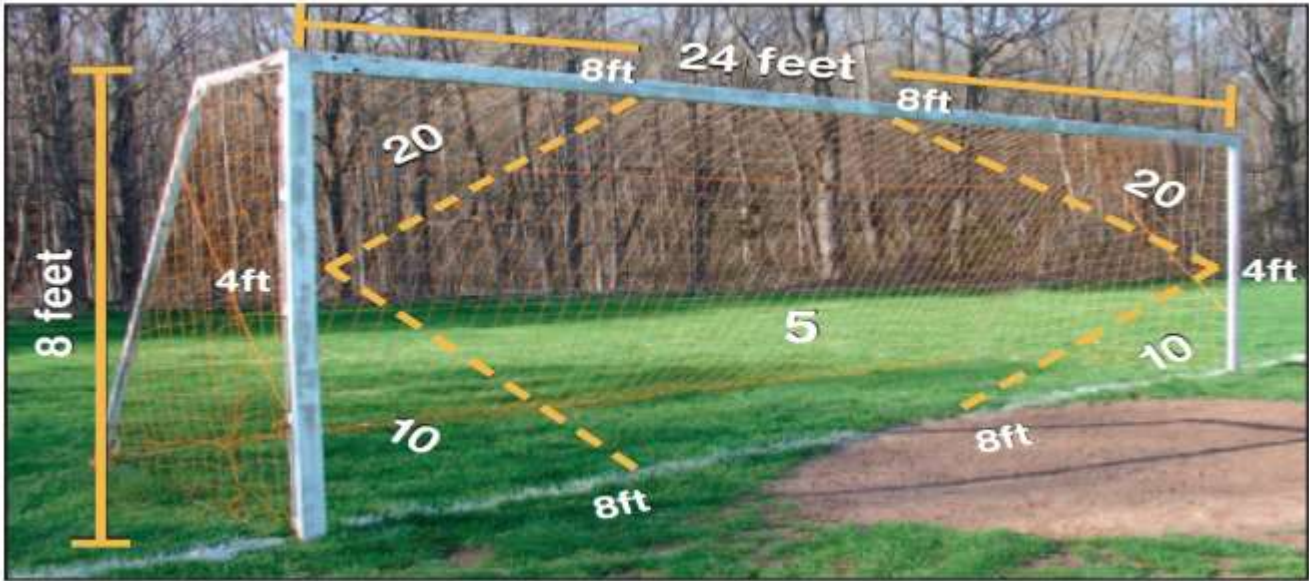


# KC Quote

## October 2021



### Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus Youth Programs 2021-22



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Honor Flight Support  
Council Soccer Challenge  
St Louis School  
Soccer Challenge District/State  
Essay Writing Contest  
Altar Server Recognition Events  
SL and GS Youth Ministry Mentoring  
Keep Christ in Christmas Posters  
Council Free Throw Competitions  
Free Throw District/State  
Outstanding Young Man/Woman  
Joint Youth Ministry Awards Night  
Spirit of St. Louis Award

Council Events  
Int'l Festival, Youth Kickoff  
Weekday, Daytime Classes  
Bishop Ireton HS/St Gertrude HS  
GS and SL Youth  
Council Hall  
Various Sites  
GS-SL Youth, District/State  
SL Gym/Dodgeball  
  
GS and SL Youth  
GS Hall  
SL Graduation

Supporting Catholic Youth Practicing their faith.

**Mt Vernon Knights Of Columbus Youth Programs**

**Mount Vernon Council 5998**

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For more up to date information on our latest events, access our website at [www.kofc5998.org](http://www.kofc5998.org)

**Council Calendar** – The Council Calendar is being maintained and is up to date on our Council website. [KofC5998.org](http://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!

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**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.

