (Corporal).
- Share your faith story with someone else.

Blessing of the Month:

O Blessed Rosary of Mary,
sweet chain which unites us to God,
bond of love which unites us to the angels,
tower of salvation against the assaults of Hell,
safe port in our universal shipwreck,
we will never abandon you.
You will be our comfort in the hour of death:
yours our final kiss as life ebbs away.
And the last word from our lips
will be your sweet name,
O Queen of the Rosary,
O dearest Mother,
O Refuge of Sinners,
O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted.
Amen.
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60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On April 8, 2018, we celebrated our 60th Anniversary! Held in the Queen of Apostles School gymnasium (though due to the great set up and decorations, one would never have known it was a gym), over 100 guests enjoyed the unity and fraternity only a storied Knights of Columbus Council could have offered. Guests were greeted with light appetizers, liquid refreshments, some Sunday afternoon jazz and time to share stories—between Knights of 50+ years of service, to those just joining the Order.

Our Council Chaplain, SK Fr. Leopoldo Vives, offered an opening prayer, “Prayer for the Intercession of Saint John Paul II,” which in the form of a prayer card was provided to every guest, and the party was underway. Catered by “Glory Days Grill,” Knights and their family and friends dined on an array of wonderful food. The event garnered dignitaries throughout the

Order, including keynote speaker, Worthy State Deputy Stephen Kehoe, Past State Deputy and current Worthy Executive Secretary Cy Alba, Supreme Director Tom Harger, Worthy District Deputy Joel Levesque and Worthy District Warden Pat McGuire.

The Council has a long list to thank for the success of the event, starting with the Planning Committee chaired by SK Edward White. Ed's committee included, Sandy Stone, Vincent Apostolico, Dennis Brown, Roger Williams, Ron Plavchan, and members of the Casey Women's Club, Connie King and Marion Scaffadi. The Casey Women's Club also stepped up and provided all of the decorations and desserts—including the beautiful cake for the event. Many thanks also to Ron Plavchan, PGK, PFN, FDD for his outstanding contribution—capturing the history of the Council, which was included in part in the Celebration Program. Fr. Juan Espino provided a plethora of support from initial overall guidance in event planning to soliciting and providing manpower before, during and after the event. Other contributors included Brother Dave Cook, Ms. Susan Gray, Queen of Apostles school staff, the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph and the family of Brother Knights that helped set up and clean up the gym, led by our Worthy Warden, Joe King.

Thank each one of you for your support. Without the contributions from everyone, the event would have never happened. God Bless you all!

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNCIL

We are no exception to the typical budget pressures realized in most organizations, and our financial situation comes to light several times each fraternal year. The complications begin in May, when we approve the "budget" for the next financial year, which begins on July 1st. They arise again in January and February, after we send out the annual dues notices (and don't receive dues from the members in a timely fashion). Lastly, issues resurface in April the following year, as we review the past year's performance, while formulating the "budget" for the next fraternal year.

There are many variables in determining our budget—some we control, some we cannot control. The Council's main source of income is through

membership dues—currently \$48 per year, with an additional \$3 voluntary (but strongly encouraged) donation to help offset mandatory expenses. Seems somewhat straight-forward, but it's not. We have

228 Total Knights = 91 Insurance (only) + 137 associate. Included in those numbers are:
27 Inactive Knights, 4 Honorary, and 74 Honorary Life members.

So, one would think, \$51 x 228 = \$11,628 or even \$10,944 if no one elected to pay the voluntary \$. But no. Per Supreme guidance: Honorary Life members pay \$0, Honorary members pay no more than \$12, Inactive Knights pay \$0. So what you have is 137 Knights less a number of Honorary or Honorary Life members footing the bill for the entire Council or in the case of the 2018/2019 budget...a whopping \$4,300...IF everyone pays their dues.

On that note, each year we have several Knights tracking down as many as 50-60 Knights in January-April trying to get them to pay their dues—some of which are reading this newsletter right now—which is a benefit to all members—and paid for through the annual dues. It is a very time consuming, stressful, and completely unnecessary function each year, which takes valuable Knight hours away from doing all the things we are supposed to be doing...charity, works of mercy, etc. and those dues are our lifeline.

