



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

October, 2019

Upcoming Events

- 10/5** (Saturday) Renovation Alliance work day
- 10/7** (Monday) October Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.
- 10/14** (Monday) Columbus Day
- 10/21** (Monday) Admissions (First Degree Salem 7:00
- 10/28** (Monday) October 4th Degree Meeting - Lexington, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.
- 10/29** (Tuesday) Fr. O'Reilly talk on Conscience - Council Home 7:00
- 11/1** (Friday) All Saints' Day
- 11/2** (Saturday) All Souls' Day
- 11/4** (Monday) November Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

There are several events coming up in the month of October, please consider participating in as many of them as possible.

First, the 40 days for life fall campaign is underway. Volunteers are asked to keep vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood on Peters Creek Road and/or to pray for those who will be standing for life during the fall campaign. For more information on this please contact our Pro-Life chairman, Shawn Marshall.

Fr. Kevin at St. Andrew's will lead a discussion on Bishop Barron's *Letter to a Suffering Church* on Tuesday, October 1 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the social hall. If you do not already have a copy of this book or for more information, please contact the St. Andrew's parish office at 540.344.9814.

The next first degree exemplification is scheduled for Monday 10/21 7PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Salem, VA. Since this is scheduled for the same night as our social meeting, I ask anyone planning on attending the social meeting at our council home to instead join our fellow brother knights at the Salem council to support their first degree team and new candidates.



Grand Knight's Report (cont.)

Last, but not least, Fr. James O'Reilly will conduct a talk on conscience at our council home on Tuesday 10/29 at 7PM. All our welcome to this event, so please bring family and friends for fellowship and an informative talk on how conscience informs our decision making.

**Vivat Jesus,
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight**

Chaplain's Report



During the month of October we will see houses and offices setup with Halloween decorations. Stores have been full of costumes and candy since back to school season ended. How did this celebration become so popular and what impact does it have on Christianity today?

The Church had Christianized some elements of Celtic Harvest festivals which gave rise to the celebration of All Hallows Eve, All Saint's Day, and All Soul's Day. This act of Christianization gives us an example of how the Church transformed elements of a culture and was able to transmit the Gospel message. As members of the Knights of Columbus, let us ask ourselves how our behavior is transforming the culture? During the month of October let us rededicate ourselves to the proclamation of the Good News and transform the culture by our witness of charity.

**In Christ,
Fr. O'Reilly**

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Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

1st Degree Salem 10/8/2019
(Monday) 7:00 PM

2nd/3rd Degrees Roanoke
11/16/2019 (Saturday) 9:00,
11:00 AM

4th Degree Exemplification Manas-
sas 11/2/2019 (Saturday) 12:00



September Business Meeting Highlights

- Fr. O'Reilly recalled that today is the feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great, known for liturgical reform. He also reminded members of his talk on conscience on October 29 (7:00 in the Council Home).
- The Grand Knight thanked the Deputy Grand Knight for conducting the August meeting. He also announced upcoming area events:
 - Life in the Spirit Day (Fincastle) September 21
 - Guest Speaker at St. Andrew—Right to Life September 24
- Fundraising for the ultrasound machine has been met—paperwork for matching funds is in progress.
- Facebook presence for Council 562 is now in place; Update of the website is in progress.
- Thank you notes were received from Boy Scouts and Blue Ridge Women's Center for our contributions.
- Labor Day grill night proceeds are being donated to the Roanoke Rescue Mission.
- The Deputy Grand Knight thanked those who helped in the work day at the council home. One more day is needed. The Veterans' work day for Renovation Alliance will be held Fri-Sat, October 4-5.
- The Field Agent encouraged members to recruit a new members.
- The District Deputy reminded members of the KOVAR training this upcoming Saturday in the Roanoke Council Home.
- The Lecturer reminded members of the Virginia Catholic Conference—a voice for advocacy to state and federal government's regarding issues important

- This is an easy way to provide input on key issues:
VACatholic.org.
- Remembering those sick and in distress:
 - BK Jack Biggio—surgery last week.
 - FDD Dick Sparks—stage 4 cancer
 - PGK Kevin Legge—health issues
 - Brother Knight in Radford who just lost his wife
 - Remembering victims of the hurricane in the Bahamas

Fr. O'Reilly To Speak on "Conscience"

Fr. James O'Reilly will be giving a talk at the Knights of Columbus hall on Oct. 29th on the topic of "conscience". The talk begins at 7:00 and the KofC bar will be open. Please come out and enjoy this talk on the topic of "conscience" and how it affects our decision making. Hope to see you there!

Renovation Alliance Work Day

Our annual work day for Renovation Alliance will be held on Saturday, October 5. We will be working on a Veterans home in Floyd County rebuilding a small front porch and steps. We will meet at Hardies on Brambleton at 8AM. Please consider volunteering a few hours for this worthwhile and patriotic project. Contact Roger Vest for details:

540-520-8520

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Right to Life News

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Campaign for the fall season has begun.

- Call to mind King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents, all male babies under two years old, when the Beloved One was born.
- Call to mind the NAZI holocaust in which 12,000,000 were slaughtered - many children among them.
- Call to mind the USA holocaust in which 60,000,000 million babies in the womb have been murdered.
- Call to mind your governor and state legislators who advocate abortion without limit and infanticide.
- Consider whether the Beloved One might desire to hear your prayers for life at Planned Parenthood on Peter's Creek Road.
- What will we say if He says "Was there nothing you could do?".

Saturday morning usually has a number of folks or you can support your parish on their day. Please call Knight Shawn Marshall 540-721-2408 if you need any info.

Peace be with you.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

The following prayer to St Michael the Archangel is invoked as an intercession to end the evil of abortion:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



October Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with October birthdays:

Peter Martin	1-Oct
John Meise	2-Oct
Michael Pyle	4-Oct
Michael Williams	5-Oct
Daniel Keeley	5-Oct
Leon Vinci	6-Oct
Patrick Patterson	6-Oct
James McNamara	9-Oct
Mark Johnson	11-Oct
Joseph Rosenberg	11-Oct
George Pufko	12-Oct
Stephen Ratliff	13-Oct
Daniel Austin	15-Oct
Edward Myers	16-Oct
Wayne Parker	16-Oct
Robert Way	17-Oct
Anthony Hopper	17-Oct
David Harris	19-Oct
Louis Mehrmann	20-Oct
Les Schmidt	21-Oct
John Mercer	23-Oct
Norbert Steahly	26-Oct
Glenn Hall	26-Oct
Lawrence Forbish	26-Oct
David Peters	26-Oct
Andrew Fornecker	27-Oct
James Sullivan	27-Oct
Michael Grant	28-Oct
Louis Soldano	31-Oct

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,

Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part to help Council 562 along;

Or are you satisfied to be the kind to “just belong”?

Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick, Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?

There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,

And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

So Attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart,

Don't just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over member, are we right or are we wrong?

Are you an active member? - or do you just belong?

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Life	open		

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