



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**December, 2022**

## Upcoming Events

**12/2-4 (Friday - Sunday)** *Like Winter Waiting* (See PP3 and 8)

**12/5 (Monday)** December Council Business Meeting Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

**12/8 (Thursday)** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**12/19 (Monday)** December social meeting; details TBA.

**12/25 (Sunday)** Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord

**1/1/2023 (Sunday)** New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**1/2/2023 (Monday)** January Council Business Meeting Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

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

## Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

Merry Christmas! We are here again at Christmas time. I have to say thank you for all the good work that we have been able to do as a Council this past year. You have been pillars in the communities of the three parishes in our area, you have stood strong with Catholic Commonwealth Charities as doing as much, and in some cases more, as some of our parishes in some of their endeavors. We are well known with RAM house for our meals and for our donations with St Francis Food Pantry. Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do.

I know I do not have to remind you that this is a time of giving. Thank you for your time and efforts you have given to this council and our community. We will continue to be that strong moral pillar in this valley that is so needed in this time. And in that I will remind you all to please say Merry Christmas to as many as you can this season. There is something in that phrase that always seems to bring a little bit of joy to peoples hearts no matter what you hear on the media even though there are those trying to snuff it out.

From me and my family to all of you and yours – Merry Christmas!!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight





# November Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight reminded members to vote in a very important election on Tuesday, November 8.
- With Veterans' Day upcoming, the Grand Knight recognized veteran Brother Knights for their service. He also thanked those who helped out with maintenance at the pool over the past three Saturdays.
- The Financial Secretary announced an upcoming order for council shirts.
- The passing of SK Thomas Assaid was announced. He was a Purple Heart recipient in WWII.
- The Spring 2023 Exemplification of the 4th Degree is tentatively planned for Roanoke on 4/22/23.
- Programs:
  - The Deputy Grand Knight thanked members for help with the OLN Harvest Festival.
  - The Thanksgiving Food Drive is planned for the weekend of 11/18-19
  - Polar Plunges for Special Olympics are upcoming (see separate article).
  - March for Life 2023 is planned for 1/20/23 in Washington, DC. Marshalls are needed .(see separate article).
  - English Christmas cards are available for sale. Plans pending.
  - The District Deputy presented the Columbian Award for 2021-22 to the Grand Knight.
  - A motion was approved to redirect a budgeted \$500 for the Rescue Mission to five food baskets to be designated by the parishes.
- Prayers are asked for Dianna Kriegel (wife of State Advocate)
- Nate Griffith announced his mother is responding positively to immunotherapy.

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## 2023 Dues Notices

Dues notices will be mailed to all billable members and membership cards will be mailed to all honorary life members no later than December 15. Included with your dues notice or membership card mailing is a list of charitable causes that our council supports. Please consider making a donation to one or more of the causes or an unrestricted donation to the council. Please mail your dues and/or donation check payable to Roanoke Council 562 to P.O. Box 20974, Roanoke VA 24018 no later than January 15, 2023. You can also hand-deliver your check at the January council meeting.

If you are unable to pay your council dues because of short-term or long-term financial hardship, please contact Financial Secretary Brian Ripple at [vaknight562@gmail.com](mailto:vaknight562@gmail.com) or by phone at 540-797-5823.



## Like Winter Waiting

Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church and Logos Theatricus Productions, Inc. will be presenting the Advent musical, "Like Winter Waiting" written by Saint Louis Jesuit priest John Foley, on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at Our Lady of Nazareth. We are excited to bring this special Advent message to you! The event is free but a special offering will be collected to help support 'The Least of These' ministry that helps the poor and homeless in the Roanoke Valley.

Show times are as follows:

- Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, December 3 at 1:00 and 7:30 pm
- Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm

For more information, please call (540) 774-0066 (also see flier, P6).

## Keep Christ in Christmas

Our Keep Christ in Christmas card sales are continuing. Profits are used to fund college scholarships and support seminarians. Please plan to support this program by spending a few minutes after the mass you normally attend to promote this worthwhile program in your parish. Please contact the following brother Knights for additional information:

- St. Elias: Joe Moses, 540-389-0309, [mjmoses@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmoses@yahoo.com)
- Our Lady of Nazareth: Rich Whitney, 443-465-7742, [richw1492@yahoo.com](mailto:richw1492@yahoo.com)
- St. Andrew: Chuck Hatcher, 540-314-3360, [chatcher@cox.net](mailto:chatcher@cox.net)



## December Birthdays

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

Raymond J Biggio	December 3
John Sheridan	December 5
Kevin P Oddo	December 6
Robert C Poole	December 7
Charles H Hatcher	December 8
David A Cummings	December 11
Jason W Frick	December 11
Philip E Jornlin	December 11
Richard L Waddell	December 11
Francis H Casola	December 12
Alexander M Nelson II	December 16
Joseph A Colosimo Jr	December 17
Casimir Dadak	December 17
Daniel W Austin Jr	December 18
Charles W Blevins	December 20
Theodore G Wierzbic	December 21
Jan M Hodnett	December 22
Michael J Slenski	December 27
Denzel M Williams Sr	December 27
Mark A Moss I	December 28
Nicholas R Waddell	December 28
Jeffrey S Zangari	December 28
Matthew J O Herron	December 31

## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - Roanoke, January, 2023 (details TBA later)



- Exemplification of Patriotism - April 22, 2023 - Roanoke. Details TBA.





