

July 2021

KC Quote

Council 5998 Installation of Officers



Council Appreciation Dinner ***Mount Vernon Council 5998***

Council Meetings - First and Third Thursday of the Month
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Note: Scheduled Events may be subject to cancellation due to the current status of the Corona Virus which cannot be projected

For more up to date information on our latest events, access our website at www.kofc5998.org

Council Calendar – The Council Calendar is being maintained and is up to date on our Council website. KofC5998.org
Please take a look ahead and mark your calendars for the events you don't want to miss!
Tip: On our website you can forward the calendar ahead a month at a time and see what is scheduled for that month!

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

You can find links on our website ! ! ! !

Bread For Our Brothers Need Help!! Looking for volunteers to collect bread at a depot at Lorton Wednesday at 12 noon & Saturday at 11am. Only 1-2 hours. Please call PGK Jim McCracken (703) 593-4546.

July 2021

Precious Blood

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Bingo 7pm	3 -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12, -Patriotic Rosary 11am.(in person/ Zoom).
4 Sunday Bingo 4th July	5 Holiday	6 Council Officers Meeting zoom— 6:30pm,	7	8 -Combined Exemplification 6pm -Council Rosary 7:30pm,; Council Business Meeting 8pm.	9 Bingo 7pm	10 Spiritual Reflection 7:30am Zoom -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12, -State Org Meeting 8am-5pm Fredericksberg
11	12 Corporation Board Meeting 7pm	13	14	15 KC Quote July Newsletter Articles Due 15th Is He Worthy?? Social (RSVP)	16 -Bingo 7pm.	17 Patriotic Rosary 11am - Spiritual Reflection 7:30am Zoom -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12
18 Engage GS/SL RCC RE on KCIC contest poster	19	20 4th Degree Assembly Officers Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23 -Bingo 7pm.	24 Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12.
25	26 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00pm (virtual)	27	28	29	30 Bingo 7pm.	31 Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12.

Council Directory Fraternal Year 2020– 2021

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SK GK Stephen Piscitelli

Brother Knights,
Welcome to our new fraternal year. I am grateful to our past Grand Knight Maurice Chau for his service during the continuing pandemic. We are hopeful that this new year will bring an end to social cancellations and a resumption of our many charitable activities which the Knights are well known for. Thank you for all the sacrifices that you have made during the past restrictions and for your continued emphasis on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in spite of the cancel culture and the many challenges to our faith.

I want to ask any knights who have not been very active during the past year to please consider helping us out with your skills. Many hands make light work. We have a large council with room for everyone to participate on several of our many projects and programs which can fit your busy life style.

Every Friday and first Sunday of the month we support Bingo and Snack Bar Operations with our faithful volunteers who work for a charity of their choice. Each month we have socials which members can host and their families can attend, usually in the lounge but those well attended will be in the hall, such as on Feast of St Patrick, Oktoberfest, Italian night or Polish night, along with great food and greater comradery.

If at any time you are aware of a brother knight and/or his family in need, please don't hesitate to call on our new staff of officers and me to listen compassionately and to do what the knights do best. No neighbor left behind.

If you know of anyone who would like to join our community of faithful Catholic gentlemen, please encourage them to get in touch with SK John Michals (johnmichals@hotmail.com) or FS William McQuirk (williammcquirk25@gmail.com) for our next exemplification.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve

"All for the honor and Glory of God".

Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.



Alex Amari

Brothers,

Alex Amari was elected as President of the Mount Vernon Columbus Club on 7/25/2021. Next month the corporation will appoint committee chairs. and Alex will provide a newsletter article on activities of the Corporation.

Thank you Volunteers!





CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS
From Our Chaplain
Fr. Thomas Ferguson
Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Community



Independence Day

Our annual celebration of the Independence Day holiday gives us the opportunity to thank God, not only for our independence from the rule of any other foreign country, but also for the gift of the freedom we enjoy to exercise such human rights as religious liberty, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly. Our prayers on this day are prayers of gratitude for the freedom we enjoy, prayers for those around the world who do not enjoy these freedoms, and prayers for those who dedicate their lives to preserving and securing these freedoms for us and for so many others.

Let us also pray for the safety of travelers during the summer season, for those who will be reunited with relatives and friends, and for those who are simply seeking moments of rest and recreation and leisure. May all who observe our Independence Day holiday experience peace in their homes and in their hearts as we are also grateful for the peace we are blessed to know in our own country.

The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request**). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



New District Deputy District 13



SK 2PGK PFN Fred Beata

DD Article will be published next month from DD newsletter

Vivat Jesus!

Fred Beata, SK 2PGK PFN, DD13

Prayer to St Joseph

***Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from from every evil. Amen.***



Council & Corporation Appreciation Dinner 6-19-21



Council & Corporation Appreciation Dinner (cont)



Installation of New Officers



Chaplain

Rev Thomas Ferguson

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Trustees



Pro Life Corner

July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

8 am mass at Queen of Apostles

9am Rosary for Life at Abortion Clinic on Stevenson Avenue following mass.

