

# The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

October 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

October is **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Tuesday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Neighborhood National Night Out (see article)

Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM

*HYBRID @Council Home AND ZOOM*

Saturday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Lady of Fatima Procession, 5:30 PM, Queen of Apostles

Sat/Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales

Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Monday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – COLUMBUS DAY (see article)

Wednesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM ZOOM Only

**Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary for LIFE – 5999 Stevenson St. Alexandria**

Thursday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saint John Paul II – Feast Day

Saturday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Fourth Degree Patriotic Exemplification – St. Leo's and Simulcast

Saturday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Beatification of the Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

## Grand Knight's Message

The membership, KCIC and Coats for Kids drives held in September, were successful. Several Catholic men showed interest in knowing more about the Knights. We transferred three brother Knights to our council and most importantly successfully recruited one new brother into the Order. Keep Christ in Christmas cards sales were slow, but people showed interest in buying those cards as December approaches. The money realized from the sale of the Christmas cards goes to support Diocesan seminarians. Our council has supported at least four seminarians annually, and this fraternal year will not be any different. We received over \$400 for the Coats for Kids project. The coats are purchased and distributed in early December to needy families. Children and their families have always shown their sincere appreciation for receiving the coats. To some, it has and could be the only new coat they have received.

The above paragraph clearly shows some of the works of the Knights of Columbus, especially Council 4522. My brothers, you have the information to inform others about the Order. However, the question is, *are you* asking other Catholic men to come and be a part of these men who thrill to serve? Are you at least participating in one activity a year? We organize and conduct various activities to benefit the Queen of Apostles Catholic community. You could really pride yourself in participating in one or two activities in a fraternal year! Assign yourself to the activity of your choice. It was beautiful to see all the brother Knights who came to support the weekend drives. These brothers participated in either collecting donations for coats for kids, talking to other Catholic men telling them

about the order, and asking them to join or selling the Keep Christ in Christmas cards. Thank you to all brothers and family members who volunteered to serve in the Membership, Coats for Kids, and KCIC Drives. I especially thank Daniel Amadi, who served during ALL the Masses on Sunday, September 20, 2020, as well as Roger Williams, who only took a break for the 1:30 pm Mass, but came back to close up.

I look forward to seeing you in October when we will have another Coats for Kids and KCIC drive. Membership drives are done quarterly, but Coats for Kids and KCIC will be held monthly until December. There is a possibility that with Fr. Diaz's approval, we could do more than once a month for November and December. Stay tuned.

An Officers and Directors' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020. You will have two options to participate in the meeting. Those who will come to the hall, while others will join via Zoom or by phone. Please decide the best way for you to participate after considering you and your family's safety. If you are coming in-person to the hall, please wear your face mask. We will observe social distancing and ensure that hand sanitizers are available. Wednesday, October 14, 2020, will be the next general membership at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held through Zoom. One significant item at the meeting will be voting to conduct our officers' election between May 15 and June 15, during regular general membership business meeting. You will be needed to join the meeting so that you will have a say in this change. The change will align with the Knight of Columbus bylaws.



During the last general membership meeting, Dave Cook was elected the Council 4522 Treasurer. The former treasurer had to relocate, requiring him and his family to change parishes and transfer his membership to a council in his new area. I also appointed Danny Restivo as Council 4522's new Lecturer. Please join me in congratulating them both for their new roles.

Fraternally,  
GK Patrick Okoronkwo

### Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month is Daniel Amadi. He is a 3rd degree Knight who passionately works hard collecting donations for Coats for Kids and KOVAR. Daniel is a natural at asking people to donate. Daniel personally collected over \$200 on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Congratulations, brother Daniel.

### Family of the Month

Do you know of a family that is deserving, "Family of the Month?" Are they doing good deeds for the parish? The community? Your neighborhood? There need not be a Knight in the family (we'll work on that later!). Please provide just one or two paragraphs on their contribution(s) to the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### October is Respect Life Month



As Catholics, we believe that every life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and so each person has inherent

dignity. This is also the foundation of all Catholic social teaching.

Each year in October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launches a new theme for the year to help Catholics understand and honor the dignity of every human person. This year's theme is "Moved By Mercy." [For resources, visit the USCCB's website www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) Be a part of any or all of these activities during October:

- Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 PM: Join National leaders for 40 Days for Life at 900 S. Washington St.
- Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm @ St. James in Falls Church and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm @ St. Lawrence (6222 Franconia Rd Alexandria, VA) and hold a prolife sign along a busy highway with hundreds of people—a nationwide prayerful witness against abortion.
- Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 PM: Join an Eucharistic procession with Bishop Joseph Coffey, of the Archdiocese of the Military, from St Peter's on Capitol Hill to the US Capitol. Join people from over 1,500 sites across the country and over 50

countries including the Vatican, as we pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at 4:00 PM for peace and an end to the pandemic. [www.RosaryCoastToCoast.com](http://www.RosaryCoastToCoast.com)

- Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary for LIFE – 5999 Stevenson St. Alexandria

Follow <https://www.lifesitenews.com/> for daily updates in the pro-life arena. Contact SK Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or [larryvote@gmail.com](mailto:larryvote@gmail.com) for continual information regarding Respect Life events.

