



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter**

**October, 2024**

## Upcoming Events

**9/25-11/3** 40 Days for Life fall campaign

**10/7 (Monday)** October Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

**10/14 (Monday)** Columbus Day

**10/19 (Saturday)** State quarterly meeting, Newport News.

**10/28 (Monday)** October 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:15.

**10/30 (Wednesday)** District meeting by Zoom

**11/1 (Friday)** Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation);

**11/2 (Saturday)** All Souls Day. Mass celebrated at St. Andrew's Cemetery.

**11/11 (Monday)** Veterans' Day

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

## Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Please join me in making a commitment to pray the rosary every day this month. We recently held a prayer service for the Silver Rose which commemorates Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of Unborn Children, for our nation and the all the lives lost due to abortion.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



# September Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain recalled two upcoming feast days: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8 and Exultation of the Holy Cross on September 14.
- The Grand Knight reminded the council of the upcoming election. Stay involved in civic affairs and stay close to the Lord. Also, there are a number of activities upcoming; we need both faith and good works. Upcoming programs:
  - Fraternal Benefits watch party Tuesday, 9/10.
  - St Andrew’s parish picnic Sunday, 9/15.
  - RCS golf tournament Friday, 9/20.
  - OLN Fall Festival Sunday, 9/22.
  - District family event Monday, 9/30 (details TBA).
- Upcoming 4th Degree events:
  - Flag retirement with Boy Scouts Monday, 9/23.
  - Exemplification of the 4th Degree Saturday, 9/28 (Manassas).
- BK Roger Vest reported that KOVAR raised \$2029 in donations over the Labor Day weekend and the Labor Day grill event at the pool took in over \$900. He thanked Brother Knights for our effort.
- The Grand Knight restated that the council is doing a lot and thanked Brother Knights for our participation. Several upcoming events in September.
- The Lecturer reflected on the 2024-25 Virginia State Motto “Have Faith, Fear Not”. Faith can overcome any fear.

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# October Birthdays

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

John Meise Sr	October 2
Michael Pyle	October 4
Daniel Keeley	October 5
Leon Vinci	October 6
Patrick Patterson	October 8
Mark Johnson	October 11
George Pufko Jr	October 12
Stephen Ratliff	October 13
Daniel Austin Sr	October 15
Alfred Bertolacci	October 16
Wayne Parker	October 16
Anthony Hopper	October 17
Robert Way	October 17
George Clay II	October 21
Rev Les Schmidt	October 21
John Mercer	October 23
Glenn Hall	October 26
David Peters	October 26
Michael Grant	October 28
Louis Soldano	October 31



# 2024 Grill Night Wrap-up

Our Wednesday grill nights at Olympic Park Pool have been a great success this summer. An end-of-season grill event was held on the last day of the season - Labor Day.

A total (profit) of \$2609 was raised over the summer to support the operating expenses of the pool and council home.

Many thanks to Brother Knights and AOH members who helped out with the Grill nights, many who came nearly every week.



## KOVAR

The 2024 annual KOVAR drive was held Friday - Saturday, August 30-31 at the Towers and Town Square ABC Stores. A little over \$2000 was collected to assist Virginia residents with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to those Brother Knights who gave a little of their time to this worthy cause!

This is one of the major charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia. A second drive will be held the weekend of November 29-30. Please plan to help if you are able.



# 40 Days for Life 9/25-11/3

The 2024 40 Days for Life fall campaign starts September 25. 40 Days focuses on prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to change hearts to end abortion. **We Need You** and ask you to prayerfully consider standing with us in vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at a time convenient for you, whether it be 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or an hour. Vigils run 7:00 am to 7:00 pm every day except Sunday. If you can't join a vigil, please consider becoming a prayer partner.

Your witness to the real presence of life in the womb to mothers coming to Planned Parenthood and those who drive by may save a life! Did you know, that when we stand vigil outside abortion clinics, the no-show rate goes as high as 75%!

To become a prayer partner or stand vigil at Planned Parenthood, please contact Joan Murano at [jmmchooselife@gmail.com](mailto:jmmchooselife@gmail.com) or Anne Lawson at [amplawson@gmail.com](mailto:amplawson@gmail.com). Join us for opening day for 40 Days for Life on Wednesday, September 25 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm outside of Planned Parenthood. We will pray the Rosary at 1:00 pm and have a communal prayer at 2:00 pm with Pastor Phil from Messiah Lutheran Church. All are welcome!





# Saint of the Month

## Ignatius of Antioch

Little is known of the early life of Ignatius Theophorus. Most of what is known comes from his writings. He was born around 50 AD in Syria and converted to Christianity at a young age. One tradition arose that he was one of the children whom Jesus took in his arms and blessed, as described in Mark 9:35.

As a young man, Ignatius was a loyal disciple of the Apostle John. Around 69 AD, Ignatius was consecrated as the third Bishop of Antioch by St. Peter. Together with Clement of Rome and Polycarp of Smyrna, he is considered one of the three most important Apostolic Fathers – church fathers who are believed to have known some of the original twelve Apostles. He was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, and always made it his special care to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians.

In 107, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan, Ignatius was sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle. During his journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece. He made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction, and inspiration to the Christians in those communities.

In his letters, Ignatius outlined many aspects of the faith of the early church: the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the divinity of Christ, the hierarchical structure of the church, and the understanding of Mary as the Mother of God. We still have these letters as a great treasure of the Church today. He was the first to use the term "Catholic" to refer to the

universal nature of the Church.

Bishop Ignatius was not afraid of death. He followed the Lord Jesus into his Passion, knowing that he would rise with Him in his Resurrection. He longed for martyrdom, believing that this would complete his true discipleship.

His holy martyrdom occurred in the year 107 in the Roman Coliseum. Ignatius Theophorus was canonized Pre-congregation by John the Apostle. His feast day is October 17.



## Prayer Requests

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

- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills.
- BK Greg Benda and wife Linda Benda
- Michelle Clarke, wife of FA Jack Clarke and Mother of FA Jack Clarke
- BK Juan Garcia's Aunt Milli
- Family of Fr. George Zina in Lebanon
- BK Paul Miller and his wife
- Leon Vinci
- Mother of FA Jack Clarke
- Paula Hoffman, aunt of BK Brian Ripple
- Mother of DD Karl Kleinhenz
- Mother-in-law and uncles of GK James Valenzuela

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