



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

November, 2024

Upcoming Events

Current -11/3 40 Days for Life fall campaign continues.

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

11/2 (Saturday) All Souls Day. Mass celebrated at St. Andrew's Cemetery 11:00.

11/4 (Monday) November Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

11/5 (Tuesday) Election Day

11/11 (Monday) Veterans' Day

11/25 (Monday) November 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:15.

11/28 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day

11/29-30 (Friday - Saturday) KOVAR fall drive at Towers and Town Square ABC stores

12/2 (Monday) December Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

12/6 (Friday) Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Basilica of St Andrew. Further Details TBA.

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

Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

Election Day, Tuesday November 5th, is the day after our November business meeting. The Virginia Catholic Conference offers several resources for voters at their website: <https://vacatholic.org/election2024/>.

This presidential election cycle has been marred by political violence and divisive rhetoric. In addition to exercising our civic duty to vote, let us also pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, for healing of the divisions in our nation. Whatever the outcome of the election, we must be examples of the principles of our order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Vivat Jesus,
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



October Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain recalled the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast is the commemoration of the victory of the Christian Navy at the Battle of Lepanto in 1572. Pope John Paul II added the luminous Mysteries in 2002.
- The Chaplain also reminded the council of the upcoming canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis on October 20.
- The Grand Knight reminded Brother Knights to pray the Rosary and vote our conscience in the upcoming election.
- Dustin Martin was welcomed as a new member.
- Programs:
 - Memorial Mass scheduled for 11/19 (Tuesday)
 - KOVAR raised \$2000+ in our recent drive; next drive is 11/29-30.
 - KOVAR operates a Home Loan Fund of \$2M; goal is to increase the fund to \$4M.
- 4th Degree Exemplification was held on 9/28; over 100 Sir Knights were conferred.
- The District Deputy announced the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at the Basilica of St. Andrew on 12/6 (Friday). Mass and catered dinner to be included.
- The KCIC chairman announced upcoming Christmas Card Sales (see separate article, P3).
- A donation of \$200 to the Abingdon Council for storm relief was approved.
- The Lecturer spoke on the history of the Rosary, given to St. Dominic in 1208. He encouraged Brother Knights to pray the Rosary; Have Faith, Fear Not.

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November Birthdays

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

Lee Howell	November 1
Steven Kutsch	November 4
James Valenzuela	November 4
John O'Halloran	November 7
Hobart Pillsbury	November 10
Stanley Puckett	November 12
Timothy Beirne	November 16
Joseph Devlin II	November 17
Rev. George Zina	November 23
Daniel Rowe	November 24
Frank Haranzo Jr	November 25
Jeffrey Mc Innis	November 26
Richard Whitney	November 26

Keep Christ in Christmas

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas campaign will resume again this year. We will conduct sales after all masses at St. Andrew and OLN on 11/23-24, 11/30-12/01, and 12/07-08. Cards will be available in the St. Elias Gift Shop. Help is required, so please plan to help out for a few minutes after the Mass that you normally attend. Contact:

St. Andrew: Chuck Hatcher hatcher-chuck7@gmail.com or 540-314-3360.

Our Lady of Nazareth: Rich Whitney Richw1492@yahoo.com or 443-465-7742.

St. Elias: Deebie Wadell secretary@steliaschurch.org or 540-562-0012



Month of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

40 Days for Life

9/25-11/3

Did you know? At only 24 days old, your heart began beating. By eight weeks, all your organs were present and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chances would be 50 to 80%; by 25 weeks, it would be over 90%, and that's still months before full-term birth.

Pray to end abortion.



KOVAR

The 2024 annual KOVAR drive continues the weekend of November 29-30 at the Towers and Town Square ABC Stores. We collected a little over \$2000 in our first fund drive over Labor Day weekend, and this is one of the major charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia. Please plan to help if you are able.



Saint of the Month

Albert the Great

Albert of Lauingen was born around 1200 into a noble family in what is modern-day Germany. He received an excellent education. After completing his elementary studies, he was sent to the University of Padua to study the liberal arts and was also introduced to the philosophy of Aristotle. Around 1223, Albert joined the Dominican order, following an apparition from the Blessed Virgin Mary. He continued his studies in important schools in Padua, Paris, and Cologne.

After completing his studies, he was ordained to the priesthood and was assigned to various teaching posts throughout Europe, most notably in Cologne. Father Albert had a voracious appetite for sacred knowledge. A significant part of his thought centered on Aristotle's philosophical principles.

Contrary to some modern thought, he maintained that science and theology were in perfect harmony. Thomas Aquinas became one of Father Albert's students; together they promoted incorporation of Aristotle's philosophical principles in logic and metaphysics with theology. Together, these men were among the greatest theologians to show that faith and reason are not exclusive of each other; rather, they are intimately interwoven and inseparable.

In 1254, Father Albert was made the provincial superior of the Dominican Order. He also served as the Bishop of Regensburg and other Papal diplomatic missions. In his later years, Albert became renowned as a mediator..

Albert is considered one of the greatest philosophical and theological minds and writers of the middle ages. During his life,

Albert wrote thirty eight volumes covering topics ranging from philosophy to geography, astronomy, law, friendship and love.

He was known as "Albert the Great", while he was alive. Before his death, he mourned the early passing of his great student, Thomas Aquinas. Albert became ill in 1278 and he died on November 15, 1280. He was beatified in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV and canonized in 1931 by Pope Pius XI. He was declared Doctor of the Church during his canonization. His feast is celebrated on November 15



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 Amy
- BK Leon Vinci
- Mother, Mother-in-law and uncles of GK James Valenzuela

Welcoming Our New General Agent

My name is Derek Brown, and I am honored to have been chosen to lead the Virtus Agency for the Knights of Columbus in Virginia and West Virginia. To introduce myself, I began as a Field Agent in 2017 and worked my way up to Assistant General Agent for the Marsico Agency in southern New Jersey and the state of Delaware. I've been blessed to be allowed to continue my career as a General Agent for Virginia and West Virginia. As I establish the Virtus Agency, I frequently commute between New Jersey and Virginia until I can move my family to the Richmond area.

I am in the process of opening our first location in the Richmond area. This location will be the agency's center, and three advisors will work from there. The Richmond office phone number is 804-547-2373. The other office locations in Fairfax, Virginia Beach,

Williamsburg, Manassas, and Roanoke, are open and operational.

I am looking for well-qualified agents and advisors to join our team. If you know anyone interested and would be a good fit, please send them my way. I am also in the process of setting up our new agency's website, which will list our agents and advisors, coming events, Knights news, and critical contact information. We, the Virtus Agency, want to get involved in ways that are fulfilling to our communities.

I'd enjoy getting to know each other better once we meet. Should you have any immediate needs, please let me know. Please pray for me, our success, and our growth (both in the agency and in our spiritual lives). I will also pray for all your families.

Thank you and God bless,
Derek



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