



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

April, 2022

Upcoming Events

Current-4/10 (Sunday) 40 Days for Life continues.

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

4/2 (Saturday) 11:00 Dedication of OLN-sponsored Habitat for Humanity House

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

4/17 (Sunday) Easter - Resurrection of the Lord

4/18 (Monday) April Social Meeting - details TBA.

4/22-23 (Friday-Saturday) KOVAR

4/25 (Monday) April 4th Degree Assembly meeting - Roanoke. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

4/29-5/1 (Friday-Sunday) Virginia State Convention - Virginia Beach.

5/2 (Monday) May 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



Brother Knights:

I just want to give you all an update on what is coming up in the next few months. I have been asking for you all to let me know what activities that you would like to see our council to bring back. From that input we have quite a few activities in planning for the rest of this fraternal year (the next 3 months). First off in April we will be having some KOVAR fundraising days. It is time to put on those yellow aprons and pass out tootsie rolls again. Thank you to Brother Roger Vest for taking on this challenge.

May has multiple events occurring. We have our annual Memorial Mass coming up. I want to thank our worthy chancellor Dan McBride in advance for all the hard work of setting this up. More information on this will be coming soon. Also in May we will be having our membership drives at St Andrews, OLN and at St Elias. We are still working out the planning for these so if you can help out after mass in May please let me know.

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Grand Knight's Report (Cont. from P1)

In June we have one more event before the fraternal year ends, our Clergy Appreciation Dinner. A few of our brothers have mentioned that they have missed our formal dinners and look forward to them starting up again. If you would like to help me with the dinner then please email me. We will need help in cooking dinner as well as selling tickets for the event.

I am looking forward to all these activities and for the comradery that occurs when we do them. Please, if there are other events you would like to see our council do then please let me know. We will soon begin planning for our next fraternal year so would love to know what you want.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight

Lenten Fish Fry Fund Raisers

Our first three fish fry's have been a huge success! Brothers please review and make plans to assist. We need your involvement to have our last event successful. The final fish fry will be held on April 1st at OLN. We will need at least 11 or 12 people to make this fundraiser successful. Please let one us know of your availability; plan on attending and giving a hand.

- Paul Miller 540-339-8657
- Pat Reidy 540-525-9266
- Roger Vest 540-520-8520
- Paul Yengst 540-772-0196
- Nate Griffith 804-837-8874



March Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight implored Brothers to continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Donations for humanitarian relief can be made thru KofC.org. Knights of Columbus are active in Poland and Ukraine.
- The Deputy Grand Knight is taking the lead on planning programs. Ideas and volunteers are needed.
- Thank you notes were received from St. Andrew's parish, seminarians, Right to Life, and God's Pit Crew.
- The spring KOVAR drive is being planned. The first weekend is April 22-23. ABC has approved our schedule. Volunteers are needed, further details TBA (see separate article, P4).
- Dedication of the OLN-sponsored Habitat for Humanity House is scheduled for 4/2 at 11:00.
- The Free Throw challenge on 2/27 was very successful. Thanks to those who participated.
- 40 Days for Life continues thru Sunday, 4/10. Honk when you go by Planned Parenthood on Peters Creek.
- Congratulations to Jan Hodnett - family of the month.
- The first fish fry at RCS on 3/4 was a great success - over 190 customers served.
- The Field agent promoted recruitment thru e-membership. Recruitment drives are being planned at the parishes in the upcoming weeks.
- The District Deputy reported the following:
 - Scott Moffett is the nominee for Virginia State Warden for 2022-23.
 - Ladies of Virginia (LOV) basket raffle for charity.
 - State Convention 4/29-5/1 in Virginia Beach.
- State virtual degree scheduled for 3/20.
- The Scholarship Committee resolution to increase scholarship awards to \$1,000 (starting in 2023) was approved. New revenue sources were proposed.
- Memorial Mass is being tentatively planned for May 16.
- Under the Good of the Order:
 - Shawn O'Neil expressed thanks for participation in the DAV lunch. Prayer breakfast is held every 1st Friday. DAV will sponsor an Irish lunch on 3/17.
 - Please pray for the people of Ukraine.
 - Pray for members and family members sick and in distress (see separate article).

40 Days for Life

The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign is continuing thru 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 you. Vigils run 7am to 7pm all days except Sundays. Alternately, consider joining in prayer and fasting to end abortion. Planned Parenthood: 2207 Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke. Contact Joan Murano mmurano@cox.net or 540-776-3795 for information or sign up at ww.40daysforlife.com/Roanoke.



