



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

February, 2020

Upcoming Events

1/27 (Monday) Fourth Degree Monthly Meeting Fincastle 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

2/2 (Sunday) Super Bowl 54

2/3 (Monday) February Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

2/7 (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00

2/17 (Monday) February Social Meeting - details TBA

2/18 (Tuesday) Theology on Tap w/ Fr. James O'Reilly - 7:00 at the Council Home

2/26 (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday

2/24 (Monday) Fourth Degree Monthly Meeting 7:30 in Roanoke. Renewal of Obligations ceremony will be conducted by the District Master. Dinner served at 6:30.

3/2 (Monday) March Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

Editor's Note

Please make submissions to Knightly News to BK Rich Whitney at Richw1492@yahoo.com or 443-465-7742 by the 15th of every month.

Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

As many of you may already be aware, the First, Second and Third degree exemplifications will be combined into one "Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity". There are several changes to the previous exemplifications, the most obvious is streamlining the degrees into one. The most significant change, however, would be the removal of the requirement for "secrecy" with the new exemplification as it will now be open to family and friends who wish to witness their loved ones seeking to join the Knights. This has raised some concerns among some members, however, as this change involves conducting the exemplification in church and includes families, both of which are integral elements to our Catholic Fraternal identity; I view it as a welcome change. Our degree team has already received the updated script and will be working towards conducting the new exemplification as soon as possible.

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Last, but not least, I would like to invite everyone to attend our second Theology On Tap event with our returning guest speaker, Fr. James O'Reily from Our Lady of Nazareth. Many of you came out to the previous event back in October where Fr. James discussed conscience. The next topic will be Moral Relativism: "Are all beliefs equal?" on Tuesday February 18 at the council home. Light Hors D'oeuvre will be provided, beginning at 6:30 PM and the talk begins at 7:00 PM. Please come out and enjoy this talk which is open to Knights, Family and Friends.

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

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Financial Secretary's Report



On January 16 the Financial Secretary mail Second Notices to the 118 members who have outstanding dues payments. The outstanding dues result in \$6,500 which the Council could use in its programming and charitable donations. Please remit your dues payment promptly if you are one of these members. If you are having issues with paying your dues, please call the Financial Secretary at 540-774-8482 for possible relief. If you have not received the original or second notice of 2020 dues, this means the FS does not have the correct mailing address for you. Please call him to provide your address.

The Council still has to pay Supreme and State per capita and assessments for you regardless of your outstanding dues. If you no longer wish to belong to this Council there are other councils in the area or most anywhere you are living to which you may transfer. If you no longer wish to remain in the Knights of Columbus, we need a signed notice in writing that you wish to withdraw from membership.

Renewal of Obligations February 24



The 4th Degree Roanoke Assembly will conduct the "Renewal of Obligations" ceremony at our regular February meeting on February 24. The ceremony will be presided by District Master Steve Raschke . All 4th Degree members are encouraged to attend.

January Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight thanked the membership for their support for the first half of the fraternal year.
- Upcoming events
 - March for Life 1/24 (Fri) - seats still available on the bus.
 - Super Bowl Party 2/2 (Sun).
 - Fish Fry 2/7 (Fri) 5:00-7:00.
 - Theology on Tap 2/18 (Tue).
 - 1st Degree postponed from 2/17 (Mon) pending new ceremonial.
- A thank you was received from the OLN youth group for Knights serving dinner in December.
- BK Brian Ripple thanked the council for the sponsorship of \$500 for his participation in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.
- A donation of \$400 to Boy Scout Troup 7 was approved (specified in the spending plan).
- The need for additional fundraisers to support charities was discussed. BK Bill Howard will head a fundraising committee.
- 4th Degree Color Corps training scheduled for 1/18 (Sat) - subsequently postponed due to weather.
- The Field Agent announced the KofC Virginia Open Golf Tournament, to be held in conjunction with the state convention.
- The District Deputy announced recent changes in degree ceremonials. He also noted that approvals are pending for the ultrasound initiative. Finally, he reported on the First Degree ceremonial at St. Gerard's where 9 new members were welcomed to the order.

