



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

September, 2024

Upcoming Events

8/30-31 (Friday-Saturday) KOVAR fund drive at ABC stores.

9/2 (Monday) Labor Day - Grill event at Olympic Park Pool 12:00 - 7:00

9/3 (Tuesday) September Council Business Meeting. **Rescheduled due to Labor Day.** Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

9/20 (Friday) RCS Golf Tournament Hanging Rock GC (see p5)

9/10 (Tuesday) Long-Term Care Webinar (see p6)

9/22 (Sunday) OLN Harvest Festival

9/23 (Monday) September 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:15. Flag retirement ceremony planned.

9/28 (Saturday) Exemplification of the 4th Degree, Manassas

10/7 (Monday) October 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

Brother Knights,



We are now two months into the new fraternal year, and we have already accomplished so much. Many thanks to all our brother knights who participated in events supporting Roanoke Catholic School, our parishes, communities and even at our own council home. We have many more events planned in the next few months, please keep an eye out on your email for announcements and join us at our business meetings on the first Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) of each month at the council home. Doors will open at 6pm for food/fellowship and the meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



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August Business Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight reflected on his experience at the National Eucharistic Congress, and escribed the experience as “a little taste of heaven”. We are a Catholic fraternal organization - that is what distinguishes us from other fraternal organizations. As such, we are called to be witnesses for the church.
- Thanks were extended to those who helped with the cleanup of the council home 8/2-4.
- The Chancellor mentioned that we will be assisting seminarians again this year. Also, there is a Silver Rose ceremony at the Basilica of St. Andrew’s on Wednesday, 8/28. The St. Joseph icon will also be in District 33 near the end of August.
- The Field Agent reported that Bob Abate has retired; a new General Agent will be announced soon. A Long-term Care webinar will be held 9/10.
- The District Deputy announced installation of council officers on 8/20 and Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on 11/1 at the Basilica of St. Andrew’s.
- New Business:
 - Dave Chopski was elected Deputy Grand Knight.
 - The budget/spending plan was approved as published.
 - A \$300 beverage cart sponsorship was approved to support the Roanoke Catholic golf tournament.
- The Lecturer recalled the upcoming national election. The Church teaches us that it is a moral obligation to vote. Also encourage friends and family members to register and vote.
- The Grand Knight encouraged members to get and stay involved and to help inactive members to get involved. Send suggestions to the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight.

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September Birthdays

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

Donald Alouf	September 1
Rick Vitolo II	September 2
Michael Maurer	September 7
Robert Hermanns	September 8
Michael Kolnok Jr	September 9
Joe Thompson	September 13
Daniel Derringer	September 16
Robert Ellis	September 16
Larry Meadows	September 16
Beverly Hodgins	September 20
Shawn O'Neill	September 20
Stuart Stovall	September 21
John Rowland	September 22
Shawn Dunleavy	September 24
H Patrick Russell	September 24
David Alderman	September 25
Brian Ripple	September 27
Joseph Kosty	September 28
Albert Marraccini	September 28
Shawn Marshall	September 29
Nathan Stoehr	September 30

Council Home Facelift



A cleanup/facelift of the council home was conducted August 2-4 and August 23-24 in anticipation of some rental opportunities later in the fall. The effort on the first weekend was on the interior - painting, carpet cleaning, and kitchen organization and cleanup. The second weekend's effort concentrated on the exterior - pressure washing, clearing brush, etc.

A substantial effort was put forth to achieve great results. Many thanks to Brother Knights who made this effort a success:

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| Johnny Mercer | Glen Hall |
| Dave Chopski | Karl Kleinhenz |
| Chuck Hatcher | Rob Jengo |
| Roger Vest | Zack White |
| George Cuadrado | Greg Benda |
| Juan Garcia | Rich Whitney |
| James Valenzuela | Val Bernys |
| Brian Ripple | Chris Johnson |
| Tom Huck | Donald Brown |
| Paul Miller | Jean Saade |

KOVAR August 30-31

The 2024 annual KOVAR drive will be held Friday - Saturday, August 30-31 at the Towers and Town Square ABC Stores. KOVAR provides programs and assistance for Virginia residents with intellectual disabilities.

This is one of the major charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia. Help is needed! Please plan to come out and help for a couple hours if you are able.



Installation of Council Officers

Installation of Council 562 officers for fraternal year 2024-25 was conducted on August 20 at the Basilica of St. Andrew. Fr. Kevin Segerblom celebrated Mass prior to the installation on the Feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. District Deputy Karl Kleinhenz conducted the installation; State Treasurer John Knox represented the Virginia State Council. Refreshments were provided by Council 562 First Lady Aimee Valenzuela.



