



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

February, 2021

## Upcoming Events

1/1 (Friday) New Years' Day;  
Solemnity of Mary

2/1 (Monday) February Council  
Business Meeting in person and virtual  
by Zoom

2/8 (Monday) Virginia state Virtual  
Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and  
Fraternity - details TBA

2/14 (Monday) Consecration to St.  
Joseph begins

2/17 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

2/22 (Monday) February 4th Degree  
Assembly meeting - details TBA

3/4 (Monday) March Council  
Business Meeting in person and virtual  
by Zoom

Please refer to our Facebook  
page: [https://www.facebook.com/  
RoanokeKnights/](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeKnights/) for  
latest announcements.

## Editor's Note

Submissions to Knightly News, including prayer requests and death notices, can be made to Editor Rich Whitney: Richw1492@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 months unless otherwise specified.

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

As political violence and divisive rhetoric continue to assault our nation while everyone still struggles through this pandemic, disappointment and even anger are understandable responses. Amid this chaos, I suggest shifting focus to the example of St. Joseph and reminding everyone that Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from 12/8/2020 - 12/8/2021. In his encyclical "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), the Holy Father spoke on how St. Joseph's example can be helpful especially with respect to the crises we face:

*Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.*

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## GK Report (continued from P1)

*Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.*

With Lent starting this month and this year being dedicated to St. Joseph, we have an opportunity to participate in a Lenten Offering for the Consecration to St. Joseph. St. Andrew's will offer this 33-day consecration starting February 14th at 3PM. For more information, please visit the parish website at <https://www.standrewsva.org/year-of-st-joseph> and registration is available at <https://www.standrewsva.org/lent-2021>. I encourage all brother knights and their families to participate in this Consecration.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight

## Death Notices

The council was notified of the previous deaths of three Brother Knights:

Honorary Life Member William J. Seidell passed away on September 6, 2020. His son, who was also a Knight, passed away in 2012.

Bill Henderson passed away May 21, 2020. He was a long-time member of the Roanoke Council and Roanoke Assembly.

May they rest in peace and their families find comfort in their loss.



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## Prayer Requests

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

- Mike Lazzuri, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) - improving.
- Kathie Feick - melanoma, Parkinson's disease and additional health issues.
- Lynn Bertolacci - continuing health issues.
- Glen Waldis - cancer.
- Brianna Beinhoff
- Joe Davis - eyesight issues
- All those affected by COVID19
- Amy Miller
- Benney Rohass
- Michelle Clarke

# January Business Meeting Highlights

- Applications were approved for
  - Edward Malinowski, Jr
  - Rick Vitolo
  - Dominick Lazzuri
- The Grand Knight suggested Brother Knights take advantage of the “Bible in a Year” podcast by Ascension Press – highly recommended.
- The Financial Secretary reported that CD’s are due to be renewed in March. Dues are coming in. Five people signed up in December; this qualifies the council for a substantial savings from the State Council, based on the membership incentive.
- The Deputy Grand Knight reported that the annual Memorial mass is being planned for March. He also reported a successful virtual auction, and thanked those who participated.
- BK Val Bernys was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy.
- A donation of \$500 was requested by the State Deputy for the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. The request was approved.
- Thanks were extended to the 4th Degree for the honor guard for the funeral of SK Bob Canfield.
- The Field Agent announced a virtual seminar: “Don’t Worry, Retire Happy” to be held on Wednesday, January 20.
- The District Deputy announced that the state mid-year meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16; the focus will be on membership.
- The Lecturer recalled that Pope Francis

has declared 2021 to be the year of St. Joseph. Highlights will be recognizing St. Joseph as a father, and a role-model for all fathers. A plenary indulgence will be granted to those who partake in a spiritual retreat during the year.

- Intentions were extended for Michelle Clark, wife of Field Agent Jack Clarke.



## February Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in February

Eugene Jones	1-Feb
Patrick Minahan	1-Feb
Kevin Legge	2-Feb
Daniel Lofaro	4-Feb
Jamie Elliott	4-Feb
Valentino Sartini	5-Feb
Randal Gatzke	5-Feb
Gustavo Esperanza	5-Feb
James D'Aelio	7-Feb
Paul Miller	8-Feb
Andrew Ickes	11-Feb
Jack Liddy	12-Feb
George Cuadrado	12-Feb
Christopher Lazzuri	15-Feb
Oliver Thorum	15-Feb
Patrick Reidy	16-Feb
Harvey Largen	24-Feb
William Boucher	25-Feb
Bradley McDivitt	26-Feb
Timothy Rowe	28-Feb

# Saint of the Month

## Scholastica of Nursia

Scholastica was born around 480 in Nursia, Italy. She was the twin sister of St Benedict. Much of what is known of Scholastica is recounted in the *Dialogs* of St. Gregory the Great; it is widely accepted that she was dedicated to God at a young age. She and her brother were brought up together until he left to study in Rome.

Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica established a hermitage at Plombariola, about five miles from Monte Cassino (the Benedictine Monastery) and that this was the first convent of Benedictine nuns. .

The most commonly told story about her is that Scholastica would, once a year, go and visit her brother at a place near his abbey, and they would spend the day worshipping together and discussing sacred texts and issues.

One day they had supper and continued their conversation. When Benedict indicated it was time for him to leave, Scholastica, perhaps sensing that the time of her death was drawing near, asked him to stay with her for the evening so they could continue their discussions. Not wishing to break his own rule, Benedict refused, insisting that he needed to return to his cell. At that point, Scholastica closed her hands in prayer, and after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. She died several days later; Benedict had a vision of her soul ascending into heav-

en.

Saint Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and is invoked against storms and rain. Scholastica is traditionally regarded as the foundress of the Benedictine nuns.

St. Gregory the Great said of Scholastica, "She could do more because she loved more." She was Canonized by St Peter III Pre-Congregation. Her feast is celebrated on February 10.



## 2021 Scholarships



As we look to the New Year, it is time to think about our Council's Scholarship Program. Our local Canfield Scholarship applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> and application forms are available on the website.

In addition, there are 2 other scholarship opportunities through the Knights of Columbus. They include the national organization (Supreme) and the Virginia Knights as well. Both are now available and are processed separately through those offices (with different deadline dates).

In coordinating the upcoming year's program and review process, the Council's Scholarship Committee has been meeting regularly. Any member of the Committee can be contacted for additional information.



## Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity



Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Virginia State Council will hold virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of every month for the remainder of the fraternal year. The virtual degrees will help councils that are unable to hold their own in person or virtual degrees.

Following are the virtual meeting links to share with your council's candidates and observers:

Second Tuesday of the Month (starting February 9): <https://meeting.windstream.com/meeting/register/1c298e970fc43e46c233ce85f6087199>

Fourth Thursday of the Month (starting January 28): <https://meeting.windstream.com/meeting/register/292e4d199a38b6cb6ea29c12d3679dd3>

The virtual exemplifications will start at 7:00 pm. Candidates and observers should join about 6:45 pm. Candidates' family members and other invited guests are welcome to attend the degrees with them.

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

## Knights of Columbus Prayer for Protection in the Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## SK Charles Anderson Celebrates 100th Birthday

Brother Charles Anderson currently a member of St Gerard's Council will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on February 8, 2021. Charles was a long-time member of the Roanoke Council and Roanoke Assembly.

Anyone wishing to send a card should mail it to the below address.

1425 Rugby Blvd.  
Roanoke, VA 24017

# From the Financial Secretary



We are trying to locate four Brother Knights who belong to our council as their mail has been returned to us by the post office. If you know of the whereabouts of these gentlemen or where they may have moved, please contact the Financial Secretary at [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com) or call him at 540-797-1703: James A. McNamara, Jr., Jacob E. Johns, Terrance O'Shaughnessy, and Robert Ward.

We would like to especially recognize the Honorary Life Members of Roanoke Council 562 for their continuing involvement with the workings of our Council and their generosity during these times of hardship. Twenty-two of these gentlemen have stepped forward in making monetary donations to the Council to help us carry out the first principle of the Order, charity, and other projects of the Council. As of mid January, their contributions have amounted to \$1,423.65. We would also like to thank the Regular and Honorary members of the Council who have made donations in addition to their annual dues payments. Thank all you for your continuing help.

Dues payments for the 2021 calendar year are now due. Billing notices for dues were sent out on December 17, and second notices were sent out the third week of week of January. If you have not received these notices, we have an incorrect mailing address for you. If you have not done so, please pay your 2021 dues as soon as possible. If you need to discuss the payment of your dues, you can contact the Financial Secretary at 540-797-1703.

If you or a family member are sick and would like to be added to the Council prayer list, please contact the editor of the newsletter at [richw1492@yahoo.com](mailto:richw1492@yahoo.com), the Grand Knight, or the Financial Secretary. If you know of the death of a Brother Knight or a member of his family, please contact the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary so prayers can be offered for them.

## 4th Degree Exemplification



Exemplification of the 4th Degree of our Order will be conducted virtually on 17 April 2021 at 12:00PM.

Cost for candidates for the virtual exemplification is set by Supreme at \$50.00, which will include a baldric, pin, certificate and the Supreme initiation fee.

The exemplification will be in virtual format using the "Go to Meeting" platform, with a 250 limit. Candidates are given first priority followed by observers. Participation in small groups is encouraged to allow maximum participation and promote fraternity.

Third Degree members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to alleviate usual travel time and expense. Contact any 4th Degree member for further details.



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

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