



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**May, 2021**

## Upcoming Events

**5/1 (Saturday)** Virginia State Convention - to be held in virtual format.

**5/3 (Monday)** April Council Business Meeting in-person and virtual by Zoom

**5/11 (Tuesday)** Virginia state Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - details TBA

**5/12 (Wednesday)** Fraternal Benefits Night in virtual format.

**5/13 (Thursday)** Ascension of the Lord

**5/23 (Sunday)** Feast of Pentecost

**5/27(Thursday)** Virginia state Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - details TBA

**5/24 (Monday)** April 4th Degree Assembly meeting ; further details TBA

**5/29 (Saturday)** Olympic Park Pool opens.

**5/31 (Monday)** Memorial Day

**6/7 (Monday)** May Council Business Meeting in-person and virtual by Zoom. Further details TBA.

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

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

As mentioned in our last business meeting, we will start the month of May with a Novena to St. Joseph. The Novena starts on the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker on Saturday May 1 and will continue through Sunday May 9. The council will offer a viewing of Bishop Barron's video on the Joyful Mysteries each day of the Novena at 7:30 PM. The video will be broadcast over Zoom, and we will send out the Zoom link to all council members, like how we distribute the business meeting link. Since Monday May 3 is our next meeting, we will schedule the business meeting to immediately follow the broadcast at approximately 8PM. Again, links and instructions will be sent to all council members on the email list.

If you are not able to join us each day at 7:30 PM, please make some time to pray the rosary each day or offer some other prayerful reflection such as the Litany of St. Joseph throughout this Novena. Thanks to all council members for their continued support this fraternal year and especially in this Year of St. Joseph.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



## April Business Meeting Highlights

- The April business meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom.
- The Financial Secretary reported that there are six individuals who may become Knights in our council.
- The Financial Secretary reported that he had suffered a heart attack; he thanked the Grand Knight and the Treasurer for assistance.
- The Deputy Grand Knight thanked those responsible for the successful Memorial Mass on 3/15 at OLN.
- The KOVAR drive will be conducted next fraternal year at several ABC stores.
- There will be a virtual novena to St. Joseph 5/1-5/9; the novena will be based on the Joyful Mysteries.
- The Olympic Park Pool will open Memorial Day Weekend, 5/29-31.
- The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held virtually on Saturday, 4/17
- The council has received six applications for Canfield scholarships.
- A nominating committee, consisting of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustees, has been appointed to nominate officers for the 2021-22 fraternal year.
- The State Deputy announced that the Virginia State Convention will be held on Saturday, 5/1 in virtual format.
- The District Deputy announced virtual degrees on Tuesday, 5/11 and Thursday 5/27.
- Prayer requests:
  - Michelle Clarke - improving
  - Carolyn Malinowski - upcoming surgery
  - Mike Lazzuri - heart attack

- Joe Costi - wife passed away
- The Lecturer reflected on Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on a vision to St. Faustina Kowalska, who was canonized in 2000 by St. Pope John Paul II. Divine Mercy Sunday was formalized upon her canonization. The Lecturer reflected that Rudolph Hess, commandant of Auschwitz confessed his sins and confessed his sins and received communion shortly before his execution. As a result his sins were forgiven.

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## Prayer Requests

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

- Mike Lazzuri - heart attack, cancer
- Glen Waldis - cancer
- Kathie Feick - melanoma, Parkinson's disease and additional health issues.
- Lynn Bertolacci - improving.
- Michelle Clarke - improving
- Carolyn Malinowski - upcoming surgery
- Ed Malinowski - recovering from surgery
- All those affected by COVID19

# Saint of the Month

## Joan of Arc

Jeanne d'Arc was a peasant girl born around 1412 in Northeastern France. She was never taught to read or write, but her mother instilled in her a deep love for the Catholic Church and its teachings at an early age. At the age of 13, Joan began to hear voices, which she determined had been sent by God to give her a mission to save France by expelling its enemies, and to install Charles as its rightful king.

At the time, France had been involved in the Hundred Years War with England, in which England had gained the upper hand. With no military training, Joan convinced the embattled crown prince Charles of Valois to allow her to lead a French army to the besieged city of Orléans. She won the future Charles VII over by supposedly revealing information that only a messenger from God could know. Charles granted her request, and Joan set off to fend off the Siege of Orléans in March of 1429. Dressed in white armor and riding a white horse, she led the French Army to Orléans, where it achieved a momentous victory over the English and their French allies, the Burgundians. Joan had promised Charles she would see him crowned king at Reims; she subsequently witnessed his coronation as King Charles VII in July 1429.

In the spring of 1430, she was captured by the Burgundians. In the trial that followed, Joan was accused of witchcraft, heresy, and dressing like a man. She was convicted and sentenced to death. On the morning of May 30, 1431, at the age of 19, Joan was taken to the old marketplace of Rouen and burned at the

stake.