The financial picture gets bleaker when we look at the mandatory fees the Council must pay the Virginia State Council and Supreme each year. The Council must pay Supreme each year:

\$3.50 a year for all members, minus honorary life, or
228 - 74 = 154 x 3.50 = (\$539)
\$1.00 a year for all members, minus honorary life, or
228 - 74 = 154 x 1.00 = (\$154) (Catholic Advertising)
\$2.00 a year for all members, minus honorary life or
228 - 74 = 154 x 2.00 = (\$308)

We also pay Virginia State Council each year: \$4.00 a year for all members, minus honorary life, or
228 - 74 = 154 x 4.00 = (\$616); add to that \$150 a year for support of State meetings = (\$150).

In total, that is nearly \$1,800 the Council MUST pay, whether or not the members pay their dues. In context...we are currently tracking down nearly \$3,000

in unpaid dues...plus the \$1,800 mandatory fees and you're looking at \$4,800. Remember, the budget for income from dues was only \$4,300 to begin. So, we start the year off at a \$500 deficit.

What's the answer(s)? For one, Knights need to pay their dues...ON TIME. Its part of the oath during the 1st Degree. Secondly, Knights need to step forward with ideas AND manpower to hold fundraising events. Its not good enough to say, "We need to do a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner." The "we" needs to take the bull by the horns and lead that effort from start to finish. The help is there...it just needs to be planned and executed. And third, we need to recruit new Knights! Not only will they bring a new energy to the Council, if we meet Supreme's "quota" for the year—all those "mandatory" fees go away!

Just this past year alone, if the Council netted 15 new Knights, there would not be \$1,000 in mandatory fees imposed, plus we'd have roughly \$765 in extra dues. Thus, instead of a \$500 deficit, there would be a \$1,300 surplus, not to mention the additional good Catholic gentlemen added to the Order.

It may seem confusing, but its not. Pay your dues...on time. Recruit ONE new member a year and give something back. No matter what your personal situation, there is someone in greater need, and with the assistance of your Brother Knights, we can improve that person's situation.

CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

The April meeting opened with the Our Father prayer; 10 members were in attendance at the meeting. Jean Hughes, Recording Secretary, entered the Minutes with no corrections. Ruth Zirkle reported on deposits and disbursements. Ruth Brophy and Ruth Zirkle explained See's Easter Candy results; See's Candy net profit was deposited to our account by Ruth Zirkle. Geri Owen scheduled a **Spring Lunch** at the Annandale Culinary School, **Thursday, May 3rd at 11:30 AM**, cost is \$10.00. Anyone needing a ride should call Geri Owen (703-941-3848), or Jean Hughes (703-671-5183) and meet timely at 11:00 AM.

President Connie King received a Thank You e-mail from Roger Williams, GK, KC4522 to the CWC, to thank Marion Scaffidi and Connie King for our

assistance and support for their 60th Anniversary event.

SAVE the DATE: Our **End of Year Party** is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. We need a chairperson and volunteers to assist. We always have an exciting menu and the socializing is fun; come to our May meeting and volunteer. Anyone offering to assist for the party please call Connie King, 703-751-9260.

Retiree lunch is the last Tuesday of every month; lunch is Tuesday, May 29th, noon; cost is \$5.00. Bunco at 12:45, call Geri, 703-941-3848.

Member birthdays in May are: Anne Kidd 18th, Marion Scaffidi 20th, Alice Groene 24th, and Connie King 31st. Happy & Blessed Birthday ladies!

God Bless,
Connie King, President

MAY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steven Forbes	05-01
Richard Lamarre	05-01
Stanley Ritchick Jr	05-01
Emile Lumingu	05-05
Frederick Braun	05-06
PGK Carl Castle Jr	05-06
Joseph King	05-06
PGK Miguel Valencia	05-07
Gregorio Bacani	05-09
Mr Michael Fanning	05-09
Zachary Lewis	05-09
Philip Morin	05-10
Rev Rev. Leopoldo M Vives	05-14
Lawrence Cirignano	05-15
Lawrence Hornbake Jr	05-15
John Cosgayon	05-16
Roland Dionne	05-17
Thomas Renaghan Jr	05-18
Edward Gubanich	05-19
Timothy Stuhldreher	05-23
Lawrence Uργο	05-25
Steven Rossi	05-26
Max Ateba	05-28
John Paul Kukor III	05-28
Kenechukwu Abiah	05-31

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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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