



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

December, 2020

Upcoming Events

11/29 (Sunday) Advent begins

12/5-9 Virtual Auction

12/7 (Monday) December Council Business Meeting in person and virtual by Zoom

12/14 (Monday) Virginia state Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - details TBA

12/8 (Tuesday) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12/25 (Friday) Christmas

1/1/2021 (Friday) New Year's; Solemnity of Mary

1/4/2021 (Monday) January Council Business Meeting in person and virtual by Zoom

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

Help Urgently Needed

Help is urgently needed to cover and finish winterizing the Olympic Park Pool on Saturday, December 5. At least 12 persons are needed. We will start at noon; with enough help, it should only take an hour or so.

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

I would like to recognize Rich Whitney and the degree team for their efforts to conduct a virtual exemplification for Virginia which was available online for all other councils in Virginia. Also, I would like to thank our Chancellor, Nate Griffith, and our Deputy Grand Knight, Clyde Moak, for their respective efforts on the Coats for Kids program and the Fall Food Drive. As we reach the end of 2020, I would also like to thank each of you for patience as we face the challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are at the halfway point of our 2020-2021 Fraternal Year, and our council is still successfully supporting candidates and our clergy, completing projects to serve our community and integrating virtual meetings. I ask for your continued support as we enter 2021 and close out this Fraternal Year.

Last, but not least, Aimee and I wish all of you and your families a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



November Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight reminded members of our obligation to vote on November 3.
- Corporation meeting to approve new by-laws will follow our meeting tonight.
- Donations are being accepted for the on-line auction. A GoFundMe account has been established for charitable donations.
- Our Council has purchased "Coats for Kids" for \$1645; coats are being distributed by Roanoke City and County Police.
- The fall food drive was very successful - 800 lbs of food and \$200 donated plus \$500 from the Council.
- Thanks to those Brother Knights who participated in the Renovation Alliance project.
- Due to the COVID19 Pandemic, we are postponing the annual Memorial Mass.
- Upcoming (virtual) ceremonies:
 - 10/31 (Saturday) 4th Degree
 - 11/9 (Monday) 1st,2nd,3rd Degrees
- Fraternal Benefits Legacy virtual seminar 11/19 (Thursday) 7:00 PM.
- Founders' Award presented to Council 562; Star District Award presented to our District.
- Please pray for members and their families sick and in distress (also see separate article):
 - Betsy Ratliff, mother of Stephen Ratliff
 - Bob Canfield
 - Happy Birthday to our Grand Knight
 - St. Elias Adoration
 - For our country on 11/3

- Grand Knight's family (possible COVID19)
- The Lecturer spoke on Holy Souls: All Saints and All Souls. We can pray to Saints for intercession, but we need to pray for souls in purgatory. The best way is to offer Mass for the deceased. During the month of November, we remember deceased souls.

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Keep Christ in Christmas

Since 1989, we have upheld the motto of "Keep Christ in Christmas" by the sales of religious Christmas cards. Profits have been used to provide scholarships and fund grants to seminarians. This year, we face an unusual challenge: due the COVID pandemic, we will not be able to physically sell Christmas cards in the churches. We will be doing drive-thru sales at the council home Saturdays 10:00-12:00. Please promote our beautiful cards to your friends and neighbors. Any suggestions or to volunteer, contact Chuck Hatcher (540-314-3360) or Rich Whitney (443-465-7742). See the 2020 KCIC flier on PP 8-11.



Prayer Requests

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

- Mike Lazzuri, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) - improving.
- Kathie Feick - melanoma and additional health issues.
- Lynn Bertolacci - surgery and continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.
- Brianna Beinhoff
- Joe Davis - eyesight issues
- All those affected by COVID19
- Amy Miller
- Rick Keogol - son deceased
- Robert Dare - heart surgery
- Benney Rohass
- Bob Canfield - COVID19; Bob is back home. Cards can be sent to 5028 Shady Side Road, SW, Roanoke, VA. 24018

December Birthdays

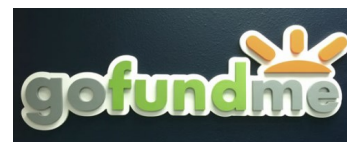
Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in December:

