

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

September 2021

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept 1st – Officer's HYBRID Meeting, 7:30 PM

ZOOM and in person @ QofA Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm

Monday, Sept 6th – Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, Sept 8th – Full Council Meeting (HYBRID), 7:30 PM

ZOOM and in person @ QofA Blessed Fr. McGivney Rm

Tuesday, Sept 14th – Christ House (Alexandria, VA)

Sat/Sun, Sept 18th/19th – All at Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Membership Drive, Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales

TBD in Sept (we hope) – Soccer Free Kick Competition, St. Michael's School

Grand Knight's Message

I want to thank all the Brother Knights of Council 4522 who helped make the Queen of Apostles Parish Festival a rousing success! It was a lot of hard work from setting up tables, tents, and chairs to buying the libations and of course serving everyone on Saturday. I also cannot forget to mention the all-important clean up. All who assisted have my unqualified respect and gratitude.

For those unable to attend, the Parish festival hosted nearly 1,000 parishioners and/or friends throughout the day—and well into the evening. There was music, games, food galore and of course lots of fun. Our own Fr. Joe Rampino headlined the live entertainment with an all-priest band to end the festivities.

While the parish festival was a fitting sendoff to summer, we now turn our energies to the fall and the remainder of the fraternal year. I am pleased to announce our newest knight, Jerome McAvoy III, who was recruited by worthy DGK Vincent. He is a longtime Queen of Apostles parishioner and PE teacher at Justice High School. Brother Jerome joined us in August as an e-member and will be taking his combined degree sometime this month. Please join me in welcoming this fine Catholic gentleman to the order.

Regarding recruiting, we have one of our biggest events of the year on the weekend of September 18th and 19th, when we will be participating in the Parish Ministries Fair (at which we will be grilling hot dogs), holding a recruitment drive, selling Christmas cards, and collecting for Coats for Kids, all on the same two

days. This is one of our biggest weekends of the year and even a few minutes of your time will make a big difference. Please consider stopping by after any one of the masses. We will especially need help after the Spanish masses, which are 7:00 PM Saturday and 1:30 PM Sunday with any Spanish speaking brothers. We hope to have the State Spanish recruitment team present to assist.

I thank you all for a great start to the year and ask for your prayers to keep things going in the right direction.

GK Dan

Knight of the Month

Big events or experiences like the Parish Festival always provide opportunities for blessings. Brother Cory Williams didn't let that opportunity pass him by and as a result is acknowledged as the Council's Knight of the Month! WE were blessed by Cory's presence and participation throughout the weekend at the festival, from helping set up on Friday evening, to manning the "refreshment" tent the entire day/night on Saturday, to coming back Sunday morning to help load up and take all the Knights' gear back to storage. Wow, what an effort! Thank you, Brother Cory and congratulations on being named this month's, Knight of the Month!

Family of the Month

Similarly, The Wack Family showed up in force during the Parish Festival and was instrumental in its ultimate success. Brother Lou, (not of our Council...**yet**) was

always around the “refreshment” tent helping out, but also all over the festival area, lending a hand to whoever needed it. Lady Flora, a member of the parish staff, was in charge of anything financial—from selling food and/or raffle tickets to collecting money to paying invoices—in the center of everything. Daughter Cora supported the kids areas, primarily putting her artistic skills to use applying outstanding artwork on the kids (and some adults) faces! Kudos to the entire Wack family and congratulations on being named this month’s Family of the Month!

Queen of Apostles Parish Festival



Speaking of the QofA Parish Festival.....what an event! More than 20 booths, international food, live entertainment—from a French horn soloist (not your ordinary French horn player) to a Mariachi band to the performing priests—moon bounce, kids’ activities and even a mechanical bull, there was something for everyone! The day, Saturday, August 21st, started out damp...more like an hour-long deluge, but God is always great and the rain turned to sunshine just in time for last minute preps and the 3:00 PM start. God bless

all the volunteers and especially our Knights, who made the festival an



unprecedented success! Here are some pictures of what you missed. Many more can be found at www.facebook.com/QofAChurch



And in the midst of the festival, we finally had Worthy District Deputy John Knox, PGK Patrick Okoronkwo AND our Knight of the Year for 2020/2021, Brother Daniel Amadi all in the same place at the same time and was able to present to Brother Daniel his KOTY Certificate! Congratulations again Brother Daniel and thank you for all that you do!!



HELP (REQUIRED) WANTED!



Saturday/Sunday, Sept 18th/19th – 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 and taking everything down after the 1:30 PM Sunday Hispanic Mass.

