

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

November 2020

Important Dates This Month

- Tuesday, Nov 3rd – Election Day
 Wednesday, Nov 4th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM
 Tuesday, Nov 10th - Serving those in need at CHRIST HOUSE
 Wednesday, Nov 11th – VETERANS' DAY
 Sat/Sun, Nov 14th/15th – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales
 Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
 Monday, Nov 16th - **Remembrance Mass, 7:00 PM @ Queen of Apostles**
 Saturday, Nov 21st – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary – 5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria
 Thursday, Nov 26th – Thanksgiving Day – Give Praise and Thanks!
 Sunday, Nov 29th – Corporate Communion – 10:00 AM Mass @ Queen of Apostles
 Sunday, Nov 29th – First Sunday of Advent

Grand Knight's Message

Thanksgiving is this month and one of the most traveled periods in a year. However, there might be fewer people traveling this year due to the COVID-19 crisis. Reports are stating that family dinners may be smaller and traveling for Thanksgiving will be at a minimal rate this year. Even turkey farmers need to produce smaller turkeys than the big ones because of the anticipated smaller family dinners. Many people have lost their jobs because of COVID-19, now needing assistance with food. My brothers, this month, is particularly crucial for neighbors helping neighbors. Individually and organizationally, we should be praying and coordinating how we may help neighbors. As Catholic gentlemen and most especially as members of the Knights of Columbus, we have a responsibility to act no matter how little it might be. I am calling on our council to explore ways we might help neighbors. I know that we must distribute food baskets during this period; we may increase the number by two or three families.

Another important thing this month is the election. My brothers, each of us, should not only vote but also encourage other family members and friends to vote. There is so much on the line in this election. If you have not already voted, please, my people, I urge you to do everything you can to vote. Search your heart and values to determine how you will vote. Please vote your conscience.



On Sunday, November 29, 2020, Council 4522 will have a corporate communion. It was listed on the calendar of events for noon, but due to the 1:30 pm Spanish Mass, the corporate communion changed to the 10:00 am Mass. I encourage you and your family to please consider attending the 10:00 am Mass on that day. We will pray the Holy Rosary after the Mass.

May I please use this opportunity to remind us that we are to invite other Catholic men to join the Order? People can join online and even complete their exemplification online. Visit the John Paul II Council 4522 website www.kc4522.com for more information that you can use to talk to Catholic men on the council's history and activities. If each of us invites a Catholic man to join, we will assist those brothers and their families and help grow the Order. This is also another way of evangelization that we are called to do by our faith.

There will be gatherings, my brothers in this holiday season, desire to visit others, eat and have fellowship with neighbors and relatives, but please keep your safety and that of your family in mind. I ask that we don't let our guard down because this crisis is far from over. The danger remains; do all you can to stay safe and healthy. May the Lord my God keep and guide you and your family always!

Fraternally,

Patrick Okoronkwo

Knight of the Month

The Council's Knight of the Month is Brother Daniel (Danny) Restivo. Brother Danny recently joined our council and immediately availed himself to serve as an officer. The Grand Knight appointed him as the Council Lecturer. He did not hesitate to carry out the functions of the office. Congratulations, Brother Danny.

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is the Cook family. Brother Dave recently completed his second and third degrees and with the support of his wife and children, accepted to be elected as the Council Treasurer. The Cook family is actively involved in the parish. Dave serves on the parish finance committee and is a lector. Cara works in the parish office. Their children attend the Queen of Apostles School. Please join me in congratulating the Brother Dave Cook and his family as the Family of the Month.

The Truth About Christopher Columbus

Our nation recently celebrated Columbus Day, but the celebration was not universal. Unfortunately, the holiday and Christopher Columbus have come under increasing attack during this time of cultural, social and historical reappraisal. We are in a hyper partisan time in the U.S, with tension and confrontation creeping into nearly every corner of our public lives. Once widely accepted as an American hero, Columbus has now become the latest iteration of historical heroes turned villains not receiving any benefit of analysis or contextualization.

Thirty statues of Columbus have been removed from communities in America and many states and localities have begun to celebrate indigenous people's day instead of Columbus Day. Unfortunately, this trend has become more about political convenience rather than one based on historical facts and accuracy. It's worth noting that we should recognize the contributions Native Americans have made to our country with a nationally recognized holiday. However, if we wanted to celebrate a day commemorating indigenous people and their culture, wouldn't we want to celebrate a day that's significant to them and not us? Why should we erase Christopher Columbus? He wasn't responsible for Wounded Knee, the Trail of Tears or any act of mass murder perpetuated upon Native Americans.

I recently watched the video about Columbus shared by the KofC ahead of Columbus Day. (I encourage all of you to watch it). Through a relatively objective lens, the short film talks about Columbus's voyage(s), as well as the cultural and historical climate that allowed Columbus to become an official American holiday in the late 19th century. Much of the holiday's recognition stems from the deep anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant

sentiment (specifically Italians) during that time. By demonstrating that Italians had been a critical part of this country's founding-- as important as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson or Abraham Lincoln-- both Italian immigrants and naturalized Americans could see each other as Americans with a common identity, instead of two competing groups

To be fair, Columbus had faults and we should judge him for that. He made terrible miscalculations that created tragic consequences for the native groups he encountered. However, the blame assigned to him is incredibly disproportionate to the reality. He was an explorer and an amazing voyager. He sailed to two continents previously unknown and laid the foundation for the idea of one world and one human race, a critical element in Church teaching that led to the birth of organizations like the Knights of Columbus.

Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!

Just a quick note to remind you now, that the 2021 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming due in Mid-January 2021! *Unlike in the past*, 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!!

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 12, 2021.

New Sir Knights



We are honored to have two of Virginia’s newest 300 Sir Knights in our midst, Rev. SK Alexander Diaz (our Chaplain) and SK Daniel Penrose (aka WDGK). Both heard the lessons of Patriotism and received the honors of the 4th Degree during a statewide Exemplification Saturday, October 31st! When you see them, please congratulate them on this prestigious honor and thank them for taking the time and more importantly, the commitment of the 4th Degree on behalf of their fellow Brothers.

Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney

If you missed any of the events and/or Mass in honor of our now Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, you can find it all here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/>

Statement from Virginia State Chaplain, Bishop Paul S. Loverde on the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney

Worthy State Deputy Brian Ripple, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Associate State Chaplains (brothers to me in the priesthood), and all my Brother Knights, and each of your families,

For a goodly number of years, all of us in the Commonwealth of Virginia have united our prayers with those knights and families throughout our nation, with others in every country where the Order is present, and, no doubt, with still others beyond these – all praying for the beatification of our holy founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. On October 31, 2020, tomorrow, in fact, Pope Francis, represented at the solemn ceremony in Hartford, Connecticut, by Cardinal Joseph Tobin will proclaim Father McGivney as “Blessed Michael J. McGivney.” The united response of all knights throughout the world, ours included, will be a joyous and thunderous “Thanks be to God!” We now pray that very soon a second miracle can be verified so our beloved Blessed Father McGivney can then be proclaimed a Saint.

Meanwhile, Blessed Michael McGivney stands before us, urging us to become even more his faithful sons within the Order, so that, supported within and by our individual family, and by the intercession of our holy founder, we will witness to charity, unity, and fraternity in “who we are” and in “what we accomplish.”

Charity will be demonstrated as we continue to help “the neighbor”, that is, anyone in need, especially during this continuing pandemic, for example, our initiative “Leave No Neighbor Behind”, while also being mindful of our ongoing outreach to the persecuted in Syria and Lebanon, and to others still experiencing inhuman living conditions, the ravages of internal civil conflicts, and the devastating effects of natural disasters.

Our unity will be clearly evident as we defend the truths of our faith, including the defense of all innocent and vulnerable life from conception to natural death; the insistence on marriage as the union of a man and a woman, along with the strengthening of family life; the resistance to any and all attempts to reduce or to eliminate religious freedom as envisioned by the Founding Fathers of the nation; and all injustice, especially at this time, racism.

Our fraternity will be the external bond that keeps up supportive of one another in each Council in terms of our growth in faith, our efforts to form our individual family into a domestic church, and our tangible affirmation of our Holy Father, our bishops, and priests in their pastoral responsibilities, to name but several examples of this fraternity.

Blessed Michael McGivney will surely empower us to continue what he so zealously and untiringly brought into being: an Order of Catholic laymen, strong in their faith; supportive of their families in good times, in sickness, in death, and thereafter; and, loyal to the ideals on which their country was founded; Catholic laymen who witness with pride and by God’s grace to charity, unity and fraternity – and also to patriotism.

In the novena proceeding the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, I have been praying for all my brother Knights and their families worldwide, but especially for you, my brother Knights in Virginia, united with your families. As I have expressed many times in the past, you hold a special place in my heart.

With the ongoing pledge of prayer and support as your State Chaplain, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,
Bishop Paul S. Loverde



November Birthdays!

Joseph E Whibley	11-01
Rev Anthony N Kinuthia	11-05
John T Battaglia	11-16
Albert C Bueno	11-16
Neil A Bingaman	11-19
Julius F Even	11-21
Leonard A Mastrofini	11-21
Ernesto Gonzalez	11-22
Andrew F Zaccardi	11-23
John A Martin	11-24
Philip H Sheridan	11-26
Daniel C Amadi	11-30

CASEY WOMEN'S CLUB

This is a busy time of year starting off with the Presidential election on November 3rd and ending with Thanksgiving on the 26th. With COVID-19 so many of our family gatherings will be smaller or none, so we pray for all to be well, safe, and an end to the pandemic soon.

The flyers for See's Candy are in the mail, complete your order and mail to Ruth Zirkle, this is an easy way to purchase your Christmas gift list, No shopping in stores and, nicely Gift Wrapped.

The Officers are studying ways we can meet again, we Miss all of you.

November Birthdays: Lieana Stone 12th, Lenore Principato 22nd, and Ruth Zirkle 30th. Blessings for a Happy Birthday all Year!

Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, we pray to you for our country!

God's Blessings be with you,
Connie King, President



PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANADEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

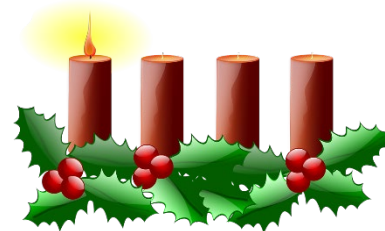
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis



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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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