Domenick Centrone	1-Dec
Timothy Rowe	2-Dec
Raymond Biggio	3-Dec
Michael Lazzuri	5-Dec
Albert Bruzgul	5-Dec
John Sheridan	5-Dec
Kevin Oddo	6-Dec
Robert Poole	7-Dec
Charles Hatcher	8-Dec
Richard Waddell	11-Dec
Philip Jornlin	11-Dec
David Cummings	11-Dec
Jason Frick	11-Dec
Francis Casola	12-Dec
Alexander Nelson	16-Dec
Gary Boyd	16-Dec
Joseph Colosimo	17-Dec
Casimir Dadak	17-Dec
Donald Grabowski	17-Dec
John Thomas	19-Dec
Charles Blevins	20-Dec
Theodore Werzbic	21-Dec
Jan Hodnett	22-Dec
Michael Slenski	27-Dec
Nicholas Waddell	28-Dec
Frak Domurat	30-Dec
Matthew O Herron	31-Dec
Richard Taylor	31-Dec

Charity During the Pandemic

We have been asked by some of our members how they can donate to help our charitable efforts. We have set up a GoFundMe account. Please consider a contribution to this charitable fund and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kofc562>



Saint of the Month

Juan Diego

Juan Diego was born near Mexico City in 1474. He was married, but had no children; little is known of his early life. When he was 50 years old, he and his wife converted to Christianity after its introduction to Mexico by Spanish missionaries.

Juan Diego experienced his first vision of the Virgin Mary on December 9, 1531. While on his way to mass, he was visited by Mary, who spoke to him in his native language and asked him to tell the bishop to build a shrine to her on Tepeyac Hill. The bishop did not immediately believe his story and asked for a sign.

On December 12, while searching for a priest to administer last rites to his uncle, Juan Diego was visited by Mary again. She instructed him to gather roses and take them to the bishop as a sign. She also informed Juan Diego that his uncle would recover from his illness. Juan Diego found many roses on the hill even though it was winter. When he opened his cloak while appearing before the bishop, dozens of roses fell out, and an image of Mary, imprinted on the inside of his cloak, became visible. Having received his proof, the bishop ordered that a church be built on Tepeyac Hill in honor of the Virgin. Juan Diego returned home and found his uncle's health restored.

For the rest of his life Juan Diego lived in a hut next to the church built in honor of Mary and took care of the pilgrims who came to the shrine. He was buried in the church, and his cloak can still be seen in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Basilica is now one of the most prominent pilgrimage destinations in the world.

Several other miracles are attributed to Juan

Diego. He was beatified on May 6, 1990, and canonized on July 31, 2002, by Pope John Paul II. His Feast Day is December 9. He is the Patron Saint of indigenous peoples.

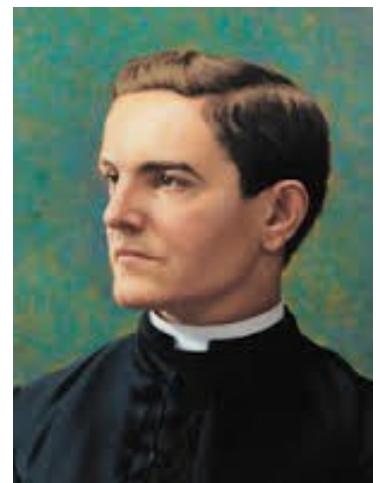


Prayer for Canonization of Fr. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify

Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity



Roanoke Council 562 hosted the virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Monday, November 9 at OLN; the virtual exemplification was open to all Knights and candidates in the State of Virginia. Seventeen candidates participated in the exemplification statewide:

- 5 new members to the Order
- 3 online members who transitioned to council-based membership
- 9 current members who advanced to the Knighthood Degree, including George Clay and Travis Schmitt from Council 562

Statewide virtual exemplifications are held the second Monday of each month; we invite new members and current First and Second Degree members wishing to advance to the Third Degree to every exemplification. Current Third Degree members are welcome to register and observe the degree; candidates' friends and family are welcome to observe also.

The Financial Secretary will send out a link for registration for the exemplification. After completing the registration form, attendees will receive a link to the virtual exemplification.

