



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

April, 2024

Upcoming Events

4/1 (Monday) April Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

4/13 (Saturday) 4th Degree Exemplification - Richmond

4/21 (Sunday) "Jesus and the Eucharist" - Doors open 1:00.

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

4/26-28 Virginia KofC State Convention - Herndon

5/6 (Monday) May 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,

Where are you? What are you doing to help those around you?

Ukraine is fighting for its continued existence from Russia. France looks like it is about to mobilize for war. Haiti's government has fallen and the capital (just a 2 hr air flight from Florida) is in chaos. What are you doing? To quote the song of a Christian Rock singer he said he asked God why don't you do something. God said "I did – I created you". No one is going to appear and solve the issues going on in the world with a magic wave of their hand. It is up to us to do something – in our homes, in our churches, our neighborhoods, and so on.

So I am still trying to reach out to the members of Council 562. What do you want to be involved in? What charities do you want to support? What family activities do you want us to host? What do you want us to do? If you don't tell us then it will be just a few officers deciding for everyone.

I and all of the Council officers wish you all a Happy holy week and a Joyous Eastertide.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak,
Grand Knight Council 562



February Business Meeting Highlights

- Fr. George reflected on St. Joseph as the patron saint of families. St. Joseph's feast day is March 19. He also announced the Palm Sunday breakfast and Good Friday liturgy at St. Elias.
- The Grand Knight thanked those who helped with fish fry's. He also encouraged Knights to expand our faith this Lent.
- The Financial Secretary announced 30 BK's have not paid dues (8 have not paid for 2 years).
- Upcoming events:
 - Blood drive at RCS 3/6.
 - Jesus and the Eucharist 3/10.
 - St Patrick's parade 3/16 - downtown Roanoke.
 - 40 Days for Life - ongoing until 3/24.
 - Fraternal benefits night 3/26 at OLPH.
 - Virginia Open golf 10/7 in Glen Allen.
- The 4th Degree is looking for unused swords; the color corps participating in the Roanoke St. Patrick's Day parade. Exemplification is 4/13 in Richmond.
- A donation of \$500 was approved to support the Palm Sunday breakfast at St. Elias.
- A donation of \$300 was approved to support the Virginia Open Golf Tournament. (Proceeds go to charity.)
- Donors are needed for the blood drive at Roanoke Catholic School on 3/6.
- Thank you notes received:
 - Clothing closet at RAM (coat drive).
 - Pat Reidy.
 - VKCCI for donation to Ukraine Solidarity Fund.
 - The lecturer noted that the assisted suicide bill was defeated in the Virginia Legislature. He also asked for support for right to life and the country of Haiti.

Low Country Boil

We will be hosting a charity dinner on Saturday May 18th down at the upper pavilion at the pool. It will be a traditional low country boil with shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn and more. We will also have grilled BBQ chicken available to those who don't want seafood. A cash bar will be available. Check out our event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roanoke-knights-of-columbus-ready-for-summer-lowcountry-boil-tickets-872543289467>. Hope to see you there. Please tell and invite your friends. We hope this is the first of many Knights dinners to come.

If you can help with setup and the dinner, please email me at clyde.moak@gmail.com. I have the basic plan all set up just need a little manpower to help run it (setup, man the cash bar, front gate, etc.) Thank you in advance for helping to make this a great event.



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Lenten Fish Fry's

Once again this year, Council 562, in conjunction with the AOH held a series of five fish fry's at OLN. The events were a great success, over 1500 meals were served



These fundraisers provide most of the funds that we donate to charitable organizations and causes throughout the year. Many thanks to those Brother Knights and Hibernians who helped to make these events successful and to those who donated to "baskets of cheer". We will look forward to doing it again next year.

April Birthdays

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

Douglas Vinci	April 1
Dennis Carr	April 3
Terrence Hauck	April 4
Rev. James O'Reilly	April 5
Arturo Ybanez	April 6
Daryl Doyle	April 8
Daniel Zipfel	April 8
Michael Downs	April 9
Frank Santoroski	April 9
Valentine Bernys Jr	April 11
James Chewning Jr	April 11
Terrance O'Shaughnessy	April 11
Ronald Pritchard Sr	April 13
William Howard	April 15
Larry Fisher	April 16
Nathaniel Griffith	April 16
Richard Vitolo	April 17
Thomas Mcgrath	April 24
Peter Voorhis	April 24
Pedro Escamilla	April 29

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

On June 8th in the morning the Basilica of St Andrew will be hosting a bed build down at the St Joseph Furniture Closet. The furniture closet gets many requests for beds from families in need. But they are unable to accept used beds due to state health regulations.

