



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

December, 2019

Upcoming Events

- 12/1** (Sunday) First Sunday of Advent
- 12/2** (Monday) December Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.
- 12/16** (Monday) December Council Social Meeting, Dinner served at 6:30.
- 12/25** (Wednesday) Christmas Day
- 1/1/20** (Wednesday) New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary
- 1/6/20** (Monday) January Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

Thanks to our degree team for conducting a second degree exemplification at our council home last month. Also, very special thanks to the state degree team for conducting the third degree exemplification immediately following the second degree. Congratulations to all candidates who completed their second and third degrees.

Thanks to Bobby Ellis and Bill Howard for planning and participating in our annual memorial mass. The mass was celebrated by Fr. James including several hymns in Latin and was a beautiful tribute to the memory of our brothers who passed away in the last year.

Last, but not least, Aimee and I wish all of you and your families a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



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Chaplain's Report

The Church has an expression "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*" to describe the relationship between liturgy, belief, and life-style. Roughly translated this phrase means that the way we worship is based on our beliefs and changes the way we live. In other words the way we worship each Sunday is not an isolated moment from the rest of our lives. Just because the celebration of Christmas has started outside of our parish grounds does not mean we begin the celebration just yet. Instead we begin the month of December with the season of Advent that draws us into a prayerful anticipation of our Lord's return.

Advent is one of the shorter season in the liturgical year and often the most misunderstood. The busyness of preparing for Christmas often overshadows Advent and we lose an enriching season of the liturgical year. Part of the busyness in December is spent doing great acts of charity. The Knights have done a tremendous job with promoting "Keep Christ in Christmas" through cards, bumper stickers, and Nativity Sets. However, we cannot let these great acts of charity take away from Advent because of the season's reminder that we all await for the eager return of our Lord's second coming.

The Church uses the phrase "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*" as a reminder that Catholicism is supposed to transform the culture and rather than conform to it. Do not let the busyness of preparing for Christmas rob us of preparing ourselves for our Lord's return. Let us use this season for prayerful silence and be ready for Jesus' arrival.

November Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight announced upcoming area events:
 - Fish Fry Friday 11/15
 - Ministry Fair 11/9-10 at St. Andrew's
 - 1st Degree by CD Tuesday, 11/12
 - 2nd/3rd Degrees Saturday, 11/16
 - Memorial Mass at OLN on 11/18
 - Sunday 12/8—Serve dinner for OLN youth group
 - Election Day Tuesday 11/5
- Good turnout for "Theology on Tap", we will try to hold similar events in the future.
- Dues notices will be sent early December.
- The 2019 KCIC campaign is starting in the next few weeks. Please try to help out after the mass you normally attend.
- Exemplification of the 4th Degree as held Saturday, 11/3. 100 Sir Knights were advanced to the 4th Degree. The November meeting of Roanoke Assembly 1167 will beheld Monday, 11/25.
- Pray for members sick and in distress:
 - Tom Brennan
 - Leon Vinci
- The Lecturer noted that the faithful departed are still member of the church after their death. Remember to pray for souls in purgatory, especially during the month of November. Plan to attend our Memorial Mass on Monday, 11/18.

December Birthdays

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

Domenick Centrone	1-Dec
Timothy Rowe	2-Dec
Raymond Biggio	3-Dec
Michael Lazzuri	5-Dec
Albert Bruzgul	5-Dec
John Sheridan	5-Dec
Kevin Oddo	6-Dec
Robert Poole	7-Dec
Charles Hatcher	8-Dec
Richard Waddell	11-Dec
Philip Jornlin	11-Dec
David Cummings	11-Dec
Jason Frick	11-Dec
Francis Casola	12-Dec
Alexander Nelson	16-Dec
Gary Boyd	16-Dec
Joseph Colosimo	17-Dec
Casimir Dadak	17-Dec
Donald Grabowski	17-Dec
John Thomas	19-Dec
Charles Blevins	20-Dec
Theodore Werzbic	21-Dec
Jan Hodnett	22-Dec
Michael Slenski	27-Dec
Nicholas Waddell	28-Dec
Frak Domurat	30-Dec
Matthew O Herron	31-Dec
Richard Taylor	31-Dec

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
- Our Lady of Nazareth sales: Rich Whitney, 443-465-7742, richw1492@yahoo.com
- St. Andrews sales: Chuck Hatcher, 540-314-3360, chatcher@cox.net

Thanks to volunteers assisting in this year's campaign:

- St Andrew's: David Bowers, Tom Huck, Rod Hidaskey, Clyde Moak, Mike Herron, Shawn Marshall, Mike Lazurri and Brian Ripple
- OLN: Val Bernys, Dave and Trish Chopski, Stephen Ratliff, Karl Kleinhenz

Congratulations to Brother Knights Advanced in Our Order

1st Degree on Tuesday November 12:
Steve Kutsch

2nd Degree on Saturday, November 16
Travis Schmitt

2nd and 3rd Degrees on Saturday, November 16:

Nate Griffith
Bob Biggs
Steve Kutsch
Frank Leonardo

3rd Degree on Saturday, November 16
Brian Duffy
James Johnson



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