



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

February, 2022

Upcoming Events

2/5 (Saturday) – State Polar Plunge
VA Beach

2/7 (Monday) February Council
Business Meeting Dinner served at
6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details
TBA.

2/12 (Saturday) State Bowling
Tournament Fredericksburg

2/12-13 and 19-20 (Weekends)
Synod on Synodality (OLN)

2/21 (Monday) February Social
Meeting - details TBA.

2/26 (Saturday) – Polar Plunge
Radford

2/26 (Saturday) – Synod on
Synodality (St Andrews)

2/28 (Monday) February 4th Degree
Assembly meeting - Roanoke. Dinner
served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

3/2 (Wednesday) - Ash Wednesday,
Lent begins

3/7 (Monday) March Council
Business Meeting Dinner served at
6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Further details
TBA.

3/5 (Saturday) State Meeting - Fairfax

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

Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights:

Welcome 2022! Once again I say to you all thank you for everything that you have done in the past year.

This past year our council worked to:

- Support St Andrews, St Elias and Our Lady of Nazareth Parishes.
- Worked on helping multiple people through work days with Renovation Alliance.
- Assisted the OLN Habitat Build through multiple build days and donated \$500 to assist.
- Supported the Special Olympics by \$500 through the Polar Plunge.
- Supported Catholic Scouts through donations.
- Supported 4 Seminarians with checks of \$500 each.
- Continued to provide and serve the lunch on the 3rd Saturday each month at RAM house (we have done this for over 30yrs nonstop!!).
- Assisted the Blue Ridge Women's Center through donations.
- Supported Prolife through 100 days of life with our parishes.
- Assisted the Roanoke Rescue Mission with increasing the wireless range.

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January Business Meeting Highlights

- The grand knight re-emphasized the great need for charity in our society. He also asked for member inputs for future programs.
- Several Brother Knights have been making substantial deliveries of donated food from the Roanoke Rescue Mission to a distribution facility in Rocky Mount.
- Response to the wheelchair program is being reviewed by the charity committee.
- The Financial Secretary reminded members that the fraternal survey is due.
- Upcoming events:
 - State bowling tournament February 12.
 - A Super Bowl party is being planned for Super Bowl LVI on Sunday, February 13.
 - Polar Plunge Radford on Saturday, 2/26
- Revisions to the Canfield Scholarship resolution were discussed. Revisions were approved except award amounts - issue was referred back to the scholarship committee.
- PSD Brian Ripple was nominated as delegate to the Supreme Convention.
- Knight of the Month and Family of the Month were announced:
 - Family of the Month
 - November - James and Aimee Valenzuela
 - December - Dave and Trish Chopski
 - Knight of the Month
 - November - Nate Griffith
 - December - Roger Vest
- Pray for Brother Knights and family members sick or in distress (see separate article).

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- Ran food drives that raised food for Feeding Southwest VA and more importantly have carried thousands of pounds of food each month from Roanoke to Rocky Mt to support the food banks south of us.
- And so much more...

Brothers – in a world supposedly still partially paralyzed by COVID we did all this and more. I am looking forward to see what we can all do in 2022!

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight



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Financial Secretary Report



I sent dues notices to all billable members during the month of December. Thank you to those Brother Knights who have already paid their dues and to the honorary life members who have made donations to the council and related K of C charities.

On January 19, I sent Second Dues Notices to those who have not paid their dues yet. If you have not received your dues notice by email or snail mail in a timely manner, check your SPAM or Junk folder and contact me as needed by email at vaknight562@gmail.com or by phone at 540-797-5823.

If you are unable to pay your council dues because of short-term or long-term financial hardship, please contact me. I will consult with Grand Knight Clyde Moak, but we will keep your situation confidential.

Please mail your dues and/or donation check payable to Roanoke Council 562 to P.O. Box 20974, Roanoke VA 24018 no later than February 18, 2022. You can also hand-deliver your check to me at the February council meeting.

Fraternally,

Brian Ripple, Financial Secretary



February Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in February

Eugene Jones	1-Feb
Patrick Minahan	1-Feb
Kevin Legge	2-Feb
Daniel Lofaro	4-Feb
Jamie Elliott	4-Feb
Valentino Sartini	5-Feb
Randal Gatzke	5-Feb
Gustavo Esperanza	5-Feb
James D'Aelio	7-Feb
Paul Miller	8-Feb
Andrew Ickes	11-Feb
Jack Liddy	12-Feb
George Cuadrado	12-Feb
Christopher Lazzuri	15-Feb
Oliver Thorum	15-Feb
Patrick Reidy	16-Feb
Harvey Largen	24-Feb
William Boucher	25-Feb
Bradley McDivitt	26-Feb
Timothy Rowe	28-Feb

Super Bowl LVI

Super Bowl LVI will be played on February 13, 2022, at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. The Cincinnati Bengals will play the Los Angeles Rams. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30PM EST.

We will hold our traditional party at the council home on Super Bowl Sunday. Doors will open at 5:00PM. As in the past, we will have a chili cookoff and raffle; attendees are encouraged to bring food to share.



Habitat for Humanity Work Day and Update

The Habitat for Humanity - OLN project is proceeding nicely. Drywall and plaster were completed earlier this month. We are now working on interior doors, interior trim, and paint. Flooring is being installed.