# October 2021

## The Holy Rosary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bingo 7pm	2 <i>Spiritual Reflection Program</i> -Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12,  -Patriotic Rosary 11am.(in person/
3 <i>Sunday Bingo 2pm</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Council Officers Meeting—6:30pm, Council Rosary 7:30pm, Council Business Meeting</i>	8 Bingo 7pm	9 <i>Spiritual Reflection 7:30am Zoom Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12, Ladies Luncheon in the Hall 12-2pm</i>
10 <i>St Louis No Pancake Breakfast KCIC Sales @St Louis</i>	11 <i>Columbus Day Corporation Business Meeting 7pm Youth Dodgeball/Freethrow SL Gym 7pm</i>	12 <i>Springfield Golf @Burke Lake 12 noon</i>	13 <i>First Day Of Hispanic Heritage Month</i>	14 <b>KC Quote Nov Newsletter Articles Due 15th</b>	15 Bingo 7pm.	16 <i>Spiritual Reflection Program 7:30am Zoom Abortion Facility Rosary/Prayer 9-12 St Louis Hawk Day. 3-8pm Social Octoberfest 7-10pm</i>
17 <i>Good Shepherd No Pancake Breakfast</i>	18	19 <i>Potomac Assembly Officers Meeting 7:30pm</i>	20	21	22 Bingo 7pm	23 <i>Spiritual Reflection 7:30-9am State Soccer Challenge @SGHS Richmond 9am</i>
24	25 <i>Potomac Assembly Business Meeting 730pm</i>	26	27	28	29 Bingo 7pm	30 <i>Halloween Children Party in Hall 2pm</i>
31 Halloween						

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Worthy Brothers All,

Last month we hosted the soccer challenge for the first time in a few years. It was great to see the kids out on the field at the International Festival at GS, and a week later at the Youth Kickoff also at GS, and several days later it was wonderful seeing various grades doing the soccer challenge at the St Louis Soccer Field. The District Challenge was a first at St Louis because Bishop Ireton had not received their new soccer goals. The District hopes to return to BIHS next year if all goes well.

We owe a debt of gratitude to St Louis School, Mrs Anne Dyke, Principal and Fr Ohare, Pastor for allowing us to use the field. I would like to especially thank Brother Billy Buffaloe for his assistance in the field, Mrs Lisa Blaha, Gym Teacher for her collaboration and DD Fred Beata for all the help they gave me on the hottest days. Thanks to Tim Kelly and Mike Argo for making the time away from work.

I am still looking for that wonderful Youth Director to take Tim Kelly's place. BTW we are praying for Tim Kelly who was shagging soccer balls at St Louis the day before surgery on his foot.

He really enjoys showing kids the correct way to approach the soccer ball with the side of the foot instead of with the toe. Let's keep Brother Tim Kelly, our Knight of the Month for October, in our prayers for his recovery.

The month of October we typically associate with cooler weather and a Harvest Moon. This is the month we used to enjoy our great Oktoberfest Event in the Hall and so it will be again. It goes without saying that people want to go out again and return to some semblance of normalcy. I would like to see all of us come out for this wonderful social time. Our Worthy DGK Mike Argo is our host and project manager for this event and his faithful companion Kitchen Manager Bob Reynolds who will work his magic. Our Worthy Chancellor John Michals is taking care of publicity. Please give them your full attention as I heard a rumor that there will be a chicken dance! Please sign up at [kofc5998.org/Oktoberfest](http://kofc5998.org/Oktoberfest) with Paypal which saves a discount over tickets at the door.

I am sure you all will have a great time celebrating our wonderful German food and beer, the first drink is free. And all those exercises - lifting a mug from the table in front of you, waving to a friend, and sitting at a table or standing in a queue for a drink. For now, come and relax with friends you haven't seen for a while or invite them so you know they will be there. We will all have a wonderful time, God willing, as in days gone by.

We are still not there yet with Pot Luck Socials in the lounge, and Pancake Breakfasts at the parishes. Both of our Knights of the Round Table Chairmen are on vacation during the month of October, and we are thankful for the renovation of the Bar in the Lounge which is nearing completion after some very unanticipated but expensive cost overruns which were discovered as the renovation project moved forward. We hope to have the complete use of the lounge in November, before the end of football season and in time for the SuperBowl.

