



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

May, 2022

Upcoming Events

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.

5/8 (Sunday) Mother's Day.

5/16 (Monday) Memorial Mass— Council Home 6:30. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres to follow.

5/21 (Saturday) 4th Degree Exemplification Richmond.

5/27-28 (Friday-Saturday) KOVAR— Valley View ABC.

5/28 (Saturday) Placement of flags at St. Andrew's Cemetery 9:00.

5/29 (Sunday) Ascension of the Lord.

5/30 (Monday) Memorial Day; Mass at St. Andrew's Cemetery 11:00.

5/31 (Tuesday) May 4th Degree Assembly meeting - Roanoke. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. (Rescheduled due to Memorial Day holiday). Election of Officers.

6/6 (Monday) June 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:

Happy Easter. Thank you all for all that you do. Last month we took on originally 15 Easter baskets for children who were foster kids or were from families that went to St Francis House for help. A few days before the end we took on 10 more baskets that another group was unable to complete and not only did we complete all of them on time but we ended up with an additional basket that was donated so we gave 26 baskets of the 100 that CCC asked for. That was all due to you all and your donations. (see Picture, p2).

I know that we are in the middle of our KOVAR season and that plenty of you all have given or will be giving your time to help. The charitable spirit of this council continues to astound and humble me. Thank you all.

We are still running our final months to this fraternal year and there is still a lot to do. We have our Memorial Mass on May 16 and a Clergy Appreciation Dinner in June on top of KOVAR. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Keep your ears open for more information for both these events.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight



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26 Easter baskets for families served by St Francis House.

April Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight thanked brothers for participation in recent projects, including the fish fry's and opening of the Olympic Park Pool.
- Programs:
 - Fish fry's were very successful (see separate article)
 - Commonwealth Catholic Charities has requested that we put together some Easter Baskets for foster children. Donations are requested.
 - Membership drives are being planned for May. More details TBA.
 - KOVAR will resume April 22-23 and May 27-28. KOVAR provides grants to organizations that assist Virginians with intellectual disabilities.
 - Our Memorial Mass and Clergy Night are being planned for later in this fraternal year.
- The field agent announced membership drives for May at the local parishes. Additional details TBA.
- The Field Agent also emphasized the need to support the people of Ukraine. Donations can be made thru the Supreme website.
- The District Deputy announced the state virtual degree on April 7 and also the state convention on April 29-May 1.
- The Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held on Saturday, May 21 at St Edward's in Richmond.
- Paul Miller was recognized as Family of the Month for his work organizing the Lenten fish fry's.
- Pray for Brother Knights and family members sick and in distress (see separate article, P6).

What You Leave Behind

Brother Knights and wives,

A few months ago we received an award for a grant given in the name of one of our past members, PGK Dick Sparks. When he passed away he had left KOVAR as one of his beneficiaries to one of his life insurance policies. Since we are currently in our KOVAR collection season I just wanted to pass this on to everyone. As you go over and review your retirement withdrawal plans or your life insurance policies please remember the charities that you have supported all this time. If your minimum withdrawal distributions from your retirement accounts (401k, IRAs, etc.) are pushing you toward taxes that you don't want then please think of charities like KOVAR, VKCCI, RAM house, and all those that we work hard to help. If you look at your life insurance portfolio and see an extra small policy that you don't really have a plan for think of leaving it as a gift to charity.

If you are interested in looking into this then please reach out to your Insurance or Retirement Planner and/or give our Field Agent Jack Clarke a call (because he is there to be your Insurance and Retirement Planner).

And thank you to our late Brother Dick Sparks for continuing to support KOVAR to the end.



Olympic Park Pool

Hello all. I invite all of you, especially you with young kids, to come and check out our local neighborhood pool next door to our clubhouse. Olympic Park Swim Club is currently open to family memberships for this summer. We have a swim team that last year came out as #1 in the RVAA. This pool is run by a committee formed by brother Knights and is run to cover the upkeep of the Knights property. Knights from our council get a 50% discount so that memberships cost the following:

Single – \$152.50

Family of 2 - \$175

Family of 3 - \$190

Family of 4 - \$210

Family Max - \$220

If you are looking for a pool to join this summer then look no farther than next door to the Knights Clubhouse. Olympic Park Swim Club is looking forward to a wonderful summer and would love to have you as a member.

Even if you don't join then still come by on Wednesday Nights from 5-7 for our grill night where our pool committee cooks up Hamburgers, Brats and Hotdogs for a nominal fee.

We hope to see you there - check us out at www.olympicparkpool.org.

Lenten Fish Fry Fund Raisers

Our Lenten fish fry's have been a huge success! A net profit of \$5478 was raised, being split between the KofC and AOH (\$2739 to each organization). Thanks to everyone who helped to make all four of these events such a success.



