



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

June, 2020

## Upcoming Events

June Council Business Meeting:  
Monday, June 15 (Tentative); Election  
of officers.

June 4th Degree Meeting - TBA

Please refer to our Facebook  
page: [https://www.facebook.com/  
RoanokeKnights/](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeKnights/) for  
latest announcements. Also, if you  
have not received recent emails from  
the council, we may not have your  
correct email address. Please send  
your current email address to the  
Financial Secretary  
at [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com)."

## Important Notice

It has been reported that someone has  
been sending fraudulent e-mails, ap-  
pearing to be from the Grand Knight,  
soliciting gift cards. These fraudulent e-  
mails are NOT from the Grand Knight,  
and we are alarmed at this illegal be-  
havior. All members are encouraged to  
be vigilant.

As a result, we have removed officer e-  
mail contacts from our newsletter in or-  
der to protect our members privacy  
from non-members.

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

The end of the  
fraternal year, which  
has seen some of the

most tumultuous events in our nation's history, is  
here. The last scenario any of us could have  
planned for was the pandemic and the subsequent  
shutting down of businesses and even churches for  
the past two months.

As I write this report, we are witnessing  
demonstrations across our nation in response to the  
death of George Floyd while under arrest by  
Minnesota police. Unfortunately, several of these  
demonstrations turned into violent riots resulting in  
destruction of property and lives. Several of the  
participants in peaceful protests and riots alike can  
be heard chanting "no justice, no peace". This chant  
has its origins in other reflections on various social  
issues. For example, in a speech given by Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr. in Santa Rita, CA on Jan. 14, 1968,  
where he equates the Peace and Civil Rights  
movements of his era, he observed "There can be  
no justice without peace. And there can be no peace  
without justice.". Given Dr. King's insistence on



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peaceful protest and calls for Christian love of one’s neighbor, I prefer his observation over the abbreviated version that we hear today.

Further exploring this, Pope St. Paul VI also discussed the relationship between justice and peace in a speech he gave on World Peace Day in 1972. Reflecting on Isaiah 32:17: “Justice will bring about peace; right will produce calm and security”, St. Paul VI proclaimed: “We repeat this today in a more incisive and dynamic formula: "If you want Peace, work for Justice".” I also prefer this statement as this not only speaks to the relationship between peace and justice but also the hard work necessary by people of good will.

Amidst the turmoil brought about by the great tragedies of the pandemic and trampling of civil liberties and basic human rights by state and local officials, let us not give into anger and despair. Instead, let us embrace the hard work necessary to bring about the justice necessary for true, lasting, peace

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

# Election of Council Officers

The proposed slate of council officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year is shown below. It is hoped that the election can be held by a combination of in-person and online meeting on Monday, June 15. Convenient voting options are available using *Zoom*.

- Grand Knight: SK James Valenzuela
- Deputy Grand Knight: SK Clyde Moak
- Chancellor: Nate Griffith
- Warden: Stephen Ratliff
- Financial Secretary: SK Michael Lazzuri
- Treasurer: SK Al Bertolacci
- Recorder: SK Jan Hodnett
- Outside Guard: **\*\*OPEN\*\***
- Inside Guard: SK Tom Huck
- Trustee; 3 Year: SK Roger Vest
- Trustee; 2 Year: SK Dave Chopski
- Trustee; 1 Year: SK Rich Whitney
- GK Delegate: SK James Valenzuela
- Alternate GK Delegate: SK Clyde Moak
- PGK Delegate: PSD Mike Lazzuri
- Alternate PGK Delegate: PSD Bill Howard

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# May Officers' Meeting Highlights

The regular council business meeting in May was suspended due to coronavirus concerns. The officers held a virtual meeting on Monday, May 11. Highlights of the meeting are summarized below.