Let us count our blessings. I told my wife I count her twice. It was a wonderful event in the Council Room when we hosted the Ladies for the annual meeting with the GK. I enjoyed seeing the turnout for our first meeting of the new fraternal year. Thanks to Kathy Chau who facilitated provided two tables along with the ones from the snack bar which gave us seating for 20. She also provided table cloths and flower arrangements. Thanks to Jim McCracken for his assistance. Thanks to DGK Mike Argo and SK Joe McCracken who helped serve the drinks. and to my wife Donna who made sure everyone got the word that we were going ahead with the meeting in spite of the renovation in the lounge and the spec event in the Hall. Everything was wonderful and went much as planned.

We thank everyone who made the Fraternal Benefits Night a success. Thanks to Jim McCracken for the spaghetti dinner. I would like to announce that the McCracken Family is the family of the month and he and JoAnn are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The Knight for October is Tim Kelly.

**Vivat Jesus!**



## Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.



**Alex Amari**

Brothers,

Greetings from the President and the Board of Directors as we head into the Fall season. In September, our Bingo operation continues its record breaking run, year to date we are at \$2.1M in revenue. Thanks again to our Bingo patrons.

Our special events calendar continues to fill up with several events in September and with every October weekend booked. As part of facilities maintenance and improvement, on 22-23 September, Absolute Tree, completed some overdue major tree removal and pruning work on the South side of the property, so you will see more light coming from the south side.

Further, the main hall floors received a complete stripping, cleaning and waxing in the past month. Also, we are in the process of getting bids for the replacement of the existing canopy for the main entrance and a new canopy for the Council side entrance in the back of the building.

On another note, we could use a few more Brothers to provide support for special events. These are paid positions. If you are interested, please contact our Hospitality manager, Jeanne Belmonte at (703) 360-1964, ext. 1 or email [mvcclub@vacoxmail.com](mailto:mvcclub@vacoxmail.com). Thank you. May God Bless all of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**



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



October: Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, an annual reminder of our vocation to *Live the Gospel of Life!*

Living the Gospel of Life requires action: service, advocacy and prayer.

Our service is motivated by a respect for the dignity each person possesses because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Advocacy means choosing leaders who will respect and protect the gift of life, and raising our voices on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves –especially the unborn.

We pray always, but especially during this Respect Life Month we pray that all people everywhere will protect and care for human life from conception until natural death.

In this Respect Life month and at all times, we ask God to increase in the hearts of all people a spirit of gratitude for the gift of life. Let us also joyfully embrace our calling to *Live the Gospel of Life* by consciously seeking to see the face of God in every person who is created in His image and likeness!

**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.**





## District Deputy



### **SK 2PGK PFN Fred Beata DD 13 QUARTERLY MEETING**

Brother Knights of Mt. Vernon Council,

Philippians 2:4 - Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

This verse is a beautiful reminder of our first principle of charity. It's okay to consider what's best for you and your family, but you should also consider what will be beneficial for your community.

Children (boys/girls) 9-14 years old from Good Shepherd and St. Louis Catholic Schools participated in the Mt. Vernon Council Soccer Challenge during the week of September 13. The Council had full support of the school staff and the children enjoyed the competition enormously. I experienced their excitement first hand as they waited in turn to compete and kick penalty shots into the goal.

Last Saturday, Mt. Vernon children plus youth from St Bernadette (Springfield Council 6153) and St. Martin de Tours (Fort Belvoir Council 11170) participated in the District level competition and 14 children, 9 from Mt. Vernon, advanced to the State Challenge scheduled on October 23. I am encouraged and confident that the District will have winners at the State competition.

