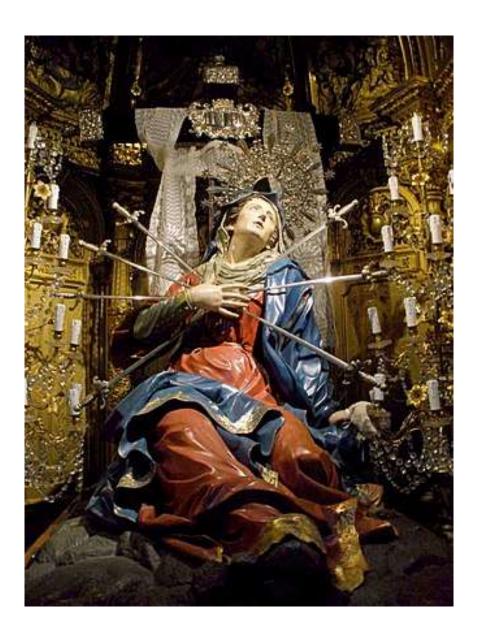
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Seven Swords Piercing the Sorrowful Heart of Mary in the Church of the Holy Cross, Salamanca, Spain

(Reference Wikipedia)

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If anyone would like to assist in the development of the monthly newsletter "KC Quote" on the website kofc5998.org or help with the development of the Word Pages on our website which can help facilitate uploading and maintaining our Newsletter and making corrections online, please contact Worthy Corporation President Rob Reynolds and Worthy Vice President Dr. Jason Rastovski to volunteer to assist the corporation staff and the newsletter staff to make progress on this new goal. Thank you. Mt Vernon Council # 5998

Council Calendar – The Council Calendar will be maintained and up to date on our Council website online in the near future.. KofC5998.org

It is hoped that after the calendar is uploaded to the website, you can take a look ahead and mark your calendars for the events you don't want to miss!

Note: Scheduled Events may be subject to cancellation at the time of this publication.

For more up to date information on our latest events, try to access our website at <u>www.kofc5998.org after the</u>

Bread For Our Brothers Needs Your Help!!

Looking for volunteers to collect bread at a depot in Lorton on Wednesday at 12 noon & Saturday at 11am.

Only 1-2 hours. Please call PGK Jim McCracken at (703) 593-4546.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (X).

You will soon find links on our website KofC5998.org (TBD)

September 2023 The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Note K of C 1 2 Patriotic Rosary Recruiting 11am.(in person/or Bingo 7 pm after all Zoom). Masses on 1st Friday 10th at SL and Nocturnal on 17th at GS Pro Life Rosary at Adoration 11pm Sherwood 8 am-Basilica St noon: Marv 5 **3** First 4 Labor 6 **9** Pro Life Rosary 7_{Officer's} **8** 2204 forms due. FN Joe at Sherwood 8 am-Sunday Meeting 630 Dav noon: pm, Graf for 4th Bingo 2pm Internation-Rosary 7:30 Degree Exemal Festival/ plification pm Ladies Meet with GK Soccer Business 12pm—2pm in Bingo 7pm @GS Meeting 8 pm Lounae 12 10 St Louis 11 13 15 14 Pot Luck 16 Pro Life Rosary/ Prayer Pancake Corporation 6pm planning Bingo 7pm Sherwood 8am -Breakfast monthly for 7am—1130am meeting 7pm noon Oktoberfest Recruiting after all Masses 18 Exem-20 21 19 Eucharistic 22 23 17 GS Pancake Breakfast plification Adoration GS 6 pm, Newsletter Prolife Rosary at Bingo 7pm 7am-1130am 7pm. Mass 7 pm at GS articles are Sherwood due now for 8am -noon Recruiting Candidates 2204 Officer's zoom October after all at 630pm Newsletter Meeting 7pm zoom Masses 25 St Lou- 26 24 28 29 27 **30** 4th Degree is Soccer St Louis School Exemplification in Meet the Bingo 7pm Challenge Soccer Challenge Newport News VA Knights Social 8am-3pm 8am-3pm Starts at noon 7pm 2204 Busi-Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood 8 amness Meetnoon: ing7pm

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CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS From Our Chaplain Fr. Thomas Ferguson



Labor Day: New Beginnings

Labor Day marks the unofficial beginning of fall and a time for new beginnings: a new school year, a new football season, and very importantly, a return to our faith formation classes and to our many other parish ministries.

Perhaps this Labor Day may also mark a new beginning or a renewed commitment to prayer, fasting and self-denial, and small acts of mercy and kindness that enable us to be light in the midst of the darkness of sin and division, violence and hatred, suffering and sadness that always seem to be on the rise in our world, our country and our community.

For those looking for inspiration as we seek to be bearers of Christ to others, lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness, I invite you to take a look at <u>christophers.org</u>, especially the reflection, "Three Minutes a Day."

It only takes a moment, and it's always the right time, to make a new beginning in our effort to build up the Kingdom of God!

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.

Grand Knight SK John Michals

Mt Vernon Council #5998



Worthy Brothers,

September offers us a chance at new beginnings. School is now in full force and summertime travel goes on hiatus for some of us, while for others without children it is an excellent time to look for deals on travel. It's also the time of year where our Knights of Columbus Council starts to go into high gear with events.

