



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**October, 2021**

## Upcoming Events

**9/29 (Wednesday)** Financial Security Webinar.

**10/2 (Saturday)** Harvest Fest at OLN (following vigil mass).

**10/4 (Monday)** October Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details TBA.

**10/7 (Thursday)** KofC work day for Habitat for Humanity 8:00 - 2:00

**10/9 (Saturday)** ND vs VT Football Council Home 12:00

**10/15 (Friday)** BBQ Grab and Go at OLN 5:00-7:00

**10/18 (Monday)** October social meeting (details TBA).

**10/19 (Tuesday)** Catholic Investing online seminar (see P 6)

**10/25 (Monday)** October 4th Degree Assembly meeting - Fincastle. Details TBA.

**11/1 (Monday)** November Council Business Meeting Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details TBA.

**11/1 (Monday)** Feast of All Saints

**11/2 (Tuesday)** All Souls Day

Please also refer to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/>

## Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

We have had a good start to our year and things keep ramping up. We have at least a dozen events available to us between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> so please keep your eyes and ears open for news on more events.

First off everyone is invited to celebrate at OLN's Fall Festival where we are going to be standing loud and proud. We will be hosting the beer tent and there to help out. Please come out on Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the afternoon mass (which is being held at 4:00). Follow that up with a football viewing party the following Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, where we will be watching Norte Dame vs VA Tech at Lane Stadium. It will be potluck and should be a fun game to watch. The Saturday after that, October 16<sup>th</sup>, will have both Bishop Knestout and the State KofC officers at Belmont Park at 11am to celebrate St Gerard's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and yes all of you are invited to the party as well. Bring your family and friends because St Gerard is looking to have a huge party for all of us. And all this is in just the next 3 Saturdays and we are not even talking about the Habitat build day or the next BBQ Grab and GO fundraiser we are hosting at OLN.

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## September Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight congratulated BK Val Bernys on attaining Life Membership status.
- Application for membership of Sean O'Neal was approved.
- Upcoming events were announced:
  - Beer tent and membership display for the OLN Harvest Festival October 2 5:00-8:00.
  - The St. Andrew's parish picnic is this upcoming weekend, help is needed.
  - Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will be held Monday, September 20 at 7:30 in the Roanoke Council Home.
  - Regional KofC training will be conducted at the Roanoke Council Home Saturday, September 25 9:00-12:00.
  - A memorial service for Bob Canfield will be held after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, September 25.
  - Soccer Challenge Sunday, September 26.
- The Corporation President announced that the poop and the Corporation is in better financial shape this year.
- Business for the Corporation board can be brought by any member by submitting in writing to the board prior to each meeting.
- This month's 4th Degree meeting will be held in Lexington on Monday, September 27. The 4th Degree will be sponsoring voter registration the next few weeks. The upcoming exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held in Virginia Beach on Saturday, October 30.
- The Field Agent announced the upcoming Faith, Family, and Financial Security Seminar on Wednesday, September 29.

## Grand Knight's Report (Continued from P1)

I am still meeting with the local priests, but so far those I have met with are really liking the idea that we are here to help our parishes come out of this COVID era and back into all of the programs and events that they are wanting to do. Much of the help that they used to have has still not come back but I am hoping that I know a few good men who will stand up with me and help our local parishes out. More to be announced in the future.

So please sign up to help on the weekends if you can, if you work then we have events like the Habitat build day and the BBQ Grab and Go that need people who are free during the week. Remember my brothers that we stand as the example of what a Catholic Gentleman is. I look forward to standing tall with all of you.

Vivat Jesus,  
Clyde Moak, Grand Knight

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## Habitat for Humanity Work Day 10/7

OLN is sponsoring a house with Habitat for Humanity. Work will begin on September 25 at the build site at 1015 Tazewell, SE. We have a work day planned for Knights of Columbus on Thursday, October 7; the primary activity will be framing. There are many other opportunities to participate - contact Rich Whitney for details: Richw1492@yahoo.com.



### OLN BUILD 2021

## Pork BBQ Grab-and-Go October 15

The KofC and AOH are having a second BBQ Grab-and-Go meal at Our Lady of Nazareth on Friday, October 15 from 5:00-7:30PM. The meal features a BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, Cole slaw, and hushpuppies. Cost is \$10 per plate

Profits from the fundraiser will benefit the charitable causes of these two organizations.

We need volunteers for various shifts on October 12-15. Watch for sign up's or sign up at our KofC and AOH October business meetings.

Please join us and help support others in need.



