



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

April, 2020

Upcoming Events

4/6 (Monday) April Council Business Meeting: **SUSPENDED**

4/20 (Monday) April Council Social Meeting: **SUSPENDED**

April 4th Degree Meeting - TBA; Exemplification scheduled for April 18 is cancelled.

According to direction from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, all meetings and functions of the Knights of Columbus are suspended until further notice in light of the current public health emergency.

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,
We were planning our next Lenten Fish Fry when suggestions



came in from State and Supreme officers to suspend meetings and events. We then cancelled our Fish Fry for Friday March 13, with the understanding this would also mean a cancellation of all other fish fries this Lenten season given the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus. We also cancelled upcoming business and social meetings; degree exemplifications and the Annual State meeting was cancelled.

Despite the disruption, council 562 is in good standing and continues to meet our financial obligations. We plan to conduct council business using online virtual meetings, and this includes a virtual meeting for officers on Monday, April 6. Although we are not yet ready to expand this to allow all members to participate online, we will continue to work with Supreme and State leadership to conduct necessary council business such as election of officers while respecting the health and safety of members. We will continue to send out

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emails to members, and please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeKnights/> for news and updates. More importantly, if you are in need of assistance or are aware of any individual or group in need, please let us know by email at gk562@vakofc.org. Although this council must adapt to the challenges brought on by this pandemic, we will continue to serve our parishes and our communities.

While we have plans to work around the disruptions to business and other practical concerns, there is no replacement for participating in the celebration of Holy Mass. However, we can still hear the readings and make a spiritual Communion by watching broadcasts of the Mass. The KofC website has a listing of livestreams for Mass at: <http://kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/watch-mass-online.html>, and please refer to your parish website for information on their streaming options. If you are not able to access an online broadcast, EWTN offers Sunday Mass at 8AM and 12 PM. Please also join fellow Knights in the prayer for protection: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/11036-protection-prayer.pdf>.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



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 recovering from a heart procedure; his progress is positive..
- Al Bertolacci - bronchitis
- Brother Jack Clarke's father passed away recently. May he rest in peace.



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March Business Meeting Highlights

The March business meeting was held on Monday, March 2

- Applications were approved for Keton Thorum (new member) and Patrick McNulty (transfer)
- The Grand Knight reported excellent success thus far with Lenten fish fries. 160 tickets were sold with a profit of \$1300.
- St Patrick's Day dinner to be held this Saturday (March 7) at Roanoke Catholic. Sponsored by AOH.
- The Financial Secretary reported that 53 members have still not paid dues; 2nd notices were sent. PKD of \$3.65 per member is also requested.
- Bishop Knestout will celebrate mass at St. Andrew's on September 26 as part of the Diocesan bicentennial celebration.
- The nominating committee for the 2020-21 fraternal year is headed by BK Bobby Ellis.
- Installation of state officers is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at RCS - we are the host council for this event. The hotel will be Hampton Inn at Valley View. Mass at St. Andrew's at 5:30.
- The "Vigil Project" will be at OLN tomorrow (March 3) lectures, prayer, music. All are invited.
- The Field Agent thanked members for prayers for his father (deceased). He also encouraged us to recruit new members.
- Please pray for those sick and in distress:
 - Brian Ripple - flu
 - Jack Clarke's Dad deceased
 - Jan Hodnett heart surgery scheduled.
 - PSD Mike Lazzuri - leukemia
 - FDD Dick Sparks - cancer returned
 - Al Bertolacci - bronchitis
 - Clyde Moak - back injury

- The lecturer reflected on the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which is celebrated the Sunday after Easter. Based on an apparition by St. Faustina, this prayer can be prayed on Rosary beads; it was established by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Protection in the Time of Pandemic

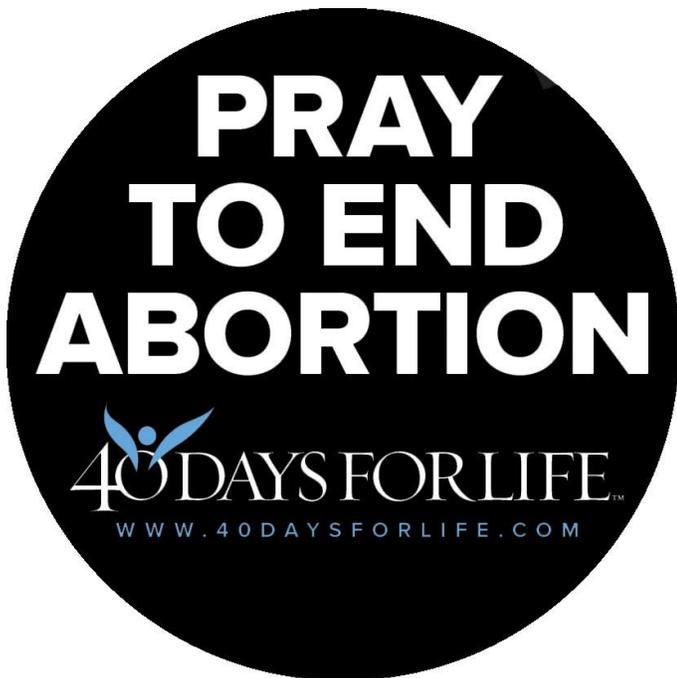
O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life campaign which was in progress at Planned Parenthood on Peters Creek Road has been suspended. We are grateful that several parish priests managed to join the effort this year before the cessation. The ongoing slaughter of Holy Innocents in the womb cries out for the protection of the Church - even more so as the civil legislative authorities do everything possible to promote the destruction of innocent life. May the Almighty have Mercy on our suffering nation.