They are teaming up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to raise \$5000 for 20 twin beds (frame, mattress, comforter and pillow); however there is some assembly required and that is where we come in. I am asking for some men to come out and help us build. Will have more info in the next newsletter.

2024 Oktoberfest

Everyone – We will be sending out an email to invite all who are interested in learning more about what is planned and helping us get this off the ground. A lot of work has already been done for this event so really we are now at the stage to plan who does what to get everything done in time by the fall event. Please come by and find out more and if you can plan to help out either on the days of the event or leading up to it if not both. Thank you.

What Do You Want Us To Do?

Worthy brothers. Please stop letting the officers and I have all the fun of coming up with ideas of things to do. We would be glad to hear your ideas. From events to charities to help - Please send them to gk562@vakofc.org.

Saint of the Month

Stanislaus of Krakow

Stanislaus Szczepanowski was born near Krakow, Poland in July of 1030, the only son of Polish nobility. His family was very devout in their practice of the Catholic faith and of charity. Stanislaus studied for a time in Poland, and went on to learn theology and canon law in Paris. The death of his parents left him with a large inheritance, which he gave away to the poor.

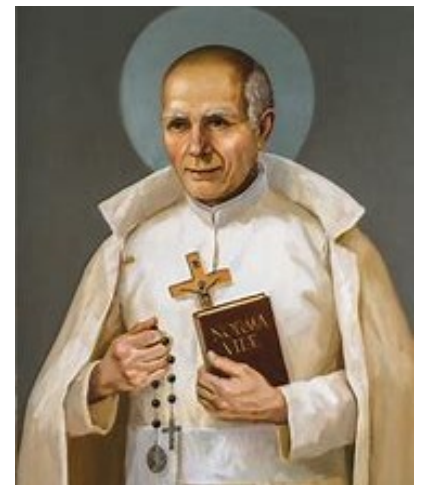
After his ordination to the priesthood, Stanislaus served Church of Krakow in different pastoral and administrative posts. Following the death of the diocese's bishop, Stanislaus was chosen as his successor in 1071. He did not want the position, but obeyed Pope Alexander II's order to accept it. Having done so, he proved to be a bold preacher of the Gospel.

This boldness brought him into conflict with Poland's ruler, King Boleslaus II, who was notorious for his violent and depraved lifestyle. After a series of disputes over his scandalous behavior and other matters, Stanislaus found no success in his efforts to reform the king. He excommunicated the sovereign – who responded with furious anger, sending henchmen to kill the bishop. When they proved unwilling or unable to do so, Boleslaus took matters into his own hands. He ambushed Stanislaus and struck him down with a sword during his celebration of Mass.

Stanislaus was soon acclaimed as a martyr, while Boleslaus II lost his grip on power and left Poland. In later years the fallen monarch is said to have lived in a monastery, repenting of the murder. In 1245 his relics were moved to Krakow's Wawel Cathedral. In the early 13th century, Bishop Iwo Odrowąż initiated preparations for Stanislaus' canonization.

Stanislaus was canonized by Pope Innocent IV at Assisi in 1253. His feast is April 11, considered to be the date of his death in 1079. He is the Patron Saint of Poland.

Saint Pope John Paul II – who was Krakow's archbishop in the "See of St. Stanislaus" before becoming Pope – paid tribute to him often during his pontificate. In a 2003 letter to the Polish Church, he recalled how St. Stanislaus "proclaimed faith in God to our ancestors and started in them...the saving power of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ."



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 Stephen Ratliff.
- BK Chris Sheets.
- BK Pat Reidy.
- Ceil Slough, widow of deceased BK George Slough.
- BK Paul Miller.
- BK Bill Howard.
- Cathy Colosimo, wife of BK Joe Colosimo - deceased.
- Agnes Engl, wife of BK Tom Engl - deceased.

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