# Saint of the Month

## Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket was born December 21, 1118 in London to a merchant-class family. He was well-educated in London and Paris. Thomas began his employment as a city clerk and accountant; he was later introduced by his father to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury. Thomas won Theobald's confidence, acted as his agent, and was sent by him to study civil and canon law.

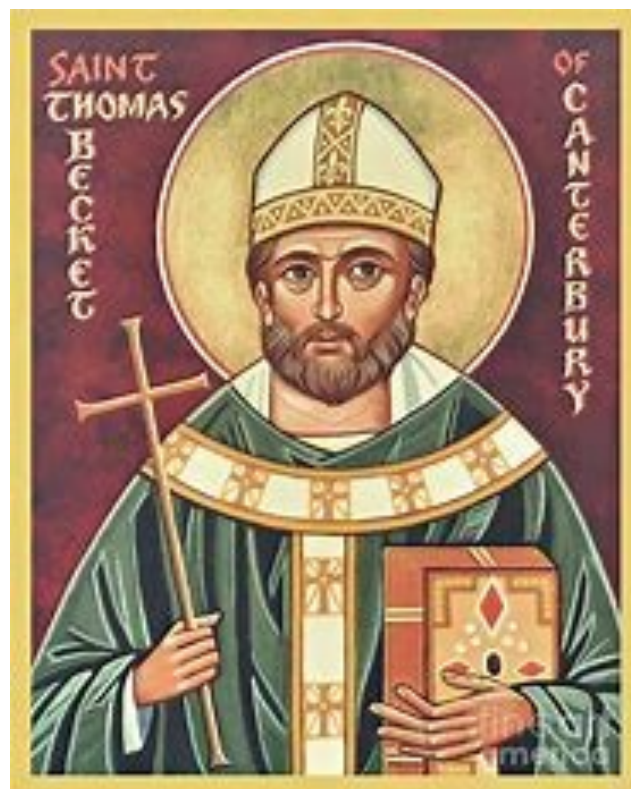
In 1154 Theobald appointed Thomas as Archdeacon of Canterbury and later recommended him to King Henry II, who appointed him as Lord Chancellor, one of the most important political roles in the English government. As Chancellor, he was known for his lavish lifestyle and loyalty to the king. Upon the death of Theobald in 1161, Thomas was appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury. He immediately adopted a lifestyle of austerity and was devout in his loyalty to the papacy and canon law.

As archbishop, Thomas prioritized church over secular government, which led to significant clashes with the king. In the Constitutions of Clarendon, King Henry sought less clerical independence and weaker connections with Rome. Becket refused to accept the Constitutions and was forced to flee to France, where he remained in exile for six years.

Upon the return of Thomas from exile, conflict with the king resumed. Henry is said to have uttered words interpreted by his men as wishing Becket killed. While it is unlikely that the king actually intended this, Thomas Becket was brutally assassinated by four knights on December 29, 1170 in Canterbury Cathedral.

Soon after his death, Thomas Becket was

venerated as a martyr all across Europe. On February 21, 1173, he was canonized by Pope Alexander III. On July 12, 1174, Henry II humbled himself in public penance at Becket's tomb.



## Prayer Requests

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

- Ed Malinowski
- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills
- Chris Sheets
- Thomas Assaid - deceased
- Dan Finucane - deceased
- Diana Kregiel, wife of State Advocate Carl Kregiel
- Robert Dare, father-in-law of BK Dan McBride - deceased.





## Special Olympics 2023

Special Olympics Virginia has launched the 2023 Polar Plunge, which benefits Special Olympics. Our Council each year donates to our "team" which is Brian Ripple and his wife. Please add your personal donations through this page set up by the Virginia State Council and Virginia Special Olympics.

You can find [your council team page by ctrl-clicking here](#), and then place your council number in the search field. Donations can be made by credit card by visiting your council page and clicking on the "DONATE" button on the left-hand side. Donation by credit card is preferred, but donors can also donate by check. But absolutely do NOT send your check to the State Council.