Ladies Corner by Donna Piscitelli

No meeting in July;! Please enjoy your summer.!

We will meet Aug 14. For questions or to be sure you are on distribution list contact:
djpscitelli @gmail.com

PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of our life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, Creator and lover of life. Amen.

***Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995***

Just thinking . . .

'Shipwreck or Salvation'

Having no scruples means a person ignores moral or ethical principles of behavior. That 'ol devil-may-care attitude.

But when it comes to religion, a scrupulous person could be in some real trouble.

Paraphrasing the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, a *scruple is an unwarranted fear that something is a sin when actually it is not. Scruples are a state of mind, a bad habit that does harm.*

"A scrupulous person makes a shipwreck of salvation," the encyclopedia says, "tortured by a dread of sin."

Is it a safe bet that few Catholics are scrupulous in that sense. Worry about sinning seems as infrequent among Catholics as it seems to be among the population as a whole. But, who is to know?

Confessors learn remedies for scruples in their seminary moral theology studies. A layperson can understand that priests might wish to avoid warning those confessing this disorder of conscience. Probably better would be an explanation of the nature of temptation.

Outward signs of scrupulosity are few and infrequent. Suspect, however, was that poor soul who showed up for daily Mass with more than one rosary about his neck and a prayer book clutched in his left hand. Over months, the rosaries he wore increased to uncountable numbers; the books multiplied so they made his hand and elbow resemble a clamp. Then he no longer showed up at Mass.

Did scruples overwhelm him? If so, let us pray he found hope.

The Church wants members with educated consciences. Listening to Church teaching and asking confessors for guidance can bring a healthy appreciation of virtue and a hatred of sin. That avoids the mental dangers scruples might bring.

Knowing the conditions for sinning and heeding that knowledge should be a great help in following the precepts for living a life pleasing to God.

According to the *Catholic Dictionary*, "*sin is committed whenever a person knows that something is contrary to the law of God and then freely acts anyway.*"

A more blunt explanation of conditions for committing a sin --- 1. something really bad, 2. knowing exactly that, 3. saying, "What the hell, why not?"

Although not a Church law, many priests and other authorities counsel a daily examination of conscience. Just before going to sleep, turning over the day's actions in one's mind while considering the nature of sin can be very helpful in life's journey to eternity.

Knowing the conditions for sin can lead to avoidance of occasions for intentionally offending our Maker. For the scrupulous, such knowledge can lift an unnecessary burden from the soul.

Carl Eifert





KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – June 2021

SK PGK Maurice Chau

Knight of the Month is Maurice Chau. Maurice was an exemplary GK showing compassion to every brother Knight's request, volunteering for every duty that was needed such as testing bingo players for temperature as they entered our facility, working as floor worker during Bingo, monitoring the hall during Covid testing, and vaccinations. He was always present at our functions except when he worked as an election official occasionally and when his brother Henry had to have 24/7 care

We had limited socials and knights activities due to Covid much to our frustration but he kept a wonderful positive attitude encouraging our brother knights. Kudos. Thank you Maurice for stepping up and making a difference.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH– June 2021



The Chau family

The Family of the Month is Kathy and Maurice Chau, their children, and Henry—Maurice's brother. Kathy Chau worked extra hard along with Maurice to make sure each and every KOM and FOM were recognized preparing special certificates in the weeks leading up to the Appreciation Dinner. Their children helped serve the buffet meal and they took turns during the dinner to cover the needs of their handicapped uncle during the Appreciation Dinner so that GK Maurice could co-Emcee the event along with the corporation president. Thank you so much.

Upcoming Exemplifications

The next Charity, Unity, and Fraternity exemplification will be on July 8 at Council Chambers before the first meeting with New Officers at 6pm arrival by the candidates should first see the Financial Secretary. Additional degrees exemplifications will be announced during the month via email.

If you are interested and want to participate, please send GK Steve Piscitelli an email (steve_piscitelli@msn.com) and he will send you the information to register, participate and become a full third degree Knight of our Order.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Michael J. Guignard	1	George T. McNamara	21
John R. Dobbyn	2	Matthew T. Robinson	20
Keith W. Kettell	2	Philip L. Wilkerson Jr.	21
Shawn M. Pressley	4	Kerry A. McCabe	23
John G. Schmalz	4	Joel J. Re	24
Bayardo Hernandez	6	Bruce D. Jones	25
Paul H. Boling	7	Timothy W. Lucas	25
Paul M. McCormack	10	Daniel L. James	26
Brian T. Whalen	10	Walter John Blair III	28
Lawrence W. Belle Isle	11	Michael S. Bavaria	29
Edward W. Gemperline	12	Kieran J. Ferguson	29
William H. Cowardin Jr.	13		
John James Daly	14		
Michael P. Argo	15		
Stewart E. Reed Jr.	18		
Marvin E. Spychaj	19		



Prayer List



The following Brothers, relatives and close friends are in need of your prayers. Please pray for them and the other personal intentions of our Brother Knights.