God Bless and BE NOT AFRAID!

### Celebrate the Feast of Saint John Paul II

In honor of our Council's namesake, and this beloved saint's feast day - October 22<sup>nd</sup>

From: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-john-paul-ii>

On October 12, 2012, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the inscription of Saint John Paul II, Pope, into the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. Two years later, on May 29, 2014, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint John Paul II into the General Roman Calendar. St. John Paul is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. On September 21, 2019, the Congregation confirmed a definitive translation for future use, beginning in 2020. The proper liturgical texts in their final English version are provided below:



### Roman Missal

*From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.*

### Collect

O God, rich in mercy,  
who willed that Pope Saint John Paul the Second should preside over your universal Church,  
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,  
we may confidently open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of the human race.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### Lectionary for Mass

Aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope may be used for St. John Paul II. The following readings from that Common, suggested by the Holy See, are also available in no. 663A of the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*:

- **First Reading** – Isaiah 52:7-10  
*All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.*
- **Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10  
*R/. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.*

- **Gospel Acclamation** – John 10:14  
*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, I know my sheep, and mine know me.*
- **Gospel** – John 21:15-17  
*Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.*

**Register Your Neighborhood for National Night Out**

Don't be left out! This year, National Night Out (NNO) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020. It's an opportunity to enjoy a socially distanced planned neighborhood event. Locally, the Fairfax County Police Department strongly supports NNO as an opportunity to improve police-citizen communications. Schedule your event online at: <https://bit.ly/nno2020>. For more information, contact your district police station's Crime Prevention Unit: Mason Station, [FCPDMasonCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:FCPDMasonCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov) 703-256-8035

Get out and meet/see your neighbors! For some, it might have been a long time!!

**Election Day Is Coming - Get Out and Vote**



Tuesday, November 3rd, is Election Day. Knights are urged to exercise their civil right and vote in national, state and local elections. This begins by confirming your voter registration and, if not registered, to register, AND to encourage eligible family members and friends to do the same. To assist members and their families, the Knights of Columbus maintains a dedicated webpage that contains resources to assist in confirming voter registration or to register to vote – [kofc.org/vote](http://kofc.org/vote).

Regrettably, not all citizens exercise this fundamental civil liberty, which so many have given so much to uphold throughout the history of our nation. Voter turnout rates have ranged from 50 to 60 percent in the past several years. In a year of uncertainty due to the pandemic, the turnout rate could be even lower. As patriotic Catholics, we are grateful to live in a country where we have the right to vote – and the freedom to encourage all those voters around us to vote as well. That is why the Knights of Columbus sponsors its “Nonpartisan National Get Out and Vote Program,” which aims to increase voter participation in the electoral process.

Through this program, brother Knights can assist eligible voters who may lack access to the critical information necessary to ensure all may freely cast their ballot by referring them to nonpartisan resources available at [kofc.org/vote](http://kofc.org/vote) - whether voting by mail, absentee ballot or at a polling place. Working together, brother Knights can make history by improving voter participation in their communities because **Every. Vote. Matters.** Learn more at [kofc.org/vote](http://kofc.org/vote).

**GET OUT THE VOTE HERE**

*\*Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. [kofc.org/vote](http://kofc.org/vote) contains links to nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

**4th (Patriotic) Degree Exemplification – October 31, 2020**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SUNDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>!**



Calling ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights – As a Knight, you have answered the call to duty—one that extends beyond your life, to how you lead your family, and into how you and your brother Knights serve our fellow man. The Patriotic Degree allows brothers to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title — it's an honor. NOW is the time to take your final step in the Order and become a Sir Knight of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

The October 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be a virtual live-stream event. The pomp and circumstance, weekend long, exemplification is gone (unfortunately—it was a fabulous event/weekend). The Initiation Fee is reduced to \$50 (from the normal \$70). The \$50 fee will provide you with your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree pin, social baldric, and provides support for our (*your*) Assembly, Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894.

To help accommodate more candidates, Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894 has reserved the school gym at St. Leo's for a viewing of the Exemplification. Seats will be placed at least six feet apart, donuts & coffee will be made available before the Degree, and we will have lunch (most likely subs from Jersey Mike's) served after the Degree. What's more, a dignitary will be on hand to Knight all Candidates who attend the viewing (for those who do not attend the viewing with us, but rather take it on their own—they will need to be Knighted at an Assembly meeting at a later date and time).

