



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

June, 2021

## Upcoming Events

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

**5/29 (Saturday)** Flag placement at St. Andrew's Cemetery

**5/31 (Monday)** Memorial Day. Mass at St. Andrew's Cemetery 11:00

**6/6 (Sunday)** Bilingual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, Christiansburg - details TBA

**6/7 (Monday)** June Council Business Meeting in-person and virtual by Zoom. Election of Officers. Dinner served at 6:30 Further details TBA.

**6/8 (Tuesday)** Virginia state Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - details TBA

**6/24(Thursday)** Virginia state Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - details TBA

**6/28 (Monday)** June 4th Degree Assembly meeting ; further details TBA

**7/4 (Sunday)** Independence Day

**7/5 (Monday)** July 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:

The end of this fraternal year is also the end of my tenure as Grand Knight for our council. Over the past 3 years we have accomplished many programs, faced several challenges and embraced transitions due to the pandemic. I am proud of the work we have done together in service of our parishes, our fellow brother knights and our community. I want to thank all of you for your support and efforts to respond "Here I am Lord" as we provided support to our local food banks, worked with local departments to provide coats for kids, and supported citizens in need, just to highlight a few of the many activities accomplished by council 562.

There is still a month left in the fraternal year, and of course, our efforts to promote Charity, Unity and Fraternity will continue. As we are first and foremost a Catholic organization, prayer should be the cornerstone of our efforts and we should always support our priests. I invite all brother knights and their families to participate in the following:

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## Grand Knight's Report (continued from P1)

*“Pray for priests, so that each and every one of them will repeatedly say yes to the call he has received, remain constant in preaching the Gospel message, and be faithful forever as the companion of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

—Pope St. John Paul II

**Spiritual Adoption of Priests.** On the weekend of June 5/6 prayer cards featuring art by Fr. Anthony Ferguson of St. Andrew's will be available with the name of a priest in the diocese to spiritually adopt. We are asking our brothers and sisters in Christ in Roanoke/Salem--all four parishes are participating--to spiritually adopt this priest and to begin praying daily for his priestly ministry and holiness. Priests rely on our prayers and sacrifices in faithfully serving Our Lord and His people. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our priests!

**54-Day Rosary Novena for Our Priests.** As a part of the spiritual adoption of the priests of the diocese, we are praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena for our priests beginning on the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 12th, and ending on the Memorial of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, August 4th. We will kick off the novena on Saturday, June 12th at the St. Andrew's Mary Grotto at 9:30 am with the Rosary. Please join us! Information will be available with the spiritual adoption prayer cards and on the St. Andrew's parish website and social media. Contact Constance Hull at [ctanz@gmail.com](mailto:ctanz@gmail.com) with any questions.

I look forward to participating in this worthy activity with my fellow brother knights and supporting our new Grand Knight in the next fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,  
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight

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## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

- Exemplifications of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity (virtual): June 8 7:00 (Tuesday) and June 24 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.



## May Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight encouraged participation in the Novena to St. Joseph
- Application for transfer was approved for Fr. Paul Condi (Parochial Vicar at OLN)
- Six scholarships were awarded for \$500 each (see separate article, P6).
- Gifts will be presented to RCH students as in the past (PC satchels).
- The Olympic Park Pool will open Memorial Day weekend (May 29-31).
- Elections for Council and Corporation officers will be held at our June business meeting (6/7).
- We are encouraged to recruit new members before the end of the Fraternal Year.
- A slate of officers for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year has been proposed (see separate article P5).
- The Field Agent encouraged recruitment by e-membership.
- The District Deputy also promoted recruitment by e-membership and announced a bilingual Degree on June 6.
- The State Deputy reported on the Virginia State Convention held on May 1.
  - Mark Janda was elected State Deputy
  - 3 Bishops concelebrated the Mass.
  - Council 562 earned the State Deputy Award.
  - PSD Mike Lazzuri was presented the Brother Eddy Award.
- The Lecturer emphasized that May was the month of Mary. He encouraged us to pray the Rosary, participate in May Crownings, etc. He also encouraged us to explain our devotion (not worship) to Mary to non-Catholics. Marian devotion and Marian apparitions have been with us throughout church history.

