



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**February, 2024**

## Upcoming Events

**2/2-4 (Friday - Sunday)** *Song of Mark* - OLN (see separate article).

**2/3 (Saturday)** Polar Plunge - Virginia Beach.

**2/5 (Monday)** February Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

**2/6 (Tuesday) and 2/12 (Monday)** Virtual town hall's for Virginia State Council officer candidates.

**2/11 (Sunday)** "Jesus and the Eucharist" - Doors open 1:00.

**2/11 (Sunday)** Super Bowl Watch Party and Chili Cook-off. At the Council Home. Doors open at 4:00.

**2/14 (Wednesday)** Ash Wednesday - Lent begins.

**2/19 (Monday)** Organizational meeting at the Council Home - 7:00.

**2/21 (Wednesday)** March for Life - Richmond.

**2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 (Fridays)** Fish fry's at OLN (Help needed) - see separate article, P3.

**2/26 (Monday)** February 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

**3/4 (Monday)** March Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

## Grand Knight's Report



Worthy Brother Knights,

Hope your new year has been good so far. We are now entering the busiest time for our council – Lent and through spring has multiple events. We have everything from parties to fish fries to dinners to religious formation events. I ask everyone to please watch for notes and emails regarding all these going forward. I hope to see many of you at these different events and look forward to seeing how 2024 rolls out for us.

We will be holding an organizational meeting at the Council Home on Monday, February 19th at 7pm to just put dates on the calendar for events for the rest of the fraternal year. Please come and let your opinions and ideas be known.

I know that at least 2 of our Brothers are having issues getting email blasts so please let me know if you are having issues and I will make sure to email you directly.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak,

Grand Knight Council 562

# January Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight extended holiday greetings to all the membership.
- A VKCCI grant was received to support a father from St. Andrew's.
- Three members attended the virtual degree on 12/19:
  - Donald Brown
  - Stewart Manning
  - Fain White
- "Jesus and the Eucharist" will resume on Sunday 1/14 at 1:30 at the Council Home.
- The National March for Life will be held on Friday, 1/19. Busses are chartered from St. Andrew's.
- 9 Days for Life Novena is scheduled 1/16 - 1/24.
- Five fish fry's are scheduled for Fridays in Lent: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, sponsored by KofC and AOH. Much help is needed. Signup sheets are in the clubroom.
- A "Low Country Boil" is being planned for Saturday, May 18.
- A \$500 donation was approved for the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics.
- A request was received to support busses to the State March for Life in Richmond on 2/21.
- Sign ups are requested for food pickups for the Soldiers Food Pantry.
- Additional upcoming events:
  - Virginia State mid-year meeting 1/13-14
  - Polar Plunge Virginia Beach 2/3
  - College football national championship watch party Monday, 1/9
  - Super Bowl party and chili cook-off 2/11 at the Council Home.
- Happy 60th Birthday wishes were extended to DD Karl Kleinhenz.
- Prayers were extended for members and family members sick and in distress (see separate article).

# State Officer Candidate Town Hall Meetings

Our Council home will be open at 7pm on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for 2 virtual town hall meetings so that the district delegates and interested Knights can see who is running and find out about the candidates so that their wishes can be carried to the Spring State Meeting. See you there.



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# 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.

# Fish Fry's



Once again this year, our council will be holding a series of fish fry's OLN. The fish fry's are scheduled for February 23 and March 1, 8, 15, and 22. These fundraisers that provide most of the funds that we donate to charitable organizations and causes throughout the year.

Donations for "Basket of Cheer" and paper grocery bags are being accepted. Help is needed, and sign-up sheets are in the club-room.

# Virginia March for Life



You are invited to participate in the Virginia March for Life. This life-affirming event takes place in Downtown Richmond on February 21, 2024. Let's unite together on this day to stand for truth, share God's love, and defend the incredible blessing of life!

