

# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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## Monthly Newsletter

November 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints' Day

**Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – SPECIAL MEETING (article below) of the Casey Club Association  
7:30 PM Hybrid ZOOM and in person at Guadalupe Center, Queen of Apostles Campus**

Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM Hybrid

ZOOM and in person at Guadalupe Center, Queen of Apostles Campus

Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - Serving those in need **at** CHRIST HOUSE – 3:15 PM Muster

Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Election Day

Wednesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - **Remembrance Mass**, 7:00 PM @ Queen of Apostles

Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – VETERANS' DAY

Sat/Sun, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales

Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Thursday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day – Give Praise and Thanks!

**SPECIAL MEETING of the Casey Club Association  
NOV 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 PM Hybrid – Zoom and @ Guadalupe  
Center, QofA**

***If you are a Knight of Columbus, member of the  
Pope John Paul II Council No. 4522, in Good  
Standing, YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CASEY  
CLUB!***

This meeting will determine the future of the Casey Club Association, Inc., the Casey 4522 Foundation, Inc. and most importantly, Pope John Paul II Council 4522.

**YOUR PRESENCE COULD NOT BE MORE VITAL!  
PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY.**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Casey Club Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Club") of Annandale, Virginia, the Board of Directors hereby calls a Special Meeting for the purposes of:

- A) Approving an Amendment of the Bylaws, specifically, under Article III, Section 3 (c);
- B) Approving the sale of the Club property at 4200 Martin Ave. Annandale, VA;
- C) Approving the orderly Dissolution of the Casey Club Association, Inc. and
- D) Approving the orderly transfer of the principal of the funds in the investment reserve fund to the Casey 4522 Foundation

The email you should have received on Friday, October 20, 2023 (from Knights of Columbus Email [nc-4522@knights.org](mailto:nc-4522@knights.org))

[reply@kofc.org](mailto:reply@kofc.org)) constituted the required minimal notice of at least five (5) days prior to such meeting, again, scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the Guadalupe Center Knight's Hall, on the campus of Queen of Apostles Catholic Church 4401 Sano St. Alexandria, VA 22312. The meeting shall also be available via ZOOM using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82335845198?pwd=bENHcTNzVDBmSWFkdWRwUVk4YS8xQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3584 5198 Passcode: 933781

Questions/comments prior to the Special Meeting can be addressed to:

President, Roger Williams, PGK, FS  
@ [sbrog11@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrog11@yahoo.com) or 703 629-3239 OR  
Chairman of the Board, Patrick Okoronkwo, FN, GK,  
PGK, FDD @ [pokor22@gmail.com](mailto:pokor22@gmail.com) or 734 431-1275

### Grand Knight's Message

My fellow members of the Council 4522, I honor you for being a member of the Pope John Paul II Council. Our namesake was steady in his service to the World Catholic Community and even non-Catholics to the end. He showed us an example that we should emulate. This month is particularly important to live this example for we have a lot in front of us. Combining our strength and faith, I am confident that we will attend to all that is before us.

Wednesday, November 8, we have the Memorial Remembrance Mass at Queen of Apostles. After the

Mass, I invite us all to hold a 45-minute meeting to discuss all other activities we have in November. As in previous years, our Council delivers about 20 food baskets to the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph for distribution to families in need throughout the community. There are logistics involved in the preparation, including purchasing groceries, picking up other foods from ACCA (in Annandale), packing up each basket, and delivering them with the coats to the sisters. A lot of hands are needed to accomplish this project. Please consider making yourself available for one area of this project. You will find your participation enriching. Consider it as a way of giving back.

We also have our Christmas dinner scheduled for Saturday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. We have not had any discussion about it or put out a sign-up list of what we might bring to the dinner. I am inviting you to start exploring what you would like to bring to the dinner. I need to give your wife or partner enough time so that she can decide what the family would bring. There is nothing yet on the list, you can start the list for us.

Brothers, I am sorry to inform you that we had no children show up for our council for the soccer challenge. I was there at St. Michael's until after 4:00 p.m. I know that our worthy Financial Secretary sent an announcement to the school, yet we had none.

Please permit me to clarify an announcement I made at the October business meeting. I announced Dan Penrose as the Knight of the Month, when actually for October it was SK Vic Guevara! My apologies, SK Vic! You can read about Brother Vic's (always) outstanding contributions in last month's October Newsletter.

