



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

January, 2021

## Upcoming Events

1/1 (Friday) New Years' Day;  
Solemnity of Mary

1/6 (Wednesday) Feast of the  
Epiphany

1/4 (Monday) January Council  
Business Meeting in person and virtual  
by Zoom

1/11 (Monday) Virginia state Virtual  
Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and  
Fraternity - details TBA

1/25 (Monday) January 4th Degree  
Assembly meeting - details TBA

1/29 (Friday) March for Life

2/1 (Monday) February Council  
Business Meeting in person and virtual  
by Zoom

Please refer to our Facebook  
page: [https://www.facebook.com/  
RoanokeKnights/](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeKnights/) for  
latest announcements.

## Election for Treasurer

Brother Val Bernys has accepted the nomination to serve as Treasurer for this Fraternal Year. We will have a vote to fill the Treasurer position at our January Business Meeting, Monday 1/4/2021. Please plan to attend in-person or virtually so you can cast your vote. More information on the January Business Meeting will be emailed to all members.

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

I had the opportunity to be an usher at the 10PM mass on Christmas Eve. The odd time, as my wife and I usually attend midnight mass on Christmas Eve, was due to the curfew which was an effort to curb the spread of Covid-19. Another solemn reminder of the pandemic was the low attendance at the mass. I have been able to attend mass since parishes re-opened and am very aware of the impact of the pandemic. Still, it was sobering to see so few at mass on Christmas Eve where just a year ago I recall standing room only. As we start a new year, my hope and prayer for all of us is that we may find a way to live with this virus and end restrictions on gatherings, especially so that we might be able to celebrate Mass together again.

The annual March for Life is still scheduled and will be held on Friday January 29, 2021. If you can attend and are available to be a marshal, please let us know at either [gkroanoke562@gmail.com](mailto:gkroanoke562@gmail.com) or [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com). Please also continue to offer your prayers for all victims of abortion.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



## December Business Meeting Highlights

- Applications were approved for Denzel Williams and Shawn Dunleavy.
- The Treasurer resigned, the council is searching for a new treasurer. The Treasurer reported that the QuickBooks balance with SunTrust and Supreme.
- The Financial Secretary reported \$1500 in expenses and \$403 in income; dues notices will be upcoming. The need to recruit new members was stressed; a recruiting incentive is being offered by Supreme.
- The Deputy Grand Knight thanked the council for support of the on-line auction and for help in winterizing the pool.
- The council has been assisting the Roanoke Rescue Mission in delivering 5-7000 lbs. of food per week to Rocky Mount.
- Thanks to the Roanoke degree team for a successful degree ceremonial in November; another degree will be held on December 14 at the Roanoke Council Home. The January 11 degree will be held in Lynchburg.
- The scholarship committee will be meeting this week; applications will be accepted starting in January and are due in April.
- The Lecturer recalled that tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day. He described the heroism of Fr. Aloysius Schmitt, a Roman Catholic chaplain on the USS Oklahoma. Heroism of Doris Miller aboard the USS West Virginia was also recalled.

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## Prayer Requests

Please keep Brother Knights and their family members in your prayers:

- Mike Lazzuri, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) - improving.
- Kathie Feick - melanoma and additional health issues.
- Lynn Bertolacci - surgery and continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.
- Brianna Beinhoff
- Joe Davis - eyesight issues
- All those affected by COVID19
- Amy Miller
- Benney Rohass
- Michelle Clarke
- Bob Canfield - Deceased
- Dick Barnello - Deceased
- Joseph Toti - Deceased
- Fr. Mike Herbert - Deceased

# Death Notices

The council was notified of the deaths of four Brother Knights in December:

Richard E. "Dick" Barnello was a member of The Roanoke Assembly and a member of Our Lady of Nazareth.

Joseph w. Toti was an Honorary Life Member of our council. He was a member for 66 years having joined on March 1, 1954 and joined our council in 1976 when he was transferred here to serve as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration.

Robert Eugene "Bob" Canfield was a long-time member of Roanoke Council 562 and Roanoke Assembly 1167. He was an active member of Our Lady of Nazareth. He will be remembered for establishing the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program.

Fr. Mike Herbert was the Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and a member of Roanoke Assembly. He served for a brief time as Chaplain of Roanoke Council 562.

May they rest in peace and their families find comfort in their loss.

# Keep Christ in Christmas

Since 1989, we have upheld the motto of "Keep Christ in Christmas" by the sales of religious Christmas cards. Profits have been used to provide scholarships and fund grants to seminarians.

This year, we were not able to physically sell Christmas cards in the churches. We conducted drive-thru sales at the council home on Saturday mornings, at the insurance office, and on-line orders.

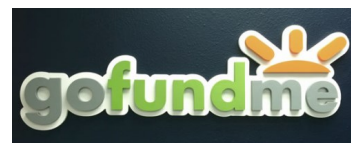
This years' sales were nearly \$700 with profits in excess of \$500. Thanks to all Brother Knights who contributed to this year's campaign.