Basilica of Saint Andrew is sponsoring a bus to the Virginia State March for Life in Richmond, VA on February 21, 2024. The bus will leave St. Andrew at 7:30am and return to St. Andrew at approximately 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 21. Persons under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost \$15 for one person, \$25 for a couple, or \$40 for a family of four. Go to [www.standrewsva.org/respect-life-ministry](http://www.standrewsva.org/respect-life-ministry) to reserve your seat or call Kathy M in the parish office at (540)344-9814

# Super Bowl LVIII

We will be open at the Council Home for a family-friendly Super Bowl watch party on Sunday, February 11. The San Francisco 49ers will face off against the Kansas City Chiefs ; Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 EST. The hall will open at 4:00.

Bring some food to share; we will also hold a chili cook-off as in the past. Come enjoy some great fun, fellowship, good food, and great football!



# Saint of the Month

## Polycarp of Smyrna

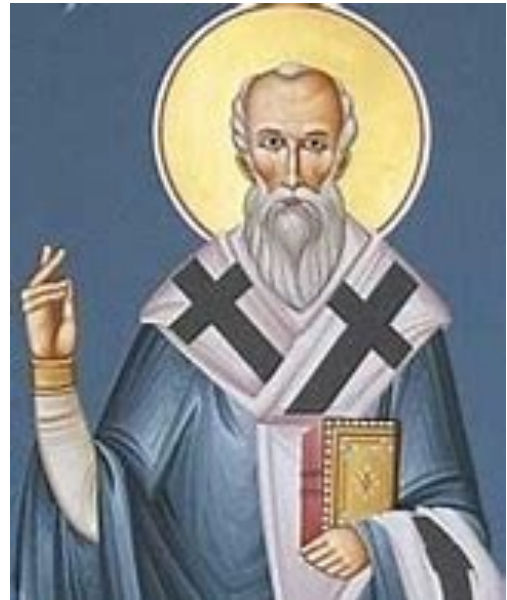
Polycarp was likely born in Turkey, about 69 C.E. Little is known of Polycarp's early life; what we do know is from writings of early church Bishops Irenaeus and Tertullian and of St. Jerome. St. Jerome writes that Polycarp was a disciple of John the Apostle and that John had ordained him as a bishop of Smyrna, Greece (modern day Turkey). Polycarp was a companion Irenaeus and of Papias, another "hearer of John", and a correspondent of Ignatius of Antioch. Ignatius addressed a letter to him and mentions him in his letters. Polycarp communicated with several individuals who had seen Jesus during his earthly ministry; therefore he is considered a historical link between the Apostles who knew Jesus and the early church leaders.

Polycarp's most notable writing is his Epistle to the Philippians, in which he refutes various forms of Gnosticism. More importantly is the way in which Polycarp referred to St. Paul the Apostle. He repeatedly quotes from Paul's writings and also stresses the personal importance of Paul as a primary authority of the Christian church. Polycarp's Letter to the Philippians is also important for its early testimony to the existence of various other texts later compiled into the New Testament. It probably is the first to quote passages from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, and the first letters of St. Peter and St. John.

Polycarp was arrested at age 86 and sentenced to death for being a Christian. He was urged to recant his faith but he refused, stating: "Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and He never did me any wrong. How can I

blaspheme my King who saved me?" He was burned at the stake, but the fire did not consume his body. When the guards realized that Polycarp could not be burned, they stabbed him with a spear—and the blood that ran down extinguished the flames.

Polycarp is regarded as one of three chief Apostolic Fathers (early Church theologians who personally knew some of the original 12 Apostles), along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch. He was canonized pre-congregation; his feast day is February 23.



## 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
- Betsy Ratliff, mother of BK Steven Ratliff
- BK Chris Sheets
- Ceil Slough, widow of deceased BK George Slough



# Field Agent's Report Is a 55-Plus Community Right for You?

Age 55-plus communities are typically a mix of apartments, townhouses, condos and small homes designed with the wants and needs of older adults in mind. Some include perks such as laundry and housekeeping services, or onsite amenities such as spas, fitness centers, salons, and more. As people age, the option of moving to an age-restricted community may be worth looking into. Here are a few considerations:

## ***What could be considered pros?***

**Designed for the 55-plus phase of life.** These homes are targeted to a retiree lifestyle. For example, the location is typically near mass transit and medical centers, and each dwelling is customarily designed to promote accessibility, with features such as walk-in showers, wider doorways and halls, easier access to storage, and elevator access to all floor levels.