Last Grill Event of the 2024 Season!

Our Wednesday grill nights at Olympic Park Pool have been a great success this summer. We will hold an end-of-season grill event on the last day of the season: Labor Day, September 2 from 12:00 - 7:00.

Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are available. 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. Please come on out and help if you are able.



Saint of the Month

Robert Bellarmine

Robert Bellarmine was born into a noble family in Tuscany, modern-day Italy. Despite the family's noble lineage, Robert's parents were materially poor. As a child, Robert was known for his intelligence. At the age of eighteen, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Rome where he excelled. He was ordained a priest in 1570 at the age of 28.

As a newly-ordained priest, Robert was assigned to several teaching positions. While at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, he became a spiritual director to the seminarian and future saint, Aloysius Gonzaga and helped St. Francis de Sales obtain formal approval of the Visitation Order. Fr Bellarmine became widely respected for his brilliance and preaching. While in Rome, he published *De Controversiis*, a defense of the Catholic faith in the wake of the Protestant Reformation. Fr Bellarmine addressed seventeen controversies that resulted from the Protestant Reformation and eloquently defended Catholic doctrine against them. This was the first attempt by a Catholic theologian to directly address these controversies in a systematic and comprehensive way. His work became the standard for the theological defense of the faith across all of Europe.

Father Bellarmine was called upon by popes for administrative and diplomatic tasks. In 1598, he was created a cardinal and in 1602 he was ordained a bishop and assigned as Archbishop of Capua. In 1605, he was reassigned by Pope Paul V as the chief advisor and theologian for the Holy See. Over the next sixteen years, Cardinal Bellarmine became a central figure in the Vatican and helped resolve divisions within the Church. He

served in numerous other capacities. In 1616, Cardinal Bellarmine was involved in responding to the controversial teachings of Galileo, whom he considered a friend.

Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621; he was buried in the Church of St. Ignatius in Rome. He was canonized in 1930 by Pope Pius XI and declared as doctor of the Church in 1931.



Prayer Requests

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

- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills.
- Linda Benda, wife of BK Greg Benda
- Lynn Bertollacci, wife of BK Al Bertollacci - deceased.
- PGK Bob Poole - deceased.
- Michelle Clarke, wife of FA Jack Clarke.
- Mother of FA Jack Clarke
- BK Paul Yengst, Jr.
- Mother of BK Paul Yengst, Jr.
- BK Juan Garcia's Aunt Milli
- Family of Fr. George Zina in Lebanon



Our Mission

The fundamental task of Roanoke Catholic School is the education of the whole person, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.



Our community-driven fundraising effort is dedicated to providing our students with excellent academic and innovative opportunities through athletic programs and valuable spiritual awareness. Your sponsorship will directly impact the lives of our students, enhancing their educational experience and fostering their personal growth.

Register by September 9th by contacting GERALYNN TRELLUE at: 540.977.8088, gtrellue@roanokecatholic.com, or register and pay through our website: www.roanokecatholic.org

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2024 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hanging Rock Golf Club
1500 Red Lane Ext, Salem, VA

Friday, September 20th
11am Registration - 12pm Lunch
1pm Shotgun start

Are you Penny Wise?

There's a reason that the old saying "a penny saved is a penny earned" has been bouncing around since Ben Franklin's time: People still see wisdom in saving money. However, are some methods of saving wiser than others?

Perhaps you heard of the real-life story when a California family stumbled across bags and boxes of pennies while cleaning out another family member's home.¹ Those pennies added up to \$10,000. Pennies were saved – indeed, hoarded. But what was earned?

Consider this hypothetical: Suppose that penny hoarder saved \$170 in pennies per year, but instead of stashing them in bags and boxes, he put them in an investment yielding a 7% average annual return.* In 50 years his account would have grown to \$69,1102!

Almost anyone can benefit from a professional wealth strategy plan with a sound foundation of diversification, asset allocation and annual rebalancing. These three factors can make a huge difference. It certainly can affect how you will live your retirement years.

With long-term saving goals, remember that life changes could also impact your time frame and objectives. A good rule is to reassess your strategy every few years to ensure that it is still on track. Whether you are older or younger than 50, it's important to consider the different risks and potential returns that various financial strategies might offer.

Want to know more? Request the information now – it could be your best strategy of the year.



Protect Those You Love The Most

Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30PM EST

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSept10>



No purchase is necessary to attend this event. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax, or legal advice. A Knights of Columbus insurance agent may contact you following the event. Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, 06510

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