Her fame increased after her death, however, and Joan of Arc attained mythic stature over the years. In 1451, she was exonerated in a new trial. In 1909, Joan of Arc was beatified at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris by Pope Pius X. She was canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. Her feast day is May 30. She is the patron saint of France.



## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity (virtual): May 11 7:00 (Tuesday) and May 27 7:00 (Thursday). Further details TBA. Ceremonials to be conducted the 2nd Tuesdays and 4th Thursdays of each month for the remainder of the fraternal year.
- Exemplification of Patriotism Virginia Beach Saturday, October 30. Further details TBA.



# Olympic Park Pool Opening May 29

The Olympic Park Pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend). Knights receive a 50% discount on memberships. Hours are 11:00 - 8:00 daily. Go to [olympicparkpool.org](http://olympicparkpool.org) for further details.

## Fraternal Benefits Night May 12

Blessed Michael McGivney, a Parish Priest, founded the Knights of Columbus to help the Catholic families of his parish. Learn how that venerable company has grown and can help your family in the 21st Century – register for the May 12 webinar. This one-hour webinar is sponsored by The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus and Roanoke Council 562. The webinar is free, but registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/ZoomToFoundedForFamilies>.

## May Birthdays

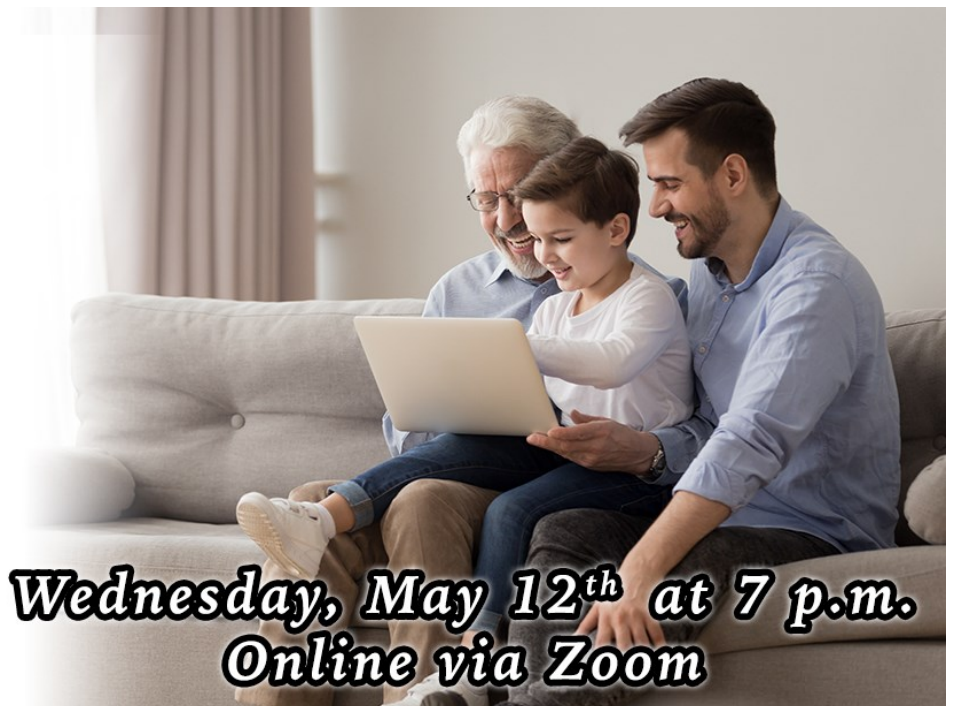
Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with birthdays in May:

Fred Alouf	1-May
Lawrence Ptaschek	1-May
Brian Duffy	8-May
David Bowers	11-May
Eric Reichardt	11-May
Alfonso Sardo	13-May
Michael Canfield	13-May
Robert Ward	14-May
William Bradley	14-May
John Poissant	15-May
Randolph Lewis	16-May
Fred Najjum	16-May
Scott Lear	16-May
Joseph Nardone	22-May
Jonathan Templeton	22-May
Joseph Moses	24-May
John Biggio	24-May
Brian Carroll	25-May
Herman Turk	26-May
Keith Griswald	28-May
Gary Sheehan	29-May
Vernon Jolley	31-May



*Founded for Families*  
**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE  
AND BENEFIT  
NIGHT**

**All are welcome to  
join us for this  
informative evening!**



**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Online via Zoom**

## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2020-21

Grand Knight:	SK James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
Dep. Grand Knight:	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
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Warden:	Stephen Ratliff	540-774-4796
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Financial Secretary:	SK Michael Lazzuri	540-797-1703
Treasurer:	Open	
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
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 2020-21

Program Director	SK Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
Faith	Pat Reidy	540-725-8206
Family	Open	
Community	SK Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Life	Shawn Marshall	540-721-2408
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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
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Recorder:	SK Leon Vinci	913-535-3091
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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:**

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