



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**June, 2024**

## Upcoming Events

**5/31 - 6/2 (Friday - Sunday)** Lebanese Festival St. Elias (See separate article, P3).

**6/2 (Sunday)** Feast of Corpus Christi

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

**6/8 (Saturday)** Sleep in Heavenly Peace Roanoke for a bed build.

**6/14 (Friday)** Flag Day

**6/16 (Sunday)** Fathers' Day

**6/18 (Tuesday)** Guard. Grow. Give. Financial Seminar. 8:00PM

**6/24 (Monday)** June 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

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

**7/4 (Thursday)** Independence Day

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

## Grand Knight's Report



Worthy Brothers:

I want to thank you. June is the last month of my run as your Grand Knight. For the last three years you have supported me as I tried various activities with the Council. Many times it looked like we would not have the support and people to pull things off and you always came through and between you all gave the support I needed to get through. Thank you. I know that you will continue and support the Grand Knights to come just as much.

Remember always that you are Knights of Columbus. That we are called by our Bishops as the strong right arm of the church. That others in our church do look up to the Knights. That we are here to help others – by action and by faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Clyde Moak, Grand Knight

# May Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain reflected that May is the month of Mary, our Mother and patroness. We should seek her intercession when needed. All Knights receive the Rosary and are asked to pray it whenever possible. The Rosary is our special protection.
- The Grand Knight mentioned that a message from the State Convention was to thank our parish priests. They work and pray for us on a daily basis.
- There are a number of upcoming events (we should be aware of messages requesting our participation):
  - Novena to the Holy Spirit starting 5/10 at St. Andrew's. .
  - May Crowning 5/11 at St. Andrew's and OLN.
  - Virtual Degree Ceremonial 5/16.
  - Low Country Boil 5/18.
  - Jesus and the Eucharist 5/19.
  - Fraternal Benefits webinar 5/22.
  - Memorial Day flag placement at St. Andrew's Cemetery 5/25 and Mass 5/27.
  - Corpus Christi procession at St. Andrew's 6/2 - Knights in ORD requested.
  - Faith camp dinner at OLN 6/20.
- The District Deputy mentioned that state officers for FY 2024-25 were elected at the state convention (see separate article, P3).
- The Scholarship Committee announced 10 scholarship recipients for 2024. A motion authorizing payment of the scholarships from the Canfield Scholarship fund was passed.
- KOVAR dates were confirmed for 8/30-31 and 11/22-23 at the ABC stores at Towers and Valley View.
- Safe travel wishes were extended to the OLN parishioners participating in the upcoming pilgrimage to Italy.

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## Wednesday Grill Nights

Every Wednesday during the summer months (weather permitting) is grill night at Olympic Park Pool. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM.

Pool membership is not required, and there is no charge for entry if you do not plan to swim. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Help is needed for this endeavor. Please come on out and help if you are able.



## June Birthdays

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

Charles Moody	June 1
Roy Dwyer Jr	June 5
Keaton Thorum	June 5
Thomas Engl	June 9
Keith Oddo	June 10
Jon Reynolds	June 10
Thomas Boylan	June 11
Robert Lewis	June 12
Brian Van Der Linden	June 13
Samuel Silek	June 14
Larry Thompson	June 16
Kevin Conlan	June 17
Clyde Moak	June 17
Richard Boush	June 18
Eric Schmucker	June 20
Joseph Wilson	June 20
David Gilday	June 26
Edward Arsura	June 28
Joseph Abbatello III	June 29
Paul Yengst	June 29

## State Officers Elected

Virginia state officers for Fraternal Year 2024-25 were elected at the Virginia State Convention in Herndon on April 27. Good success to our state officers as they Lead the Virginia State Council thru the upcoming fraternal year.

State Deputy:	Bob Jones
	Council 12434, Spotsylvania
State Secretary:	Trey Hart
	Council 06828, Williamsburg
State Treasurer:	John Knox
	Council 06790, Arlington
State Advocate:	Ernie Piro
	Council 10754, Great Falls
State Warden:	Mark Zaccagnini
	Council 8240, Chesapeake

## 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! The event will be held Saturday, June 8 in the parking lot of St. Josephs Furniture Closet. Sign up here to join the fun: <https://basilicaofstandrew.org/sleepinheavenlypeace>

## Lebanese Festival May 31– June 2 Help Required

St Elias will be hosting their annual Lebanese Festival this year Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

We have again been asked to man the Bounce House and take money for the Lebanese Festival. Please sign up online below or email/text Clyde Moak at [clyde.moak@gmail.com](mailto:clyde.moak@gmail.com) / 540-418-5148.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AADAF29A3FA7-49916159-lebanese>



# Saint of the Month

## Aloysius Gonzaga

Luigi Gonzaga was born in 1658 as the eldest son of a noble family in Northern Italy.