A group of Knights and Hibernians held a work day on January 27. We worked on interior window trim and finished the upstairs windows. Thanks to those who participated. The house is scheduled for completion in early March.

A special thanks to those who came out on a cold day to work on this worthwhile project.



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.



Synod on Synodality

The Synod of Synodality is a global, two-year consultative process of "listening and dialogue" that began in October 2021. The opening of the process is a diocesan phase expected to last until April 2022. The Vatican has asked all dioceses to participate, hold consultations, and collect feedback on specific questions laid out in synod documents.

St Andrews will hold sessions on Saturday, February 26. More information <https://standrewsva.org/synod-on-synodality>, signup <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAA2BA4FFCF8-synod>.

OLN will hold sessions after weekend masses on February 12-13 and 19-20 (no preregistration specified at this time).



Saint of the Month

Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Blaise was born in the late third century in Armenia into a noble Christian family, and was educated in the Christian faith. He was a physician possessed of wonderful healing power; numerous miracles were attributed to him. The first known record of the saint's life describes his helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat.

Owing to his noble birth and Christian education, Blaise was made bishop of Sebastia at a young age. Blaise instructed his people by his example and by his words; his great virtues were attested by many miracles. From all parts, the people came to him for the cure of bodily and spiritual ills.

Although Christianity had been adopted in about 300 CE as the state religion in Armenia, the Roman emperor Licinius began a persecution of the Christians. Blaise fled to the back country where he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer. Blaise was ultimately discovered and apprehended in 316 CE.

While imprisoned, he miraculously cured a boy from fatally choking on a fish bone. Blaise refused to sacrifice to pagan idols, and was subsequently tortured and beheaded.

One of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, Blaise became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. His followers became widespread in Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries. He is the patron of persons with diseases of the throat and wild animals. His feast in the Western Church is February 3.

The blessing of St. Blaise is a ceremony still practiced and celebrated on his feast day in many places. Two candles are consecrated and crossed before the congregation; they are then touched to the throats of the faithful with a blessing.



Prayer Requests

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

- Donnie Ratliff, jaw pain, father of Brother Stephen Ratliff
- Joan Pizzi, leg issues, mother-in-law of Brother Leon Vinci
- Brother Knight Bill Stack - deceased
- Stephanie Lazzuri - wife of Brother Knight Chris Lazzuri - Covid.
- Madison Hickey - 4 month old granddaughter of Brother Jan Hodnett - deceased.



Additional Change to Canfield Scholarship Resolution

The scholarship committee proposed three changes to the Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield Memorial Council College Scholarship and Loan Fund Resolution. Two of the proposed changes were approved at the January council business meeting:

- Grandchildren of members are eligible.
- Awards are available for additional post-secondary education (trade schools, etc.).

The proposed amount of each award was referred back to the Scholarship Committee; the committee is recommending that the award amount be set to \$1000. The proposal will be considered at the February business meeting.

Backpacks for Homeless

LOV, Ladies of Virginia, the wives of Virginia members, is collecting items for distribution to homeless people. All items should be unopened/sealed. Items requested for contribution:

- Toiletries (especially travel size)
- Backpacks
- Winter hats, gloves, scarfs
- White socks
- Bottled water
- Facemasks
- Miscellaneous snacks
- Fast food or \$5.00 gift cards

Members are requested to bring items to the February business meeting; the items will then be transported to the state meeting on March 5.

2022 Canfield Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee of Knights Council # 562 recently announced the 2022 Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield Scholarship process is now open. Several scholarships 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 as well. Areas of study ranged from law to pre-med, engineering, and more.

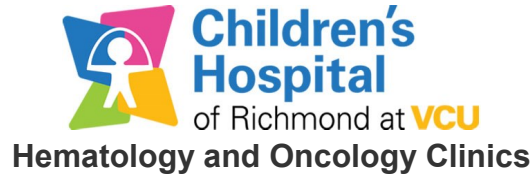
Next step: applications for 2022 will be due on April 1st. Check the website for application forms and related information. More scholarships are also available through the Virginia State Council and Supreme Council. You need to contact those offices directly; deadlines are as early as February and March.

Earlier this year, Council 562 updated eligibility requirements for the Canfield Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Committee continues to meet regularly and is considering additional updates and new procedures for this year's awards.



Scholarship Committee

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Purchase your Raffle Ticket for a Chance to Win a Car or Truck of Your Choice!



Proceeds to Benefit the Children's Hospital Hematology and Oncology Clinics Chance to Win up to a \$50,000 Car or Truck
You are Responsible for All State and Local Sales and Titling taxes, Registration and Tag fees for the vehicle chosen
\$20 per Ticket
Maximum 5,000 Tickets to be Sold
Drawing at 2022 State Convention

Brother Knights should buy a ticket; and please ask your family, friends, neighbors, people at work, etc. to buy a ticket.

3 Ways to Purchase Raffle Tickets:

1.



2. Visit the Site: <https://bit.ly/stateraffle>

3. Check: Virginia State Council Knights of Columbus (Virginia KofC) with "Raffle Fundraiser" in the memo line.

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