

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

November 2024

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- Friday, Nov 1st – All Saints' Day – Holy Day of Obligation
 Tuesday, Nov 5th – Election Day
 Wednesday, Nov 6th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM
 Sat/Sun, Nov 9th/10th – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales
 Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES Monday, Nov 11th – VETERANS' DAY
 Tuesday, Nov 12th - Serving those in need at CHRIST HOUSE – 3:15 PM Muster
 Wednesday, Nov 13th – **SHORT GBM, 7:00 PM**, Hannan Hall @ Queen of Apostles
 Wednesday, Nov 13th - **Remembrance Mass**, 7:30 PM @ Queen of Apostles
 Thursday, Nov 28th – Thanksgiving Day – Give Praise and Thanks!



Election Day

is Tuesday, November 5th! Be sure to get out and vote! We cannot stand idly by, especially complaining about our politicians, if each and every one of us does not get out and exercise our constitutional right to vote! Here is a good resource website/document for your consideration: <https://vacatholic.org/action-center/election-resources/>

Grand Knight's Message

I want to take a moment to recognize and thank Worthy Deputy Grand Knight SK Richard Sacra and Worthy Treasurer Tuan Nguyen for their exceptional leadership and service in the Coats for Kids fundraising and the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. During the weekend of October 12th and 13th, when we held our coat solicitation and KCIC card sales, these two Brother Knights played a crucial role in the success of these activities. They dedicated their time by showing up on both Saturday and Sunday. I sincerely appreciate your commitment and service, Brothers. Thank you!

Dear Knights of 4522, we only have two more opportunities to meet our approved budget amounts for the upcoming activities. I urge you to adjust your schedules to participate on the weekends of November 9th and 10th, as well as December 7th and 8th. If you are available in both months, please aim to attend at least one of the weekends. Your participation and support are not only essential but are also greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Each fraternal year, our Council hosts a remembrance Mass in November. This year, the Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:30 PM. Before the Mass, we will hold a 30-minute meeting, so all Council members should attend, especially with the upcoming activities in November. After the remembrance Mass, we will return to the council hall for a reception. Families are welcome to join us for both the Mass and the refreshments.

The Council's Christmas dinner for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2024, in Hannan Hall, starting at 6:00 PM. Please sign up to bring either a main course, dessert, or side dish. We need everyone's participation! It is also important that you bring the kids to this dinner, as Santa will be making an appearance.

This Council should take pride in its membership and the numerous contributions made to the parish community. You actively participate by covering an hour for the holy hour once a week. Additionally, you have supported the parish festival, sponsored the golf outing, and assisted with the Altar Servers, the School Fall Festival, and the School Auction, among many other activities. Throughout the year, members have gone to Christ House to prepare and serve meals for those experiencing homelessness, participated in the Coat for Kids drive, and been involved in K.C.I.C. and many other initiatives. Christmas dinner serves as a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, honor, and acknowledge each other. It is a time to reflect on all that you have accomplished.

Fraternally yours,
 Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, PFN, FDD

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month (October) was difficult to select once again this month. Brother Tuan set up and provided coverage with me after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday, he helped after the 8:00 am Mass until the noon Mass at the Parish Ministries Fair. God Bless Tuan for all his help, but In the end, Kevin Becks was selected as the Knight of the Month. He helped with grilling, wrapping, and serving food throughout all the Sunday Masses, and participated in the clean-up. Please join me in congratulating Brother Kevin—with special acknowledgement to Brother Tuan!!

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month (October) are the Sacras. Despite just returning from a 10-day pilgrimage to Europe with Father Diaz and many others, Clarissa supported SK Rick at the Parish Ministries Fair in all the activities the Knights had going on that day! Please join me in congratulating Rick and Clarissa Sacra as our Family of the Month!

REMINDERS from the DGK*Remembrance Mass – November 13th 7:30PM*

Our annual Remembrance Mass is at 7:30 in Queen of Apostles Church, Celebrant is Father Diaz, our Worthy Chaplain. All are encouraged to bring their family members to the Mass. We will hold a reception immediately afterwards in Hannan Hall for everyone in attendance. **PLEASE RSVP to Richard Sacra by November 11th** so we can have plenty of food and beverages available. NOTE: During the reception we will hold a short business meeting to review upcoming events.