## October Birthdays

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

Peter Martin	1-Oct
John Meise	2-Oct
Joseph Abbatello	3-Oct
Michael Pyle	4-Oct
Michael Williams	5-Oct
Daniel Keeley	5-Oct
Leon Vinci	6-Oct
Patrick Patterson	6-Oct
James McNamara	9-Oct
Mark Johnson	11-Oct
Joseph Rosenberg	11-Oct
George Pufko	12-Oct
Stephen Ratliff	13-Oct
Daniel Austin	15-Oct
Edward Myers	16-Oct
Wayne Parker	16-Oct
Robert Way	17-Oct
Anthony Hopper	17-Oct
David Harris	19-Oct
Louis Mehrmann	20-Oct
Les Schmidt	21-Oct
John Mercer	23-Oct
Norbert Steahly	26-Oct
Glenn Hall	26-Oct
Lawrence Forbish	26-Oct
David Peters	26-Oct
Andrew Fornecker	27-Oct
Michael Grant	28-Oct
Louis Soldano	31-Oct

## Prayer Requests

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

- Brian Ripple's brother
- Paul Miller's brother-in-law
- Al Bertollacci's brother
- Clyde Moak's father - deceased.
- Ambrose "Pete" Wood, PGK - deceased
- James Valenzuela's mother-in-law and sister-in-law

# Saint of the Month

## Francis of Assisi

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone was born into a wealthy Italian family in 1181 or 1182. His father called his son Francesco ("Free man"). In his youth, he lived a lavish life of a wealthy young man.

Around 1202, he joined a military expedition; he was taken prisoner and spent a year as in captivity. An illness caused him to re-evaluate his life, and a strange vision made him lose interest in the worldly life. He spent some time in lonely places, asking God for spiritual enlightenment. He had a mystical vision of Jesus Christ in the chapel of San Damiano, in which the Icon of Christ Crucified said to him, "Francis, Francis, go and repair My house". In the succeeding months, he renounced his materialistic lifestyle and wandered as a beggar. He gathered stones and rebuilt the chapel of San Damiano and the nearby chapel of St. Mary of the Angels.

In 1208, Francis devoted himself completely to a life of poverty and began preaching the Gospel in the surrounding area. His example attracted many others. Within a year Francis had eleven followers, who lived a simple, communal life. In 1209 he composed a simple rule for his followers "to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps". On April 16, 1210, Pope Innocent III authorized the establishment of the Franciscan Order. In 1212, Francis and Claire of Assisi founded the Second Order of Franciscans ("Poor Clares"); subsequently the Secular Franciscan Order was founded for lay men and women. As the numbers of friars grew at an unprecedented rate, the order was divided into five provinces and reorganized with increased structure.

Francis set out to imitate Christ and literally carry out his work. He and his followers

celebrated and even venerated poverty. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", and even preached to the birds. Around 1220, Francis celebrated Christmas by setting up the first crèche (Nativity scene) so that worshipers could contemplate the birth of the child Jesus in a direct way.

Francis is said to have had a vision on or about September 13, 1224, as a result of which he received the stigmata; an angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ." Suffering from these stigmata and from near blindness, Francis received medical care to no avail. He died on October 3, 1226.

On July 16, 1228, Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX. The next day, the pope laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Francis' feast day is observed on October 4. On November 29, 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Francis the patron saint of



## NCAA Football

### Notre Dame vs Virginia Tech

NCAA football fans save the date! On Saturday, October 9, Notre Dame will play Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Plan to join us at the Council Home to watch the game. Refreshments will be served - bring snacks to share. Families and friends are welcome.





# 40 Days for Life

The fall, 2021 40 Days for Life campaign is being celebrated from September 22 to October 31, 2021. During these days, we focus on ending the tragedy of abortion.

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood center on Peters' Creek Rd. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity. Roanoke Council Home Monday, November 15 (tentative)
- Exemplification of Patriotism - Church of the Ascension, Virginia Beach. Saturday, October 30 12:00 (in-person). Further details. TBA. (Candidates arrive 10:30)



# BK Dan Derringer Ordained as Deacon

We are very pleased and proud to announce that Brother Knight, Dan Derringer was ordained to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, September 25 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.. Bishop Barry C. Knestout ordained 15 men to the permanent diaconate, instructing them to “be stewards of God’s mysteries.”

In Acts 6:1-7b, the apostles call forth the deacons; Bishop Knestout said, “The apostles want and need to devote themselves to prayer and word; sacrifice is their priority, yet they also must ensure that the good works of the Church are properly expressed and not neglected.” Inspired by the love of God, Bishop Knestout said, deacons’ works of charity express and return that love, which leads to deeper prayer and a greater receptivity to hearing God’s Word in order to build up the Church community.

Dan is a long time member of St Andrew’s parish and a Professor of Chemistry at Hollins University. He joined the Roanoke Knights of Columbus in 2017. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to Deacon Dan, his family, and the St. Andrew’s community on the occasion of his ordination.





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