



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

May, 2020

## Upcoming Events

May Council Business Meeting:  
SUSPENDED

May Council Social Meeting:  
SUSPENDED

May 4th Degree Meeting -  
SUSPENDED

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,**

It has been over a month now that non-essential businesses were shut down and

stay at home orders were enacted in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. The quarantine measures seemed to mirror the discipline called for during the 40 days of Lent, yet as we are now in the Easter season, and so many are struggling due to the continued shut down, we must wonder: when will things get back to "normal"? A few thoughts on this pandemic and getting back to "normal" or even figuring out how to live with the "new normal".

Although we are not able to conduct normal business meetings and any activities must include necessary precautions during this pandemic, the Knights put together the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program to address several needs in our community. Focusing on feeding the hungry, council 562 organized a food drive for Feeding Southwest Virginia and continues to send volunteers and donations to RAM House. There are several other worthy activities in this program, for more information, please visit <http://kofc.org/en/newsroom/leave-no-neighbor-behind/index.html>.



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## Grand Knight's Report (continued)

Members are encouraged to personally complete activities, such as checking in with their neighbors to ensure they have what they need, as they are able and to take necessary precautions. We may not be able to organize a large group for an activity; however, we are still Knights and are called to assist others.

The disruptions caused by this pandemic are unprecedented and we even refer to Covid-19 as a "novel", that is a "new", virus. However, instead of focusing on how much has changed and wondering what the world will be like after this pandemic, let us instead take stock of what has not changed. We are still called to assist our fellow brothers, our community, and our nation as Knights of Columbus. As any news broadcast continues to demonstrate, the world is still in desperate need of Catholic gentlemen to exemplify the values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. And last but certainly not least, we know our Lord had to suffer through his Passion to be raised in His glorious resurrection. Especially as we enter this Easter season, let us not despair in the face of this pandemic or any calamity that may enter our lives but instead remember that God has the final word.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**James Valenzuela, Grand Knight**

## 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  
Joe Davis        Joejoyce1947@outlook.COM  
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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.

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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.
- Louis William Mehrmann passed away April 12. He was an Honorary Life Member of Council 562.
- Al Bertolacci and his wife - continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.



# April Business Meeting Highlights

The regular council business meeting in April was suspended due to coronavirus concerns. The officers held a virtual meeting on Monday, April 6. Highlights of the meeting are summarized below.

- The Virginia State Convention was cancelled. Business will be handled in an online virtual meeting
- All in-person council events/meetings are cancelled until May/further notice
- Supreme has endorsed virtual meetings for council business
  - We will use Zoom
  - Additional guidelines on voting/election of officers is expected
- An online Exemplification is scheduled Thursday, April 16 8 PM EDT. We will send names and email addresses of candidates to Supreme.
- Supreme has a new initiative, the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program, for Knights to respond to the challenges of the pandemic. For more information, please visit the KofC.org website at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind/index.html>
- This council will continue to support RAM House and will reach out to St. Francis House to assess their needs
- Please send any requests for special intentions or news of any Brother who is in distress to [pgk562@kofc.org](mailto:pgk562@kofc.org)
- St.Andrew's has a phone tree to reach out to parishioners. Please contact me for additional information.

- Special intentions we prayed for at this meeting:
  - Al Bertolacci and his wife
  - Glenn Waldis
  - Mike Lazzuri



## Olympic Park Pool

Currently the Governor's Order states that all entertainment establishments, which we are one of, are closed until June 10<sup>th</sup>. What happens at that point we are not sure .

We are working at preparing the pool to open. Currently the plan is to open on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and grill out to celebrate! The plan is to open the Friday after the Governor gives us the OK -whenever that is!!

This year we are planning on 3 different evening events - two Adult parties and a family party. Look for more information soon!



# Resolution on an Emergency Expenditure April 2020

**Whereas**, we are being affected by the current COVID-19 Corona virus and are impacted by restrictive measures put in place to protect our own and the community health,

**And Whereas**, these restrictive measures have not only included Orders of the Governor of Virginia for people to stay in place but also to close all nonessential businesses,

**And Whereas**, these measures which are in place have affected the earning power of the citizens of the Commonwealth and subsequently caused many families to rely on assistance, particularly in the area of food supplies,

**And Whereas**, this reduction in income has in turn affected the financial support of those who contribute to food banks and other entities assisting families in need,

**And Whereas**, because of the current restrictions in place by Orders of the Governor, the Supreme Council, and the State Council have prohibited the Council from meeting this resolution is being submitted via email to the members for a vote for its adoption,

**And Whereas**, the Feeding Southwest Virginia is an established non-profit organization assisting local food pantries in their 26-county and 9- city area for delivery of food supplies to those families in need,

**And Whereas**, current restrictions in place by orders of the governor and the Knights of Columbus Supreme and Virginia State Councils prevent the membership of Roanoke Council 562 from meeting in person.

**Be It Resolved** that Roanoke Council 562 adopt this resolution by email vote to issue a monetary donation to Feeding Southwest Virginia in the amount of \$1,500, thus providing 9,000 meals to those in need,

Adopted by electronic vote this the \_\_\_\_ day of April 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Knight



## May Birthdays

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

Lawrence Ptaschek	1-May
Brian Duffy	8-May
David Bowers	11-May
Eric Reichardt	11-May
Alfonso Sardo	13-May
Michael Canfield	13-May
Robert Ward	14-May
William Bradley	14-May
John Poissant	15-May
Randolph Lewis	16-May
Fred Najjum	16-May
Scott Lear	16-May
Joseph Nardone	22-May
Jonathan Templeton	22-May
Joseph Moses	24-May
John Biggio	24-May
Brian Carroll	25-May
Herman Turk	26-May
Keith Griswald	28-May
Gary Sheehan	29-May
Vernon Jolley	31-May

## 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.



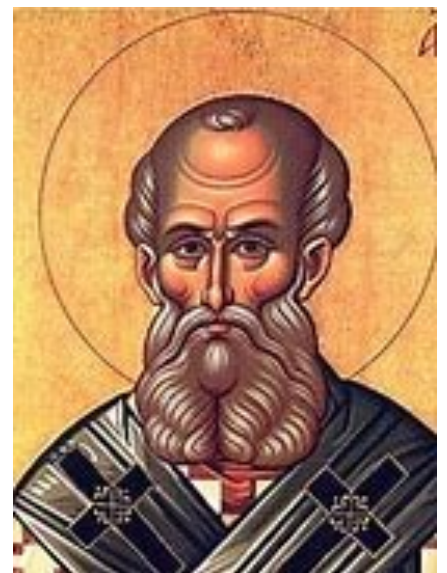
## Saint of the Month Athanasius of Alexandria

Athanasius was the 20th bishop and Patriarch of Alexandria intermittently from June 8, 328 to May 2, 373. Athanasius was a Christian theologian, a Church Father, and a noted Egyptian leader of the fourth century. In 325, he served as a secretary during the First Council of Nicaea.

Athanasius is known as the chief defender of Trinitarianism against the heresy of Arianism (which did not recognize Jesus as wholly divine). In addition to his struggles with the Arians, he also had intermittent conflicts with several Roman emperors; he was exiled five times, when he was replaced on the order of Roman emperors.

Within a few years after his death, Gregory of Nazianzus called him the "Pillar of the Church". His writings were well regarded by all following Church fathers in the West and the East. He is remembered as one of the authors of the Nicene Creed and is the first person to identify the same 27 books of the New Testament that are in use today.

Athanasius is counted as one of the four great Eastern Doctors of the Church. His feast day is celebrated on May 2.



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