"Aloysius" is the Latin form of his given name in Italian, "Luigi" – he later assumed his Latin name. As the first-born son, he was in line to inherit his father's title and status of Marquis. His father assumed that Gonzaga would become a soldier. At age five, Gonzaga was sent to a military camp to get started on his military training. At age 8, he fell ill with a disease of the kidneys, which troubled him throughout his life. While he was ill, he took the opportunity to read about the saints and to spend much of his time in prayer.

Gonzaga met Cardinal Charles Borromeo, and received First Communion on 22 July 1580. After reading a book about Jesuit missionaries in India, Gonzaga felt strongly that he wanted to become a missionary. He started practicing by teaching catechism classes to young boys and adopted an ascetic lifestyle. On 25 November 1585 he was accepted into the Society of Jesus in Rome. On 25 November 1587, he took the three religious vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. Gonzaga's health continued to cause problems. In 1590, he had a vision in which the Archangel Gabriel told him that he would die within a year.

In 1591, a plague broke out in Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital for the stricken, and Gonzaga volunteered to work there. After begging alms for the victims, Gonzaga began working with the sick, carrying the dying from the streets into a hospital founded by the Jesuits. While there, Gonzaga was infected. He grew ill and was bedridden by 3 March 1591, a few days before his 23rd birthday.

Gonzaga declined for many weeks and was given Last Rites by Robert Bellarmine. Gonzaga told several people that he would die on the Octave of the feast of Corpus Christi. He died on that day, June 21, 1591.

Many people considered Aloysius Gonzaga to be a saint soon after his death. He was beatified only fourteen years after his death by Pope Paul V on October 19, 1605. On December 31, 1726 he was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII. Purity was his notable virtue. He is the Patron Saint of youth, students, and plague victims.



## 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.

## **A STORY OF RESILIENCE AND HOPE**

As some of you may already know, my life has been far from ordinary. It has been a journey filled with highs and lows, moments of deep reflection, and spiritual encounters that have shaped me into the person I am today.

After much contemplation and effort, I am excited to share that I have completed writing my memoir. In this book, I have poured out my heart, detailing the triumphs and struggles, my imperfections, and my spiritual experiences, including encounters with the Devil going into rapture twice, and answered prayers that have left me in awe.

However, before I can share my story with the world, I need your help in taking the final step. I am seeking support to have my memoir professionally edited and polished to ensure it is ready for publication.

To provide you with a glimpse of my memoir, I have created a website where you can learn more about my journey. Visit My Website: [patrickcrowememoir.com](http://patrickcrowememoir.com)

Additionally, I have set up a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo to raise funds for the editing process. You can show your support by making a donation at Indiegogo and by sharing this message with your network. Use the following link to contribute:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/a-story-of-resilience-and-hope/x/36635758#/>

Your contribution, whether big or small, will make a significant difference in bringing my memoir to life. I truly appreciate your consideration and support in this endeavor.

Thank you for being a part of my journey.

Sincerely,

Patrick Crowe

## **Canfield Scholarship Recipients Named**

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 Albert Canfield Scholarships. Each of the following recipients will receive a \$1000 scholarship for the 2024-25 school year:

Hannah Cundiff  
Keriann Kleinhenz  
Kyler Kleinhenz  
Francesca Lazzuri  
Emma Patterson  
Christina Ellis  
Jocelyn Hurst  
Nathaniel Moak  
Christopher Moak  
Maribel Saade



## **Corpus Christi at the Basilica of St. Andrew**

Sunday, June 2 is the Feast of Corpus Christi - The Holy Body and Blood of Christ. There will be a procession of the Holy Eucharist following the 11:30 Mass. Brother Knights and their families are encouraged to participate in the procession. Sir Knights with ORD are asked to join the procession.

## **Guard. Grow. Give. Financial Seminar**

The final KofC online seminar will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. Guard. Grow. Give. Financial Seminar. Learn more about financial solutions that align with Catholic values. Registration is required. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/KofCJune18>. See flier, P6.

# Guard. Grow. Give.



**Anthony Minopoli**  
President & Chief Investment Officer,  
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors



**Dennis Gerber**  
Vice President of Charitable Giving &  
President of Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund



**Sergio Urrutia**  
General Agent of SE Florida,  
Knights of Columbus

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**June 18, 2024**

Date

**8 PM EDT / 7 PM CDT / 5PM PDT**

Time

**Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCJune18>**

RSVP



## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2023-24

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Treasurer	Val Bernys	540-798-3128
Recorder	Jan Hodnett	540-819-5456
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Inside Guard	Tom Huck	540-597-2121
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	

## Corporation Board 2023-24

President	Roger Vest	540-520-8520
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Board Member	Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Board Member:	Dan McBride	540-389-5903
Board Member:	Paul Miller	540-339-8657
Board Member:		

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

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