

The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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Monthly Newsletter

September 2026

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept 2nd – Officer's Meeting—Zoom, 7:30 PM

Monday, Sept 7th – Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept 8th – Christ House (Alexandria, VA)

Wednesday, Sept 9th – Full Council Meeting (HYBRID), 7:30 PM

ZOOM and in person @ QofA Guadalupe Center

September 11th – Day of Remembrance and Service – Patriot Day

Sat/Sun, Sept 12th/13th – All MALL MASSES at Queen of Apostles

Begin Coats for Kids Drive, KCIC Card Sales AND

The Queen of Apostles' Parish Ministries Fair

TBD – Soccer Free Kick Competition, Queen of Apostles School

Grand Knight's Message

A great big THANK YOU to all participants in the 6th Annual Queen of Apostles Festival. It was a blessing to have a day of unity, charity and fraternity for our Council working beside all the parish volunteers to welcome and serve—AND we had some new members recruited. God Bless and thank you! I continue to be so thankful for all of you.

As I suggested in last month's newsletter, I hope you got your summer rest and reset, August has been the kickoff to a busy year for Council 4522, as anticipated. We started off with the Altar Servers Picnic on August 9th, serving up burgers and dogs and all the fixings for 80 people - altar servers and families. Thank you to Vince for helping from start to finish!

September will again be a busy month. We start with the monthly meal at Christ House on Tuesday, September 8th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. As usual, 3 to 4 volunteers are needed to prepare a meal to serve 60 at 5:00 PM.

The Annual Parish Ministry Fair will be September 12th/13th coinciding with the start of our Coats for Kids collection and Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) card sales. **Council 4522 will also serve hot dogs after masses.** A sign-up genie is coming your way for the weekend of events.

As our Council and Parish activities pick up in September, we must not forget to pause and remember September 11th, which marks 25 years since the attacks on our country. Pray for all those lost that day and all

who were affected by the event. We must always give thanks for the blessing we have and use the gift of life God has given us to live as He wants to everyday! When you walk a flight of stairs say a Hail Mary for those who walked down the stairs on 9/11.

Please continue to pray for me and I will continue to pray for you.

Fraternally,
GK Richard Sacra

Sixth Annual Parish Festival – August 22nd

As you may have already heard (a few times!) the festival was a great success. The rain held off for the entire day, bringing out many to enjoy international foods, entertainment and our own John Cosgayan joined Edna Mercado as warm and welcoming emcees. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of community appropriately marking our parish feast day, Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth. Our Queen of Apostles Parish Community and Council 4522 are truly blessed. See pictures at the end of this newsletter and at <https://www.facebook.com/QofAChurch/>



Knight(s) of the Month

TBA

Family of the Month

TBA

Exemplification Ceremony –August 27th

Council 4522 welcomed three new Brother Knights into the Council on August 27th. A warm welcome to Brother Owen Penrose, Brother Renzo Mercado and Brother Larry Mercado. In addition, Brother Jose Mercado was elevated to Third Degree. How fitting on the feast of St. Monica we exemplify Owen, son of FS Daniel Penrose and Renzo, son of Brother Jose Mercado. Let us pray for more young men to join our council



L to R: Brothers Larry Mercado, Daniel Penrose (FS), Renzo Mercado, Owen Penrose. GK Rick Sacra



L to R: Brothers Renzo Mercado and Jose Mercado
FS Daniel Penrose and Brother Owen Penrose

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT! – we are nearly 50% of the way to our Star Council Goal for this year. Let's bring in a few more Brothers before December 31st. Do you have a son/grandson/nephew turning 18? Introduce them to the Knights of Columbus!!

Ministries Fair**Saturday/Sunday September 12th/13th****HELP (REQUIRED)****WANTED NEEDED!**

We begin our annual all-important Coats for Kids Drive; begin our Keep Christ in Christmas, Christmas Card sales as we support the annual Parish Ministries Fair with Hot Dogs after the 10:00 AM, Noon and 1:30 PM masses. With FOUR sets of doors to cover! Four Knights cover the door at each mass is one way you can help. And don't forget we recruit new members!!



We need men to set up the tent tables and grills on Saturday and take everything down after the 1:30 PM Sunday Mass. We will cook hotdogs—grillers and servers needed here! Setting up and monitoring the KCIC tables will require a few men as well. Through all these activities we will also keep recruiting new members.

A sign-up genie will be sent to the council.

PLEASE watch your email and PLEASE respond.

Have you seen the new Council shirts?

Our new council shirts made their debut at the Parish Festival, a sea of red indicated Knights in action.

So far twenty-four personalized shirts have been acquired by brothers. An additional order is being placed in the next few weeks. If you would like to order a shirt contact Rick Sacra for details. Estimated cost is \$30 each depending on size of the order.

Lecturer's Reflection**"Faith Needs No Signs"**

Our senses perceive only creaturely action, but through faith we see the action of God in everything. Through faith we believe that Jesus Christ is alive in everything and works throughout the course of the centuries. Faith tells us that the briefest moment and the smallest atom contain a portion of Christ's hidden life and his mysterious action. The action of the created world is a veil concealing the profound mysteries of the divine action. After his resurrection Jesus Christ took his

disciples by surprise in apparitions and presented himself to them under symbols that disguised him. And as soon as he had revealed himself, he disappeared. This very same Jesus, always living and active, still takes by surprise those whose faith is not sufficiently pure and penetrating.

There is no moment when God does not present himself under the guise of some suffering, some consolation, or some duty. All that occurs within us, around us, and by our means covers and hides his divine action. His action is there, most really and certainly present, but in an invisible manner, the result of which is that we are always being taken by surprise and we only recognize his operation after it has passed. If we could pierce the veil and be vigilant and attentive, God would reveal himself continuously to us and we would rejoice in his action in everything that happens to us. At every occurrence we would say, *It is the Lord (John 21:7)* and we would find a gift from God in all circumstances. We would think of all created things as very feeble instruments in the hands of an almighty worker, and we would recognize without difficulty that nothing is lacking to us and that God's constant care gives us at each instant what is best suited to us.

Father Jean-Pierre De Caaussade, S.J.

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 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.

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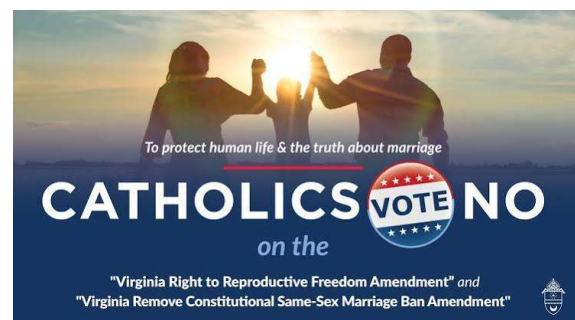
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Birthdays



Rev. Joseph M Rampino	09-02
Arthur S Leahy	09-04
Rev Paul A Berghout	09-06
Deacon Richard C Caporiccio	09-09
PGK Craig J Delaney	09-09
Thomas W Pairo	09-09
Richard Hoey	09-21
Almond J Smith	09-27



Council 4522 – Look at ALL the **RED** Shirts!

KNIGHTS in ACTION!



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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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