



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

July, 2024

## Upcoming Events

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

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

**7/13 (Saturday)** Virginia State Organizational Meeting, Fairfax

**7/17-21** National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis

**7/29 (Monday)** July 4th Degree meeting. **Note change of normal meeting date.** Installation of officers for Fraternal Year 2024-25. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:15.

**8/5 (Monday)** August Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

**8/6-8 (Monday - Wednesday)** KofC Supreme Convention, Quebec City

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

## Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

Thank you for placing your trust in me again to serve our council as Grand Knight. The outgoing state and council leadership served multiple terms, and I thank our immediate Past State Deputy, Pat Rowland, and our immediate Past Grand Knight, Clyde Moak, for their leadership in the previous fraternal years.

Our new State Deputy, Bob Jones, has selected the theme "Have Faith and Fear Not" for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. This compliments the theme from the past two years "From Worship Into Service" as we must continue to serve our communities under the guiding principle of Charity and the only way we will be successful in that, or any, endeavor is with the help our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> let us place our trust in the Lord as we ask Him to bless our families, our council and the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



# June Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain reflected on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which we commemorate during the month of June. The heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of God's endless love for mankind. The Chaplain also thanked Brother Knights for help with the Lebanese Festival at St. Elias.
- The Grand Knight thanked Brothers for support over the last 3 years. Thanks were also expressed for help with the Lebanese Festival and Corpus Christi Procession at St. Andrew's.
- The Deputy Grand Knight reported on upcoming activities:
  - Right to Life demonstration at Planned Parenthood Friday, 6/7.
  - Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build Saturday, 6/8.
  - "Jesus Thirsts" movie at local theaters 6/4-5.
  - Olympic Park Pool is now open, grill nights on Wednesdays (help needed).
  - On-line Fraternal Benefits Seminar 6/18.
- Officers were elected for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year (see separate article, p3).
- Awards were presented to Roanoke Catholic student scholars and scholar athletes (see separate article, p3).
- An expenditure of \$500 was approved to support a "Choose Life" electronic billboard.
- The November, 2023 passing of PGK Pete Voorhis was reported.
- The Lecturer reported on the Bishops' letter to the Virginia Catholic Conference. Bishops Knestout and Burbidge expressed thanks that Governor Youngkin has vetoed two bills that threatened to compel organizations to provide and pay for contraceptives and even some abortion-inducing drugs and devices against their deeply and sincerely held beliefs.

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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.



# July Birthdays

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

Noah Beckner	July 1
James Specht	July 1
Theodore Ivanco	July 2
Donald Feick	July 4
Teddy Crowe	July 5
Michael Kupec	July 13
Samuel Turner	July 14
Michael Whelan	July 14
Joseph Davis	July 15
Pierre Ellis	July 17
Brian Amend	July 18
Thomas Young	July 19
Daniel O'Dell	July 21
Jay Assenat	July 22
Edward Bradley	July 22
Frank Haranzo III	July 24
David Boyer	July 25
Paul Yengst III	July 27
John Anderson	July 28
David Bittel	July 28
Deo Ndayisenga	July 28
John Church	July 29
Gary Kehres	July 29
Thomas Engl Jr	July 31

# Roanoke Catholic Scholars Honored

Roanoke Catholic School Students were recognized recently by KofC Council 562. Male and female scholars and scholar-athletes were honored and presented with computer bags for college. Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Male Scholar	Grady Whalen
Female Scholar	Sophia Bradley
Male Scholar-Athlete	Dillan Patel
Female Scholar-Athlete	Mickie O'Herron

# Council Officers Elected for 2024-25

Council officers for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year at the June 3 business meeting. Congratulations to the newly elected officers:

Grand Knight:	James Valenzuela
Deputy Grand Knight:	Open
Chancellor:	Chris Johnson
Warden:	Steve Ratliff
Recorder:	Jan Hodnett
Advocate:	Nate Griffith
Treasurer:	Val Bernys
Inside Guard:	Tom Huck
Outside Guard:	Jean Saade
Trustee 3 year:	Clyde Moak
Trustee 2 year:	Rich Whitney
Trustee 1 year:	Bill Howard
Lecturer:	Dave Chopski
GK Delegate:	James Valenzuela
PGK Delegate:	Clyde Moak
Alt GK Delegate:	Open
Alt PGK Delegate:	Bill Howard

Scholarship Committee: Jon Reynolds - renewed term/re-elected



RCS Scholars (left to right): Scholarship Committee Chair Leon Vinci, Sophia Bradley, Mickie O'Herron, Grady Whalen, Dillan Patel