Praying that God's mercy, grace, and love fill your heart this holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving! 'Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks, through Him to God the Father.' – Colossians 3:17

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally Yours,  
Patrick Okoronkwo, Grand Knight



### Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for November is...you guessed it, SK Dan Penrose. Brother Penrose serves as the Immediate Past Grand Knight, Trustee, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Membership Director, and several other roles. He always answers the call when he is called upon. Even when he is not called, he will volunteer. Our Founder,

the Blessed McGivney will be happy with Dan Penrose in his service as a member of the Knights of Columbus. SK Dan Penrose, we salute you and thank your family for supporting you in serving your fellow brothers and the Order.

### Election Day

is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>! 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/>



### Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!

Just a quick note to remind you now, that the 2024 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming DUE in early-January 2024! 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 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](mailto:jpii4522@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!!

### 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.*

#### **A Note From Our Lecturer Being An Example of His Message (Preach the Word – 2 Timothy 4:2)**

We are not saved only to be instruments for God, but to be His sons and daughters. He does not turn us into spiritual agents but into spiritual messengers, and the

message must be a part of us. The Son of God was His own message— “The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life” ([John 6:63](#)). As His disciples, our lives must be a holy example of the reality of our message. Even the natural heart of the unsaved will serve if called upon to do so, but it takes a heart broken by conviction of sin, baptized by the Holy Spirit, and crushed into submission to God’s purpose to make a person’s life a holy example of God’s message.

There is a difference between giving a testimony and preaching. A preacher is someone who has received the call of God and is determined to use all his energy to proclaim God’s truth. God takes us beyond our own aspirations and ideas for our lives, and molds and shapes us for His purpose, just as He worked in the disciples’ lives after Pentecost. The purpose of Pentecost was not to teach the disciples something, but to make them the incarnation of what they preached so that they would literally become God’s message in the flesh. “...you shall be witnesses to Me...” ([Acts 1:8](#)).

Allow God to have complete liberty in your life when you speak. Before God’s message can liberate other people, His liberation must first be real in you. Gather your material carefully, and then allow God to “set your words on fire” for His glory.

#### **Casey Women’s Club**

CWC next meeting will be on Thursday Nov 9th and the Retiree luncheon & Bunco will be held on Nov 28th.

All See’s candy orders must be forwarded to Ethel Apostolico by November 16th. You will be notified when the orders are ready for pick up at the club in early December.

We have one November Birthday: Lenore Principato, Happy Birthday!!

May everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Geri Owen  
Vice President



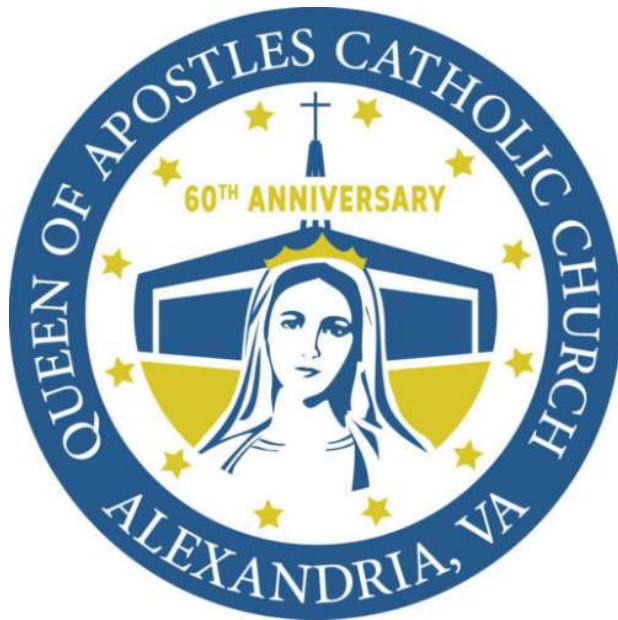


**November Birthdays**

Rev Anthony N Kinuthia	11-05
Leonard A Mastrofini	11-21
Ernesto Gonzalez	11-22
Brian J Litchfield	11-23
Andrew F Zaccardi	11-23
John A Martin	11-24
Philip H Sheridan	11-26
Tuan Nguyen	11-27
Daniel C Amadi	11-30

**Reminder**

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**The submission deadline for the December Newsletter is November 20<sup>th</sup>**

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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