**Attractive amenities.** Imagine having an on-site pool, golf course, and clubhouse with planned activities geared toward residents being able to socialize.

**“Not-my-responsibility” upkeep.** Maintenance of the grounds and buildings is usually the responsibility of the community board, giving you time to enjoy whatever you'd like!

## ***What else might you need to consider?***

**Some residences are quite small.** Family visits can make a small living space feel cramped. For those who are less mobile or prefer staying indoors during colder weather, small quarters may feel restrictive for extended periods spent inside.

**No young people.** Some people age 55 and older find they miss the energy and vitality

provided by neighbors with children, teenagers, and engaging social lives.

**The HOA, or Home Owners Association.** Some HOAs restrict the types of plants or yard décor you display, the color you can paint your home, or whether and how you can store bicycles or outdoor grills. You might want to read community rules and regulations carefully for restrictions that might affect you. If you are interested in a 55-plus community but are unsure it is the right fit, you might consider a six-month rental in the community to get a better feel.



## February Birthdays

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

Kevin Legge	February 2
Christopher Moak	February 3
Jamie Elliott	February 4
Daniel Lofaro	February 4
Gustavo Esperanza	February 5
Randal Gatzke	February 5
Valentino Sartini	February 5
Stephen Wills	February 7
Paul Miller	February 8
George Cuadrado	February 12
Jack Liddy	February 12
Roy Zangari	February 13
Christopher Lazzuri	February 15
Oliver Thorum	February 15
Patrick Reidy	February 16
Gregory Benda	February 23
Harvey Largen	February 24
William Boucher	February 25
Bradley Mcdivitt	February 26
Timothy Rowe Jr	February 28

# Knights of Columbus Scholarships

## Scholarships for Knights and Their Families in Virginia

**COUNCIL** (Scholarships provided by Roanoke Council 562) Our own Roanoke Council 562 has the Albert H. Canfield Scholarship. An applicant, to be considered, must be a member of Council 562, the wife of a member, or the legally recognized child or grandchild of a member provided that the member is in good standing, or if deceased, was in good standing at the time of death. Applications will be considered based on past academic performance, financial need, and a demonstrated dedication to service in the community and/or church. **All applications must be received by April 1st** and must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's most recent transcript (transcript does not have to be an official copy). Applications received after the cut-off date or applications received incomplete will not be considered. Applications can be found on the Council's website at : <http://www.kofc562.org/canfield/>

**STATE** (Scholarships through the Virginia State Council) The Virginia Council of the Knights of Columbus has a scholarship called the Father Bader Scholarship. The program offers need-based scholarships for Knights and also their wives and widows of Knights. This award has been extended to include grandchildren of Knights. It also offers scholarship aid to graduating high school seniors who are children of Virginia Knights in good standing. Information can be found at <https://vakofc.org/programs/fr-bader-scholarship/> and applications are accepted from Jan 1 – March 31.

**SUPREME** (Scholarships through the Supreme Council) There are numerous college scholarships that Supreme either funds or operates in trust. They include grants in the areas of teaching, financial need, relatives of Veterans, or attendance at a catholic colleges or universities. They can be renewed for a

total of 4 years. Applications are available at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) are due by March 1st. Please contact Leon Vinci if you have any problem finding these: [lvf6@aol.com](mailto:lvf6@aol.com)

*Remember to check each Website for specifics on eligibility, updates, and changes .*



## Low Country Boil (Save the Date)

Our Council will be hosting a Low country Boil Dinner at the Olympic Park Pool Pavilion the weekend of May 17-18. A Southern Low country Boil consists of Shrimp, Smoked Sausage, Corn, Potatoes, and seasoning all boiled together then poured out for everyone to enjoy. This will be a fun time so save the date and more information will be coming in the future.



## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - TBA



Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree) April 13 (Saturday) St. Edward's Council, Richmond (note correction)



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Retention	Open	
Public Relations	Open	

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