## An Appreciation Message from Michael Lazzuri

First, I want to thank all my Brothers in Council 562, Assembly 1167, and across the Virginia Jurisdiction for their prayers, cards, emails, telephone calls and visits during my current health issues. You are a big part of my life and I definitely miss being able to share time and fraternity with you.

Second, I want to thank those Knights who built me a ramp so I could go into my backyard as I could not with my walker. I put in a request to Roger Vest and the Knights responded to his call for a work team. There were nine Knights who came to my house to install the ramp and the wife of the Grand Knight fixed breakfast and lunch for the work crew. This was a great showing of the principles of the Order. Charity in doing the job, Unity working together as a team, and Fraternity in helping a Brother and spending time with him and enjoying one another while completing a job well done. Thanks to Aimee Valenzuela, GK James Valenzuela, Roger Vest, Val Bernys, Joe Davis, Glen Hall, Tom Huck, Rick Vitolo, Pat Reidy, and Paul Miller. Thank you all for your help and living the dream of Blessed Michael McGivney.

## Memorial Day at St. Andrew's Cemetery

On Saturday, May 29 at 9:00, Knights will assist in placement of flags on the graves of veterans at St. Andrew's Cemetery. Come out and assist in this patriotic endeavor. On Monday, May 31, Mass will be offered at the cemetery at 11:00 AM.



# Saint of the Month

## Thomas More

Thomas More was the son of a prominent lawyer in London in 1478. He was educated in one of the best schools in London. From 1490 to 1492, More served the Archbishop of Canterbury as a household page. Later he attended Oxford University for two years, and subsequently studied law at Lincoln's Inn.

More once seriously contemplated abandoning his legal career to become a monk. Between 1503 and 1504 he resided in the Carthusian monastery near Lincoln's. Although attracted to the Franciscan order, he would remain a lay Christian. However, he maintained the monastic habits of early rising, prolonged prayer, and fasting. God always remained the center of his life.

In 1504, More was elected to Parliament. During his service in Parliament, he earned a reputation as being honest and effective. From 1517, King Henry VIII gave him posts of ever increasing responsibility; he became Lord Chancellor in 1529. He was likely one of Henry VIII's most effective servants, and was fiercely loyal to the king.

During his tenure as Lord Chancellor, More worked tirelessly to defend the Catholic faith in England. However, in 1530, More refused to sign a letter to the Pope, requesting an annulment for the King. He subsequently refused to condone Henry's schism with the Church in Rome. In 1533, when More refused to attend the coronation of the new queen, the king accused More of undermining his authority as head of the church and state.

More was subsequently tried and convicted for treason, and sentenced to death. He then

made a final statement, proclaiming that he was "the king's good servant, but God's first." Following his death, it became obvious that he was a man of deep piety and penitence, and he has been recognized as a martyr.

Pope Leo XIII beatified More in 1886, and he was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935. His feast day is June 22. He is the patron saint of adopted children lawyers, civil servants, politicians, and difficult marriages.



## Prayer Requests

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

- Mike Lazzuri - heart attack, cancer.
- Clyde Moak - Father suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.
- Kathie Feick - melanoma, Parkinson's Disease - admitted to long-term care.
- Don Feick - congestive heart failure
- Chuma Osuorah - Mother-in-Law deceased.
- Lynn Bertolacci - improving.
- Al Bertolacci - brother-in-law suffered multiple heart attacks.
- Michelle Clarke - improving.
- Carolyn Malinowski - upcoming surgery.
- Ed Malinowski - recovering from surgery.
- Msgr. Patrick Golden - Father and Mother deceased this year.