Specific Details:

- **WHEN:** Saturday, October 31, 2020. Escorts (in Official Regalia Dress-Service) must arrive by 10:00 AM; Candidates and other Observers must arrive by 10:30 AM; Exemplification begins at 11:00 AM, should end around 12:30 PM; lunch will follow immediately after the Knighting and a few remarks.
- **WHERE:** St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gym (3704 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, 22030... the entrance is toward the back of the school, across the west parking lot from St. Leo's)

- **ATTIRE:** Candidates: Dark Suit (black, blue, or dark gray... jacket & trousers should match); White Dress Shirt (no button-down collars or French cuffs); Conservative/Traditional Style Tie (no bow tie or bolo tie); Dark Dress Shoes and Dark Socks. 4th Degree Observers: Official Regalia Dress-Social, or Social Dress Uniform
- **WHAT IS NEEDED:** Form 4, filled out and signed by both Candidate, Proposer, and Financial Secretary; \$50 check made payable to **Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly—as soon as possible, but NO later than October 11, 2020!**
- **WHO TO CONTACT:** Worthy Grand Knight, Patrick Okoronkwo, [pokor22@gmail.com](mailto:pokor22@gmail.com); Worthy Financial Secretary, Roger Williams, [sbrog11@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrog11@yahoo.com); Worthy District Warden, Carroll Glass, [cdglass@gmail.com](mailto:cdglass@gmail.com)

### The Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney

On May 27th, Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Fr. McGivney's Beatification Mass is now scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. The Mass, which will take place in Connecticut and televised worldwide, will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.



The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need."

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the "Good Samaritan," his cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. St. John Paul II – who was pope at that time – lauded Father McGivney's principles, stating in 2003, "In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth."

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Find out more and join the Fr. McGivney Guild (for free) here <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

### The Importance of Columbus Day

*Outgoing Lecturer, Dan Penrose...*

These days it seems that there is no shortage of people ready to point out America's flaws. I cannot assert that this country is without its flaws regardless of how much I would like to. Poverty, oppression, crime, and corruption all still exist in America today, as they do in other countries today, and have in all societies throughout history. Many today focus on the problems of America and their associated causes, whatever they may be. I would like to focus for a moment on the positive aspects of the American experience which do not exist in every country, probably don't exist in most countries today, and definitely haven't existed in most countries throughout world history.



These aspects are centered around freedom. Freedom to worship as we choose, freedom to do as we see fit with our wealth, freedom to pursue our own happiness so long as it is not at the expense of the freedoms of others. No other country throughout history has had the widespread freedom that you have as a US citizen in 2020. Saint John Paul II keyed on freedom of religion as a fundamental human right and worked to have it recognized as such throughout his pontificate. He knew that in the end only way to combat the evils of worldwide communist encroachment was to defeat it in the arena of culture, and to do that, people needed to be free to choose God.

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It is significant that Columbus Day is not celebrated on the day of Columbus' birth as is customary with other great men (Washington and Lincoln for example) or on the day of his death (as is the case with Catholic saints), but on the day of the meeting of the European and American cultures. This Columbus Day, I encourage you all to think of what makes us great as a country. To focus on the great parts of our society that exist nowhere else, not the common maladies of mankind. We as Catholic gentleman should and will continue to work to eliminate our societal shortcomings, but the fact that we need to continue to work should not discourage us from the fact that we are on the right track and going in the right direction. The Columbus Day Celebrations in 1892 in New York was a celebration of the inclusivity of American society with students from public and Catholic schools, Italian American, and Native American groups.

This Columbus Day let us focus on the original intent of this celebration of our founder and be encouraged even though there is more work left to do.

**Casey Women's Club**

Yes, Fall is here with clear skies, brisk winds, and colorful leaves, a beautiful time of year!

We are still making our way through the Pandemic of COVID-19, a sad time to be distant from family and friends. CWC members are still hesitant to resume our meetings, space and safe distance being our obstacles.

Many of you are aware that a Bridge Club meets monthly at the Council House, Ruth Brophy was a member of the Club for many years, the Club has donated to CWC in her honor.

Getting on with business, Ethel Apostolico reports all members have paid this year's dues \*\* Thank you for your promptness.

Ruth Zirkle has offered to chair our Christmas fundraiser of See's Candies; flyers will be mailed to you in early October; shipping rates have been reduced for us this year which means additional funds to distribute for charities. Additional information will accompany the flyers mailing.

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

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

**Happy October Birthdays!**



Stephen Brock	10-03
Charles R. Kasenge	10-04
Alvin V Anceravage	10-07
CDR Peter A Barnett	10-08
PGK Albert R Avellino Jr	10-10
Daniel V Penrose	10-10
Warren H Savage Jr	10-15
Christopher A Reid	10-16
Allen G Valandra	10-19
Gary Joseph Rozum	10-20
Art T Montilla	10-21
Paul B De Zan	10-26
Jonathan Matzinger Lash	10-26
Rev. Ernesto Gonzales III	10-30



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**The submission deadline for the November 2020 Newsletter is October 20th**

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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