# January Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in January

John Thibeault	3-Jan
Roddy Hidaskey	3-Jan
Chester Kkalinoski	4-Jan
Jeffrey Stump	4-Jan
Bruce Joy	7-Jan
Robert Dickard	9-Jan
Mark Chorba	9-Jan
Karl Kleinhenz	9-Jan
Fredrick Dunn	10-Jan
Thomas Cadden	12-Jan
Thomas Huck	13-Jan
Gary Griswald	13-Jan
Richard McGarry	14-Jan
Michael Ochalek	14-Jan
John Zacharias	15-Jan
Derek Laliberte	16-Jan
Harold Hall	18-Jan
Thomas Clark	19-Jan
Roger Vest	19-Jan
Noah DeWeese	19-Jan
Tim Shelton	20-Jan
Brian DeWeese	20-Jan
Stephen Boisvert	22-Jan
Richard Barnello	24-Jan
Frank Leonardo	24-Jan
Glen Waldis	25-Jan
Johan Lazaga	25-Jan
Mark Huff	29-Jan
Ralph Migliarese	29-Jan
Chuma Osuoorah	30-Jan

# Charity During the Pandemic



We have been asked by some of our members how they can donate to help our charitable efforts. We have set up a GoFundMe account. Please consider a contribution to this charitable fund and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kofc562>

# Saint of the Month

## Elizabeth Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born on August 28, 1774 to a socially prominent Anglican family in New York City. In early life, Elizabeth showed her love for nature, poetry, and music. Journal entries expressed her religious aspirations at an early age.

On January 25, 1794, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman. Elizabeth was a devout Episcopalian, and continued her earlier social ministry. Elizabeth and William had five children, and eventually took in six of William's younger siblings.

William died in Italy in 1803; Elizabeth was subsequently introduced to Catholicism. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1805 and confirmed a year later.

Elizabeth eventually met the president of St. Mary's College, Baltimore. In 1809 she accepted an invitation and moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland. A year later she established the Saint Joseph's Academy and Free School for Catholic girls. On July 31, Seton established a religious community in Emmitsburg dedicated to the care of the children of the poor. This was the first congregation of religious sisters to be founded in the United States, and its school was the first free Catholic school in America. This marked the start of the Catholic parochial school system in the United States. The congregation was initially called the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's. From that point on, she became known as "Mother Seton". The remainder of Seton's life was spent in leading and developing the new congregation. Elizabeth Ann Seton died on January 4, 1821, at the age of 46.

Mother Seton was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI. She is

the first American-born saint and the patron saint of seafarers and widows. Her Feast day is January 4.

Today, six separate religious congregations trace their roots to the beginnings of the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg. Numerous Catholic high schools and colleges trace their roots to the Sisters of Charity. She is credited for establishing Catholic education in America.



## 2021

## 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.

## Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity



Statewide virtual exemplifications are held the second Monday of each month; we invite new members and current First and Second Degree members wishing to advance to the Third Degree to every exemplification. Current Third Degree members are welcome to register and observe the degree; candidates' friends and family are welcome to observe.

The Financial Secretary will send out a link for registration for the exemplification. After completing the registration form, attendees will receive a link to the virtual exemplification.

We are offering these virtual exemplifications as an alternative to in person exemplifications due to COVID-19 restrictions. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Please contact Ceremonials Co-Chairmen Michael Lazzuri ([ceremonialsrichmond@vakofc.org](mailto:ceremonialsrichmond@vakofc.org)) or 540-797-1703 if you have any questions.

## Welcome New Members

We want to welcome three new members who joined the Roanoke Council during the month of December. If you have the occasion to see or talk with them welcome them to our family. Denzel Williams joined the Council on December 14 and is a member of Our Lady of Nazareth. His stepson, Shawn Dunleavy also joined our Council on December 14 and also attends Our Lady of Nazareth. Brother Edward Malinowski, Jr. joined our Council on December 16 and is a member of St. Andrew's. Welcome to our new members.

## Financial Secretary Report



Dues notices for the 2021 membership year have been sent out the week of December 20 and includes the following message.

Worthy Brother, this has been a very difficult year for all of us with the pandemic. We have not been able to meet, have functions or have fund raisers. We still have an obligation to carry out the three principles of the Order, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity if we are able. Please remit your dues promptly so we do not have added expenses in duplicate mailings of your dues notice. If you are having financial or health issues in paying your dues, please contact the Financial Secretary at [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com) or 540-797-1703.

If you are able, we ask that you consider making a voluntary donation to the Council projects and in particular charity, feeding our neighbor, pro life, and leaving no neighbor behind, the Supreme motto for this year. Thank you. If you have not been getting notices from the Council or the Council monthly newsletter, it is because we do not have your correct email address. If this is the case, please provide you current email address with your dues payment.





## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2020-21

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Trustee, 1 Year:	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742

## Committee Chairmen 2020-21

Program Director	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
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Family	Open	
Community	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Life	Shawn Marshall	540-721-2408
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Membership	SK Mike Lazzuri	540-797-1703
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Public Relations	Stephen Ratliff	540-774-4796

## Corporation Board 2020-21

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Board Member:	SK Mike Lazzuri	540-774-8482
Board Member:	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
Board Member:	SK Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Board Member:	Pat Reidy	540-725-8206

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

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