

The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

September 2020

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept 2nd – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM **ZOOM**
 Monday, Sept 7th – Labor Day Holiday
 Tuesday, Sept 10th – Christ House (Alexandria, VA)
 Wednesday, Sept 9th – Full Council Meeting, 7:30 PM **ZOOM**
 Sat/Sun, Sept 19th/20th – Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES
 Membership Drive, Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales
 Saturday, Sept 26th – Rosary for Police, Mason District Gov't Center 9:15 AM
 TBD in Sept (we hope) – Soccer Free Kick Competition, St. Michael's School

Grand Knight's Message

My brothers, I hope and pray that you are doing everything you can for you and your family to stay safe. The Pandemic continues to affect every aspect of our lives. We must look to the Lord our God for strength, comfort, and ways to cope. We must call upon the strongest weapon we have as Catholics, the Rosary of the most holy blessed Mother. This weapon will open doors, heal our pains, and bring us much closer to the Lord our God Jesus Christ.

We are now in the month of September, ending the 1st quarter of the fraternal year. In July, the officers were installed, and Fr. Diaz was installed as the new pastor of Queen of Apostles. The council budget was approved, and our chaplain signed off on our calendar of events for the entire fraternal year. In August, we held a corporate communion, a quarterly activity. For September, we have a membership drive on the weekend of Sept. 19/20. During the membership drive, we will be collecting donations for Coats for Kids. Soccer challenge and the Essay Contest will also take place in the month of September. Please my brothers; we will be needing assistance in approaching Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. We will set up tables outside the vestibule where we will meet and answer questions for Catholic men.

Council 4522 is in need of a treasurer. Our current treasurer, Richard Lamarre has moved to Leesburg. The distance will not allow him to be actively involved in our council. He will be transferring to a council and parish near him. I am hoping and praying that a 3rd degree member of our council will submit his name for the nomination for the position. Although, the Grand Knight can appoint a member to cover the position temporarily. The bylaws require that an election be conducted to fill the position.

I would like to propose that the officers' and directors' meeting in October be held at the Council Hall. May I please get your feedback on this proposal! If there is no support for in person meeting, we will still meet via Zoom.

The Virginia State Council has made the decision to hold the October Quarterly Meeting virtually to comply with local, state, and national guidelines. As soon as I receive the link for the meeting, I will send it out.

In honor of Father McGivney, ask a man to join today – FREE!

Due to the overwhelming response to our offer of free online membership in celebration of Father McGivney's upcoming beatification, we are pleased to announce that the offer has been extended! Know someone interested in the Knights? Invite them to visit kofo.org/join today and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer.

Fraternally,
GK Patrick Okoronkwo

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is the Worthy Recorder, John Cosgayon who also serves as the Council 4522 editor in chief and the secretary for the Casey Club. He is actively involved in church activities at Queen of Apostles. Brother ensures that our Newsletter is published consistently. He constantly chases people around, especially the Grand Knight, for his report.

Family of the Month

Anyone can Nominate a family—and the family does not have to have a Knight represented in it. PLEASE provide a family and a short paragraph noting their story to the GK, FS or the editor! We need one every month and are counting on you!!

HELP (REQUIRED) WANTED!

Saturday/Sunday, Sept 19th/20th Our first big weekend of the fraternal year! This weekend we will be conducting our first membership drive of the fraternal year, we'll be collecting donations for the all-important Coats for Kids Drive and we hope to be selling our Keep Christ in Christmas, Christmas Cards. We have FOUR sets of doors to cover! That is at least FOUR Knights per Mass...not counting setting up our tent (due to COVID restrictions, we must set up outside) and taking everything down after the 1:30 PM Sunday Hispanic Mass. This is the *First Ask* of this year, let's pray all goes well and it's not the last of the year. Please mark your calendars now. Even 6 ft. apart, it will be great to see many of you out helping others.



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



Calling ALL 3rd 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 4th Degree. Sir Knights:

Stand Firm in Support of the Order

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights—always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Proudly Serve the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Provide Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honor the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps, an elective division of the Patriotic Degree, presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.



The October 31st 4th 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 4th Degree pin, social baldric, and provides support for our (*your*) Assembly, Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894.

There is a limit of 250 sign-ins permitted for this Exemplification. 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 September 11, 2020!**
- WHO TO CONTACT: Worthy Grand Knight, Patrick Okoronkwo, pokor22@gmail.com; Worthy Financial Secretary, Roger Williams, sbrog11@yahoo.com; Worthy District Warden, Carroll Glass, cdglass@gmail.com

Of note, October 31, 2020 is also the day our founder and spiritual leader, the venerable Fr. Michael McGivney, will be beatified and declared Blessed by Pope Francis! We're sure his significant milestone towards his Sainthood will make your Exemplification even more special and fulfilling!

It will be an honor and pleasure to observe and welcome you into the 4th Degree!

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk



The Knights of Columbus seeks to strengthen family life through its [Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish](#) initiative. Through this initiative, the Order endeavors to support Christian family life and encourages councils and families to integrate with the sacramental and social life of their parish more fully.

In doing so, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 has set up and supplied Queen of Apostles Catholic Church with the pictured Kiosk—which we will keep fully stocked as long as possible throughout the year. We hope to not only help each family participate in the Church’s mission of evangelization, but to also strengthen our members and revitalize our parish.

The phrase “domestic church” has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his *Letter to Families*, Pope St. John Paul II explained, “The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a ‘domestic church,’ a ‘little church.’”

The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in our council, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world. It is our council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering to prayer. It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, “In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith.”

It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts. It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it.