# Proposed Council Officers for 2021-22

The following slate of council officers are proposed for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year. Election of officers will be held at the June Business Meeting on Monday, June 7:

## Council Officers

Grand Knight	Clyde Moak
Deputy Grand Knight	Nate Griffith
Chancellor	Dan McBride
Warden	Stephen Ratliff
Chaplain	Fr. Paul Condi
Financial Secretary	Mike Lazzuri
Treasurer	Val Bernys
Recorder	Jan Hodnett
Advocate	Brian Ripple
Trustee (3 Year)	James Valenzuela
Trustee (2 Year)	Roger Vest
Trustee (1 Year)	Dave Chopski
Inside Guard	Open
Outside Guard	Rich Whitney
Convention Delegates	
Grand Knight	Clyde Moak
Grand Knight (alt)	James Valenzuela
Deputy GK	Nate Griffith
Deputy GK (alt)	Karl Kleinhenz

## Corporation Directors (9 to be Elected)

Roger Vest  
Val Bernys  
Pat Reidy  
Clyde Moak  
Leon Vinci  
Bill Howard  
Mike Lazzuri  
Jan Hodnett  
Dan McBride  
James Valenzuela  
Al Bertollaci

# June Birthdays

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

Charles Moody	1-Jun
Roy Dwyer	5-Jun
Lowell Thomas	7-Jun
Christopher Elwell	8-Jun
Thomas Engl	9-Jun
Jon Reynolds	10-Jun
Tom Boylan	11-Jun
John Knightly	12-Jun
Robert Lewis	12-Jun
Brian VanDer	13-Jun
Samuel Silek	14-Jun
Larry Thompson	16-Jun
Kevin Conlan	17-Jun
Clyde Moak	17-Jun
Richard Bousch	18-Jun
Joseph Wilson	20-Jun
Eric Schmucker	22-Jun
Charles Schwallenbe	22-Jun
Steven Talevi	22-Jun
Michael Lewis	23-Jun
David Gilday	26-Jun
Edward Arsura	28-Jun
Paul Yengst	29-Jun

# Wednesday Grill Nights

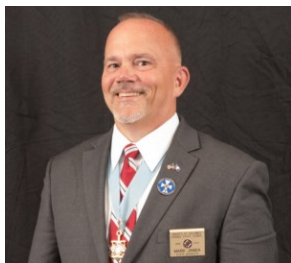
Olympic Park Pool is opening Saturday, May 29! Every Wednesday during the summer months (weather permitting) is grill night at Olympic Park Pool. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM.



**Pool membership is not required, and there is no charge for entry if you do not plan to swim.** Hamburgers \$3, hot dogs \$2. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

## State Deputy Mark Janda

Mark Janda was elected Virginia State Deputy at the State Convention on May 1. A native of



Chicago, Illinois Mark joined Archbishop Keough Council 5263 in Odenton Maryland in 2000 and served there as Warden. He joined Admiral William S. Benson Assembly 381 prior to moving to Virginia. He transferred to Fredericksburg Council 4034 serving two terms as Grand Knight in 2005-2006 and 2011-2012 and transferred to Rappahannock Assembly 1613 in 2002.

Mark was appointed as District Deputy of District 11 serving from 2013 through the 2016 fraternal years and served as the State Programs Director in 2016-2017. Mark also served ten years as an Usher at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

Mark and his wife Ruth of 33 years are members of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, VA. They have a Daughter Diana and a son Eric and two grandchildren Jonah and Sawyer.

## Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley

Patrick E. Kelly is the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Taking office on March 1, 2021, he serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members.



Mr. Kelly's has had a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to

Church and country, which serves him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

## 2021 Canfield Scholarship Awards



The Scholarship Committee of Knights Council # 562 recently announced the 2021 Sir Knight Albert H. Canfield Scholarships. Six scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded to very deserving students from the greater Roanoke area parishes served by Knights of Columbus Council #562.

The following students are the scholarship award winners for 2021:

Anne Lasgen	Alexis Ellis
Margaret Hodnett	Kyler Kleinhenz
Dominick Lazzuri	Christopher Moak

This student group will be attending colleges across Virginia and in other states. Areas of study range from law to engineering, nursing, athletic trainer, speech therapist, law, and more. Of note, several of this year's recipients are repeat Canfield scholars and some are Knights from Council # 562.

## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2020-21

Grand Knight:	SK James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
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Chancellor:	Nate Griffith	804-837-8874
Warden:	Stephen Ratliff	540-774-4796
Chaplain:	Open	
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
Vocations	Nate Griffith	804-837-8874
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:**

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