



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

January, 2024

Upcoming Events

1/1/2024 (Monday) New Year's Day; Solemnity of Mary. Council Home open at 4:00 for NCAA National Semifinals (Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl).

1/2/2024 (Tuesday) January Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. (Rescheduled due to New Year's holiday.)

1/8 (Monday) Council Home open at 6:30 for NCAA National Football Championship.

1/13 (Saturday) Virginia State Council Mid-year Meeting - Fredericksburg

1/14 (Sunday) "Jesus and the Eucharist" Doors open 1:00

1/19 (Friday) March for Life Washington, DC

1/22 (Monday) January 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

2/3 (Saturday) Polar Plunge - Virginia Beach

2/5 (Monday) February 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,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome to 2024. If last year is any indication, then this will definitely be a interesting year. We have some interesting plans in place heading into the summer, so please keep your eyes open for things to come. We are planning on running a membership drive at the parishes. If you have any ideas about that please let us (the council officers) know. We also have our fish fries coming soon enough. Actually I am putting sign up sheets out on the bar for each day so please sign up in advance! A sign up genius will come out closer to the events. We also have a dinner or two being planned but those are still in idea stages right now but will let you know as soon as we have some dates in play.

A new year is a great time to look at one's self and decide to do more in one area of life or another. If you are interested in getting more involved in the council and/or it's volunteer work then please let us know and we will be glad to help point you in the right direction.

Lastly I want to make a quick mention about all the different things I have heard from different areas about the Pope authorizing blessings. You will note I



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December Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain thanked the council for Thanksgiving baskets for 4 of his parish's families. He also reflected on the Immaculate Conception: Mary was protected from original sin.
- The Grand Knight also thanked Brothers who contributed to Thanksgiving food baskets. He reminded all to extend "Merry Christmas" greetings to those we encounter.
- A virtual degree is scheduled for December 19.
- Program reports:
 - Jesus and the Eucharist Sunday 12/10.
 - Dedication of St Andrews as a Minor Basilica Sunday 12/3.
 - Coat drive for RAM house ongoing.
 - Food drive for St. Francis House 1214-16.
 - College football watch parties 1/1 and 1/8 in the Council Home.
 - January meeting will be on Tuesday, 1/2.
 - KCIC sales are progressing. Thanks to those Brother Knights who are helping out.
- The District Deputy reported on several upcoming events:
 - Virtual Degree 12/19.
 - Fr. Bader Scholarship applications accepted 1/1-3/30.
 - VA State mid-year meeting Saturday, 1/13.
 - March for Life 1/19 in Washington, DC.
- A resolution to increase dues to \$60/year was approved.
- Karl Kleinhenz 60th birthday celebration 1/6. Brother Knights are invited; RSVP is requested
- Christmas caroling at Planned Parenthood 12/15 at 11:00. Refreshments at St. Elias to follow.

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stopped from saying "blessing same sex couples" because it directly says not to do that. Remember that there are many blessings in the church, blessings of the sick, for those in distress, blessing of last rites, blessing on homes, and many more. These are all blessings that are allowed and should be offered to everyone. Don't listen to what is said on Fox or CNN or the New York Times. Listen to what is said by priests and bishops about this.

Thank is all I have for you all this month. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak,

Grand Knight Council 562



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Hall Open for NCAA Football Championships

We will be open the Council Home for potluck on January 1st and 8th for the NCAA football semifinal and final championship games. Doors will open at 4pm on the 1st for the Rose Bowl (Alabama vs. Michigan) and the Sugar Bowl (Texas vs. Washington). Then we will open at 6:30 on January 8th for the national championship game. See you all then!!

Rose Bowl - January 1, 2024 5:00 PM
Sugar Bowl - January 1, 2024 8:45 PM

Song of Mark

Join Our Lady of Nazareth Church and Logos Theatrics Productions, Inc. the weekend of February 2-4, 2024



to witness Mark's gospel stories retold in song by liturgical composer Marty Haugen in "The Song of Mark." Performances will be held at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church, 2505 Electric Road (419) in Roanoke, VA.