Mt. Vernon Council is the largest council within District 13 and proudly leads the District and Northern Virginia in many programs of Faith, Family, Community and Life; one example being the Soccer Challenge mentioned above. The diverse programs within the Council support parishes, families, and communities in Alexandria and exemplify Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

However, your Grand Knight Steve Piscitelli, Council Officers and current Program Directors cannot do it alone, we need your help to fill a couple of key areas. As District Deputy for Virginia District 13, I am asking you to please consider volunteering your time to accept a program position as Youth Director or Family Director. After your deep consideration and prayerful thought, please contact GK Steve to accept a position as a Program Director. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fred Beata, District Deputy 13

### **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 every evil. Amen.***

Worthy Lecturer Marvin Sychaj—Lecture for October 2021

### The Theresa Trifecta

Given the present situation in which we find ourselves -- the continuing health crisis posed by the COVID-19 virus, the potential ramifications of the end of our 20 year war in Afghanistan which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recently called a “strategic failure”, and the pro-abortion marches this past Saturday in DC and in dozens of other cities across the country – it appears that now, more than ever, we are being called to prayer. Whether our prayers consist of simple reflections, quiet time spent in Eucharistic adoration, praying the rosary – this is the month of the Holy Rosary, by the way – the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or the Liturgy of the Hours – these and still other forms of prayer have taken on an increasing importance in our daily lives.

But what about those of us who need help in growing our prayer life. I recently read an article in a Catholic publication which suggested that in order to grow in prayer, we may need to turn to “masters of the spiritual life” to guide us. And who are these so-called masters? Simply put: the saints. When we look into the lives of the saints, oftentimes “themes and patterns emerge as God reveals Himself over and over to willing souls over the ages.” This is made vividly evident in the lives of three Catholic female saints – each named Theresa -- whose lives span some five hundred years of Church history.

Two of these women the Church honors this month: St. Teresa of Jesus -- also known as St. Teresa of Avila -- who lived in 16<sup>th</sup> century and whose feast day is October 15<sup>th</sup> and St. Therese of Lisieux – also known as St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face -- who lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and whose feast day was last Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The third Theresa who makes up my “Theresa Trifecta” is the 20th century’s St. Theresa of Calcutta, whose feast day was celebrated on September 4<sup>th</sup>. All three “Theresa’s” faced tremendous challenges and experienced periods of spiritual darkness; however, in order to overcome these trials, they regularly turned to the Lord in prayer and, in so doing, also instilled in others the importance of prayer.

St. Teresa of Avila was a Carmelite nun in Northern Spain. She was tireless reformer who spent most of her life visiting Carmelite convents and monasteries, challenging each one to recommit to their promises of prayer, fasting and sacrificing for souls. Although she met with much resistance in this work, God blessed her with a dynamic spiritual life to support her difficult mission. She is still known and loved today for her writings on prayer which continue to inspire those on spiritual journeys, including *The Interior Castle* and *Way of Perfection*. She was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970, the first woman to be so honored.

St. Therese of Lisieux shared both a name and a religious order with St. Teresa of Avila. She was born in France and became a Carmelite nun like her namesake in the late 1800s. She died at the age of 24, She was, nonetheless, declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997, just like her fellow Carmelite, also, in part, because of her dynamic writings about prayer, including her autobiographical *Story of a Soul*.

Our third Theresa is St. Theresa of Calcutta. A native of Albania, she took the religious name of St. Therese of Lisieux and is said to have embodied the same spirit of childlike trust in God. While teaching at a Catholic school in India, she heard a call to serve Christ caring for the poorest of the poor. The result was the Missionaries of Charity. In her lifetime, she also authored several books specifically related to prayer including *Everything Starts from Prayer* and *A Gift from God*. She once wrote:

*“Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself. Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own.”*

Each of our three “Theresa’s” embodied the importance of prayer in their daily lives, guiding them on their own individual faith journeys toward a closer relationship with God. They remind us that it is prayer that gives us the courage and the strength to move forward toward our own closer relationship with Him. It is prayer that gives us solace in times of despair. And it is prayer that gives us hope for the future amid the chaos and crisis of our present times. It is in prayer and through prayer that the Lord addresses all our needs. And it is in prayer and through prayer that we celebrate and give thanks for the love that our Lord has for each and every one of us!