Prayer for teachers, students, and protection from diseases



One of the many patrons of education is St. Joseph Calasanz, a holy priest who opened free schools for poor children and established a religious order of teaching priests (known as the Piarist Fathers).

He is also well known for the aid he gave to those suffering from the plague in the 16th century.

Here is an adapted prayer to St. Joseph Calasanz, asking for his aid in the upcoming school year:

St. Joseph Calasanz, protector of youth, great servant of Our Lord, who did work such marvels on their behalf; you who, having made yourself a mirror for them of burning charity, of unwearied patience, of deep humility, of angelic purity and of every other heroic virtue, by a holy example, by words full of the Spirit of God, did inspire them to flee dangerous occasions, to hate sin, to detest vicious courses, and to love piety and devotion, and thus did guide countless souls to Heaven.

Obtain for us, your humble and devoted servants, help in time of danger, protection from all harmful diseases, and a fruitful school year, so that, by placing our trust in God, we may one day be united with you in Heaven.
Amen.

Rosary for Police Officers – Sept 26th



For over two months, volunteers with the American Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) on its *Mother of Mercy, Restore America* caravan have been on the road almost non-stop, going to each state capitol, praying the rosary, beseeching God for America’s return to order.

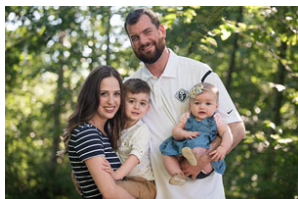
SK Jonathan Lash has organized a rosary rally for our Mason District police officers on September 26. The rosary will be prayed in front of the Mason Government Center on Columbia Pike beginning promptly at 9:15 AM. Parking will be available in the Government Center Lot. The police...and our country need your prayers. Please put this important prayerful event on your calendar.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month – NEW AGENT TOO

It’s the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. A recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, [Faith and Fraternalism](#), notes on page 13, “...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven.” Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, “...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family.”
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Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it.



No one wants to buy life insurance, BUT everyone should want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where our new Field Agent, John Giordano can help. If you could use a little piece of mind, please contact Brother John at john.giordano@kofc.org 703-626-7715

Catholic Masculinity (Into The Breach)

Into the Breach was developed by Knights in Phoenix, Arizona based upon an exhortation by their Bishop of the same title. It can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

The series is divided into 12 episodes of 10-15 minutes each. The first episode addresses masculinity. Masculinity can sometimes be hard to define. We know it when we see it, but what does it really mean in an authentically Catholic context?

Drawing upon my studies of Pope John Paul II, I will do my best to give some thoughts that might help you going forward as you watch the episode. We are taught that there are three possible vocations: marriage, single life, or religious life. While we might simply think these are the vocations because they encompass all possible choices for someone to live their life, that would be grossly simplistic.

All of these choices involve the essence of masculinity which is putting the welfare or happiness of others before our own. The boldest example might be fatherhood where a father sacrifices time, money, sleep, and many other tangibles for his children and wife. Pope John Paul II wrote a play about fatherhood and considered it the ultimate embodiment of his "Law of the Gift" philosophy. Catholic priests are referred to as father indicating a similar relationship should exist, not with wives and children, but the spiritual family of the church.

The life of a single man be considered any less of a calling, as a matter of fact, if viewed in proper context, his life can illustrate the difference between cold self-interest and masculine selflessness. The difference between a boy and a man is that a boy is only concerned with himself and his own needs and a man is concerned primarily with others.

Pope John Paul II thought that all vocations were a dress rehearsal of sorts for eternity in heaven. We practice giving ourselves completely (and exclusively!) to someone or something outside of ourselves: our spouse, our church, or another worthy cause.

The calling to single life is only truly a calling if men dedicate themselves to a worthy cause outside of themselves and sacrifice for it. A single man who chooses to live a life in service to his country or community with the same zeal a father has for his children is practicing for an eternity with God in heaven. All dedications needn't be nearly so lofty in the traditional sense, those who dedicate their lives to building trade work, education, service work, and many other pursuits are practicing their vocations so long as sacrifices are being made to improve the lives of others, not out of self-interest.

Whether father, priest, or dedicated single man, we should all be practicing for the one day when we are called to give ourselves over to God completely, permanently, and without qualification.

Casey Women's Club

Summer is on the wane with Fall in the Game. Please pray for our long-time member Ruth McFadden, deceased of poor health in early August.

Have you heard of the Million Rosary March? Several Bishops of the United States are calling for One Million Rosaries for the United States of America. Actually, it is not a march, it invites Catholics to pray the "rosary for 100 days, offered in reparation and intercession for our nation" because the U.S. "is engulfed in a battle of good versus evil like never before." The initiative began on the Solemnity of the Assumption (Aug.15) and ends on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec.8.) It is simple, you can do this from your home:

- 1) Daily pray 5 decades of the Most Holy Rosary for a greater love of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 2) Fasting every Friday in reparation and atonement of the Eucharistic Lord; (dispensation for Seniors and/or health concerns.)
- 3) Devote 1 hour per month in Eucharistic Adoration for the souls of the departed of all Americans throughout history; (either in person or online).

To make your commitment, if possible, go online to Facebook.com, or EWTN.com or call 800-854-6317.

You have all received the letter from Ethel Apostolico requesting the yearly dues; be sure to send your payment to her in the enclosed envelope of her letter.

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



Happy September Birthdays!

Arthur S Leahy	09-04
Deacon Richard C Caporiccio	09-09
PGK Craig J Delaney	09-09
Thomas W Pairo	09-09
Rev. Christopher J Iannizzotto O Carm.	09-15
Jimmy L Riddle	09-18
Almond J Smith	09-27
Michael V Burke	09-29



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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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