



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

July, 2020

## Upcoming Events

7/4 (Saturday) Independence Day

7/6 (Monday) July Council Business Meeting in person and virtual by Zoom

7/11 (Saturday) - 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond

July 4th Degree Meeting - TBA

7/24 (Friday) Drive-Thru fish fry Council Home

8/3 (Monday) August Council Business Meeting in person and virtual by Zoom

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

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,  
Congratulations to all our brother knights who were elected to



serve as officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The theme for this new fraternal year is "Here I am Lord", and I cannot think of a more apt and necessary call to action in these troubled times.

The unity amongst Americans to call for necessary reforms has vanished as protests across the nation have descended into riots, looting and vandalization of monuments. The destruction of monuments of some historical figures due to their connection with slavery has escalated to wanton destruction of any figure, even those who fought to end slavery. Now, we also see desecrations of the statues of saints, such as St. Junipero Serra, and even suggestions to destroy icons of our Lord. It is clear we have departed any honest discussions on what is moral and decent and are now witnessing the diabolic at work. While this iconoclasm is a new development amidst this ongoing unrest, the spiritual warfare underlying all this unrest is not. As this is yet

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## GK Report (Cont. from P1)

another front opening in this ongoing spiritual battle, let us take up arms with the one weapon that will insure victory: The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I ask, implore, expect even, that all brother Knights should pray the rosary **daily**. Let us renew a commitment to praying the rosary daily as we implore our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray for us that we be made worthy of the promises of Christ. And let our answer to our Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" be, in this new fraternal year and always, "Here I am Lord".

**Vivat Jesus,  
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight**

## Freezers Donated to St. Francis House

Roanoke Council 562 (Roanoke, VA) secured cold/freezer storage for St. Francis House Food Pantry in Roanoke, VA. The Council provided two freezers and a refrigerator for St. Francis House to help in their mission to feed the hungry in the Roanoke Valley. The units will allow St. Francis House to store more food and keep it longer.

Brothers Keith Gatzke and Financial Advisor Jack Clarke both donated freezers and David Keeley donated a refrigerator. Volunteers spent an estimated 12 hours on this effort.

## Officers for 2020-21

Officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year were elected at the business meeting on Monday, June 15.

### Council Officers:

Grand Knight: SK James Valenzuela  
Deputy Grand Knight: SK Clyde Moak  
Chancellor: Nate Griffith  
Warden: Stephen Ratliff  
Financial Secretary: SK Michael Lazzuri  
Treasurer: SK Al Bertolacci  
Recorder: SK Jan Hodnett  
Outside Guard: \*\*OPEN\*\*  
Inside Guard: SK Tom Huck  
Trustee; 3 Year: SK Roger Vest  
Trustee; 2 Year: SK Dave Chopski  
Trustee; 1 Year: SK Rich Whitney  
GK Delegate: SK James Valenzuela  
Alternate GK Delegate: SK Clyde Moak  
PGK Delegate: PSD Mike Lazzuri  
Alternate PGK Delegate: PSD Bill Howard

### Corporation Officers:

President: Karl Kleinhenz  
Vice President: Roger Vest  
Treasurer: Joe Davis  
Recorder: Leon Vinci  
Board Members:  
Val Bernys                      Clyde Moak  
Mike Lazzuri                      Pat Reidy  
Bill Howard

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# June Business Meeting Highlights

The regular council business meeting was held on Monday, June 15. Streaming via *Zoom* was unavailable, but will be planned for upcoming meetings. Highlights of the meeting are summarized below.

- Council and Corporation officers for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year were elected. The slate of new officers is shown on P2.
- A drive-thru Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at the Roanoke Council Home.
- Please send any requests for special intentions or news of any Brother who is in distress to [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com)

## Brian Ripple to be Installed as State Deputy



Brian Ripple was elected as State Deputy of Virginia at the virtual State

Convention in May. He will officially assume the office on July 1 and will be installed on July 11 in Roanoke.

Brian joined the Order in 1993 and has been an active member of Roanoke Council 562 and Roanoke Assembly 1167, where he has held the offices of Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. He has served the Virginia State Council as District Deputy, General Programs Director, State Convention Chairman, Advocate, Treasurer, and Secretary.