- The Virginia State Convention was held as an online virtual meeting. Brian Ripple was elected as State Deputy for Fraternal Year 2020-21. Congratulations, Brian!
- All in-person council events/meetings are cancelled until further notice. We will continue to use Zoom for virtual meetings, and possibly use Zoom for elections.
- The Food Drive was a great success. 2650 pounds of food and \$2000 were donated to Feeding America of Southwest Virginia. Thanks to all who participated.
- We are continuing to support RAM and St. Francis House. Cold storage is needed, perhaps from the HFH ReStore. Paul Yengst will investigate.
- Eight scholarships were awarded to Knight's family members as part of the Canfield Scholarship program (see separate article).
- We are moving to use *Flocknote* for council communications. Additional communications on Facebook.com/Roanoke Knights.
- Special thanks to Roger Vest and Paul Miller for their work on the storage shed.
- A financial shortfall of \$6-8,000 is anticipated for the 2019-20 fraternal year.
- Members are expected to donate \$3.65 per year to "PKD". \$200 was submitted for PKD from our council, less than \$90 from

direct member contributions.

- New member candidates are encouraged to take the new virtual degrees; current 1st and 2nd degree members are also encouraged to participate in the virtual degrees to complete their 3rd degree.
- Fish Frys were a big success; \$750 in profit was raised for KofC and AOH (each). Food is in the freezer for additional fish frys; a take-out fish fry is being considered.
- Someone is sending fraudulent e-mails requesting donations of gift cards. These e-mails did not come from any of our officers! Members are advised to be vigilant for fraudulent e-mails.
- Please send any requests for special intentions or news of any Brother who is in distress to [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com)



## 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!



# 2020 Canfield Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee of Knights Council # 562 recently announced the 2020 Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield Scholarships. Eight scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded to very deserving students from the greater Roanoke area parishes served by Knights of Columbus Council #562.

Student scholarship award winners for 2020 include :

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Kristina Clarke  | Alexis Ellis     |
| Ana Hiduskey     | Margaret Hodnett |
| Dominick Lazzuri | Allison Ripple   |
| Keaton Thorum    | Tristan Thorum   |

This student group will be attending colleges across Virginia and in other states, as well. Areas of study range from law to pre-med and dentistry, arts, accounting, healthcare, politics, and more. Of note, several of this year's recipients are repeat Canfield scholars and some are Knights from Council # 562.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep Brother Knights and their family members 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.
- Kathie Feick - melanoma and additional health issues.
- Al Bertolacci and his wife - continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.

# June Birthdays

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

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Joseph Toti         | 1-Jun  |
| Charles Moody       | 1-Jun  |
| Roy Dwyer           | 5-Jun  |
| Lowell Thomas       | 7-Jun  |
| Christopher Elwell  | 8-Jun  |
| Thomas Engl         | 9-Jun  |
| Jon Reynolds        | 10-Jun |
| Tom Boylan          | 11-Jun |
| John Knightly       | 12-Jun |
| Robert Lewis        | 12-Jun |
| Brian VanDer        | 13-Jun |
| Samuel Silek        | 14-Jun |
| Larry Thompson      | 16-Jun |
| Kevin Conlan        | 17-Jun |
| Clyde Moak          | 17-Jun |
| Richard Bousch      | 18-Jun |
| Joseph Wilson       | 20-Jun |
| Eric Schmucker      | 22-Jun |
| Charles Schwallenbe | 22-Jun |
| Steven Talevi       | 22-Jun |
| Michael Lewis       | 23-Jun |
| David Gilday        | 26-Jun |
| Edward Arsura       | 28-Jun |
| Paul Yengst         | 29-Jun |

## Election of Corporation Officers

The proposed slate of corporation officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year is as follows:

President: Karl Kleinhenz  
 Vice President: Roger Vest  
 Treasurer: Joe Davis  
 Recorder: Leon Vinci  
 Board Nominees:  
 Val Bernys  
 Mike Lazzuri  
 Clyde Moak  
 Bill Howard  
 Pat Reidy

## Miracle Attributed to Fr. McGivney

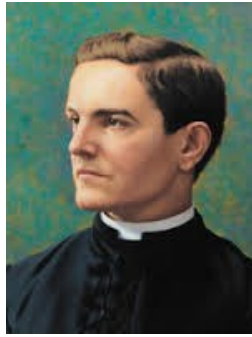
The Vatican announced on May 27 that Pope Francis has approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Michael J. McGivney. The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need."

In March 2008, Fr. McGivney was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."



