



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

December, 2024

Upcoming Events

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. Mass 6:00, ceremony and catered dinner to follow.

12/9 (Monday) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (celebrated); Holy Day of Obligation.

12/25 (Wednesday) Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); Holy Day of Obligation.

12/30 (Monday) December 4th Degree meeting. Dinner served at 6:30. Meeting at 7:15.

1/1 (Wednesday) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Holy Day of Obligation.

1/6 (Monday) January 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,

Thank you for all your support in our council's activities over the past year. I pray that all of you and your families will have a blessed, holy, merry Christmas and happy new year.

As we come to the end of a successful 2024, we are only halfway through the fraternal year, and I look forward to working with you to close out the 2024-2025 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



November Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain reflected on November dedicated to the faithful departed. Prayers were offered in their memory.
- The Grand Knight reminded us that the election is tomorrow. We have seen more political violence this election cycle than any in our lifetimes. We are still called to be Catholic Gentlemen. The Grand Knight also reported on his recent pilgrimage to Rome.
- The Chancellor announced the Memorial Mass on Tuesday 11/19 at 5:00 at the Basilica of St. Andrew.
- A holiday brunch will be held Saturday, 12/14 at the council home. More details to follow.
- The Field Agent announced that Derek Brown has been named General Agent; Jack Clarke will remain as Field Agent.
- The District Deputy announced that Knights will participate in the Veterans' Day parade on 11/9. He also announced the district exemplification on Friday, 12/6 at The Basilica of St. Andrew (see separate article).
- A donation of \$300 for Thanksgiving baskets was approved; the \$300 will be divided among the three parishes.
- The Grand Knight announced that Knights will participate in the Roanoke Christmas parade on Friday, 12/13.
- The Lecturer reflected on the significance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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December Birthdays

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

Raymond Biggio	December 3
John Sheridan	December 5
Kevin Oddo	December 6
Charles Hatcher	December 8
David Cummings	December 11
Jason Frick	December 11
Philip Jornlin	December 11
Richard Waddell	December 11
Francis Casola	December 12
Alexander Nelson II	December 16
Gary Boyd	December 16
Joseph Colosimo Jr	December 17
Theodore Wierzbic	December 21
Jan Hodnett	December 22
Bill Salmon Jr.	December 25
Michael Slenski	December 27
Denzel Williams Sr	December 27
Mark Moss	December 28
Nicholas Waddell	December 28
Jeffrey Zangari	December 28
Juan Garcia	December 31
Matthew O'Herron	December 31

Keep Christ in Christmas

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas campaign is continuing again this year. We are conducting sales after all masses at St. Andrew and OLN on 11/23-24, 11/30-12/01, and 12/07-08. Cards are 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



Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will be held at the Basilica of St. Andrew on Friday, December 6. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00, followed by the ceremonial. A catered dinner will be served following the ceremonial.

State Deputy Bob Jones and General Agent Derek Brown will be in attendance, and Brother Knights from other nearby Councils have been invited. Current First- and Second-Degree Knights are encouraged to participate. Families and friends are also invited, so come out and support our candidates!

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.

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..



Saint of the Month

John the Apostle

John was the son of Zebedee, a Galilean fisherman, and Salome. John and his older brother James were among the first disciples called by Jesus. John and James were cousins to Jesus, as their mother Salome was the sister of Jesus' mother Mary. The two brothers were some of the first disciples of Jesus. John and James, together with St. Peter, formed an inner nucleus of intimate disciples. They were with Christ on the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:27-36). They (along with Andrew) were with Him for the healing of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:37). They were also the inner circle of prayer warriors in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37).

Christian tradition holds that John the Apostle was John the Evangelist, who wrote 5 books in the New Testament (although some scholars disagree on the authorship of some of these books):

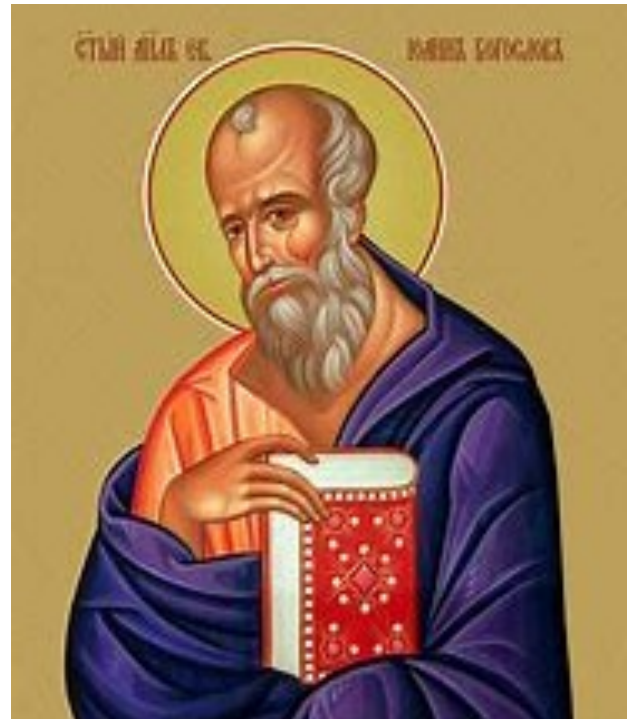
The Gospel According to John
First, Second and Third Epistles of John
Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

John was the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. "Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother" (John 19:26b, 27b). The Church Fathers maintain that John, Peter and James were the *three pillars* of the Jerusalem church after Jesus' death.

John's subsequent history is obscure. He is recognized as the caretaker of Mary until her Assumption into Heaven. It is believed that he, with Mary, lived in Ephesus and that John's tomb is there; he wrote Gospel and letters at Ephesus and Revelation at Pátmos while in

exile. He is thought to be the only one of the original 12 Apostles to escape martyrdom.

Some legends hold that John was assumed into Heaven like Elijah. John was canonized pre-Congregation. He is also known as Saint John the Divine or Saint John the Evangelist. His feast Day is December 27.



Prayer Requests

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

- BK Don Feick
- 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 and uncles of GK James Valenzuela

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