- Pray for those sick and in distress:
 - BK Glenn Hall - father passed away
 - BK Paul Miller - wife and daughter
 - Fr. Luke - passed away
 - BK Al Bertolacci - grand niece paralyzed
 - PSD Cy Alba's wife - cancer surgery

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (new) TBA



Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree:) Virginia Beach 4/18 (Saturday)



February Birthdays

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

Eugene Jones	1-Feb
Patrick Minahan	1-Feb
Kevin Legge	2-Feb
Daniel Lofaro	4-Feb
Jamie Elliott	4-Feb
Valentino Sartini	5-Feb
Randal Gatzke	5-Feb
Gustavo Esperanza	5-Feb
James D'Aelio	7-Feb
Paul Miller	8-Feb
Andrew Ickes	11-Feb
Jack Liddy	12-Feb
George Cuadrado	12-Feb
Christopher Lazzuri	15-Feb
Oliver Thorum	15-Feb
Patrick Reidy	16-Feb
Harvey Largen	24-Feb
William Boucher	25-Feb
Bradley McDivitt	26-Feb
Timothy Rowe	28-Feb



March for Life



Many thanks to Council 562 for the financial support for the St. Andrew's bus to Washington DC on Friday Jan 24th. Grand Knight James Valenzuela and State Secretary Brian Ripple attended the March and also served as marshals. Brother Knights Larry Thompson, John Keeley (Transfiguration) and Shawn Marshall also went on the bus which ferried 54 passionately pro-life devotees to the March.

The press always seems to suppress the size of the crowds, so play this time lapse video if you want to see how many marched, and keep in mind that many attend the assembly but cannot physically make the long trek to the Supreme Court and back to the busses.

<https://youtu.be/GpVZuJXxztM>

We were blessed with mild weather and avoided the rain which poured down in Roanoke all day.

President Trump attended and spoke to the assembled throng in a devout and admirable speech that many would wish to hear from our Catholic pulpits.

Thousands of people from all over the country make very strenuous trips to attend the March: e.g. One group of over 100 Catholics from the Omaha Nebraska Diocese made a 23 hour bus trip to get to D.C.

Let us hope and pray that this nation, most blessed, may yet rid itself of the scourge of abortion.



2020 Scholarships

As we look to the New Year, it is time to think about our Council's Scholarship Program.



Our local Canfield Scholarship applications are due by April 1st and application forms are available on the website.

In addition, there are 2 other scholarship opportunities through the Knights of Columbus. They include the national organization (Supreme) and the Virginia Knights as well. Both are now available and are processed separately through those offices (with different deadline dates).

In coordinating the upcoming year's program and review process, the Council's Scholarship Committee has been meeting regularly. Any member of the Committee can be contacted for additional information.



Prayer Request

Brother Mike Lazzuri, PSD was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) last January, and recently started medical treatment, since it has progressed rapidly. Please keep Mike in your prayers.



Fish Fry

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, February 7th. Food will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 P M.



The location is at the K of C Council Hall, 3136 Harris St, Roanoke, VA 24015, (Olympic Park Pool Facility Area). This \$10.00 meal includes fried flounder, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, corn bread, and dessert. Coffee and tea are included and adult beverages are available in the bar.

All are invited to this charitable cause.

Olympic Park Pool

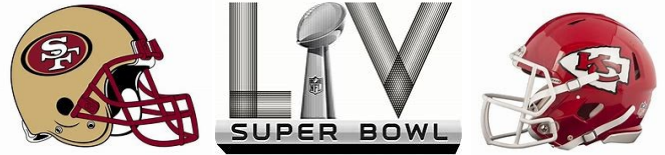
We are getting ready to start preparing for a new season at Olympic Park Pool. Our pool in the past 3 years has provided more than \$35,000 for upkeep of our Clubhouse and grounds. **Please join our committee that oversees the pool** (we have a manager). We meet every 2-3 weeks from Jan to April and then more often until into June then slowly July - Sept. We also run a popular grill night every Wednesday during pool season. ***If you are interested in helping please email Clyde at clyde.moak@gmail.com.***

Also Knights who just want to support the pool get 50% off pool membership.



Super Bowl Party

February 2nd - Super Bowl Party at the Council Home. No charge; bring your favorite tail-gate food to share. Open to all, so bring your friends and neighbors. Doors will open an hour before kick off or at 5:30 PM, whichever is earliest.



Theology on Tap



Fr. James O'Reilly will be giving another talk at the Knights of Columbus Council Home on Feb. 18th. The topic this time is:

"Moral Relativism: are all beliefs equal?"

The talk begins at 7:00 PM and the KofC bar will be open. Please come out and enjoy this talk which is open to Knights, families and friends. Hope to see you there!

Note: Light Hors D'oeuvre will be provided, beginning at 6:30 PM

Death Notice

We are sad to report that the Supreme Council has notified us of the death of one of our members. W. Edward Riley was a Honorary Life Member having been a member for 47 years and passed away on 11-16-19. May his soul rest In peace.

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