St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Theresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

**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**



Michael Gignard's Article for October 2021

By now anyone who can read knows of the media frenzy engendered by a new Texas law that bans abortions after 6 weeks. The Supreme Court let a lower court ruling stand that allowed the law to go into effect until the Court rules on its constitutionality. The Court order is emphatic in making clear that its recent decision cannot be understood as sustaining the constitutionality of the Texas law at issue. Pundits are speculating on which of the five conservative justices will defect (we have lost Roberts already) and join the liberals in ruling the Texas law unconstitutional. The situation changes every day and since I am writing this on September 16, 2021, anything written now may no longer be operative in October.

I will say that the abortion industry is very organized and Texas borders 4 states where abortion is legal. Moreover the Mexican Supreme Court on September 7 ruled that laws that criminalized abortion are unconstitutional. Texas has its longer border with Mexico than with any U.S. state. The abortionists in Texas are busy arranging transportation out of state for its clients.

Attorney General Merrick Garland has also entered the fray and warned pro-lifers against engaging in violence. I believe that the pro-life movement is the most peaceful social movement in the country. Just to give an example. I have participated in many "March for Life" demonstrations held in last January each year to protest legalized abortion. I have never seen any violence even though our marchers vastly outnumber the January 6th, 2021 demonstration that turned violent indeed.

If pro-life Americans are so violent, Garland should be able to name of abortionists whom we have killed. In the 21st century, there have been four such killings: one in 2009 and three in 2015. Two men, both ex-cons, were responsible, and neither was assisted or associated with a pro-life group. They acted alone.

In 2009, Dr. George Tiller was killed by Scott Roeder.

Tiller, by his own admission, performed over 60,000 abortions. His specialty was killing babies in utero who were nearly born, or were partially born.

Roeder was a deranged man who has not connection to the pro-life movement. He had been diagnosed as schizophrenic, and got into trouble when he stopped taking his medication. His wife testified that she thought he was bipolar, and his brother also spoke about his mental problems. He had previously been arrested for carrying explosives, and he spent time in prison for other violations.

In 2015, Robert Lewis Dear Jr. killed three people in a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He had previously been arrested and convicted for carrying a "long blade knife" and illegal possession of a loaded gun. His mental state was worse than that of Roeder's. A judge ordered him to undergo a mental competency exam to see if he was sufficiently competent to represent himself. After fielding the results, the judge ruled that Dear was not mentally fit to stand trial: he cited findings that he suffered from a "delusional disorder." Dear was sentenced indefinitely to a Colorado state mental hospital. Again, no connection to the pro-life movement.

It makes no sense for anyone who champions the abortion-rights cause to worry about violence from pro-lifers because of the Texas law. Roeder and Dear were lone wolves, both of whom had a criminal record and mental problems. In my experience at our KC Council 5998 Saturday morning vigils, the violence comes from the pro-choice side. Think how violent they would be if abortion were still illegal in the U.S.

### **Burial of Brother Frank Carey**

On September 15, 2021 Frank Carey was buried at Quantico National Cemetery, Quantico, Virginia. Frank died on July 10, 2020, and no services were held at the time. Frank's sister Norma made the arrangements with Quantico National Cemetery for the burial.

The following is a revised version from the August 2020 K C Quote:

Frank Carey was born in West Virginia on November 21 1931 and died on July 10 2020 in Alexandria VA. On October 1, 1989 he began his association with The Knights of Columbus as a First Degree Knight and was a Third Degree Knight, and as an honorary Life Member. Frank was a member of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and at one time served as an usher. Frank had also belonged to John Paul Council in Annandale, VA.

SK Carl Eifert knew Frank from the Elks and later as a Knight and remembered their good discussions, as well as Frank's theater outings for AARP. Frank had three sisters with one preceding him. His sister Norma lives in Alexandria VA, she relayed that Frank received Last Rites, and many mass intentions were made for Frank Carey.



**Ladies Corner** by Donna Piscitelli

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the Grand Knight's luncheon in September. We had a lot of fun and kicked off what we hope to be a great year.

Please make plans to join us on Oct 9 for the next luncheon. This one will also be held in the council chambers. One order of business will be to discuss where you want to hold future luncheons. Do you want to meet at the hall? Or would you prefer to go out to lunch somewhere?

