



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

May, 2024

Upcoming Events

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

5/12 (Sunday) Mothers' Day

5/18 (Saturday) Low Country Boil at the Olympic Park Pool

5/19 (Sunday) "Jesus and the Eucharist" - Doors open 1:00

5/25 (Saturday) Flag placement at St. Andrew's Cemetery 9:00.

5/27 (Monday) Memorial Day; Mass at St. Andrew's Cemetery 11:00.

5/29 (Wednesday) May 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Election of Assembly officers.

5/31 - 6/2 (Friday - Sunday) Lebanese Festival St. Elias

6/3 (Monday) June Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. Election of Council officers.

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

Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus Brother Knights! I just got back from the Virginia State KofC Convention and I saw a little of how other Knight Councils are doing and what problems they are running into. Which is pretty much the same as we are facing. I would like to see us being a little more involved with our parishes and not asked to help just when there is a beer tent or a grill to be manned. It was inspiring to see over 170 Knights get together. Our State Chaplin, Bishop Loverde, wanted me to pass on that he continues to pray for all the Knights and their families and Fr Sal, one of our Assistant State Chaplains, wanted us to pass on to our councils to please thank our priests. They pray daily 7 times for us and our families.

I look forward to seeing what ideas come up from this weekend and what lies ahead for Council 562.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight



April Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain reflected on the joy of Easter. Christ is Risen! This is the basis of our faith as Catholic Christians.
- The Grand Knight thanked brother knights for all we do. Fish fry's were very successful.
- Upcoming events:
 - Removing pool cover Saturday, 4/13.
 - Oktoberfest planning meeting 4/15 at the Council Home.
 - Jesus and the Eucharist 4/21 (2 more sessions left).
 - Low Country Boil 5/18 at Olympic Park Pool.
 - Bed construction at St. Joseph's Furniture Closet Saturday 6/8.
 - Application for KOVAR has been made for August 30-31 and November 22-23.
- The Field Agent announced a virtual seminar on retirement savings 4/2 at 8:00.
- The District Deputy announced that donations are being accepted for a "basket of cheer" to be raffled at the state convention.
- The Financial Secretary announced that the Fish Fry's made profit of approximately \$17,000 (\$8500 each for KofC and AOH). (See separate article, P3.)
- A motion was approved to donate \$500 to OLN for use of their facility for the fish fry's. The donation is specified for use in replacing the playground equipment.
- The Lecturer reflected on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 . The Divine Mercy was revealed to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's and is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter each year.

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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May Birthdays

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

Fred G Alouf Jr	May 1
John Clarke	May 7
BrianDuffy	May 8
Christopher Larsen Sr	May 9
Daniel Ballard	May 10
David Bowers	May 11
Eric Reichardt	May 11
TravisSchmitt	May 11
Alfonso Sardo	May 13
Robert Ward	May 14
JohnPoissant	May 15
Fred Najjum	May 16
Joseph Nardone	May 22
John Biggio	May 24
Joseph Moses	May 24
Brian Carroll	May 25
Herman Turk Jr	May 26
Keith Griswold	May 28
Vernon Jolley Jr	May 31

Lenten Fish Fry's

This year's Lenten fish fry's were a great success, thanks to many Brother Knights and Hibernians who helped out. Over 1500 meals were served at the five sessions. A summary of the financial results are as follows:



Total Net Receipts	\$26010.20
Total Expenses	\$8031.20
Net Profit	\$17979.00
Profit each to KofC and AOH	\$8989.50

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

St. Andrew's receives multiple requests per week for beds through our St. Joseph's Furniture closet, but the closet does not accept beds. To meet this need, we have partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Roanoke for a bed build! Sign up here to join the fun: <https://basilicaofstandrew.org/sleepinheavenlypeace>

Memorial Day at St. Andrew's Cemetery

Once again this year, Knights will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at St. Andrew's Cemetery. We will meet at the maintenance building at 9:00 on Saturday, May 25 (coffee and donuts provided). Please plan to join this patriotic gesture in honor of our deceased veterans, many of whom were Brother Knights of Columbus.

Also, plan to attend the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27 at 11 am at the cemetery Columbarium Chapel. Refreshments will follow.