1. Checks MUST be made out to "Special Olympics Virginia"
2. Memo field MUST say "Plunge KofC ####" (Council Number)
3. Checks MUST be mailed to:  
Special Olympics Va c/o Polar Plunge  
3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100  
Richmond VA 23294

The main plunge is February 4, 2023, in Virginia Beach. Four additional sites are holding alternate plunges:

- [Richmond: December 10](#)
- [Fairfax: January 14](#)
- [Prince William: February 18](#)
- [New River: February 25](#)

For those brave enough to take the plunge, ctrl-click [on this link](#) and click "REGISTER"

Hotel block reservations for Virginia Beach will be available in the next few weeks. These blocks are under the control of Special Olympics and not the Knights of Columbus. Details to be publicized in the coming weeks.

Go for the Cold!

## March for Life 2023 Call for Marshals

**The following is an abbreviated message sent on behalf of State Deputy Pat Rowland and Brother Thom Harrington to Virginia Knights**

Plans for March for Life 2023 are being finalized and our support is needed to make it a success. The Virginia State Council is asking each Council to enlist at least three volunteers to help marshal the March for Life. For decades Virginia Knights have stepped up to marshal, directing Marchers and helping avoid counter-protesters.

This March for Life marks two important milestones: the 50th March for Life and the First Post-Roe March for Life. This year, we will march to the steps of the United States Capitol. We must tirelessly build a culture of life on Capitol Hill and advocate for the advancement of federal pro-life policies.

Please take a minute to sign up using this link to the Sign Up Genius page, <https://tinyurl.com/KofC2023MFL>.

The March For Life will take place on Friday, January 20, 2023. The starting location will be as before, the National Mall at 12th Street, just off the Smithsonian-National Mall Metro Station. Plan to arrive by 9:00-9:30 AM at the Logistics Vehicle. I look forward to seeing you there!





# Council Shirt Order

Council shirts are now available for order. The shirts are light blue (see the picture below) and feature the Knights of Columbus emblem with Roanoke Council #562 above the emblem and Roanoke, VA below it. You can also add your name for an additional charge.

The price of the shirt varies by size as follows:

S, M, L, or XL: \$33.50

2XL: \$35.50

3XL: \$37.00

4XL: \$38.50

The additional charge to have your name embroidered on the shirt is \$6.00.

If you would like to order a shirt, please send your check payable to Roanoke Council #562, shirt size, and what you want embroidered on your shirt to the attention of Financial Secretary Brian Ripple at Knights of Columbus, PO Box 20974, Roanoke VA 24018. You can also hand deliver your check and information at a council meeting.

Orders will be taken through December 31, 2022.



# Fundraiser Meeting

I am asking for those of you who are available to please come to a special meeting on Saturday, 12/10 at 11am to discuss what we are going to do for fundraisers this next calendar year. We need to find a method to raise about \$7-9K. We raised \$2800 from our BBQ and go dinners last fiscal year that we have not done this year and we pulled almost \$6000 from our savings to do everything. We did the fish fries and expect to do similar this year which is already in the books (about \$3000). If we keep pulling from our savings we will be out of money in a few years so let's sit down and figure out what we want to do.

Some councils in the area do a lot of little random fundraisers raising \$1k this month and then \$2k next month. Each fundraiser is different but still the same general group of guys just the lead man is able to change. That is an option.

Some councils do the same thing just every 2 months or so (Fincastle does a fish fry almost every 2 months outside of lent to make all their bills). Same thing again and again.

Some Councils do a few small things and then one big thing (what we use to do with the bingo and then casino night – but also what the Danville council does with their Wine Festival. Lynchburg does it with their Bingo Hall.

These are all working ideas we just need to commit to one before we run out of funds in a few years. It may take some time if we go for the big item for it to take off so that is why we need to start now.

See you on Saturday 12/10!! Lunch and drinks provided.



## Food Drive

Earlier in November, the Council conducted a food drive to support the ministry of St. Francis House to the poor and homeless of the Roanoke Valley. 13 boxes of non-perishable food, a frozen turkey, and \$275 in cash were collected. This collection helped to provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in need. Thanks to brother knights who helped make this happen!



## World Cup Viewing

The Roanoke Council Home will open for several of the matches in the FIFA World Cup. The Knockout Stage starts Saturday, December 3; daily matches continue thru the championship game on December

18. Watch e-mails for times the Council Home will be open. Come out and enjoy one of the greatest international sporting events and some great fellowship. Beer for sale, snacks will be available.



## Applications Open for 2023 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 2023 are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the council website for application forms and related information. More scholarships are also available through the Knights of Columbus including statewide and national awards. You will 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.







## **An Advent Musical**

Presented by

Logos Theatricus Productions, Inc. and  
Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church  
2505 Electric Road (419) Roanoke, VA

**Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 3**

**1 pm and 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 4 at 3 pm**

**Admission is Free!**

A special offering will be collected to help support  
'The Least of These' ministry



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Retention	Open	
Public Relations	Open	

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