



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

August, 2023

Upcoming Events

8/7 (Monday) August Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

8/13 (Sunday) Feast of Blessed Fr. McGivney

8/15 (Tuesday) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8/21 (Monday) Pool Party at Olympic Park Pool 6:00 - 8:00

8/28 (Monday) August 4th Degree Assembly Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Installation of Assembly officers. Meeting at 7:30.

9/4 (Monday) Labor Day

9/5 (Tuesday) September Council Business Meeting (rescheduled due to Labor Day holiday). 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,

I hope that you all have been enjoying the summer months. I went to the state meeting earlier this month and the message that the State and Supreme had for all the councils was that our priests need help. Everyone knows that the parishes have had smaller masses after COVID than before and that many parishioners did not come back to the church after the pandemic. Our priests during this time worked hard to keep the faith strong and to shepherd their flocks which all were diminished. It made me think about how that felt to our priests. Our State Chaplain Bishop Loverde was very eloquent when he spoke to us and asked us to help our priests. The failure was not with our priests but within the frail hearts of men.

That is why we are having this National Eucharistic Revival. It is to inspire us. It is to help stoke the fires that have dimmed in the hearts of men. That is what we are being asked to help within our parishes. We are called to show faith, hope and charity in action to others so that the spirit can grow and spread. I am working with the officers to solidify our programs for this next year, but that is our mindset going forward.

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July Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight encouraged members to honor the birth of our country on July 4. He also asked members for suggestions for programs and fundraisers for the upcoming fraternal year.
- The Treasurer commented that we had a deficit of \$12,000 in last year's budget. Proposals for expenditures should include a plan for funding.
- The Council welcomes Bill Salmon, a transfer member from Georgia.
- A request is made to help serve a light dinner to OLN youth on Thursday, 7/6.
- The Virginia State organizational meeting will be held Saturday, 7/8. Help is needed distributing KCIC cards to the various councils. A District Warden and District Nominator are still needed for FY 2023-24.
- Help is needed for pickup of food for the Christian Soldiers' Food Pantry Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- A site is still being sought for Oktoberfest.
- The Field agent announced that new deposits to annuities are paying 4.25%.
- The State Football Frenzy will be starting soon. The Council receives \$2 for each \$10 ticket sold.
- We will start a 50/50 raffle at each regular meeting starting in August to assist in Council fundraising.



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I thank you all in advance for your assistance in these endeavors.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak,

Grand Knight Council 562

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Pool Party August 21

Council 562 will host a pool party at Olympic Park Pool from 6:00 - 8:00 on Monday, August 21. Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. Guests, particularly those who may be interested in becoming Knights are also invited.

Admission is free; grilled items are available for sale. Come on out, enjoy the pool, food, and fellowship! It's a great way to beat the



August Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in August:

Walter Lee IV	August 1
Edward Aesy	August 3
David Evans	August 7
Matthew Skelton	August 7
Ronald Kleba	August 8
Francis Otto	August 11
Frank Cummings	August 13
Brian Brindle	August 14
Ronald Mc Ginn	August 15
Gerry Waddell	August 17
Michael Herron	August 20
Thomas Assaid	August 21
Thomas Brennan	August 23
Peter Radjou	August 26
Mark Noell	August 27
J Scott Sexton	August 28
Patrick Crowe	August 31
James Johnson	August 31

Wednesday Grill Nights

Every Wednesday during the summer months (weather permitting) is grill night at Olympic Park Pool. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM.

Pool membership is not required, and there is no charge for entry if you do not plan to swim. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Help is needed for this endeavor. Please come on out and help if you are able.



Blessed Fr McGivney

August 13 is the Feast of our beloved founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. He was Be-
atified on October 31, 2020, and we pray for his Canonization.



Shortly after Father McGivney was named a Venerable Servant of God in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI cited him as a key figure in “the impressive growth” of the Church in the United States, stating, “We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney’s “zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance.”