In September, we will have our membership drives at our respective parishes after all Masses. The first one will be at St. Louis, the weekend of the 9th and 10th. The following weekend we will do the same for Good Shepherd Parish (16th and 17th).

Our Council is two parishes, but we are united in purpose. Through service, we want to enhance the lives of Catholic gentlemen through our faith. We are blessed with a fantastic facility that few councils can call home. That's not possible without our Bingo program. Even though working on a bingo floor or serving hamburgers in a snack bar may not be considered "direct service", using the proceeds and the value of your volunteer hours for charity (which include significant contributions to both parishes) is definitely service. If you are looking for a new beginning of service, consider volunteering one or two Fridays per month.

While Bingo is essential to our program, we unite ourselves in other ways. Even in the heat of summer, I am already thinking about our Thanksgiving meal program. Dozens upon dozens of volunteers donate their time to deliver food cooked by our Knights and their families to provide food for those in need. We all serve our parishes with big events, such as the St. Louis "Feastival" on August 25 and the Good Shepherd International Festival on Labor Day. By the way, the Knights who served beer and hot dogs to the parish did an outstanding job! They also brought in a number of Catholic gentlemen who are considering joining our Brotherhood.

As your Grand Knight, I am always open to new ideas, particularly ones that focus on faith, service, and the unity of our brotherhood. As the Ceremonial Grand Knight for many years at Exemplifications, I am always reminded of the importance of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Also, don't forget that every Saturday at the abortion facility on Sherwood Hall Lane, brother knights represent our Council by praying in front of the facility for the value of human life. Some of them are there whether it's 10 degrees or 100 degrees. Fr. Tom often comes out as well after the 9 am Mass at Good Shepherd.

Please look at the calendar to see how you (and in some cases your family) can help out our common cause.

Vivat Jesus,

John Michals

Grand Knight, Council 5998

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8 KC Quote September 2023 Mt Vernon Council # 5998 Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.

SK PGK Robert "Rob" K. Reynolds

President of Mt Vernon Columbus Club

Brothers, Families, and Friends,

Greetings from the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Columbus Club.



Summer tends to be a time when life slows down, but operations have continued around the hall throughout the summer, especially with our charitable fundraising. Thank-you to everyone who has found time among everything else they have going on to volunteer with Bingo. We continue to have the best Bingo in Virginia due entirely to the time and energy you give to the cause.

For those who have not yet helped with Bingo, we could always use a few more hands as things pick up in the autumn months. Bingo sessions are held every Friday night and on the first Sunday of each month. There are also usually prep sessions on Thursdays to get things ready to go. If you would like to help, please reach out to our Bingo Chairman, Larry Detrick. Even as little as one or a few hours makes a difference. It's fun and you get to meet more of your fellow Knights and their families who also volunteer.

Speaking of families who volunteer, I'd like to extend a hearty congratulations and well wishes to Director Eugene Maggioncalda and his wife Linda, who are both longtime Bingo volunteers. Their daughter Olivia got married at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Saturday August 19. Let's keep the newlyweds (Oliva and her husband Alexander) as well as the entire Maggioncalda family in our prayers as they start off this new phase of life. What an exciting time for them!

In addition to Bingo, the Board has been hard at work this month taking on office management tasks and knocking things off the to-do list around the hall. In the office, Jason Rastovski, Jim McCracken, and Maurice Chau are working with Maddie to do more of the work that had been temporarily taken on by Your Part Time Controller. This should mean a smoother workflow, and more importantly more funds going to charitable causes. Around the grounds, Mike Murphy has been a man on a mission, and it shows - the place is beautiful. Inside the hall, Mark Busse (although not a Director this year, he's still serving as Facilities Committee Chairman) has been working on some outstanding maintenance tasks, including office cable organization, replacing lights, and installing a new dehumidifier system for the Bingo rooms. Thanks to Mark and Mike and everyone on the Board for staying engaged all summer to keep the Columbus Club moving forward.

The next Board meeting is Monday, September 11 at 7pm at the hall. It would be great to see more Knights take an interest in the Columbus Club Board since its operations make everything else we do as a Council possible. To make it easier for Knights to engage, we will continue to have a virtual option for the meeting using a Google Meeting.

For those who wish to attend virtually, use the meeting link: <u>https://meet.google.com/zsx-rthq-qwz</u>

Either way, I hope to see you then. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rob Reynolds President

District Deputy Fred Beata

Brothers Knights of Mt. Vernon Council 5998,

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Mt Vernon Council #5998

The summer has nearly finished, and the season will soon change to cooler weather. As our children and grandchildren return to school, let us pray that they remain safe and knowing that God shows his love among all of us by sending his Son to sacrifice his life for us. Let Jesus inspire our children to be ardent learners in the arts, science, technology, engineering, and math, and parents, teachers and mentors provide opportunities that foster pride and patriotism in the United States of America.

