



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

April, 2025

## Upcoming Events

4/4, 4/11 (Fridays) Fish Fry's, OLN

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

4/13 (Sunday) Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord. Holy Week begins.

4/20 (Sunday) Easter - Resurrection of the Lord

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

5/2-4 (Friday - Sunday) Virginia State Convention, Wyndham Hotel, Virginia Beach

5/5 (Monday) May 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,

This past March, we had several accomplishments working with our brothers in the AOH, the Roanoke Assembly and the VA State Council. On March 15, members of the Roanoke Assembly which includes 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights in our council, marched with members of the AOH in the St. Patrick's Day parade. A week later, March 22, the Roanoke Assembly worked with the VA State Council to conduct the new 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification on patriotism at St. Elias. Last, but not least, our council ran fish fry events each Friday in March serving hundreds of guests each week. As of this report, our last 2 fish fry events are scheduled for April 4 and 11, and volunteers are still needed, so please sign up online:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FACA62DAB9-55395711-lenten#.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FACA62DAB9-55395711-lenten#/)

All these events required a great deal of planning, coordination and volunteer effort. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making these events a success.

Vivat Jesus,  
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight

# March Business

## Meeting Highlights

- The Grand Knight reminded members of the Lenten fish fry's every Friday in Lent at OLN. Major fundraiser and a good opportunity for fellowship with Brother Knights.
- The Financial Secretary announced a lost donation check from Memorial Mass.
- Three Brother Knights were welcomed into the Council: Cesar Cubas (new member), Dwight McKabney (new member), James Eckstein (transfer member)
- The Deputy Grand Knight announced two pro-life programs:
  - 40 Days for Life .
  - State March for Life April 2 in Richmond
- The Field agent reminded members that KofC services are available for retirement planning, legacy donations, and long-term care.
- The District deputy announced the state convention in Virginia Beach 5/2-4. Scholarships are available for members, children, and grandchildren. Application deadline is April 1.
- A resolution was approved for a donation of \$1000 to Commonwealth Catholic Charities.
- Additional donations were approved:
  - \$53.33 for state convention ad.
  - \$500 for right to life billboard (June).
  - \$500 for St. Elias palm Sunday breakfast.
- A blood drive is planned for 3/24 in honor of BK Pat Reidy.
- The Lecturer reminded brothers of our obligation to faith, family, and service. We are called to grow in faith and to reach out to recruit and mentor new members.

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## April Birthdays

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

Peter Engl	April 1
Douglas Vinci	April 1
Dennis Carr	April 3
Terrence Hauck	April 4
Rev. James O'Reilly	April 5
Daryl Doyle	April 8
Daniel Zipfel	April 8
Michael Downs	April 9
Frank Santoroski	April 9
Valentine Bernys Jr	April 11
James Chewing Jr	April 11
Ronald Pritchard Sr	April 13
William Howard	April 15
Nathaniel Griffith	April 16
Richard Vitolo	April 17
Thomas Mcgrath	April 24
Pedro Escamilla	April 29

# 4th Degree Exemplification

The Exemplification of the 4th Degree was presented at St. Elias on Saturday, March 22. In all, 42 candidates were advanced to the 4th Degree of our order; 17 candidates from Roanoke Assembly received the honors of the 4th Degree. Congratulations to those new Sir Knights, and especially to SK Rick Vitolo from Council 562.

SK Brian Ripple was recognized as the honoree of the degree. Brian has served Council 562 in numerous roles including current Financial Secretary of the Roanoke Council. He is a Past Grand Knight of Council 562 and Past Faithful Navigator of Roanoke Assembly 1167. Brian also served in multiple roles in the Virginia State Council, including State Deputy in 2020-21. Our congratulations to Brian for this well-deserved recognition.



# Fish Fry's



The first four of this year's fish fry's at OLN have been very successful. An average of over 300 persons have been served per event. The fish fry's are continuing April 4 and 11. These fundraisers provide most of the funds that the Council donates to charitable organizations and causes throughout the year.

