



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

November, 2023

Upcoming Events

9/27 - 11/5 40 Days for Life fall 2023 campaign.

11/1 (Wednesday) All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation.

11/2 (Thursday) All Souls Day - Mass at St. Andrew's Cemetery. 11:00

11/6 (Monday) November Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

11/7 (Tuesday) Election Day

11/12 (Sunday) "Jesus and the Eucharist - Roanoke Council Home 1:30

11/27 (Monday) November 4th Degree Assembly Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

12/4 (Monday) December Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

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



Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Once again we have reached the holidays. This is a time that traditionally is set for bringing in the harvest, taking stock in what was accomplished during the year, giving thanks for that with friends and family, and giving thanks to God.

The first Thanksgiving is usually remembered with the Pilgrims and the Indians, but this happened many times up and down the Eastern Seaboard with new colonies and friendly Indian neighbors. George Washington, during his first term, called on the peoples of the New Country to acknowledge God for giving them an opportunity to form a new government for their safety and happiness. And it was continued unofficially until the Civil War when Abraham Lincoln made a National Thanksgiving Day official each November.

So, when you gather with friends and family later this year, please remember to give thanks to God for all that you have gathered and accomplished this year.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak,

Grand Knight Council 562



October Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain and the Grand Knight reminded members that October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Blessed Mother gave the Rosary to St. Dominic. We are reminded to pray the Rosary as instructed in the First Degree.
- The Chaplain also asked Brothers to contribute to a fund to assist children in Lebanon.
- The Council welcomed Fain White, a new online member.
- Programs upcoming:
 - OLN Harvest Festival Sunday 10/8 - beer tent, raffles. Help is needed.
 - OLN dinner to benefit Crop Walk Thursday, 10/19. Help is needed.
 - Jesus and the Eucharist - 7 sessions every 2nd Sunday starting 11/12.
 - Grab and Go fundraiser Early December. Planning meeting Monday, 10/9.
- 4th Degree Update
 - Flag retirement was held 9/25 with Boy Scouts.
 - 4th Degree Exemplification was held 9/30 in Newport News; 96 candidates were advanced to the 4th Degree.
 - Assembly received the award for 4th Degree membership increase.
- The Field agent announced an upcoming webinar on 10/26: "Aligning Financial Decisions with Your Catholic Values"
- The budget for FY 2023-24 will be discussed at the November meeting.
- The Lecturer recalled the 1571 Battle of Lepanto, when Christian sailors, inspired by praying the Rosary, defeated a larger force of Ottoman Turks. To remember the battle and Our Lady's intercession, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (originally Our Lady of Victory) was established on October 7th.

November Birthdays

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

Lee Howell	November 1
Steven Kutsch	November 4
James Valenzuela	November 4
James Rowe	November 6
John O'Halloran	November 7
Hobart Pillsbury	November 10
Stanley Puckett	November 12
Timothy Beirne	November 16
Joseph Devlin II	November 17
Daniel Rowe	November 24
Frank Haranzo Jr	November 25
Jeffrey McInnis	November 26
Richard Whitney	November 26



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Keep Christ in Christmas

Our annual “Keep Christ in Christmas—send religious Christmas cards” campaign will begin soon. Proceeds from the sale of Christmas cards help to support college scholarships and support for seminarians. This international program started in Virginia in 1989 under the leadership of then State Deputy Bill Howard and spearheaded by Brother Knights of Roanoke Council 562.

Please plan to assist in this year’s campaign by spending a few minutes after the Mass that you normally attend. The schedule for this year’s campaign is as follows:

St. Andrew’s: 11/18-19, 11/25-26, 12/09 -10.
Contact Chuck Hatcher at 540-314-3360 or hatcherchuck7@gmail.com.

OLN: 11/11-12, 11/18-19, 11/25-26, 12/2-3, 12/9-10. Contact Rich Whitney at 443-465-7742 or richw1492@yahoo.com.

St Elias: Contact Deebie Wadell at 540-562-0012.



Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - TBA



Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree) May 4 (Saturday) Charlottesville.



Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before

In our Catholic tradition, November is the time we remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith: family members, friends, fellow Brother Knights, and those men and women officially Canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Feast of All Saints, celebrated on November 1, remembers those Saints recognized by the Church. All Souls, on November 2 remembers all souls - those who have entered heaven and those on their way to heaven. Through all of our November liturgies, we remember our deceased members:

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Jesus and the Eucharist

The Roanoke Council will conduct a series “Jesus and the Eucharist” as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The series will explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments - especially the Eucharist. Sessions will be held each second Sunday afternoon at the council home at 1:30 for seven sessions. Doors will open at 1:00 and hors d’oeuvres will be provided.



Saint of the Month

Martin of Tours

Saint Martin of Tours has been one of the most revered and loved saints in European history. Much of what we know of Martin's life is from the writings of Sulpicius Severus.

Martin was born in the Roman Empire in what is now Hungary in the early 4th century and moved to northern Italy when he was young. He was born shortly after Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire.

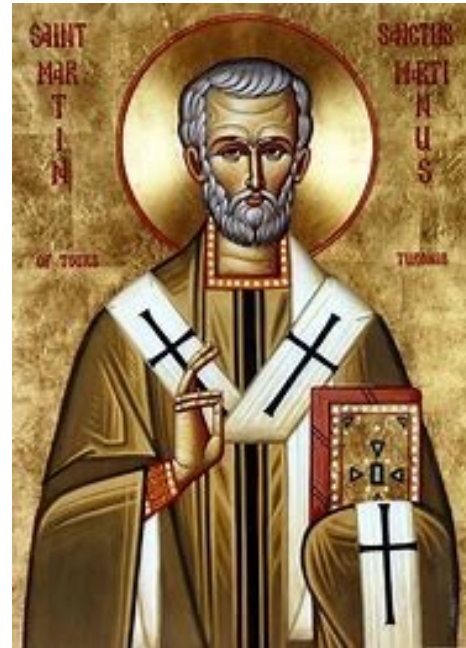
Martin's father was an officer in the Roman army. As a child, Martin was interested in Christianity and became a catechumen at the age of 10. At the age of 15, he was conscripted into the Roman army. He lived a virtuous life and often gave money and belongings to the poor. One day in the middle of winter, Martin came upon a poor man who was poorly dressed. All Martin had left was his military cloak, so he cut his cloak in two and gave half to the poor man. That night, Jesus appeared to Martin in a dream said to a multitude of angels: "Martin, still only a catechumen, has clothed me." He was baptized at the age of twenty and released from the military two years later.

Martin traveled to Poitiers in present-day France and stayed with Bishop (future Saint) Hilary for some time, learning the orthodox faith from him. He was also ordained a deacon and made an exorcist by Bishop Hilary. Deacon Martin later decided to return to his hometown, where he shared the Gospel and converted his mother and others in his hometown to the Christian faith.

He later returned to Poitiers and established a monastery. From there, he began preaching throughout the region and performing many miracles. He restored life to three men on separate occasions. In 371, Martin was ordained as the Bishop of Tours. As a Bishop,

Martin established a system of parishes to manage his diocese. He made a point to visit each parish at least once per year. For the next twenty-six years, he traveled throughout Gaul, preaching, converting many, opposing heresies, performing miracles, and casting out demons.

Martin of Tours died in 397 and was canonized Pre-Congregation. He is considered the first great leader of Western monasticism.. Martin of Tours is the patron of the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and winemakers. His feast is celebrated on November 11.



Prayer Requests

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

- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills
- Sharon Vest, wife of BK Roger Vest
- Donnie Ratliff, father of BK Steven Ratliff
- BK Joe Devlin
- Ceil Slough, widow of BK George Slough
- BK George Cuadrado
- Gilma Moak, mother of GK Clyde Moak
- BK Glen Waldis - deceased.

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Program Director	James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
Faith	Open	
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Community	Open	
Life	Open	
Vocations	Open	
Retention	Open	
Public Relations	Open	

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