Saint of the Month

Catherine of Sienna

Catherine of Siena (25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380) was an Italian laywoman associated with the Dominican Order, a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and history of the Catholic Church. At an early age, Catherine wanted to devote herself to God, and joined the Dominican tertiaries. She was known very quickly by being marked by mystical phenomena such as invisible stigmata and a mystical marriage with Christ.

God called Catherine to return the papacy from Avignon to Rome. In 1378, Pope Gregory XI heeded Catherine's urgings and returned the papacy to Rome. After Gregory XI's death, she returned to Siena and dictated her set of spiritual treatises *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. She sent numerous letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI .

Catherine died on April 29, 1380; Pope Urban VI celebrated her funeral and burial in Rome. The devotion around Catherine of Siena developed rapidly after her death. She was canonized in 1461, declared patron saint of Rome in 1866, and of Italy in 1939. She was the first woman to be declared a "doctor of the Church," on 4 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI. She was also proclaimed patron saint of Europe in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.



April Birthdays

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

Douglas Vinci	1-Apr
Dennis Carr	1-Apr
Terrence Hauck	4-Apr
Arturo Ybanez	6-Apr
Daniel Zipfel	8-Apr
Daryl Doyle	8-Apr
Frank Santoroski	9-Apr
Michael Downs	9-Apr
Sean Abbott	10-Apr
Valentine Bernys	11-Apr
Terranc O	11-Apr
James Chewning	11-Apr
Stephen Weatherman	11-Apr
Ronald Pritchard	13-Apr
William Howard	15-Apr
Larry Fisher	16-Apr
Nathaniel Griffith	16-Apr
Frank Wagner	17-Apr
Thomas Schons	17-Apr
Richard Vitolo	17-Apr
Kevin Chahine	19-Apr
Sonny Cruz	21-Apr
Peter Voorhis	24-Apr
Thomas McGrath	24-Apr
Jack Smith	26-Apr
Chevis Swearingen	26-Apr
Julio Vasquez	28-Apr
Pedro Escamilla	29-Apr
Gordon Dewherst	30-Apr

Election of Corporation Officers

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

Bill Howard	PSD89@Cox.net
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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

The Scholarship Committee of Knights Council # 562

recently announced the 2020 Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield



Scholarships. Up to ten scholarships (\$500.00 each) are being considered for deserving students from the greater Roanoke area parishes served by Knights of Columbus Council #562.

In the past, students have attended training schools and colleges across Virginia and in other states, as well. Areas of study ranged from law to pre-med, to engineering, and more.

Next step: the application deadline was April 1st; and the Scholarship Committee is now in the process of reviewing the submittals in order to complete this year's awards. 2020 recipients will be announced shortly.

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.



UNDERSTANDING NEW DISEASES

By Dr. Leon F. Vinci, Public Health Officer (retired) & Environmental Epidemiologist

As we add the novel coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) to our list of known viruses causing human illness this year, and constitutes a pandemic, we should be reminded that contagious, community-spread respiratory illnesses are not new phenomena. In fact, they are expected occurrences.

Over the last decade we have experienced the emergence of other new diseases including SARS, H1N1, and MERS. And only a few years ago infections which **never existed** in the United States, such as West Nile Virus, Zika, and Dengue, have spread to our shores and are now endemic to the US. Fortunately, for the most part, these diseases are not epidemic in proportion, although they present a serious concern for the thousands of Americans who contract them annually.

To date, the CDC reports that US mortality associated with this year's flu (influenza) season numbers around 24,000 persons which include 155 pediatric deaths. Overall, 39 million have fallen ill accounting for 400,000 hospitalizations.

Under the laws of nature: organisms survive, grow, mutate, and die as part of their life cycle. In the environment adaptability enters-in and viruses in animals can mutate and then jump species in order to live. Several of today's human illnesses have animal origins. One of the more recent and best known pandemics, the Spanish Flu of 1918 which killed 50 million across the globe, and many here in Roanoke, was traced to a virus which had moved from hog infections to humans.

The family of coronaviruses is not new. SARS and MERS are viruses believed to have developed from bats. Presently it is not known where the novel COVID-19 (SARS coronavirus 2) virus originated. A possible explanation when looking at its genetic footprint suggests a snake origin.

Therefore, this new germ should not be a surprise. Epidemiologists and other disease detectives across our public health network watch trends in the emergence of new diseases every day. Further, we knew all along, that a serious flu-like infection evolving from an animal source (birds, swine, etc.) would be plaguing people on our planet at some point in the future. That time has come.

Nonetheless there is good news for Americans as this new virus continues to spread across the country. The latest science and research have prepared us to move quickly in the arena for finding a successful vaccine. As I mentioned earlier, knowing the genetic signature provided a head-start in vaccine development. Some early trials are already underway, with an expected available vaccine in approximately 18 months.

In the meanwhile, we need to follow good hygiene, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, reduce public exposure, and make sound choices in order to minimize the spread of this present-day contagion. These bugs have a desire to survive--let us prevent and block their path.

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