# Saint of the Month

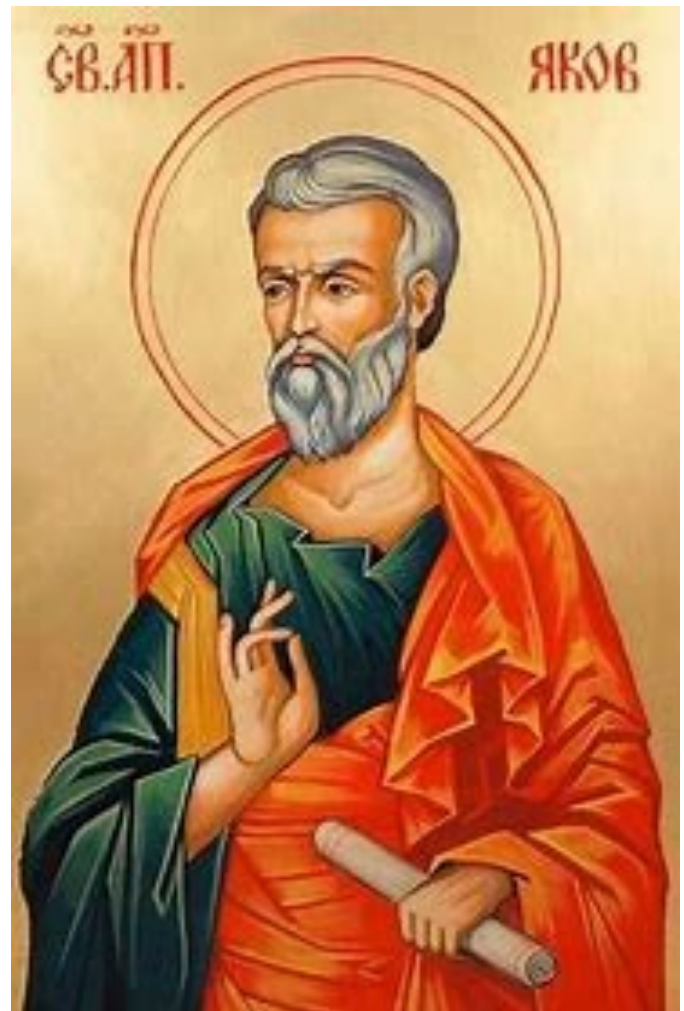
## James the Great

James was the son of Zebedee and Salome and a cousin of Jesus (Salome was a sister of the Blessed Mother Mary). The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter (not because James the Greater was more important). The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were fishing with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

James, along with his brother John, and Peter, formed an "inner circle" among the Twelve Apostles. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

According to tradition, James was the first of the twelve Apostles to be martyred. The Acts of the Apostles records that "Herod the king" had James executed by the sword. This may have been caused by James's fiery temper, in which he and his brother earned the nicknames "Sons of Thunder". According to Spanish tradition, following his death his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world.

James the Great was canonized pre-congregation; his Feast day is July 25.



## Prayer Requests

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

- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills.
- Donnie and Betsy Ratliff, parents of BK Stephen Ratliff.
- BK Pat Reidy - deceased.
- PGK Pete Voorhis - deceased.
- PGK, PFN Don Pierce - deceased.
- BK Paul Miller.
- BK Leon Vinci.
- BK Chris Sheets.
- Lynn Bertolacci, wife of BK Al Bertolacci.

# KOVAR

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus 501(c) (3) tax exempt charity established in 1971 to empower nonprofit organizations with financial support to improve access to affordable housing, job training, sports participation, and personal care for Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities.

Our Catholic faith provides the foundations for our actions. We strive to put Respect for Life and support to the intellectually disabled in Virginia into tangible works. We endeavor to implement the Knights of Columbus core values of integrity, professionalism, excellence, and compassion into all our efforts. We aim to become a trusted and collaborative partner with all stakeholders invested in improving the quality of life for Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities. We respect all regardless of creed, intellectual abilities, race, or ethnic origin.

Virginia Knights have raised more than \$19 million since 1971 which has made it possible for KOVAR to help Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities through:

- Interest-free Loans for Group Homes
- Transportation
- Group Home Support
- Training Programs
- Job Skill Training Programs
- Startup Programs
- Special Olympics Virginia



# Knights of Columbus Annuities

## Guaranteed Retirement Income

An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income. Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

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Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. Your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.

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Financial Secretary	Brian Ripple	540-797-5823
Chaplain	Fr. George Zina	407-758-8855
Treasurer	Val Bernys	540-798-3128
Recorder	Jan Hodnett	540-819-5456
Advocate	Nate Griffith	804-837-8874
Outside Guard	Jean Saade	
Inside Guard	Tom Huck	540-597-2121
Trustee, 3 Year	Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
Trustee, 2 Year	Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Trustee, 1 Year	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742

## Corporation Board 2023-24

President	Roger Vest	540-520-8520
Vice President:	James Valenzuela	301-806-3920
Treasurer:	Jan Hodnett	540-819-5456
Board Member:	Val Bernys	540-989-9282
Board Member:	Clyde Moak	540-418-5148
Board Member	Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Board Member:	Dan McBride	540-389-5903
Board Member:	Paul Miller	540-339-8657

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