



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

March, 2022

## Upcoming Events

**3/2 (Wednesday)** - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins; 40 Days for Life spring campaign begins.

**3/4 (Friday)** Fish Fry at Roanoke Catholic School

**3/5 (Saturday)** State Meeting - Fairfax

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

**3/11 (Friday)** Fish Fry at Roanoke Catholic School

**3/21 (Monday)** March Social Meeting - details TBA

**3/25 (Friday)** Fish Fry at Our Lady of Nazareth

**3/28 (Monday)** March 4th Degree Assembly meeting - Roanoke. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

**4/1 (Friday)** Fish Fry at Our Lady of Nazareth

**4/4 (Monday)** April Council Business Meeting 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 Brothers,

We have come again to the Lenten season. This means a season of repentance, learning and fish fry's. I wish you all well and hope that everyone remembers what this season is truly about.

In a separate note, our Deputy Grand Knight is taking on the duty of reaching out to those who will help us with setting up our activities for the rest of this fraternal year and through our next year. Please if you would like to help or have ideas contact him and let him know. Or run when you see him coming down the hall (though it wont help you – his kids have trained him too well).

And lastly thank you to those who have come forward and given us ideas of what you want us to do. Please remember we are looking for small events (for monthly social nights) and large events. If any of you have more ideas then now is the time. We want to hear from you. Please email either Nate or myself.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight

# February Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight reminded Brother Knights to participate in the upcoming Synod on Synodality: 2/26 at St Andrew's, 2/19-20 at OLN.
- A thank you was received from the recipients of a recent VKCCI grant in our area.
- The Grand Knight thanked the members for support for the Right to Life march.
- Programs:
  - A Habitat for Humanity work day was held on 1/27
  - Super Bowl party will be held Sunday, 2/13 starting 4:00.
  - Youth free throw contest will be held 2/27 at RCS. Volunteers are needed.
  - Polar plunge being held at Virginia Beach on 2/5. Virginia KofC is a major contributor to Special Olympics.
  - Lenten Fish Fry's are planned:
    - 3/4 and 3/11 at RCS
    - 3/25 and 4/1 at OLN
  - DAV breakfasts being held 1st Fridays at 9:00 (men only) . Breakfast, scripture, and discussion.
  - Scholarship applications are being accepted thru March 31.
- The Field Agent announced upcoming recruitment weekends at local churches
- The state convention golf tournament will be held 4/29. A hole sponsorship from the Roanoke Council of \$150 was approved.
- The District Deputy reminded the Council:
  - Set up nominating committee for 2022-23
  - State virtual degree will be held on Thursday, 2/17.
  - State car raffle, tickets \$20 each.
- KOVAR is being planned: Towers ABC on 4/22-23 and Valley View ABC on 5/27-28

- The Scholarship Committee proposed a fixed award amount of \$1000 for future scholarships. Issue will be considered at the March business meeting.
- The Pool Committee will be resuming regular meetings on Thursday, 2/17.
- Congratulations to Dave and Trish Chopski - Supreme Family of the Month.
- The Council welcomed transfer member Sam Alexander.
- Pray for members in distress (see separate article).



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# Lenten Fish Fry Fund Raisers

Brothers please review and make plans to assist. We need your involvement to have successful events. The fish fries will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Roanoke Catholic School and March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at OLN. We will need at least 11 or 12 people to make these great fundraisers. Please let one us know of your availability; plan on attending and giving a hand.

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# Free Throw Contest



On Sunday, February 27, Roanoke Council 562 hosted the District 33 Basketball Free Throw Championship at the Roanoke Catholic Gym. We had very good participation from youth, parents, and Knights. Pizza was provided, and was a great hit. Winners were

Girls Age 11: Maddie Spichek  
Girls Age 13: Brooklyn Linick  
Boys Age 10: Carston DiBenedetto  
Boys Age 12: Noah Peck  
Boys Age 14: Adam Drapac

Winners are eligible to compete at the State Championship on March 19 at Benedictine High School Richmond.

