



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**November, 2019**

## Upcoming Events

- 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.
- 11/11 (Monday) Olympic Park Holdings Corp. meeting 6:30
- 11/5 (Tuesday) Election Day
- 11/15 (Friday) Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 Council Home
- 11/16 (Saturday) 2nd/3rd Degree Ceremonials, Roanoke Council Home (9:00, 11:00)
- 11/18 (Monday) Annual Memorial Mass 6:00 at OLN, reception to follow.
- 11/25 (Monday) November 4th Degree Meeting - Roanoke, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.
- 11/28 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day
- 12/2 (Monday) December Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

On October 29 we hosted a "Theology on Tap" event lead by Fr. James O'Reily on the topic of conscience. The event was attended by council members and parishioners from nearby parishes and we nearly filled the club room at the council home. I would like to thank all our brother knights for getting the word out, assisting with food and drink service and all our guests for joining us on Tuesday evening.



Very special thanks to Fr. James for coming up with this event and sharing several reflections on this timely, important, and often misunderstood topic. We hope this is the first of many of these types of events, and members are encouraged to bring up other topics of interest at upcoming meetings.

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



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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



# October Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight announced upcoming area events:
  - Admissions (1st) Degree Salem on 10/8
  - Fish Fry (postponed until 11/15)
  - State training meeting at the Roanoke Council Home 1/26
  - “Theology on Tap” with Fr. James OReilly 10/29
  - Memorial Mass at OLN on 11/18
- The Deputy Grand Knight reported on the Renovation Alliance work day—porch was replaced on a veteran’s home. Thanks to those who participated.
- Suggestion was made to donate box fans to needy citizens; distribution by LOA
- Upcoming degree ceremonials: 1st Salem 10/8; 2nd/3rd Roanoke 11/16; 4th Manassas 11/2.
- The Field Agent announced a new customizable whole life policy is now available.
- The Grand Knight announced a timely grant from VKCCI to a local family in dire need. This grant helped the family avoid eviction. Please donate to VKCCI when address labels are received.
- The Lecturer reminded members of the emblem and the rosary received in the First Degree. October 7 is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.
- Remember those sick and in distress:
  - Al Bertolacci—grand niece in ICU



# November Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in November :

Thomas Harvey	1-Nov
Lee Howell	1-Nov
James Valenzuela	4-Nov
James Rowe	6-Nov
William Seidell	6-Nov
John Michaels	6-Nov
John O Halloran	7-Nov
Joseph Abbatello	7-Nov
Thomas Mealey	9-Nov
Keneth Michalski	10-Nov
Hobart Pillsbury	10-Nov
Stanley Puckett	12-Nov
Timothy Beirne	16-Nov
Joseph Devlin	17-Nov
Christopher Sheets	17-Nov
Timothy Flagg	19-Nov
Charles Aesy	22-Nov
Joseph Harrilla	23-Nov
Daniel Rowe	24-Nov
Frank Haranzo	25-Nov
Richard Whitney	26-Nov
Jeffrey McInnis	26-Nov
William Henderson	30-Nov

# Memorial Service

The annual Memorial Service for deceased Brother Knights will be held Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Nazareth Church. We remember Joe Abbatello, Fred Ellis, Jim Sullivan, and Harry Cheney.

The service will start at 6:00 PM with reception to follow. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.



# Keep Christ in Christmas

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas card sales will be scheduled as in the past during November and December. Profits are used to fund college scholarships, support seminarians, and contribute to critical right-to-life endeavors. Please plan to support this program by spending a few minutes after the mass you normally attend to promote this great program in your parish.

Please contact the following brother Knights to volunteer to assist with sales:

- St. Elias Sunday Mass sales: Richard Waddell, 540-343-9239, [rlwaddell@cox.net](mailto:rlwaddell@cox.net)
- Our Lady of Nazareth sales: Rich Whitney, 443-465-7742, [richw1492@yahoo.com](mailto:richw1492@yahoo.com)
- St. Andrews sales: Chuck Hatcher, 540-314-3360, [chatcher@cox.net](mailto:chatcher@cox.net)

Special thanks to DGK Roger Vest for assistance in transporting and distributing cards at the Virginia State quarterly meeting.



# Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. VKCCI

The Roanoke Council received a request for financial assistance from a local agency concerning a client who was about to be evicted from her rental home. The situation was that she had been off work due to a difficult unplanned pregnancy which required bed rest before delivery followed by a Cesarean delivery. She lived with her boyfriend and they already had a 4-year-old child. They chose life for this child as well. After investigating and confirming this need, your Council sought the help of VKCCI, the charity arm of the VA State Council that assist individuals living in Virginia who are in financial difficulties effecting the necessities of life through no fault of their own. Working with two local agencies, RAM House and St. Vincent DePaul Society and one local church, ST. Andrew's, the Council secured a grant from VKCCI for \$3067 which was paid to the landlord for two months back rent and one additional month and penalty fees until she could get her first paycheck after returning to work with her former employer. This task was accomplished in less than a week through the cooperative efforts of the local agencies. The other agencies took care of legal fees to prevent eviction since VKCCI does not pay legal fees.

This is how your Council worked with other agencies and with Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities in helping a local family maintain there home and meet the necessities of life. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, VKCCI has issued 18 grants totally \$48,256 to councils to assist Virginia families in need. You will soon be getting mailing address labels from VKCCI asking for a donation to make the grant funds

available to help Virginia families get back on the feet.

If you are able, please donate in response to the solicitation for fund even if you do not want the mailing labels. You can also donate through Council 562 when you receive your dues notice in December. Donations to VKCCI are tax deductible.





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