KOVAR 2022

The 2022 KOVAR drive will be held the week-ends of April 22-23 and May 27-28 at the ABC stores at Valley View and Towers. We will need 6-9 volunteers per shift, so please plan to take at least one shift. The schedule is as follows:

Valley View ABC

Friday, April 22 3-10 PM

Saturday, April 23 10 AM - 10 PM

Towers ABC

Friday, May 27 3-10 PM

Saturday, May 28 10 AM - 10 PM

Roger Vest and Don Feick are coordinating the effort. If you are able to volunteer, please contact them (contact info below):

Roger Vest rvest@aol.com

Don Feick Rockinggrandpa@msn.com

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus 501 (c) (3) tax exempt charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Since 1971, Virginia Knights have raised more than \$17 million to help these vulnerable citizens; in 2021, \$347,000 in grants were distributed.



April Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in April

Douglas Vinci	1-Apr
Dennis Carr	1-Apr
Terrenc Hauck	4-Apr
Arturo Ybanez	6-Apr
Daniel Zipfel	8-Apr
Daryl Doyle	8-Apr
Frank Santoroski	9-Apr
Michael Downs	9-Apr
Sean Abbott	10-Apr
Valentine Bernys	11-Apr
Terranc O	11-Apr
James Chewning	11-Apr
Stephen Weatherman	11-Apr
Ronald Pritchard	13-Apr
William Howard	15-Apr
Larry Fisher	16-Apr
Nathaniel Griffith	16-Apr
Frank Wagner	17-Apr
Thomas Schons	17-Apr
Richard Vitolo	17-Apr
Kevin Chahine	19-Apr
Sonny Cruz	21-Apr
Peter Voorhis	24-Apr
Thomas McGrath	24-Apr
Jack Smith	26-Apr
Chevis Swearingen	26-Apr
Julio Vasquez	28-Apr
Pedro Escamilla	29-Apr
Gordon Dewherst	30-Apr

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity. Roanoke Upcoming schedule and details TBA
- Exemplification of Patriotism - Richmond. Saturday, May 21, 2022 12:00 (in-person). Further details TBA.



Saint of the Month

Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette Soubirous was born of a poor family from Lourdes, France in 1844. She was very sick as a child; she contracted cholera as a toddler and suffered severe asthma for the rest of her life. Bernadette attended Catholic school, but her education was interrupted by frequent illness.

On February 11, 1858 (then aged 14) Bernadette was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend when she experienced her first vision. A white figure appeared in a grotto, which she later described as a small lady. This was the first of her 18 visions, which she referred to as "*aquerò*". On February 14, Bernadette saw the apparition again. On February 18, she said that "the vision" asked her to return to the grotto every day for a fortnight. These daily visions came to be known as the "holy fortnight." On February 25, she explained that the vision had told her "to drink of the water of the spring as an act of penance. During Bernadette's 16th vision she again asked the woman for her name; she finally heard the lady say "I am the "Immaculate Conception".

After investigation, Catholic Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. The apparitions have since been known as "Our Lady of Lourdes". In the 160 years since her apparitions, numerous cures have been attributed to the waters of Lourdes. Bernadette said that it was faith and prayer that cured the sick: "One must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith".

Later in life, Bernadette disliked the attention she was attracting. She entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers in 1866, but her health continued to fail. On April 16, 1879

Bernadette Soubirous died while praying the rosary. Her body was exhumed three times and found to be incorrupt – preserved from decomposition.

Bernadette Soubirous was beatified on June 14, 1921 by Pope Pius XI. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on December 8, 1933. Her feast day is April 16. Since her death, Lourdes has become one of the most visited places in the world for Catholic pilgrims. Pope John Paul II visited the shrine twice.



Prayer Requests

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

- Donnie Ratliff, father of Brother Stephen Ratliff
- Lynn Bertollacci, wife of Brother Al Bertollacci
- Paul Miller's brother-in-law
- Charles Anderson
- Rob Jengo's sister
- People of Ukraine



Kitchen Help Needed

Brothers and Sir Knights:

We need help in preparing, serving, and especially cleaning up from meals for our Council and Assembly meetings. The Brothers that have been responsible for meal preparation have some current health (knee) issues. We will need additional help if we are to continue to provide quality meals for our meetings. We will discuss at our upcoming business meetings.



Habitat for Humanity Dedication April 2

The Habitat for Humanity - OLN project is nearing completion. Response from the entire Catholic community has been amazing. 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, April 2 at 11:00. The homeowner will receive the keys and make her first mortgage payment. Please plan to attend if you can.



OLN BUILD 2021

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 \$1000 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, to engineering, and more.

Next step: applications for 2022 are due on April 1st. Check the website for application forms and related information. More scholarships are also available through the Knights of Columbus including statewide and national awards. You need to contact those offices directly. These 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. .



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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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Inside Guard	Tom Huck	540-597-2121
Trustee, 3 Year	James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
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Trustee, 1 Year	Dave Chopski	540-344-0901

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