# July Birthdays

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

James Specht	1-Jul
Noah Beckner	1-Jul
Theodore Ivanco	2-Jul
Donald Feick	4-Jul
James Dill	5-Jul
Teddy Crowe	5-Jul
Michael Kupec	13-Jul
Michael Whelan	13-Jul
Joseph Davis	15-Jul
Pierre Ellis	17-Jul
Brian Amend	18-Jul
Thomas Young	19-Jul
Harry Griego	19-Jul
Daniel Odell	21-Jul
Jay Assenat	22-Jul
Edward Bradley	22-Jul
Frank Haranzo	24-Jul
David Boyer	25-Jul
Thomas Fitzpatrick	26-Jul
Anthony Azar	26-Jul
Paul Yengst	27-Jul
John Anderson	28-Jul
David Bittel	28-Jul
Kenneth Smith	28-Jul
Gary Kehres	29-Jul
John Church	29-Jul

## Prayer Requests

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

- Mike Lazzuri, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL).
- Kathie Feick - melanoma and additional health issues.
- Lynn Bertolacci - continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.
- Rich Whitney - upcoming surgery.
- Mike Coss (St. Patrick's, Lexington) - deceased.

# Richmond Diocese Celebrates 200 Years

The Diocese of Richmond celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding on July 11. Catholic roots in the commonwealth extend back four hundred years. The first organized Catholic communities in Virginia took shape around 1794. Pope Pius VII established the Diocese of Richmond on July 11, 1820. Formed from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Richmond became only the seventh diocese in the United States.

Thirteen bishops have led the Church of Richmond over the course of its two-hundred-year history. Today, the diocese includes 200,000 Catholics (who make up five percent of the total population), 191 priests, 161 deacons, 139 parishes, and 30 schools. The bicentennial of this local Church (1820–2020) is a testament to the perseverance of Catholics in Virginia.



## Olympic Park Pool

Olympic Park Pool opened on Friday, June 12 with the restrictions the Governor announced for Phase 2 reopening for swimming pools (lap swimming and exercise only, with 10 feet of social distancing). Wednesday grill nights are not being held at the present time.

This year we are hoping to host 3 different evening events - two Adult parties and a family party. Look for more information soon!



## Saint of the Month Bonaventure

Bonaventure was an Italian Franciscan scholastic theologian and philosopher. He was born in the Lazio region of central Italy in 1221. Bonaventure appears to have had something of a near-death experience as a child, since he reports that in his youth he was saved from an untimely death by the prayers of Francis of Assisi. He received the name from an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, "O Buona ventura"-O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies and became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order. He steered the Franciscans on a moderate and intellectual course that made them the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits. His theology was marked by an attempt completely to integrate faith and reason.

Bonaventure was instrumental the election of Pope Gregory X, who insisted on his presence at the great Second Council of Lyon in 1274. There, after his significant contributions led to a union of the Greek and Latin churches, Bonaventure died suddenly and in suspicious circumstances.

He was canonized on 14 April 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV and declared a Doctor of the Church in the year 1588 by Pope Sixtus V. His Feast Day is celebrated on July 15.



## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2019-'20

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Chaplain:	Fr. James O'Reilly	540-774-0066
Financial Secretary:	SK Michael Lazzuri	540-797-1703
Treasurer:	SK Al Bertolacci	317-840-1334
Recorder:	SK Jan Hodnett	540-819-5456
Advocate:	SK Brian Ripple	540-797-5823
Outside Guard:	OPEN	540-904-6709
Inside Guard:	SK Tom Huck	540-597-2121
Trustee, 3 Year:	SK Roger Vest	540-520-8520
Trustee, 2 Year:	SK Dave Chopski	540-344-0901
Trustee, 1 Year:	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742

## Committee Chairmen 2019-'20

Program Director	open
Faith	open
Family	open
Community	open
Life	open

## Corporation Board 2019-'20

President:	SK Karl Kleinhenz	540-397-4028
Vice President:	SK Roger Vest	540-520-8520
Treasurer:	SK Joe Davis	540-524-0325
Recorder:	SK Leon Vinci	913-535-3091
Board Member:	SK Val Bernys	540-989-9282
Board Member:	SK Mike Lazzuri	540-774-8482
Board Member:	SK Clyde Moak	540-904-6709
Board Member:	SK Bill Howard	540-989-9399
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**In case of illness, need, or death, please notify one of the following:**

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