We are offering these virtual exemplifications as an alternative to in person exemplifications because many councils are unable to conduct their own exemplifications due to COVID-19 restrictions. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Please contact Ceremonials Co-Chairmen Michael Lazzuri (ceremonialsrichmond@vakofc.org) or 540-797-1703 if you have any questions.

Fr. McGivney Guild

On Oct. 31, the Mass for Beatification for Fr. Michael McGivney was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn. An Apostolic Letter was read from Pope Francis that declared Father McGivney would now have the title of Blessed Michael McGivney, the second step on the way to sainthood. One more confirmed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney is needed for him to be declared saint.

You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by joining the Fr. McGivney Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html>

May Father McGivney intercede for you!

Virtual Auction December 5-9

During the current public health crisis, our usual means of fundraising are difficult. Our council is currently planning a virtual rummage sale/auction as a fundraiser. Instead of asking businesses for donations, we asked Knights to check out their closets and attics. Donations were accepted at the clubhouse through November.

We will be hosting an online auction December 5-9. There will be an open showing of all the items at the Clubhouse on Dec 5th from 12 - 6. (Members can also see the items at the Dec. Monthly meeting). Email Clyde Moak at clyde.moak@gmail.com with questions.

Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2020-21

Grand Knight:	SK James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
Dep. Grand Knight:	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
Chancellor:	Nate Griffith	804-837-8874
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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	
Inside Guard:	SK Tom Huck	540-597-2121
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Trustee, 2 Year:	SK Dave Chopski	540-344-0901
Trustee, 1 Year:	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742

Committee Chairmen 2020-21

Program Director	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
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Family	Open	
Community	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
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Membership	SK Mike Lazzuri	540-797-1703
Retention	SK Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Public Relations	Stephen Ratliff	540-774-4796

Corporation Board 2020-21

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	540-418-5148
Board Member:	SK Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Board Member:	Pat Reidy	540-725-8206

In case of illness, need, or death, please notify one of the following:

Grand Knight

James Valenzuela 301-806--3920

Financial Secretary

Mike Lazzuri 540-774-8482

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Keep Christ in Christmas

Send Religious Christmas Cards

Mary Gentle Mother

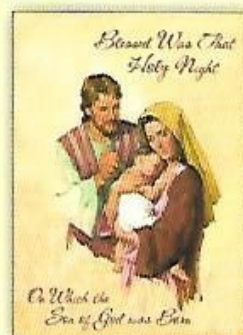
Gold-Embossed with
Full-Color Envelopes
\$12.50 (16 Cards)

Style #2019CC

Verse Inside:

A Christmas Prayer that Mary, Gentle Mother of Our Lord above, may bring to you with tenderness God's everlasting love

Full Color
Envelopes



Holy Family

\$9.00 (16 Cards)

Style #3019CC

Verse Inside:

May the Strength of Joseph the Joy of Mary and the Peace of the Christ Child fill your Heart on Christmas Day

Joy to the World

Gold-Foil
\$10.00 (15 Cards)

Style #1956CC

Verse Inside:

As Heaven and Nature sing, let us join in their carol of celebration for Christ the Lord is born again this day and rejoicing in hope is our Christmas prayer



Saint Francis' Prayer for Peace

Gold-Embossed with
Full-Color Envelopes
\$12.00

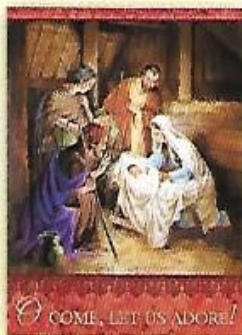
(15 Cards)

Style #4019CC

Verse Inside:

May the Lord grant you His Peace in your heart and in your home this Christmas

Full Color
Envelopes



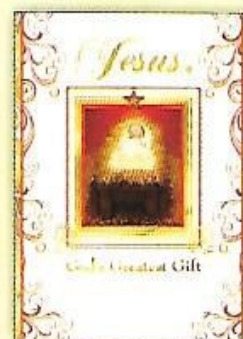
Shepherds Adore

\$9.50 (15 Cards)

Style #9019 CC

Verse Inside:

May you feel the wondrous gladness Which the watching shepherds knew So that Christmas and the New Year Will bring hope and peace to you



Jesus, God's Greatest Gift

Gold-Foil
\$10.50

(15 Cards)

Style #6019CC

Verse Inside:

May the great gift of Christmas, God's love strong and true in the sacred life of Jesus, dwell now within you. A Blessed Christmas

Special Order

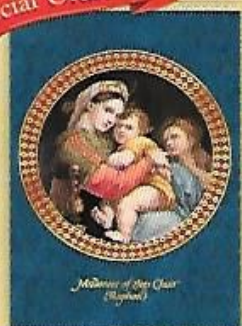
Madonna of the Chair

Gold-Embossed
\$13.00 (18 Cards)

Style #1018CC

Verse Inside:

God gave His greatest gift to us on that first Christmas Day - May our Lord's coming bring life, hope, and peace to you and yours this day and always.



