



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**March, 2020**

## Upcoming Events

- 2/28** (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00
- 3/2** (Monday) March Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.
- 3/6** (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00
- 3/13** (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00
- 3/16** (Monday) March Council Social Meeting, dinner served at 6:30.
- 3/17** (Tuesday) St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20** (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00
- March 4th Degree Social Meeting - TBA
- 3/27** (Friday) Fish Fry - Council Home 5:00-7:00
- 3/29** (Sunday) Founder's' Day; Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity following 11:30 Mass at OLN (Tentative)
- 4/6** (Monday) April Council Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30.

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

This Lenten season we are partnering with the Ancient Order of Hibernians to run Fish Fries every Friday. The goal of this partnership is to split the costs, combine our efforts and split the profits for charity. We will also eliminate some of the confusion from last year where the Fish Fries were in different locations each week as each event will be at the council home (3136 Harris Street Roanoke, VA 24018) from 5PM-7PM. We have a new menu which was tested and approved by guests at two previous "test runs", so please come out and bring your family and friends for some good food and fellowship.

We have several brother knights in need of our prayers. Please keep brothers Rich Whitney, Jan Hodnett and Mike Lazzuri PSD in your prayers as well as brother Jack Clarke whose father passed. May the Lord grant healing and comfort to our brothers and their families and may all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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



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## Prayer Requests

Please keep Brother Knights in your prayers:

- Brother Mike Lazzuri, PSD was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) last January, and recently started medical treatment, since it has progressed rapidly, but treatment is positive.
- Brother Jan Hodnett is awaiting heart bypass surgery.
- Brother Rich Whitney received a pacemaker on 2/17. His progress is positive.
- Brother Jack Clarke's father passed away recently. May he rest in peace.



## Chaplain's Report

Brother Knights,

The desert is an image that comes to mind when thinking about the season of Lent. We get this image from our Gospel reading this upcoming Sunday where Jesus is in the desert preparing himself for his public ministry. Why would Jesus take this time to spend in such a dry, hot, and isolated part of the world? It is because the discipline of fasting helps one hunger for what truly matters and getting away from the busyness of everyday life allows one to listen to God more closely.

Christ's example of spending time in the desert had a huge impact on some of the early desert Fathers such as St. Anthony the Great. This revered desert father wanted to break away from the noise of society to take time to listen to God. His ascetical lifestyle inspired other Christians to live in community and helped pave the way for monastics. While most of us will not be in a literal desert or monastery this year, we can apply the principle of breaking away from the noise and activities that numb us from listening to our Lord.

Lent is not the most comfortable liturgical season but we do get time to be introspective about where we are in the spiritual life. Take these forty days to responsibly detach from the noise and busyness of life and focus on where God is calling us to grow in holiness.

In Christ,

Fr. O'Reilly



# February Business Meeting Highlights

The February business meeting was held on Monday, February 3

- The Grand Knight reminded Brothers of upcoming events:
  - New Degree Ceremonial—tentatively planned for April
  - Fish Fries - Friday 2/7 and every Friday in Lent, starting Friday 2/28; workers are needed. A motion was approved to spend up to \$100 in Facebook promotions for the Fish Fries
  - Theology on Tap: Tuesday 2/18 with Fr. James. Subject is “Moral Relativism”
- The Financial Secretary reported 82 members with dues unpaid for 2020. Over \$1000 has been donated by Honorary Life Members.
- The Financial Secretary also reported that a grant from VKCCI was made to a local resident in extreme need.
- The Grand Knight commended BK Val Bernys for an excellent job organizing the Super Bowl Party.
- The Virginia State Convention will be held May 1-3 at the Koger Center in Richmond. It is anticipated that Brian Ripple will be elected as State Deputy. Motions were passed to spend \$100 for a hole sponsorship at the golf tournament and \$500 for the hospitality suite.
- The 4th Degree Color Corps Training has been postponed; Renewal of Obligations ceremony to be held 2/24 in Roanoke. Exemplification to be held 4/18 in Virginia Beach.
- A meeting of the Fundraising Committee will be held Thursday, 2/27. Discussion of fundraising options is ongoing.
- The Field Agent described a new approach for promoting membership after Sunday Masses. He also appealed to members to support the golf tournament at the state convention - entry is \$100/player.

200th anniversary hats are on sale for \$20, proceeds to support Bishop’s Jubilee Fund.

- The District Deputy asked Brother Knights to help promote the new ceremonial; he also asked for support to the Grand Knight for writing program reports.
- Please pray for those sick and in distress:
  - Jack Clarke’s Dad needs prayers for several health issues.
  - Jan Hodnett hospitalized today for chest pains - needs heart bypass surgery.
  - PSD Mike Lazzuri - leukemia
  - FDD Dick Sparks - cancer returned
  - Al Bertolacci’s wife - health crisis.
- The Financial Secretary gave a report on VKCCI under “Good of the Order”. Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) provides grants (up to \$4000) to individuals in special need. Grant proposals are submitted by local Grand Knights; a board of 13 reviews grant requests. Funds are paid directly to recipient creditors. VKCCI provides about \$130K in grants per year.

## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (new)

- Salem: March 8 (Sunday) following Mass at OLPH
- Roanoke: March 8 (Sunday) following 11:30 Mass at OLN (Tentative)



Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree:) Virginia Beach 4/18 (Saturday) 12:00



# 40 Days for Life

## 40 Days For Life started Ash Wednesday Feb 26

A kick off meeting for 40 Days was held on Tuesday Feb 25th at St. Elias Church. A large 4'x8' banner featuring 5 baby pix and a Choose Life legend was installed. There is another banner at St. Gerard, at St. Francis of Assisi, at Westminster Presbyterian Church and at the house purchased by the Better Than Life group which is adjacent to planned Parenthood.

With the wholesale legislative onslaught against Holy Innocents in the womb in our suffering Commonwealth, perhaps a few more folks will consider volunteering to help their parishes make a public and prayerful protest at PP or Second Street. During the last campaign in Roanoke 2 or 3 babies were saved that we have info about. PP keeps stats that when 40 Days is onsite their rate of no-shows for abortions goes way up - so many babies are saved that no one knows about.

This campaign we are pleased to note the assistance at PP from Fr. Kevin and seminarian Joe Kauflian from St. Andrews and Msgr. Patrick and Fr. O'Reilly from Our Lady of Nazareth. On Saturday mornings we usually have a crowd at PP. Thursdays are pretty well covered and many other times as well. How about for this Lent make a mission to say a Rosary at PP for the salvation of Holy Innocents and their Moms? Peace be with you Brother Knights.



# Saint of the Month

## Patrick, Bishop and Patron Saint of Ireland

Patrick was born in 5th Century Britain ; at age 16 he was carried into slavery in Ireland, where he spent six bleak years there as a herdsman. Subsequently he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family.

But he was called to return to Ireland. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. By the end of his life, the overwhelming majority of Irishmen had been converted to Christianity.

The legends of Patrick have continued to grow. One of these would have it that he drove the snakes of Ireland into the sea; "snakes" have been seen in a symbolic sense as demons. Another legend, probably the most popular, is that of the shamrock, which has him explain the concept of the Holy Trinity by showing the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, Irishmen have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.





## Lenten Fish Fries



The Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians are sponsoring Fish Fry Dinners beginning **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** and continuing every Friday during Lent. Food will be served from 5:00 – 7:00PM. The location is 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, and deserts. Coffee and tea are include and adult beverages are available in the bar.

If you care to help set-up, cook, serve or clean -up contract Paul Miller at 540-339-8657.

## New Ceremonial

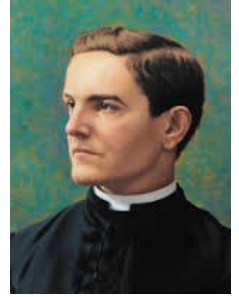


The Knights of Columbus released the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on January 16. This new ceremony teaches our time-honored principles in a way that is appropriate for today. The single ceremonial replaces the historical 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees and invites families and friends to observe.

The principles and mission of the Order remain the same. All Knights are on this journey together. The path to follow is faith in action. Please ask the Venerable Father McGivney to pray for the success of this endeavor.

The first Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for Roanoke Council 562 is tentatively planned for March 29, 2020 (Sunday) following the 11:30 Mass at OLN. We welcome new members; current 1st and 2nd Degree members are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity to attain full Knighthood in our Order. Families and friends are encouraged to attend.

## Knights of Columbus Founders Day March 29



In late-19th century Connecticut , Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith, and to provide for the families of deceased members.

As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization's members took as their patron Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus elected officers in February 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29, 1882.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner



The Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting their annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction** on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 pm at the Roanoke Catholic School cafeteria. Tickets are \$18 (2 for \$35) and include an Irish dinner and entry into a drawing for a \$1,000 tuition credit at Roanoke Catholic. Contact Paul Yengst at 556-8883 to reserve your tickets.

# March Birthdays

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

Robert Van	2-Mar
Thomas O Meara	2-Mar
J Bentley	3-Mar
William Stack	4-Mar
William Asbell	5-Mar
Joseph Ellingson	10-Mar
Timothy Heffron	10-Mar
Tristan Thorum	10-Mar
Peter Houhoulis	17-Mar
Donald Doyle	18-Mar
Stephen Bernys	18-Mar
Dumitru Branisteanu	20-Mar
David Chopski	20-Mar
Philip Montano	20-Mar
Ted Leneski	22-Mar
Stephen Harnack	24-Mar
Roger Malouf	25-Mar
Easter Moses	25-Mar
Antonio Donato	29-Mar
Michael Schiavoni	29-Mar
Gregory Jakubowski	29-Mar
David Osterhaus	29-Mar
David Keeley	30-Mar
Christopher Nelson	31-Mar

# Election of Corporation Officers

A nominating committee has been appointed to propose a slate of officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year:

Bill Howard	PSD89@Cox.net
Joe Davis	JOEJOYCE1947@outlook.COM
Tom Brennan	TJBrennan44@yahoo.com

If you are interested in serving on the board of Olympic Park Holdings, or would like to recommend someone, please contact one of the committee members.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# 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](mailto:clyde.moak@gmail.com).***

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



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Life	open		

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