Show times are as follows:

Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 3 at 1:30 and 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 pm

For more information, please call (540) 774-0066

Admission is Free! A special offering will be collected to help support **NO BOUNDS**; programs that envision cognitive independence for individuals intellectually disadvantaged by cognitive, behavioral and social/emotional challenges, 18 years and older.

National March for Life January 19

On January 19, 2024, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

Basilica of Saint Andrew and Knights of Columbus Council 562 are cosponsoring a bus to the National March for Life. The bus will leave St. Andrew at 6:30am sharp and return to St. Andrew at approximately 9:00pm on January 19. Persons under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost to ride the bus is \$15.00 for one person, \$25.00 for a couple, or \$40 for a family of four. Go to www.standrewsva.org/respect-life-ministry to reserve your seat or call Kathy M



Keep Christ in Christmas

The 2023 *Keep Christ in Christmas* card sales are complete and have been a great success. Over 1900 spiritual messages were sent as a result of our efforts. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to make this year's program a success.

Saint of the Month

Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330 into a distinguished Christian family. He was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia; two of his siblings are also honored as saints. He attended school in Caesarea, Constantinople, and Athens, where he received a literary education. He opened a school of oratory in Caesarea and practiced law. Eventually he decided to become a monk and founded a monastery in Pontus on his family estate. There he wrote a famous monastic rule and he is considered the father of Eastern monasticism.

In 357 he toured the monasteries of Egypt and in 360 he assisted bishops at the Synod of Constantinople. He was ordained as deacon in 363 and as priest in 365. Basil was troubled by the rise of the Arianism. For several years he joined with his friend Gregory Nazianzus in public debates with accomplished Arian theologians and emerged triumphant. This convinced Basil that his future lay in administration of the Church. In 370, he was consecrated as bishop of Caesarea where he would serve the remainder of his life.

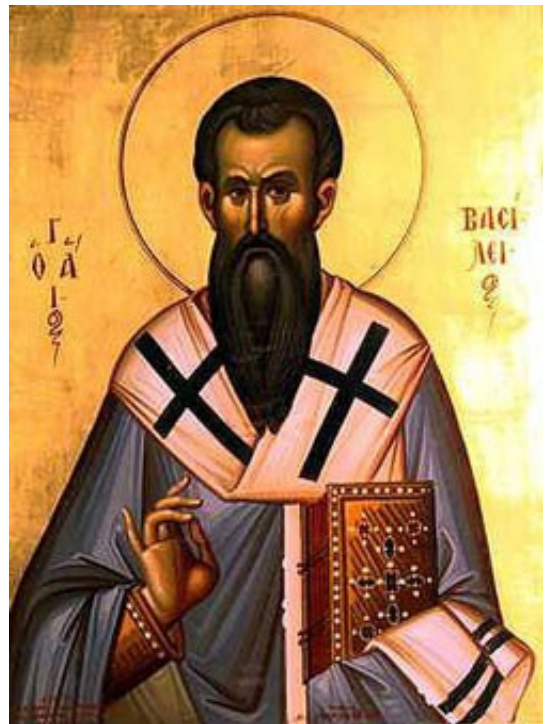
As bishop of Caesarea, Basil founded charitable institutions to aid the poor, the ill, and travelers. Being born into a wealthy family, he gave away all his possessions to the poor, the underprivileged, those in need, and children.

Basil was well known and admired for his preaching, which drew huge crowds – sometimes twice a day. He was also regarded as a prolific writer. Many of his writings are still preserved today. Many of his most important theological writings deal with the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit as consubstantial with

the Father.

Basil was one of the giants of the early church; he is considered as one of the four Eastern Church fathers. He contributed to the victory of Nicene orthodoxy over Arianism in the Eastern Church; the denunciation of Arianism at the Council of Constantinople in 381-82 was in large part due to his efforts.

Basil died on January 1, 379 and was canonized pre-congregation. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V in 1568. His Feast Day is January 2.