AND for those aspiring chefs out there....Hot Dog cooking is a great way to get started! We will be serving up hot dogs after the 10:00, Noon and 1:30 Masses! Your help will be greatly appreciated!! Please mark your calendars now.

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.

Both associations make him a powerful intercessor for teachers and students and for protection from viral diseases in an education setting. 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.

**From the Letter of Saint James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
“Fraternity, Unity, Charity – Membership”**

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Be doers of the word...and care for orphans and widows... Remind you of anything? Key characteristics of the Knights of Columbus perhaps? Never pass up a chance to “Do” or to “care.” Neither pass up an opportunity to evangelize and bring more Catholic gentlemen into the order. With many hands, we can even do more, care more! Recruit—to make us all better!

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

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.”

Blessed 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 Field Agent, Ralph Heinze, can help. If you could use a little piece of mind, please contact Brother Ralph at 866-868-1492 Ext 1703 or at ralph.heinze@kofc.org ALSO, please see the Fraternal Benefits flyer elsewhere in this edition for the upcoming presentation: “Faith, Family and Financial Security” to be held online on September 29, 2021.

The Four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence

Before expounding on this month’s virtue, let us review the four virtues: Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude and Justice. Of these, prudence is considered the greatest. However, even though prudence triumphs over all, it cannot exist by itself. We need all the virtues jointly acting in concert. To quote another writer, “only the prudent man, then, can be just, brave and temperate; yet he who is not already just, brave, and temperate cannot be prudent.”

PRUDENCE



Prudence, as the church defines it, goes far beyond how secular culture measures it. It is not just mere practicality. We turn again to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

(CCC): “Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.” St. Thomas Aquinas, following the lead of Aristotle, calls it “right reason in action.” St. Thomas outlines three things needed for prudence to take action: (1) take counsel; (2) judge soundly; and (3) decide. Too frequently, prudence is confused with practical self-preservation. As Knights, we choose to go beyond our comfort, but we should never dispense with prudence.

Prudence employs our intellect taking stock of all the concrete realities surrounding a given situation. But it also goes beyond and combines faith, ethics, morality and philosophy. St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, knew this well. Against all odds, he established a number of night schools (or “oratories”) for boys who spent their days either as street urchins or working in dismal conditions in Turin, Italy in the late 1800s. He knew that the key to a better life for these children was faith, reason, and education. With fortitude and courage, his efforts grew to help more and more people, primarily focused on education. But not just education for education’s sake. St. John Bosco’s “preventive system” in education sought to prevent just one thing: sin. In seeking to prevent sin in the youth, he used prudence to create a practical, realistic, and lasting institution which exists to this day.

As Knights, let us embrace prudence in our every action – using temperance, fortitude, and justice as its partners.



You got hops?

Brother Charles Kasenge is hosting a Men’s Basketball Night each Thursday evening at 9:00 PM in the Queen of Apostles School Gym. If you are interested in getting out there and running a few back, please just show up or give him a call at 703 581-9291 for more details.



Casey Women’s Club

Fall will soon be here! I pray you have all received your COVID shots and are ready to see, greet, and participate in our upcoming agenda. Our first meeting for the 2021-2022 season is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, dessert will be provided.

All our members should have received “SAVE THE DATE” for the Casey Women’s Club 60th Anniversary. The committee has organized a great celebration—the date is September 25th. Your invitation will be in the mail soon, guests are welcome at a nominal fee, respond with number to attend and your dinner choice/s.

Happy Birthday to Susan Brown September 9th! Blessings be with you.

Retiree lunch is September 28th at Noon. Please call Geri or Ethel if you plan to attend. Bunco will follow lunch.

Blessings of Health and Happiness to all.
Connie King, President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays Blessings for September!

- Rev. Joseph M Rampino 09-02
- Arthur S Leahy 09-04
- Deacon Richard C Caporiccio 09-09
- PGK Craig J Delaney 09-09
- Thomas W Pairo 09-09
- Edward W Imperati 09-12
- Jimmy L Ribble 09-18
- Eric F Tanchez 09-26
- Almond J Smith 09-27
- Michael V Burke 09-29



Van Mueller presents



Faith, Family and Financial Security

Join us for an informative online presentation by Van Mueller, one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry.

Van Mueller is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies. He is a global speaker that has presented in all 50 states and every province in Canada, inspiring his audience to take control over their financial future.

Van will ask a series of tough questions to help you think about how ready you are for whatever may come next, such as:

- What is the easiest and safest way to make retirement money last longer?
- What if you suddenly died – Wouldn't you rather leave a loved one with your hard-earned money rather than the Internal Revenue Service?

Join us as Van helps us think through our answers to these questions, and many more!

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Date: September 29, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Registration link: sept29.abbatekofc.com



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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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