Memorial Mass

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be held at the Council Home on Monday, May 16. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 by our Chaplain, Fr. Anthony Ferguson. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will follow. All deceased Brother Knights are remembered; those Brother Knights who have passed away since our last Memorial Mass are specifically honored:

Michael J. Lazzuri (May 27, 2021)

Richard J. Joachim (June 24, 2021)

Kenneth A. Michalski (September 22, 2021)

Lawerence E. Ptaschek *November 28, 2021)

William T. Stack (January 16, 2022)

Please plan to attend to honor those deceased Brother Knights who have gone before us.



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 need additional help going forward if we are to continue to provide quality meals for our meetings. Please help out if you can.



Flag Placement at St. Andrew's Cemetery

Each year at Memorial Day, it has been our custom to place flags on the graves of military veterans at St. Andrew's Cemetery. This event is sponsored by Roanoke Assembly 1167; all are welcome to participate. This is a especially good opportunity to introduce children and grandchildren to the concept of patriotism. It's one our most solemn occasions to honor those patriots who have given parts of their lives in service to our nation.

We will meet at the maintenance building at St. Andrew's Cemetery at 9:00 on Saturday, May 28. The activity usually only takes a couple hours.

Also, all are encouraged to attend the annual Memorial Day

Mass at the cemetery on Monday, May 30 11:00.



KOVAR 2022

The 2022 KOVAR drive was held the week-end of April 22-23 at the ABC stores at Valley View ABC store. The fundraiser was a great success, nearly \$1000 was collected for KOVAR. The next drive will be held the week-end of May 27-28 at the Towers ABC. We will need 6-9 volunteers per shift, so please plan to take at least one shift. The schedule is as follows:

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.



May Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in May

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| Fred Alouf | 1-May |
| Lawrence Ptaschek | 1-May |
| Brian Duffy | 8-May |
| David Bowers | 11-May |
| Eric Reichardt | 11-May |
| Alfonso Sardo | 13-May |
| Michael Canfield | 13-May |
| Robert Ward | 14-May |
| William Bradley | 14-May |
| John Poissant | 15-May |
| Randolph Lewis | 16-May |
| Fred Najjum | 16-May |
| Scott Lear | 16-May |
| Joseph Nardone | 22-May |
| Jonathan Templeton | 22-May |
| Joseph Moses | 24-May |
| John Biggio | 24-May |
| Brian Carroll | 25-May |
| Herman Turk | 26-May |
| Keith Griswald | 28-May |
| Gary Sheehan | 29-May |
| Vernon Jolley | 31-May |

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. See any 4th Degree member for details.



Saint of the Month

Augustine of Canterbury

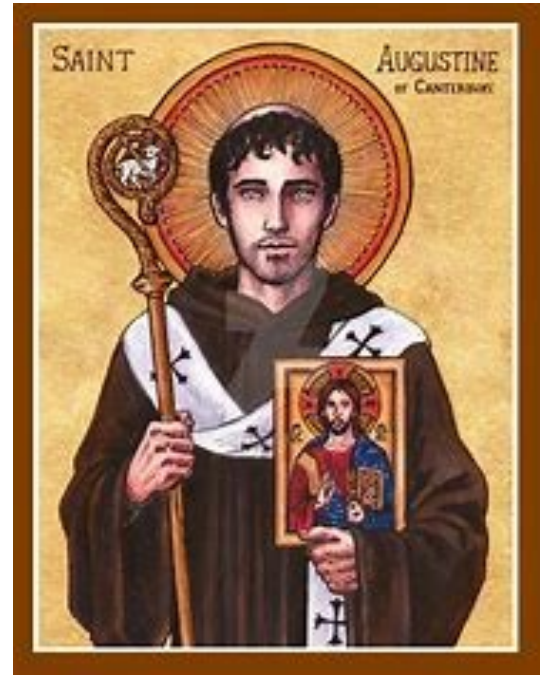
Very little is known of Augustine's biography prior to AD 596. He was probably born into an aristocratic family in Sicily, and took the name of Augustine after St Augustine of Hippo.

Pope Gregory the Great brought him to St Andrew's monastery in Rome. Pope Gregory had long planned for a mission to England; In June or July, 596, he entrusted the mission to Augustine and about 40 monks and priests. Early in their mission, Augustine's companions learned of the fierce reputation of the Anglo-Saxon warriors. Fearing for their lives, they requested that Augustine return to Rome and ask Pope Gregory to abandon the mission.

Augustine returned to Rome, but the Pope was adamant that the mission should continue. Augustine's mission travelled thru Gaul (modern-day France) with support from papal loyalists. They departed for England sometime in 596, and were received by King Ethelbert of Kent, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. King Ethelbert set up a residence for them in Canterbury, and within the year the king was baptized on Pentecost Sunday 597.

Augustine was consecrated as the first Archbishop of Canterbury and made thousands of converts. He attempted to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians. But Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs. He let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts.

Augustine was declared a Saint "Pre-Congregation" (before the current Canonization process was formalized.) His feast day in the Roman Church is celebrated on May 28. He is the Patron Saint of England.



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
- Bk Joe Moses
- Debbie Bolinski, Sister-in-law of Roger Vest,
- Paul Miller's brother-in-law
- Charles Anderson—deceased
- People of Ukraine



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Chairmen 2021-22

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