Donations for "Basket of Cheer" and paper grocery bags are being accepted, drop off donations in the club room. Help is needed, and signup sheets are in the clubroom. Lots of manpower is needed, so please plan to help if possible. Planning meetings are held every Thursday at 6:00.

If you are unable to help, please plan to attend the fish fry's and bring your friends.



# Saints of the Month

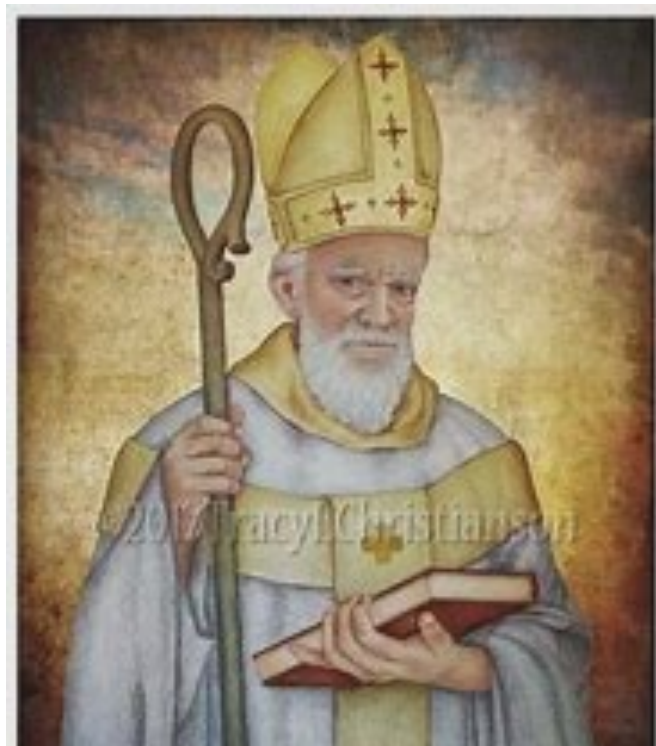
## Isidore of Seville

Isidore was born in 560 near Seville, Spain into a devout Christian family of high social rank. Two of his brothers were bishops and are also revered as Saints; one sister was an abbess and was also canonized. Isadore was a bright student and especially diligent in his studies at the Cathedral School of Seville.

It is unclear whether Isadore ever entered monastic life, but he held monks in high regard. In 600 he succeeded his brother Leander as Archbishop of Seville. As Archbishop, Isadore worked to convert the ruling Visigoths from the heresy of Arianism to orthodox Christianity.

Isadore was a lifelong learner and educator; he was widely recognized as a prolific writer. He was the first Christian writer to try to compile a summary of universal knowledge, in his most important work, the *Etymologiae*. This encyclopedia consisted of 448 chapters in 20 volumes. It was an important reference throughout Europe for over nine centuries. Archbishop Isadore presided over the Second Council of Seville (619), the Third Council of Seville (624), and the Fourth National Council of Toledo (633)

Isidore of Seville died on 4 April 636 after serving more than 32 years as archbishop of Seville. He was canonized by Pope Clement VIII in 1598 and declared Doctor of the Church in 1722 by Pope Innocent XIII. He is considered the last of the Western Church Fathers and "the last scholar of the ancient world". St. Isadore is the patron of students; his feast is April 4.



## Prayer Requests

Please keep Brother Knights, their family members, and friends of the Order in your prayers:

- Louise Sutton, mother-in-law of BK Dave Chopski - deceased.
- BK Fred Alouf - deceased.
- Jane Wills, mother of BK Steve Wills.
- Fr. Danny Cogut.
- BK Greg Benda and wife Linda Benda.
- Michelle Clarke, wife of FA Jack Clarke.
- Mother of DD Karl Kleinhenz.
- BK Juan Garcia's Aunt Milli.
- BK Paul Miller and his wife Amy.
- BK Leon Vinci.
- Mary Ann Valenzuela, mother of GK James Valenzuela. Uncle of GK James Valenzuela.
- Mother-in-law of BK Roger Vest.
- Dorothy Ann Dare mother-in-law of BK Dan McBride.
- Mike Kolnok, friend of BK David Bowers - deceased.

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