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - TBA
- Exemplification of Patriotism - Saturday, September 30 (note change of date). Newport News; further details TBA



Saint of the Month

Maximilian Kolbe

Rajmund Kolbe was born to a poor Polish family in 1894. In 1906 he had a vision of the Virgin Mary which effected his entire life. In 1917, while studying to become a Franciscan priest, he founded the sodality of the Militia of Mary Immaculate, a movement dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Rajmund was ordained in 1918, taking the name Maximilian. After studying in Rome, Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919. He established the popular Roman Catholic periodical *Rycerz Niepokalanej* ("The Knight of Mary Immaculate") He also spent six years as a missionary in Japan.

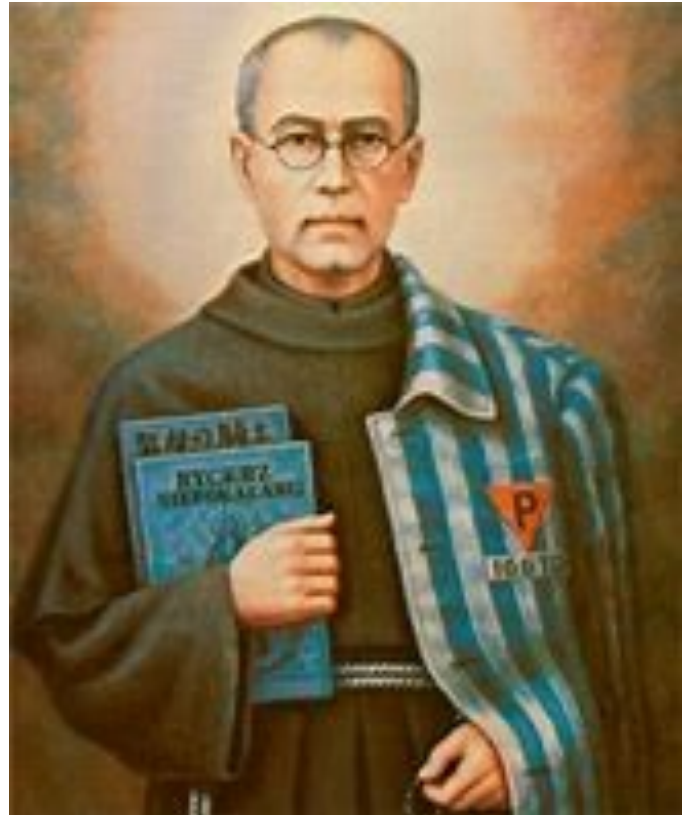
During World War II, Father Kolbe hid as many as 2,000 Jewish people and Poles in his Polish monastery. In 1941, he was arrested by the Nazis for aiding the Jews and sent to Auschwitz. There he continued his priestly ministry, including hearing confessions and holding mass with smuggled bread.

In July of that year, several prisoners escaped, and as punishment, the camp commander picked 10 men to be starved to death. Franciszek Gajowniczek, a husband and father, was one of these sentenced to death. Father Maximilian Kolbe offered his life in the man's place. Each day, he celebrated Mass for the other starving prisoners and prayed and sang with them. When he outlived many of the other men, he was killed by lethal injection.

On October 17, 1971, Kolbe was beatified by Pope Paul VI, the first Nazi victim to be proclaimed blessed by the Roman Catholic Church. In 1982 Pope John Paul II canonized him, proclaiming also that he was to be venerated as a martyr. Gajowniczek survived Auschwitz and attended both the

beatification and canonization ceremonies. . Gajowniczek lived for 54 years after St. Maximilian Kolbe had taken his place in death.

He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement; his feast day is celebrated on August 14.



Prayer Requests

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

- Caroline Malinowski, wife of BK Ed Malinowski
- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills
- Al and Lynn Bertolacci
- Chris Sheets
- Sharon Vest, wife of BK Roger Vest
- Donnie Ratliff, father of BK Steve Ratliff
- Joe Colosimo
- Joe Devlin
- Andrew Fornecker - deceased

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Trustee, 1 Year	Roger Vest	540-520-8520

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Program Director	James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
Faith	Open	
Family	Open	
Community	Open	
Life	Open	
Vocations	Open	
Retention	Open	
Public Relations	Open	

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