Saint of the Month

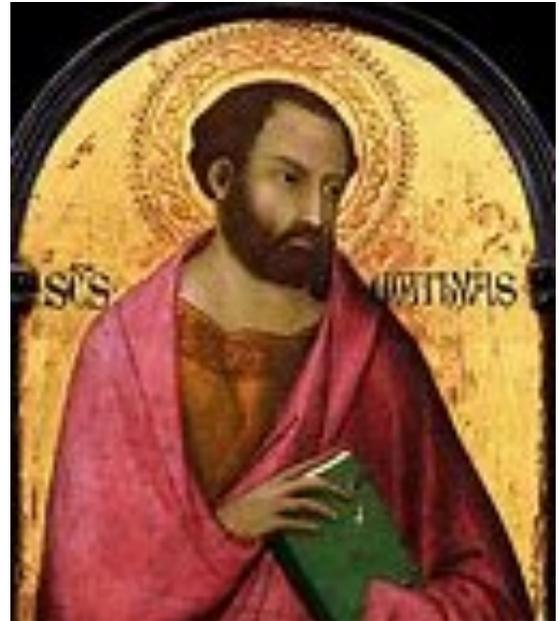
Matthias was one of the close followers of Jesus during the First Century AD. Little is known of his early life. He was most likely living in Galilee at the time that Jesus began His public ministry. There is no mention of Matthias in the synoptic gospels, but he is mentioned specifically in Acts 1:21–26. Acts documents that Matthias accompanied Jesus and the Apostles from the time of the baptism of Jesus to the Ascension. Early Church writers claimed that Matthias was among the 72 disciples paired off and dispatched by Jesus. After the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and the subsequent death of Judas, Matthias was chosen to replace him as the twelfth Apostle, prior to the Ascension.

It was important that the community endured even after the crucifixion to spread the Christian faith all around the world, and it was crucial that the number of apostles remained 12, since 12 was the number of tribes of Israel and a twelfth apostle was required for the coming of the new Israel. Jesus himself chose the original 12 apostles, and the rest of the apostles chose Matthias by casting lots after the Ascension. There is no further information about him in the New Testament.

It is believed that Matthias placed his faith in Jesus Christ above everything else and was present with the other apostles at the Pentecost. He embraced all the teachings of Jesus and sacrificed his life for the service of the Lord. He also worked many miracles in the name of Lord Jesus, which converted many to the Christian faith.

It is generally believed that Matthias ministered in Judea, then in Cappadocia and on the coast of the Caspian Sea, where he was martyred by crucifixion. The feast of Saint Matthias was included in the Roman calendar in the 11th century; in 1969, his feast was

transferred to 14 May to celebrate it close to the Solemnity of the Ascension, the event after which the Acts of the Apostles recounts that Matthias was selected to be ranked with the Twelve Apostles. He is a patron of carpenters, tailors, and those who are afflicted by alcoholism.



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 Pat Reidy - deceased.
- BK Paul Miller.
- BK Bill Howard.



Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI)

In 1994, the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus incorporated the charity committee to form the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) for the purpose of carrying out the first principle of our Order, "Charity", as envisioned by our Founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

VKCCI grants provide financial support to those residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, who, through no fault of their own, are unable to provide the basic essentials of life (food, clothing, shelter, medical and health) for themselves or their family members, and have exhausted all other avenues of relief.

KCCI provides grants, through Virginia Knights of Columbus Councils, of up to \$4,000 to individuals in urgent and critical financial need. Utilizing funds provided by a KOVAR grant, VKCCI is also able to provide funds to individuals with intellectual disabilities. From July 1, 1994 through June 30, 2020, because of the generosity of Virginia Councils, KOVAR, and individual KofC members, VKCCI has awarded 1,121 grants totaling \$1,961,856.



Knights of Columbus Insurance

What is the Catholic Difference? When was the last time you reviewed your insurance coverage? Whether you are looking for a term life insurance policy to cover existing expenses, a policy with the capability to adapt as you age, or a combination of the two, Knights of Columbus has you covered. Choose the product and protection level that best fits your family's needs for stability, growth and security.

Throughout the many stages of life, whether you are welcoming a new baby into the family, recently became empty nesters, or are entering the world of retirement, the Knights of Columbus helps protect your family – for life and legacy.

Insurance planning can be flexible, easy and can help you protect your assets! For more information, contact Jack Clarke at 540-204-4984 or Jack.Clarke@KofC.org

Lebanese Festival May 31– June 2

St Elias will be hosting their annual Lebanese Festival this year Friday May 31st – Sunday June 2nd. The festival features delicious Lebanese food with takeout and online ordering available. Other festival activities include Arabic music, Lebanese folk dancers, kids games, and displays of Lebanese culture.

Please be alert for emails about how we will be helping with the Lebanese Festival this year.



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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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In case of illness, need, or death, please notify one of the following:

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