Madonna and Child Ornament

Available Separately
2-sided Gold-Embossed
(3-1/4" Diameter)

\$1.50

Style #CA-1133



Special Order

Gold-Foil

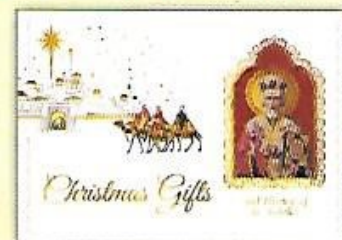
\$10.00

(15 Cards)

Style #8014CC

Verse Inside:

As Saint Nicholas gave gifts in the spirit of the Christ Child may you give generously to all those you love and receive God's blessings in return this Christmas Day and throughout the coming New Year



Christmas Gifts

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MULTI-CULTURAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Spanish Text

The items in this section are all of 1 design.



Our Lady of Guadalupe
With Bonus Lapel Pin
\$5.25 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-447SP

Our Lady of Guadalupe Lapel Pin
1 3/8" High
available separately
Style #CA-4001



Spanish Panorama Nativity
Wrap-Around Scene
\$4.25 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-67SP



Adoración del Niño
(Adoration of the Child)
\$4.25 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-83SP



Madonna del Rosario
\$9.00
(15-Card Box)
Style #RI-345SP



La Sagrada Familia
(Holy Family)
\$8.00
(15-Card Box)
Style #RI-74SP



Guadalupe D'Or
(Golden Guadalupe)
\$9.00
(15-Card Box)
Style #RI-348SP

Tagalog Text



Holy Family
\$8.00 (15-Card Box)
Style #RI-55CC
1 Design

Native-American



Madonna of the Nations
\$7.50 (15-Card Box)
Style #RI-31CC
1 Design

African-American



Behold That Star
\$8.00 (15-Card Box)
Style #RI-22CC
1 Design



Holy Family Bible
\$8.25 (15-Card Box)
Style #RI-18CC
1 Design



Polish Text



Our Lady of Czestochowa
\$4.00 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-190POL
1 Design



Luajze Jezuniu
Jesús Lullaby
\$4.00 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-91POL
1 Design

Italian Text



Baby Jesus
Gesù Bambino
\$4.00 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #RI-195IT
1 Design

Ukrainian Text



Value Pack
\$3.50 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #354UK
10 Designs

French Text



Madonna of the Chair
\$4.00 (10-Card Pkg.)
Style #11938KC
1 Design

*May God's Peace be in
your home and your
heart this Christmas And
through the blessed birth and
sacred life of Jesus His son,*



May families and peoples
of all nations work together
tirelessly for Peace From our
neighborhoods to our shores
and throughout our one world!

Peace on Earth Gold-Embossed \$12.50 (16 Cards - 1 Design) Style #7019CC

CHRISTMAS CARD ASSORTMENTS

Christmas Traditions

\$8.00 (15 Cards)

Style #1961CC

Verse Inside:

God bless you and those you love
this Christmas!



Old Masters

Gold-Embossed with
Full-Color Envelopes

\$11.50 (12 Cards)

Style #1969CC

Verse Inside:

May the blessings of Christmas remain
with you throughout the New Year



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS

\$5.00

Display this traditional
image on the outside
of your vehicle, to bring
home the message:

Keep Christ in Christmas!