Pray for Brothers and their families who are sick or in need:

SK Dutch Anderson
 SK Michael and Margaret Argo
 SK Bruno Bottcher
 Susana Bottcher, SK Bruno Bottcher's mom
 SK Bob Botto
 Lois Bowman
 Aurora & Ramon Caraq, widow SK David
 Patrick Conron
 Hsu, Becky's parents
 Johanna Dietrick, SK Larry Dietrick's mother
 SK Ray Duff and Renee Duff
 Ed and Pat Dzanis
 SK Carl Eifert, and Bette Jo Eifert
 Father Wilhelm Ettner
 Susan Fecher
 Pat Finn
 Prayers for Father Tom and Joe Ferguson's father
 SK Freddie Flowers
 Brother Bishop Gassis
 SK PGK Ernie and Connie Graves
 Dr Fred Grello, Steve Smith's Uncle
 SK Reyes Guerra
 Fr Mike Hann, resident of GS
 Ken Hrechka
 Magda Holmes, and SK David Holmes
 Marty Kelly and niece Ashley
 Tim Kelly's wife Debra broken ribs
 SK Kerry McCabe Family
 Marilyn Kempton, grandmother to PGK Robert K Reynolds
 SK Robert Kopasz
 Rich Koslow and Carol Koslow
 Jim Krebs
 Fr Stanley Krempa, Retired, Falls Church, VA
 SK Don Logeais

Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken
 Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother
 Matulich family
 Art McCormick
 SK Paul Mehler
 Harriet and SK Christopher Moore
 Patricia Moran
 SK David Noon and wife Pat
 Tofi Owen
 SK Vic Perez
 SK Jeff Petrino
 SK Bud Powers for health and recovery
 Padama Reilly, 7, granddaughter PGK Jim Reilly & Janis (tumor of eye)
 PGK Robert T. Reynolds
 Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
 SK Donald Rogan & Son Donald Rogan Jr
 Gretchen Reilly, daughter of Janice Reilly
 SK Fred "Fritz" Scheuren
 SK Randy Schlosser
 Sean Sansbury, grandson of SK John Dougherty
 Bob Schwenk's niece, (Name?) and her daughter Ariel
 Paul Kayanan
 Patty Shanahan of GSCC and friend of Paul Sonosky
 Amy Snyder, Larry Dietrick's niece
 Cheryl Masaitis-Spychaj, & children Kristin, Charity, Jennifer, & Joseph
 John and Dorothy Thibeau
 Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto
 Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers
 Jim Winkler
 Eleanor Wood
 Christine Zuniga, wife of GK Fred Zuniga, Ft. Belvoir Council
 Shelly Myers sister to Marti Kelly (092020)
 Donna Ziant
 Henry Chau



Pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved deceased:

Frank Carey (72020)	Edna Lenz, grandmother to SK PGK Robert K. Reynolds (2019)
Maria Ciociola, Jim Batchelder's sister	Betty Lowman
PGK Joe Deem, friend of PGK Kevin Moran	Stephanie Koslow and for Koslow Family
John Karpovich (102020)	Mary Mag
Tim McCauley's father—Paul McCauley	Richard Scheber
Maria Malicki widow of Brother Stan—(08 2020)	
Anthony Skiscim (112020), Joan Skiscim (012021)	

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God

To be placed on or taken off of the Prayer List, please contact the editor of the KC Quote, Philip Twumasi , ptwumasi_1@netzero.com Thank you



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Worthy SKs of Potomac Assembly,
 The next Assembly meetings are scheduled below. Try our new website at <https://www.assembly2204.org/>

Patriotism,
 SK PGK FN Larry Clark.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF SK DUTCH ANDERSON

<u>DAY OF WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<u>JULY 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	3	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	20	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	26	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM
<u>AUG 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	7	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	17	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	23	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM
<u>SEP 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	4	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	21	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	27	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM



A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF—August 2021

August 2021	Immaculate Heart of Mary			
1	Sunday	2pm	First Sunday Bingo	Bingo Chairman
5	Thursday	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Meeting	Officers Faith Director GK
6,13, 20, 27	Friday	7pm	Bingo	Bingo Chairman
7, 14, 21, 28	Saturday	7:30am	Spiritual Reflection—Saint Joseph's Covent Keepers	Faith Director
7, 14, 21, 28	Saturday	9am- 12pm	Abortion Facility Rosary and Prayer	Life Director
7	Saturday	11AM	Patriotic Rosary	Potomac Assembly
8	Sunday	8am	Saint Louis Coffee & Donuts (Cancelled)	St. Louis Roundtable
15	Sunday	All Day	Assumption of Our Lady	
15	Sunday	7am	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	GS Roundtable
14	Saturday	12:00p m	Ladies Of The Council Monthly Luncheon— Brown Bag	Ladies
17	Tuesday	7:00PM	POTOMAC ASSEMBLY OFFICERS MEETING ZOOM	
23	Monday	7:00PM	POTOMAC ASSEMBEY BUSINESS MEETING & ZOOM	

PLEASE NOTE—Events above are subject