We have some important upcoming activities.

Oct 9 – Ladies luncheon. Bring your own lunch. We will meet in the council chambers

Oct. 16 Oktoberfest. Margo Argo will be working with her husband, the Deputy Grand Knight, on this event. It is the Grand Knight's hope that we can fill the K of C hall for this event, as in years past. Margo will let us know how we can support this event. Certainly, with decorations, and possibly other help as well. Look on the K of C website and purchase your tickets now. <http://www.kofc5998.org/oktoberfest.html>

We also have the children's Halloween party on Oct. 30. Can you do face painting? Or do you know someone who can? Do you have ideas about games? Possibly a costume contest, and pumpkin painting? Can you help with any of these activities on Oct 30? Please let JoAnne McCracken or me know if you can help either on the day, or behind the scenes.

I look forward to seeing you in October.



**Just thinking . . .**

Anti-semites are again raising their ugly voices, according to news reports. Catholics should not show up among them, despite history being soiled with discrimination.

One often overlooked fact: Jesus was not a gentile.

Major figures -- all Hebrews -- in the Old Testament are considered and treated as saints of the Church, although never formally canonized. They start with Adam and Eve, the original sinners, who are credited with remorse and redemption, and Abraham. He is the foremost figure in Judaism as well as being important in Christianity.

Moses and Elijah were with Jesus at his Transfiguration. Among other major figures from the Old Testament who can be called saints are Noah, David, Daniel.

And, of course, all those books of the Bible with their titles that name such saints as Esther, Ezekiel, Job, Judith, Obadiah, Ruth, Tobit, to pick but a few.

At first, only martyrs from the Old Testament were obvious saints. Those include the seven brothers in 2 Maccabees who chose death over eating pork.

Popular acclaim -- the people's choice -- chose saints for the first five centuries of the Church, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Then bishops began choosing saints. More formal requirements began in the tenth century, including written statements from persons who could attest to the sainted persons behavior. Also, miracles became necessary.

The first documented case of papal approval of canonization occurred on January 31, 993, when Pope John XVI named Ulric of Augsburg a saint. Pope Sixtus V in 1588 established the Congregation for Sacred Rites, which helped the pope make selections for sainthood. In 1917, the Code of Canon Law was promulgated, which wrote the procedures for the canonization of saints.

Catholics and other Christians should feel shame for any form of discrimination practiced against Jews; Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the crowd, Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets [Mt 7:12]

. . . you should love the alien as yourself, the Old Testament quotes God in laying down the law to Moses. [Lv 19:34]

Discrimination, in any form or circumstance, would be diminished significantly if such rules were embraced for their helpfulness. These are guard rails (to borrow a popular cliché) keeping civility from crashing into the chasm of chaos. Liberty is similarly reigned in by common sense. Rights are tempered by duties.

Don't we worship God by keeping his Commandments?

**Carl Eifert**







## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – October 2021



### **Knight of the Month – Tim Kelly**

we are praying for Tim Kelly who was shagging soccer balls at St Louis the day before surgery on his foot. He really enjoys showing kids the correct way to approach the soccer ball with the side of the foot instead of with the toe. Let's keep Brother Tim Kelly, our Knight of the Month for October, in our prayers for his recovery.

## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH– October 2021**

### **Family of the Month – The MacCracken Family**



Thanks to Jim McCracken for him & SK Joe's assistance with the Ladies Luncheon.  
Thanks to DGK Mike Argo and SK Joe McCracken who helped serve the drinks.  
Thanks to JoAnn for her continued support to the Knights



as she at the McCabe reception. I would like to thank Jim for his part in making the Fraternal Benefits Night a success. I would like to announce that the McCracken Family is the family of the month for October.

## **Upcoming Exemplifications**

The next Charity, Unity, and Fraternity exemplification will be Announced by email. Additional degrees exemplifications will be announced during the month by the District who will take turns with our councils.