Christmas Cards and Coats for Kids

Saturday and Sunday, November 9th and 10th after ALL Masses.

We will be selling Christmas Cards and Collecting donations for Coats for Kids after all masses on Saturday 5:00 PM AND 7:00 PM and Sunday (8, 10, 12, 1:30). Please plan to stop after mass for just 15-30 minutes to help with this important fundraising event for our Council.

Parish Santa Breakfast

December 8th after the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon masses.

We need egg cookers, pancake makers, sausage warmers and helpers. Please plan to be at Hannan Hall between 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM to participate in this fun event serving our parish. Many hands make the work

light and fun! Thanks to those who have already said they would help!

Please RSVP to Richard Sacra by December 2nd

Pope John Paul II Council Christmas Party

December 14th at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars NOW for our annual Christmas Party to be held in Hannan Hall. Plan to bring your family to this annual festive event. Details will follow.

Christmas Baskets (for families identified by PSSJ)

Pope John Paul II will provide food donations to fill 15 baskets. The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph will distribute the baskets—along with Coats for Kids to 15 disadvantaged families. Knights AND their families are encouraged to share some Holiday Spirit by helping to fill the 15 baskets. Join in and help create festive gifts for these families in need of our work of mercy. Light refreshments and Christmas music will help you enjoy the morning.

- Pick up food basket donations – December 20th – donations for the baskets will be picked up on Friday December 20th, details are still being sorted out. A few individuals are needed to help with local pickups (Giant, Harris Teeter, ACCA). Pickups will be during the day at a mutually agreed to time.
- Saturday, December 21st from 9:00 AM til Noon we'll fill the baskets and sort out the coats for kids! Please come join us in the Knights Hall in the Guadalupe Center, then deliver them to the PSSJ for distribution

Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!

Just a quick note to remind you now, that the 2025 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming DUE in early-January 2025! If you have an email address on file, you will only get an email assessment notice—you will not get a paper “bill.” Emailing the assessments will continue to save the Council more money in postage and supplies. You are strongly encouraged to validate your current email OR send us a new/latest email to the Financial Secretary, Roger Williams at jpii4522@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15th, so look for your notices sometime soon thereafter and be ready to remit your dues immediately. Each year, we spend an enormous amount of time and effort tracking down tardy payments. Time and resources would be much better spent on spreading the Lord’s Word and performing acts

of mercy. And remember, whether you pay or not—the Council still must pay your share to both the Virginia State Council, Supreme, and Right to Life activities. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!!

Faith Director Updates

The next Saturday Morning Men's Encounter will take place again in January 2025. For November and December this year, they will be cancelled. All men are encouraged to join these monthly sessions of formation and fellowship on the either the first or second Saturday mornings of each month. A typical session involves praying the Rosary, a reflection with discussion, and coffee with donuts! All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to speak on a topic of their choosing.

In March 2025, the Council will have its annual Retreat at the St. Pope John Paul II Shrine in Washington D.C. More details to follow! All men of Queen of Apostles are encouraged to attend, not only members of Council #4522. We must take time away from our daily lives to reflect on the example of the great Saint and come back to the parish refreshed.

Finally, the Knights have the 2:00 AM Holy Hour slot at the Adoration chapel. We have a small band of brothers who rotate during that time, but more are encouraged to take part! Please reach out to John Cosgayon at JNCos95@outlook.com if you would like to get on the schedule.

Lecturer's Reflection

Believing in Christ's Power over Evil

The struggle goes on against the Spirit of Evil, known as Beelzebul. Do not fear. By whatever name man may insult you, your innocence, your faith, and your piety will yet be revealed, not only at the Last Judgment but also in this present life. Virtue is, as it were, smothered by the smoke of envy and malice, but in the end, it catches fire and bursts into the flame of truth, glorifying the just man. This is what Jesus has told us.

Saint Jerome comments: What you know in a mystery you must show forth in all its fullness; what you have learnt in secret, tell and repeat aloud. What I have taught you in one corner of the earth, Judea, announce freely and boldly throughout the world. And do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot touch the soul. Your persecutors may threaten you with death but let not the fear of this draw you away from my faith and my commandments; do not be persuaded to do anything unworthy of you, and of me. It is the soul's hell that you must fear, not the hell of the body.

