



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

December, 2021

Upcoming Events

12/6 (Monday) December Council Business Meeting Lite dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details TBA.

12/8 (Wednesday) Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation.

12/20 (Monday) December Social Meeting - details TBA.

12/27 (Monday) November 4th Degree Assembly meeting - TBA

12/25 (Saturday) Christmas Day

1/1 (Saturday) New Year's Day; Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation.

1/3 (Monday) January Council Business Meeting Lite dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details TBA.

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

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights:

Once again the holiday season has come upon us. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Christmas season is ahead of us. I ask that you all please spread some Christmas cheer because it is sorely needed in the climate of todays culture. As you saw in your email we are working with AOH on Toys for Tots. If you would like to drop toys off at the hall It will be open 12 – 2 on Saturday Dec 4th as well as at our meeting on December 6th.

We are looking at what social events you all want to have next year so please let our DGK Nate or myself know when you see us. Please keep working with us as we return to normal or whatever normal will be.

Merry Christmas,

GK Clyde



November Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight opened the meeting with a moment of silence for deceased Brother knights on All Souls Day. He also recalled the Beatification of Fr. McGivney one year ago.
- A transfer application was approved for BK Robert Carrigan
- Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity is scheduled for November 15. Sponsors were assigned to 4 candidates. Guests are invited.
- Reports were presented for several upcoming programs/projects:
 - A ramp project for Renovation Alliance is planned for Saturday, November 13.
 - KCIC Cards are not available this year.
 - Our help is requested for assistance with parking at the St. Andrew's parish mission on November 7-8.
 - The Chancellor will pursue seminarian grants for 2022.
- BK Dave Wyble (Salem Council) gave a presentation about wheelchair initiative. Goal is to provide 110 wheelchairs (\$150 each) in Southwest Virginia. Salem Council will hold a casino night fundraiser on December 3 at OLPH.
- The District Deputy announced that applications for the Fr. Bader Scholarship are now being accepted.
- The State Car Raffle kickoff was announced. Up to \$50,000 for a new car of the winner's choice; tickets are \$20 each. Councils are expected to sell tickets.
- 47 Candidates were advanced to the 4th Degree at the Exemplification in Virginia Beach on Saturday, October 30.
- The Nate Griffith family was named Family of the Month for October.

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Virginia State Council Car Raffle

The Virginia State Council is conducting a car charity raffle to Benefit the Children's Hospital of Richmond. Tickets are \$20 each; winner will receive \$50,000 toward a car of their choice. The drawing will be held at the state convention on April 30, 2022.

Our council will be expected to sell a number of tickets for this raffle. If you are able, please plan to purchase a ticket for this worthwhile cause.

State Deputy 2021-2022 Raffle

Entries close Apr 16, 2022 at 12:00AM
224 day to go



2022 Canfield Scholarships



The Scholarship Committee of Knights Council # 562 recently announced the 2022 call for applications for Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield Scholarships. Up to ten scholarships (\$500.00 each) are allowed for deserving students from the greater Roanoke area parishes served by Knights of Columbus Council #562. As recently reported, we presented a number of awards last Spring.

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

Next step: applications for 2022 will be due on April 1, 2022. Check the council website (www.kofc562.net) for application forms and related information. More scholarships are also available through the Knights of Columbus Virginia State Council and Supreme Council. Contact those offices directly for application information. Those deadlines are as early as February and March.

The Canfield Scholarship Committee has been meeting regularly and is planning amendments and new procedures for this year's awards.



December Birthdays

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

Domenick Centrone	1-Dec
Timothy Rowe	2-Dec
Raymond Biggio	3-Dec
Albert Bruzgul	5-Dec
John Sheridan	5-Dec
Kevin Oddo	6-Dec
Robert Poole	7-Dec
Charles Hatcher	8-Dec
Richard Waddell	11-Dec
Philip Jornlin	11-Dec
David Cummings	11-Dec
Jason Frick	11-Dec
Francis Casola	12-Dec
Alexander Nelson	16-Dec
Gary Boyd	16-Dec
Joseph Colosimo	17-Dec
Casimir Dadak	17-Dec
Donald Grabowski	17-Dec
John Thomas	19-Dec
Charles Blevins	20-Dec
Theodore Werzbic	21-Dec
Jan Hodnett	22-Dec
Michael Slenski	27-Dec
Nicholas Waddell	28-Dec
Frak Domurat	30-Dec
Matthew O Herron	31-Dec
Richard Taylor	31-Dec

Toys for Tots

This year, the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians are soliciting donations for "Toys for Tots". The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. Gifts need to be submitted by December 14. Bring gifts to the council home on Saturday, December 4, or at the December 6 meeting.

Contact Rob Jengo (314-503-2783) for details



Habitat for Humanity Update

The Knights and Hibernians held a work day at the Habitat for Humanity “OLN Build” on Thursday, October 7. Additional work days are anticipated in the coming months. The project is coming along well; we expect to be under roof by Thanksgiving. Please consider planning to participate on this worthwhile project.



OLN BUILD 2021



Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity. Roanoke Upcoming schedule and details TBA
- Exemplification of Patriotism - Richmond. Saturday, April 2, 2022 12:00 (in-person). Further details TBA.



Prayer Requests

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

- Stephen Ratliff’s father - surgery
- Paul Miller - surgery (recovering)
- Jean Stump (recovering)
- Chris Sullivan (wife of BK Jim Sullivan) - knee surgery.



Renovation Alliance Work Day

Each year our council participates in a project for Renovation Alliance to assist a veteran of veteran’s family in need. This year’s project was postponed. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile patriotic endeavor when asked. Contact Roger Vest (540-520-8520) for details.

Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity

On Monday, November 12, we welcomed three new Brother Knights into our Council. This was the first live presentation of the revised exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in our council. We are pleased to welcome three new Brother Knights into our council:

- Marc Patton
- Shawn O’Neill
- Rick Vitolo



Saint of the Month

Ambrose of Milan

Aurelius Ambrosius was born into a Roman Christian family about 339 and was raised in the Roman province of Gaul. There is a legend that as an infant, a swarm of bees settled on his face while he lay in his cradle, leaving behind a drop of honey. His father considered this a sign of his future eloquence and honeyed tongue. About 354 his father died, whereupon the family moved to Rome. He studied literature, law, and rhetoric, then followed in his father's footsteps and entered public service.

Ambrose served as governor in northern Italian provinces from about 372 to 374. In 374 he was elected Bishop of Milan, despite being neither baptized nor trained in theology. Within a week's time, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and duly consecrated bishop of Milan on December 7, 374.

As bishop, Ambrose donated all of his land and gave his money to the poor, which made him widely popular. He was widely recognized for his preaching; he mentored St. Augustine of Hippo, whom he baptized. He was also recognized for producing numerous important church writings and hymns. He introduced reforms in the order and manner of public worship. Ambrose stressed the virginity of Mary and her role as Mother of God. He viewed celibacy as superior to marriage and saw Mary as the model of virginity.

While Bishop of Milan, Ambrose was recognized for opposing the heresy of Arianism a movement which denied the divinity of Christ, but maintained that the Son

of God was created by the Father and was therefore neither coeternal nor consubstantial with the Father.

Ambrose died on April 4, 397. He was recognized as a Saint by the Church before the canonization process was formalized. He was proclaimed as one of the four original Doctors of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298. His feast day is December 7.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On December 8, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate



Conception is a feast celebrating Mary's conception without original sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."

The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

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