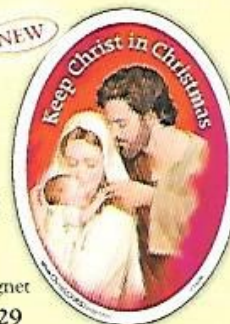
Holy Family Magnet
Style #CA-6129SP

Available in
Spanish Text



Christ is Christmas Magnet
Style #CA-6028SP

NEW



Holy Family Magnet
Style #CA-6129



Christ is Christmas Magnet
Style #CA-6128

KCIC Christmas Seals

\$1.50 Style #CA-6021

Each sheet contains
50 Gold Stamped
assorted seals.
Self sticking for easy use.



Ornaments



St. Francis

1 3/4" x 2 1/2" Diameter
\$1.50 Style #CA-1043

The Nativity

2 1/2" Diameter
Gold Metal & Epoxy
\$2.50 Style #CA-1023

Sealed with a Prayer Christmas Seals

\$1.50 Style #CA-6031

Each sheet contains 36
Gold Stamped assorted seals.
Self sticking for easy use.



STYLE # (Cards per box)	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY (# Boxes)	SALE PRICE	TOTAL COST
1961 (15 Cards)	Christmas Traditions		\$8.00	
3019 (16 Cards)	Holy Family		\$9.00	
9019 (15 Cards)	Shepherds Adore		\$9.50	
8014 (15 Cards)	Saint Nicholas' Gifts "Special Order"		\$10.00	
1956 (15 Cards)	Joy to the World		\$10.00	
6019 (15 Cards)	Jesus, God's Greatest Gift		\$10.50	
1969 (12 Cards)	Old Masters		\$11.50	
4019 (15 Cards)	Saint Francis' Prayer for Peace		\$12.00	
7019 (16 Cards)	Peace on Earth		\$12.50	
2019 (16 Cards)	Mary Gentle Mother		\$12.50	
1018 (18 Cards)	Madonna of the Chair "Special Order"		\$13.00	
CA-1023 Orn	The Nativity Ornament		\$2.50	
CA-1133 Orn	Madonna and Child Ornament (two sided)		\$1.50	
CA-1043 Orn	St. Francis Christmas Ornament (two sided)		\$1.50	
CA-1001 Pin	Keep Christ in Christmas Lapel Pin		\$1.00	
CA-2001 Pin	God Bless America Flag Pin		\$1.00	
CA-4001 Pin	Our Lady of Guadalupe Pin		\$1.00	
CA-6021 Seals	50 Gold-Stamped KCIC Christmas Seals		\$1.50/sheet	
CA-6031 Seals	36 Gold-Stamped "Sealed with A Prayer" Christmas Seals		\$1.50/sheet	
CA-6128 Magnet	Christ is Christmas Magnet (Blue)		\$5.00	
CA-6129 Magnet	Holy Family Magnet (Red)		\$5.00	
CA-6129SP Magnet	Spanish Text Holy Family Magnet (Red)		\$5.00	
CA-6028SP Magnet	Spanish Text Christ is Christmas Magnet (White)		\$5.00	
ETHNIC SOLID PACKS (One Design)				
RI-348SP (15 Cards)	SPANISH - Guadalupe D'Or (Golden Guadalupe)		\$9.00	
RI-345SP (15 Cards)	SPANISH - Madonna del Rosario		\$9.00	
RI-74SP (15 Cards)	SPANISH - La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family)		\$8.00	
RI-447SP (10 Cards)	SPANISH - Our Lady of Guadalupe w/bonus pin		\$5.25	
RI-67SP (10 Cards)	SPANISH - Panorama Nativity		\$4.25	
RI-83SP (10 Cards)	SPANISH - Adoracion del Niño		\$4.25	
RI-55 (15 Cards)	Tagalog - Holy Family		\$8.00	
RI-18 (15 Cards)	African-American - Holy Family Bible		\$8.25	
RI-22 (15 Cards)	African-American - Behold That Star		\$8.00	
RI-31 (15 Cards)	Native American Madonna of the Nations		\$7.50	
11938KC (10 Cards)	French - Madonna of the Chair		\$4.00	
RI-190POL (10 Cards)	Polish - Our Lady of Czestochowa		\$4.00	
RI-91POL (10 Cards)	Polish - Lujze Jezuniu (Jesus Lullaby)		\$4.00	
RI-195IT (10 Cards)	Italian - Gesu Bambino (Baby Jesus)		\$4.00	
354UK (10 Cards)	Ukrainian - Value Pack (10 Assorted Designs)		\$3.50	
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