Prayer Requests

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

- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills
- Donnie Ratliff, father of BK Steven Ratliff
- BK Chris Sheets
- Ceil Slough, widow of BK George Slough
- BK George Cuadrado
- Sharon Switzer
- BK Leon Vinci
- Keith Vinci

Basilica of St. Andrew

More than 500 people packed the pews on the first Sunday of Advent Dec. 3 for the blessing of the basilica insignia at a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Barry C. Knestout, basilica rector Father Kevin Segerblom and several priests. Deacons, seminarians and members of the Knights of Columbus also served at Mass.

The symbols of the church's new status are the ombrellino, a canopy about the size of a furled patio umbrella with a scalloped edge and fabric panels in red and gold, traditional papal colors. In front of it was a tintinnabulum, a set of bells on a pole, with crossed keys projecting from the new basilica seal.

That crest features emblems of the church's location and history: a blue background for the color of the apse ceiling and the Blue Ridge Mountains; a dogwood flower, for the state of Virginia; two thin, horizontal lines representing railroad tracks; the St. Andrew Cross; a Trinity Knot, for one of the foundational doctrines of the faith; and three silver stars, also representing the Trinity. The motto on the seal is *Invenimus Dominum* – Latin for "We have found the Lord."



January Birthdays

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

David Guynn	January 1
Roddy Hiduskey	January 3
Frank Orozco	January 3
John Thibeault	January 3
Chester Kalinoski	January 4
Jeffrey Stump	January 4
Sam Alexander	January 8
Robert Carignan Sr	January 9
Mark Chorba	January 9
Karl Kleinhenz	January 9
Frederick Dunn Jr	January 10
Patrick Mc Nulty	January 10
Thomas Cadden	January 12
Gary Griswold	January 13
Thomas Huck	January 13
Richard McGarry	January 14
Michael Ochalek	January 14
John Zacharias	January 15
Derek Laliberte	January 16
Riley Ewen	January 18
Thomas Clark Sr	January 19
Noah DeWeese	January 19
Roger Vest	January 19
Bruce DeWeese	January 20
Tim Shelton	January 20
Steven Boisvert	January 22
Frank Leonardo	January 24
Johan Lazaga	January 25
Mark Huff	January 29
Edward Malinowski Jr	January 29
Ralph Migliarese Jr	January 29
Chuma Osuorah	January 30



Field Agent's Report

Financial Strategies for Women

Married or single, every woman has financial responsibilities. Your tomorrows depend on what you do today. Some women carefully plan their two-week vacation or discuss major purchases at length with friends but avoid sharing their long-term plans, or talking about ways to prepare for unpredictable events. It's important to take a look at the life you've created and consider your financial goals and objectives.

Emergency savings: How much should you have? Ideally, you should have enough money in an emergency fund to cover essential expenses for several months. Save this fund for true emergencies – a job loss, illness, or major unexpected expense.

Spending: Stop carrying credit card balances and stop overspending. If you can't afford to pay off your credit card each month, don't use it.

Life Insurance: Life insurance doesn't just replace a lost salary to meet long-term financial needs. It can provide the money that allows your loved ones precious time to grieve. A spouse, partner, or dear friend may need additional, unpaid time away from their job to get through their own grief, as well as help children or family members work through their pain.

Disability Income Insurance: Stress, diabetes, heart disease, back problems, cancer, and auto accidents are just a few examples of disabilities that can affect your income from work. Can your financials withstand los-

ing your income temporarily (or permanently) due to a health issue?

Retirement: Planning for your future requires more than just contributing to your 401(k) account. There are several additional strategies that could complement your efforts toward greater financial security in your future.

If divorce or a death has impacted previous goals and objectives, be sure to look for any gaps that need to be closed now. Once you have explored your options, you can take action to secure your family's future — and get back to the business of enjoying life. When more education equals greater peace of mind, why not learn more today.

The many types of life insurance available today make it easier to help protect loved ones while achieving other financial goals. For more information, contact Jack Clarke at 540-204-4984 or Jack.Clarke@KofC.org



Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - TBA

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



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Trustee, 3 Year	Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Trustee, 2 Year	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Trustee, 1 Year	Roger Vest	540-520-8520

Chairmen 2023-24

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

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