# March Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in March

Robert Van	2-Mar
Thomas O Meara	2-Mar
J Bentley	3-Mar
William Stack	4-Mar
William Asbell	5-Mar
Joseph Ellingson	10-Mar
Timothy Heffron	10-Mar
Tristan Thorum	10-Mar
Peter Houhoulis	17-Mar
Donald Doyle	18-Mar
Stephen Bernys	18-Mar
Dumitru Branisteanu	20-Mar
David Chopski	20-Mar
Ted Leneski	22-Mar
Stephen Harnack	24-Mar
Roger Malouf	25-Mar
Easter Moses	25-Mar
Antonio Donato	29-Mar
Michael Schiavoni	29-Mar
Gregory Jakubowski	29-Mar
David Osterhaus	29-Mar
Frank Scherrep	30-Mar
David Keeley	30-Mar
Christopher Nelson	31-Mar



# Habitat for Humanity Dedication March 26

The Habitat for Humanity - OLN project is nearing completion. Response from the entire Catholic community has been outstanding. The new homeowner is appreciative of the hard work and generosity that we have shown.

Dedication of the house at 1015 Tazewell will be held on Saturday, March 26. The homeowner will receive the keys and make her first mortgage payment. Habitat dedications are always heart-warming, so plan to attend if you can.



## 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.



# 40 Days for Life

The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd - Sunday, April 10th. 40 Days focuses on prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. We need you! Prayerfully consider standing with us in front of Planned Parenthood at a time convenient for 15, 30 minutes or an hour. Vigils run 7am to 7pm all days except Sundays. If you cannot stand in vigil at P.P., please consider joining in prayer and fasting to battle this spiritual evil in changing hearts to end abortion. Planned Parenthood: 2207 Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke. Help us witness the real presence of life in the womb to mothers coming to P.P. and those who drive by. You may just save a life! Contact Joan Murano [mmurano@cox.net](mailto:mmurano@cox.net) or 540-776-3795 for information or sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/Roanoke](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Roanoke).

Perhaps for a Lenten devotion we might consider saying a Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood on Peters Creek Road. One might consider this a sacrifice of atonement or a mortification or simply as a defense of Holy Innocents. When the Beloved One reviews our Book of Life with us how pleasing would it be to Him, our Savior King, to see us standing there praying for the end of abortion.



# Saint of the Month

## Katherine Drexel

Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858 to the family of an American financier and philanthropist. Her mother died shortly after Katharine was born; her father remarried in 1860. The family was active in charitable works. In 1884, she traveled with her father and sisters to the western states, where they witnessed the poverty and destitution of Native Americans on reservation lands.

When her father died in 1885, she and her sisters inherited a vast fortune. She continued the work earlier undertaken by her family of founding and endowing schools and churches for African Americans and Native Americans in the South and West.

While in Rome in 1887, she had a private audience with Pope Leo XIII to indicate a need for nuns to staff her mission schools. The pope challenged her to devote her life as well as her fortune to the missions. She soon joined the Sisters of Mercy, and founded the Blessed Sacrament Sisters for Indians and Colored People in 1891. The community received final papal approval in May 1913 as Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mother Drexel established a vast building campaign with the founding of schools for Native Americans and African Americans in the Southern and Western United States. By the time of her death in 1955, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament had grown to some 500 members in 51 convents; they had established 49 elementary schools, 12 high schools, and Xavier University, New Orleans.

Miracles attributed to Katherine Drexel were related to restoring of hearing to a young boy and girl.

She was beatified in 1988 and canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. Her feast day is March 3.



## Prayer Requests

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

- Donnie Ratliff, jaw pain, father of Brother Stephen Ratliff
- Lynn Bertollacci, wife of Brother Al Bertollacci
- Brother Thomas Assaid
- Andrew Fornacker



## **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 March 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.

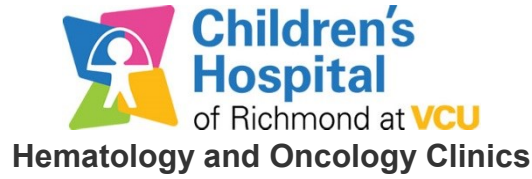
Next step: applications for 2022 will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the website for application forms and related information. More scholarships are also available through the Virginia State Council and Supreme Council. You need to contact those offices directly; deadlines are as early as February 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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Karl Kleinhenz	540-397-4028
Clyde Moak, (Ex-Officio)	540-418-5148



**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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Trustee, 1 Year	Dave Chopski	540-344-0901

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