



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

June, 2025

Upcoming Events

6/4,11,18,25 (Wednesdays) Grill Nights at Olympic Park Pool.

5/30-6/1 (Friday - Sunday) St. Elias Lebanese Festival.

6/1 (Sunday) Ascension of the Lord.

6/2 (Monday) June Council Business Meeting. Dinner served at 6:30; Meeting at 7:30; election of officers.

6/3 (Tuesday) Clergy Night - OLPH.

6/3 (Tuesday) Extended Care Webinar.

6/8 (Sunday) Feast of Pentecost.

6/14 (Saturday) Flag Day.

6/15 (Sunday) Trinity Sunday; Fathers' Day.

6/21 (Saturday) Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build 8:00 - 12:00.

6/22 (Sunday) Feast of Corpus Christi.

6/23 (Monday) June 4th Degree meeting. (Dinner served at 6:30;. meeting at 7:15. Chalice ceremony.

7/4 (Friday) Independence Day

7/7 (Monday) July 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 of the many activities and programs in the 2024-2025 fraternal year. All the achievements and success for this year are thanks to your tireless commitment to the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. I look forward to working with you in the new year, and in the words of our State Deputy elect:

"We have faith and fear not because Christ, the Light of Hope illuminates our path".

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight



May Business Meeting Highlights

- The Chaplain reflected on May as the month of Mary, mother of the Church, and reminded us to pray the Rosary. He also asked us to pray for the Cardinals as they select a new Pope. The Chaplain also asked for support of the St. Elias Lebanese Festival.
- The Grand Knight thanked members, especially BK Paul Miller, for their work in making the Lenten Fish Fry's a success.
- The Financial Secretary reported that the Lenten Fish Fry's provided a net of \$9500 each to KofC and AOH (expenses included purchase of 2 new fryers).
- Upcoming events
 - 5/17 Chalice ceremony - rescheduled to the 4th Degree monthly meeting on 6/23.
 - 5/24 Flag placement at St. Andrew's Cemetery.
 - 5/28 RCS Awards Assembly.
 - 5/30 - 6/1 St. Elias Lebanese Festival.
 - 6/3 Clergy Appreciation at OLPH.
 - KOVAR July 11-12.
- The Lecturer reflected on the Papacy of Pope Francis, who called the faithful to step outside the margins and show mercy, especially to those marginalized in our society. He also mentioned that Pope Francis approved a miracle for Fr. McGivney.
- The Grand Knight encouraged members to support the clergy and the Pope during this period of transition. As Catholic gentlemen, we are called to support the Church by our words and actions.



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June Birthdays

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

Charles Moody	June 1
Roy Dwyer Jr	June 5
Keaton Thorum	June 5
Thomas Engl	June 9
Jon Reynolds	June 10
Thomas Boylan	June 11
Fain White	June 11
Robert Lewis	June 12
Brian Van Der Linden	June 13
Samuel Silek	June 14
Larry Thompson	June 16
Kevin Conlan	June 17
Clyde Moak	June 17
Richard Boush	June 18
Eric Schmucker	June 20
Joseph Wilson	June 20
David Gilday	June 26
Neil MacDonald	June 26
Edward Arsura	June 28
Joseph Abbatello III	June 29
Paul Yengst	June 29

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

St. Andrew's receives multiple requests per week for beds through our St. Joseph's Furniture closet, but the closet does not accept beds.

To meet this need, we have partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Roanoke for a bed build! The event will be held Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 - 12:00 in the parking lot of St. Joseph's Furniture Closet. Sign up here to join the fun: <https://basilicaofstandrew.org/sleepinheavenlypeace>

Honoring Veterans on Memorial Day

Members of Roanoke Council 562 and Roanoke Assembly 1167 honored veterans by placing flags on their graves at St Andrew's Cemetery, Roanoke and Mt Carmel Cemetery, Covington. This is a solemn annual tribute to those who served our country.

Wednesday Grill Nights

Every Wednesday during the summer months (weather permitting) is grill night at Olympic Park Pool. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM.

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, and bring a friend.

Help is needed for this endeavor. Please come on out and help if you are able.



2025 Canfield Scholarships Awarded

The recipients of the 2025 \$1000 Canfield Scholarship have been announced:

Michael I Moak	Catholic University	Freshman	Theology / Priesthood.
Nathaniel Moak	Franciscan University	Sophomore	Computer Science.
Francesca Lazzuri	University of Virginia	Junior	Behavioral Neuroscience.
Mario Saade	University of Virginia	Freshman	Political Science.
Maribel Saade	University of Virginia	Junior	Speech Pathology / French.
Carson Baker		Freshman	Business/law.

Congratulations to all the winners, and good success with your educational pursuits in the coming year.

Saint of the Month

Barnabas, originally named Joseph, was born into a Jewish Levite family in Cyprus early in first century of the Christian era. He is believed to be a cousin of Mark, the Evangelist. As a Levite, he would have spent time in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus' life on earth. Some sources say that he was a devoted disciple of Jesus during his earthly ministry and one of the seventy disciples that Jesus appointed (and he may have even been a follower of John the Baptist); others maintain that he was converted to Christianity shortly after Pentecost. After his conversion, he sold his property and donated the proceeds to the Christian Church in Jerusalem.

During the early years of the Church, Joseph earned a reputation as a successful preacher; the apostles subsequently gave him the name Barnabas, meaning "son of exhortation" or "consolation". During this time, Barnabas acquired a high position in the church and was considered an apostle.

One of the major events in Saint Barnabas' life was his introduction to the apostle Paul, whom he helped to become a prominent Christian leader. Despite the disciples' skepticism about Paul because of his earlier persecutions of Christians, Barnabas advocated for him and encouraged others to forgive him. He later travelled with Paul on numerous missionary journeys, and was instrumental in establishing the early Christian churches in Antioch, Cyprus and other parts of the Mediterranean.

Saint Barnabas was martyred in 61 AD, during a time of intense persecution of Christians by the Roman authorities. Barnabas was canonized as a saint by the early Christian church. His feast day is celebrated on June 11th.



Prayer Requests

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

- Rich Alexy, PSD - deceased
- Fr. Danny Cogut.
- BK Greg Benda and wife Linda Benda.
- Mother of DD Karl Kleinhenz.
- BK Juan Garcia's Aunt Milli.
- BK Paul Miller and his wife Amy.
- Mary Ann Valenzuela, mother of GK James Valenzuela. Uncle of GK James Valenzuela.
- Mother-in-law of BK Roger Vest.



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