## Saint of the Month Anthony of Padua

António de Pádua was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born on August 15, 1195 and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal. His family arranged for him to be instructed at the local cathedral school. At the age of 15, he entered the Augustinian community of the Order of the Holy Cross and was ordained at the age of 19. Inspired by their example, António obtained permission from church authorities to leave the Order of the Holy Cross to join the new Franciscan order, established only 11 years earlier.

Anthony was noted by his contemporaries for his powerful preaching, expert knowledge of scripture, and undying love and devotion to the poor and the sick. He has been known as the most celebrated of the followers of Francis of Assisi.

Anthony died June 13, 1231; he was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on 30 May 1232, less than one year after his death, one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history.

He is the patron saint of Lisbon and Padua, and is especially invoked and venerated all over the world as the patron saint for the recovery of lost

items; Anthony is credited with many miracles involving lost things. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on January 16, 1946.



# Virtual Degrees Scheduled

Members of Council 562, if you are a 1st or 2nd degree Knight, you have the opportunity to advance to full Knighthood in the order by participating in the virtual degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on line on one of the following dates and times. The Exemplification will take approximately 45 minutes but you have to be on line at the beginning through the end to get credit for the degree. Its an easy way to complete your journey to full Knighthood in the comfort of you home and at a time convenient for you. For those of you who are already 3rd Degree Knights, you also can register to observe the new combined degree to see how things have changed since you completed your journey to Knighthood.

To register, click on the selected date/time and you will be directed to the Supreme website.

## Week of May 31, 2020

### English

[Tuesday, June 2 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Tuesday, June 2 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 4 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

### Spanish

[Wednesday, June 3 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

## Week of June 7, 2020

### English

[Tuesday, June 9 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Tuesday, June 9 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 11 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 11 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

### Spanish

[Wednesday, June 10 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

### French

[Saturday, June 13 - 11:00 AM EDT](#)

**Week of June 14, 2020**

**English**

[Tuesday, June 16 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Tuesday, June 16 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 18 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 18 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

**Spanish**

[Wednesday, June 17 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

**French**

[Tuesday, June 16 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

**Week of June 21, 2020**

**English**

[Tuesday, June 23 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Tuesday, June 23 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 25 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 25 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

**Spanish**

[Wednesday, June 24 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

**French**

[Wednesday, June 24 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)

## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2019-'20

|                      |                     |               |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Grand Knight:        | SK James Valenzuela | 301-806--3920 |
| Dep. Grand Knight:   | SK Roger Vest       | 540-520-8520  |
| Chancellor:          | SK Bob Canfield     | 540-774-7554  |
| Warden:              | Stephen Ratliff     | 540-774-4796  |
| Chaplain:            |                     |               |
| Financial Secretary: | SK Michael Lazzuri  | 540-797-1703  |
| Treasurer:           | SK Al Bertolacci    | 317-840-1334  |
| Recorder:            | SK Jan Hodnett      | 540-819-5456  |
| Advocate:            | Brian Ripple        | 540-797-5823  |
| Outside Guard:       | SK Clyde Moak       | 540-904-6709  |
| Inside Guard:        | SK Tom Huck         | 540-597-2121  |
| Trustee, 3 Year:     | SK Dave Chopski     | 540-344-0901  |
| Trustee, 2 Year:     | SK Rich Whitney     | 443-465-7742  |
| Trustee, 1 Year:     | SK Mike Whelan      | 540-265-9722  |

## Committee Chairmen 2019-'20

|                  |                |              |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Program Director | SK Bobby Ellis | 540-366-5102 |
| Faith            | open           |              |
| Family           | open           |              |
| Community        | open           |              |
| Life             | open           |              |

## Corporation Board 2019-'20

|               |                   |              |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| President:    | SK Bobby Ellis    | 540-366-5102 |
| Treasurer:    | SK Joe Davis      | 540-524-0325 |
| Recorder:     | SK Tom Brennan    | 540-772-2991 |
| Board Member: | SK Al Bertolacci  | 317-840-1334 |
| Board Member: | Brian Ripple      | 540-776-8285 |
| Board Member: | SK Clyde Moak     | 540-797-7594 |
| Board Member: | SK Karl Kleinhenz | 540-397-4028 |
| Board Member: | SK Bill Howard    | 540-798-3734 |
| Board Member: | SK Roger Vest     | 540-520-8520 |

**In case of illness, need, or death, please notify one of the following:**

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