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Eugene B. Graniewski	2	Maurice K. Tyler	14
Jack W. Tade	2	Benjamin P. Listerman	15
James A. Beals	3	David K. E. Mushrush	20
Gerald F. Walsh	3	Patrick T. Rhoads	22
Stephen Kuhn	5	Brian C Toth	27
Christian A. Rivera	5	Roger L. Vasilas	27
Michael Spollen	5	Matthew J. Burke	28
Manuel Uriarte	9	Philip K. Twumasi	28
Gary P. Straub	10	Joseph M. Smolinske	30
Dr. Robert E. Botto	13		
John Monahan	13		



# 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 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  
 Henry Chau  
 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

Matulich family  
 Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken  
 Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother  
 Shelly Myers sister to Marti Kelly (09/20/20)  
 Art McCormick  
 SK Paul Mehler  
 Harriet and SK Christopher Moore  
 Patricia Moran  
 SK David Noone 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  
 Donna Ziant



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

SK Dutch Anderson	Edna Lenz, grandmother to
Jaina Anonuevo, Father Sal's mother	SK PGK Robert K. Reynolds (2019)
Frank Carey (7/20/20)	Betty Lowman
Maria Ciociola, Jim Batchelder's sister	Stephanie Koslow and for Koslow Family
PGK Joe Deem, friend of PGK Kevin Moran	Mary Mag
Joseph Hribar 7/13/21	Delores McCauley Tim McCauley's Mother
John Karpovich (10/20/20)	er
Tim McCauley's father—Paul McCauley	
SK Kerry McCabe	

**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

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>SEP 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	2	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	24	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	30	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM
<u>OCT 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	2	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	19	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	25	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM
<u>NOV 2021</u>		
SATURDAY	2	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ZOOM
TUESDAY	19	OFFICERS MEETING AT 7:00 PM ZOOM
MONDAY	25	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM & ZOOM

## A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF—November 2021

November 2021	The Holy Souls In Purgatory			
1	Monday	All Day	All Saints Day	
2	Tuesday	All Day	General Elections (Polling Location), Vote For Life)	Corporation
2	Tuesday	11am	54-day Novena For Life Closing— All Souls Day	Faith Committee Arlington Diocese
4	Thursday	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Meeting	Officers/ Faith Di- rector/GK
5,12,19, 26	Friday	7pm	Bingo	Bingo Chairman
6	Saturday	11am	Patriotic Rosary	Potomac Assembly
6,13,20,27	Saturday	730am	Spiritual Reflection Program—Saint Joseph's Covent Keep- ers	Faith Director
6,13,20,27	Saturday	9am- 12pm	Abortion Facility Rosary and Prayer	Life Director
6	Saturday	2pm	Crab and Shrimp Feast Fundraiser	Community Chairman
6	Saturday	TBD	State Soccer Challenge@ SGHS Richmond	SD
8	Monday	7pm	Corporation Business Meeting	Corporation Board
11	Thursday	All Day	Veterans Day, Patriotic Rosary At St. Mary's Basilica	Potomac Assembly
13-14	Sat/Sun	TBD	KCIC Sales @ GSCC and Saint Louis	Faith Committee
13	Saturday	12-2pm	Ladies Luncheon	GK
14	Sunday	8am	St Louis Pancake Breakfast TBD	St Louis Roundtable
15	Monday	7pm	District Combined Degree at 5998	DD
18	Thursday	6PM	MEMORIAL MASS AND SOCIAL EVENT,	Council Committee
21	Sunday	7:00PM	GS PANCAKE BREAKFAST TBD	GSCC - Roundtable
23	Tuesday	7:30	Officers Meeting Zoom	Potomac Assembly
25	Thursday	All Day	Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Day Meals Delivery	Community Direc- tor
29	Monday	730	Potomac Assembly Business Meeting	Potomac Assembly
<b>TBD</b>			Football in the lounge for Washington Football Team Games and others as announced except during bingo on Sundays	GK/DGK
TBD			Supreme State Free Throw Championship Participation Form, KCIC Christmas Poster Contest. Kit Order Form , SDA Finish and submit SP-7 by Dec. !, recruit 4 new members	

**PLEASE NOTE—Events above are subject to change.**

