

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

October 2023

Important Dates This Month

October is **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Wednesday, Oct 4th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM - ZOOM

Saturday, Oct 7th - Arlington Diocesan Pilgrimage (*See the attached flyer*)

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes – Emmitsburg, MD

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/>

Monday, Oct 9th – COLUMBUS DAY (see article)

Wednesday, Oct 11th – Hybrid General Business Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (Rosary at 7:00 pm)

Sat/Sun, Oct 14th/15th – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales

Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Sunday, Oct 22nd – Saint John Paul II – Feast Day

Sunday, Oct 29th - Corporate Communion @ 10AM Mass

Grand Knight's Message

I would like to salute members of Council 4522 who participated in one way or another in the parish ministry weekend. I especially thank Brothers Sonny Masso, Danny Restivo, and Kevin Beck, who grilled and served hot dogs for the 10:00 and noon Masses. SK Vicente Guevara was also instrumental in wrapping and serving the hot dogs. I am honored that the Council is always visible and involved in different parish activities and ministries.

Brothers, I would like to use this opportunity to note that we have only two months to sell Keep Christ in Christmas cards, for which all proceeds support the seminarians. It is also during this period that we raise funds for Coats for Kids. Please brother Knights, we count on you to help move the cards to the hands of parishioners. When the dates come out for the weekends where we sell and solicit funds, I hope and pray that you will participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales as well as soliciting funds for the Coats for Kids project after all masses. These are some of the activities we can include our family members in. We need to raise \$2,000 which will support four seminarians. Please list these events on your calendar to help you plan. I know your children would love to be a part of collecting money for both projects. You may involve them beside you.

Members of Council 4522, we have always participated in youth programs and activities. I am requesting that we don't allow it to go by the wayside. Search yourself

to access if you would like to serve as the Community Director serving the youth of our parish community. The soccer challenge is coming up next month, and we don't have a director yet to coordinate this activity. We are a Council of doers, please volunteer for this service.

The next corporate communion will be held on October 29th at the 10:00 am Mass. Please plan to attend with your family to this Mass. We will arrange to sit together in the center aisle. We would pray the rosary as one happy family immediately after the Mass. Let's make it a family affair.

Allow me to remind you that the Council's officer's meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4th with the general membership on Wednesday, October 11th. Details are in the masthead.

Vivat Jesus!
Patrick Okoronkwo



Knight of the Month

Our Outstanding Knight of the Month is the beforementioned, SK Vicente Guevara! No matter the quality or quantity of hot dogs served, few if any would have made it to the parishioners' happy stomachs if not for the supreme wrapping and serving efforts of SK Vicente! This is not an uncommon level of service from SK Vicente (or his amazing family). SK Vicente has long been a valued contributor to the Council and the parish.

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 and every 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 "St. Joseph, Defender of Life". For resources, visit <https://www.usccb.org/respectlife> Be a part of any or all of these activities during October:

- Sunday, October 1st – 2:30 PM: The 28th Alexandria Life Chain. Life Chains have been conducted annually for 36 years across the United States and Canada on the First Sunday of October as prayer vigils and public witnesses to the sanctity of human life. The Alexandria Life Chain will be held along Franconia Road from Saint Lawrence 6222 Franconia Rd in Alexandria, VA to the Springfield Mall. The time will be from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, rain or shine. Parking and Life Chain signs will be available for pick-up at Hammond Hall starting at 2:00 PM. All pro-lifers and families are encouraged to participate and show our commitment to the protection and sanctity of human life. St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA will also host a Life Chain along Rt #7
- October 7th - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary - With the opportunity to gather in prayer on the actual feast day as well as to help fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's request to offer our prayer in reparation on first Saturdays, the National Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday October 7th at our Nation's Capitol. Here is more information: www.RosaryCoastToCoast.com Or join our Live Stream on October 7th at 4:00 EST here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/e6yBx9vcps?si=iIRZnI5MIUx9FqnH>

Get your ProLife Flag at www.prolifeflag.com



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 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 22nd

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 22nd**. 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.

September Lecturer Report

This month's reflection centers around being aware of God's love and plan for us each day. We will be happiest when we surrender to all aspects of God's plan for us. We've discussed before the scripture from First Thessalonians Chapter 5:16-18, "Rejoice Evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for that is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you!"

"Do not be afraid"

Is it not true that it would be a very simple, efficacious, and gentle procedure to sanctify ourselves by accepting each day what our Lord asks of us? We have absolute certainty that what God plans for us each day is most suitable and sanctifying. Sometimes in the morning we are too far-seeing; we would like to take in from the first moment the whole course of the day: What shall I have to do? What am I going to suffer? What do I fear? What do I hope for? And we set up our program. The only program for me is God's program. Let this day come as it may. God sends it; he and no one else. Let it come as it may, we are sure that it comes wrapped in the love of our Lord and destined to sanctify us. We ought to say: "I will sanctify myself precisely by the events of this day because the loving providence of God has sent them to me. He is acquainted with my necessities; he knows what is most conducive to my sanctification." If we were to understand this, would not our soul be a veritable ocean of peace?

One final objection: I acknowledge that by following God's plan and subjecting myself to his will, I walk in

security and live in peace. But anxieties arise on this account, for by the abuse of my liberty I may resist the divine will, go astray, and follow a crooked path. Is not this a reasonable cause for worry? No. It is a reasonable cause for repentance, for tears and a firm resolution, but not for the loss of peace. God does not cease being good because I am bad, nor does he cease seeking me because I go astray. Did he not reveal to us his own heart in the parable of the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep while he ran after the one that was lost? Yes, I have absolute certainty that if I go astray, Jesus will seek me. I shall place myself in his omnipotent hands. I shall rest upon his shoulders and return to the fold. Perhaps I must suffer to return to the right path, but blessed be the sufferings which atone for my fault and bring me back to my God.

Whatever our failings may be, whatever our wanderings, we have no right to lose either hope or peace. We are Christians and have received peace as a gift from heaven, as a seal of Christ, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. I shall suffer, I shall repent, I shall do penance, I shall sacrifice myself—everything, but with peace in my heart; for I know that here is someone who loves me in spite of my infidelities; someone who, when I wander, puts me back on the right path; who, when I fall, raises me up. *Servant of God Luis María Martínez*

Election Day Is Coming - Get Out and Vote

Tuesday, November 7th, 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.

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 kojc.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 kojc.org/vote.

[GET OUT THE VOTE HERE](https://kojc.org/vote)

**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. kojc.org/vote contains links to nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*



Anniversary of the Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney



The anniversary of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's Beatification is October 31st.

As a reminder, 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.

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," then, 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."

Commemorating Columbus Day

The voyages of Christopher Columbus were a watershed moment in the history of human civilization. Like every encounter, they offered a world of possibilities. Inspired by one of our country's first and most



cherished mottos, E pluribus unum, the holiday was meant to celebrate the coming together of different worlds and honor new immigrants while, at the same time, paying homage to Native Americans. As Catholics, how should we commemorate this holiday? Find answers, including facts and short videos at kojc.org/columbus.

October 2023 Birthdays



Stephen Brock	10-03
Cory Williams	10-03
Charles R. Kasenge	10-04
Alvin V. Anceravage	10-07
CDR Peter A. Barnett	10-08
PGK Albert A. Avelino Jr.	10-10
Daniel V. Penrose	10-10
Warren H. Savage Jr.	10-15
Christopher A. Reid	10-16
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

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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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