And is Providence not always with us? Two sparrows are not worth very much, and who can count the hairs on your head? But the Lord cares for the Sparrows and counts the hairs on your head. Will he not also care for our souls, our life itself? So there is nothing to fear, for nothing can happen to us without our Father knowing. The Lord is the Creator of the Sparrows, but to us he is even more: he is our Father. Oh, what consolation there is in this doctrine!

Saint John XXIII

What it means to be a Knight!



“A Knight lives by faith and leads by creative courage. Faith and courage compel us to be men of charity. It is often said, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Knight.” And we prove it every day. We feed hungry families, give coats to kids, protect the vulnerable from catastrophe, defend the unborn, and build homes for the homeless in our communities.

But we are not merely volunteers. **We are servants of Christ who see his face in those we serve.** Ours is a charity that evangelizes. Ours is a charity that brings people to faith, even as it springs from our own. Faith and courage inspire us to be men of unity. The Knights are known as the “strong right arm of the Catholic Church.” We have always been firmly united with the pope, the vicar of Christ. We stand with our bishops, support our priests and aid in the formation of seminarians and religious. We strengthen the family — the domestic church — helping men build strong marriages and raise faithful children. We strive to be the family’s first line of defense, encouraging men to embrace their vocation to heroic generosity and self-sacrifice.

We are called to protect the truth from those who deny it and bring the truth to those who need it. Our fidelity to Christ is the source of our unity; we are proud to proclaim it, far and wide. Finally, faith and courage bind us together in fraternity. A Knight of Columbus is never alone. Each one of us stands side-by-side with brothers — in our parish and around the world. At a time when men are increasingly isolated, we offer solidarity. At a time when men are searching, we offer meaning and mission. Fraternity amplifies all we do. It broadens our charity and deepens our unity. Alone, a man can do good works. Alongside his brother Knights, he can rise to greatness.

So, what does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Catholic men are looking for nothing less. In the Knights of Columbus, they will find it.”

Editors’ note: As a Knight, have you found it? Next time someone asks you why you joined the Knights, perhaps you can point to these attributes. Perhaps the next time you receive a call or email asking for assistance for one of our many activities, you can look back at this and remember what it is to be a Knight. Perhaps if we all align ourselves with these acts of kindness, charity, and faith (even in one another), we—our Council—can be daily, living proof of Blessed Fr. McGivney’s vision.

Are you a federal retiree?

Did you know, that as a federal retiree, you can now contribute to your favorite charity through the Combined Federal Campaign—just as you did while working? And how wonderful would it be if you selected KOVAR, as one of those charities? KOVAR’s CFC number is 42569. For more information, please visit: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> You can make your donations through January 15, 2025.



Happy Belated October Birthdays



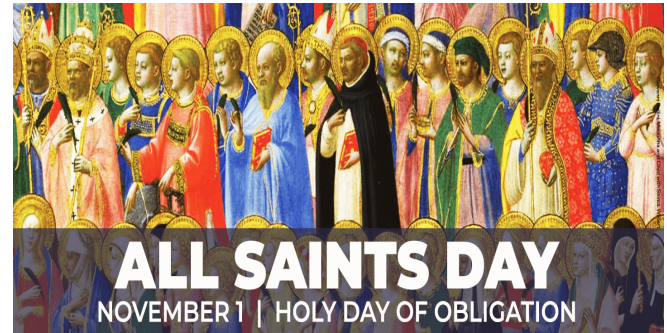
Stephen Brock	10-03
Charles R. Kasenge	10-04
CDR Peter A. Barnett	10-08
PGK Albert A. Avelino Jr.	10-10
Daniel V. Penrose	10-10
Warren H. Savage Jr.	10-15
Rev. Alexander Diaz	10-18
Allen G. Valandra	10-19
Gary Joseph Rozum	10-20
Art T. Montilla	10-21
Paul B. De Zan	10-26
Rev. Ernesto Gonzalez III	10-30

Happy November Birthdays

Rev Anthony N Kinuthia	11-05
Milton Cruz	11-15
Leonard A Mastrofini	11-21
Ernesto Gonzalez	11-22
Brian J Litchfield	11-23
Andrew F Zaccardi	11-23
John A Martin	11-24
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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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