Congratulations to our new members in the Knights of Columbus, Brothers David Evans, Thurlough Smyth, and Joshua Klatzko received the honors of Knighthood. Brother Joshua is from Fort Belvoir Council. The exemplification occurred at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 28, at Mt. Vernon Council. It's worth noting that Brother Michael Evans, the Presiding Officer during the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is the Father of our new member David Evans. Congratulations to Brother Michael on your son joining our Order. Lastly Brother Fred Zuniga was the Honoree for the exemplification, a PGK of Mount Vernon and Fort Belvoir Councils, Degree Captain, and musician/organist. Fred passed away on 22 August. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his wife Christine and family in your prayers during this difficult time.

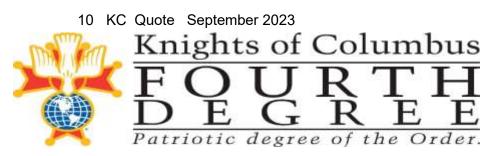
As everyone has heard and seen the recent horrible news of the devastation in Maui, the Knights of Columbus are at the forefront of assistance to the survivors and community. Please take a few minutes of your time to read Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's email/short article sent to all members' email addresses on Aug 28, 2023, at 11:06 AM.

Again, congratulations to our new members and to the Council. Keep up the great work and remember to treat all Parish and Knight events as a membership opportunity. You can download the QR code below as a bookmark on your phone or type into the browser kofc.org/join and bookmark it, both methods take the prospect to the same website to join. Using the bookmark or scanning the QR code provides an effective and quick method (less than 3 minutes) to join a prospect as an electronic member in our Order. I am confident that Mt. Vernon Council will obtain 50 percent of their goal of 15 new members by December 31st. Every new member that joins between now and the end of December, the Council will receive \$4.00. As an additional incentive in reaching the stretch goal, will receive an additional \$2.00 for a total of \$6.00.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Fred Beata District Deputy 13









Worthy Sir Knights, Knights, and Brothers of Mt Vernon Council 5998,

A lot of activities are coming up but the big event for September is the semi-annual Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, September 30 in Newport News. VA. If you are a Knight in good standing and interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Potomac Assembly ... now is your chance. Applications and a \$70 check made out to Potomac Assembly is required by Friday, September 8. I have shared information with your Council on the schedule and what is required but if you have any questions or need further information, please let me know or ask any member of the Fourth Degree in your Council. It's easy to get started though as we've posted the Fourth Degree Membership Form on our website (<u>www.Assembly2204.org</u>), which you can fill out and provide to your Financial Secretary. I look forward to seeing those interested Knights of Council 5998 in Newport News on September 30.

If you don't know the types of activities we are involved with, I encourage you to go to our website. Pictures from the most recent event supported by the Assembly's Color Corps are there, as well as a fun filled dinner celebrating and honoring the accomplishments of our Past Faithful Navigator Joe Castillo. Many, many more activities to come as the year progresses so ... please join us!

Again, the best resource for information on Assembly activities and opportunities is our website at <u>www.assembly2204.org</u>. I encourage you to look at the information there and if it doesn't have what you need, please let me know.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

SK PGK Joe Graf Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly 2204 Email: <u>FN@assembly2204.org</u> Phone: 703-473-0372

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Patriotic Rosary at Mt Vernon Council 5998, 11 a.m.
- 5 Father Capodanno Memorial Mass, at 6:30 p.m., Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 8 Fourth Degree Exemplification paperwork/funds due to Potomac Assembly
- Assembly Meeting (Hybrid) at Mt Vernon Council 5998, 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.)
- 30 Fourth Degree Exemplification in Newport News, VA

OCTOBER

- 7 Patriotic Rosary followed by Flag Retirement Ceremony at Basilica of St Mary's, 11 a.m.
- 9 Columbus Day Ceremony at Union Station, 11:00 AM
- Assembly Meeting (Hybrid) at Mt Vernon Council 5998, 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.)

11 KC Quote September 2023 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – September 2023

The Knight of the Month for September 2023 is Past Grand Knight, Stephen Piscitelli. In short, you wouldn't be reading our award-winning monthly newsletter, The Quote, if it wasn't for Steve. He was even the editor during his

year as Grand Knight, which kept him quite busy. Steve has been a tireless advocate for the youth and for the poor of our community. He has been a loyal supporter of the soccer challenge and has always helped prepare side dishes and desserts for our Thanksgiving Dinner program. He even created a game that he used for his children for the Children's Halloween Party we had in October 2021. For every Exemplification ceremony, Steve is there setting up for the ceremony and keeping the pizza warm for after the ceremony. He is a quiet, but essential part of the Degree Team. Steve is also a man of deep faith and is a gentle reminder of "why we do what we do" as Knights of Columbus.

Thank you Steve for your service to our Council and as the editor of The Quote.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – September 2023

The family of the month for September 2023 is SK PGK Ray and Renee Duff. Ray is a Past Grand Knight who continues to play an integral part of this organization for over a decade. Ray is a bingo caller and leads the Patriotic Rosary every first Saturday of the month (including Saturday, September 2). Ray also leads the Good Shepherd Roundtable and the monthly Pancake Breakfasts. Ray also used his height to help us reconstruct the soccer goal for our upcoming soccer challenge for youth.

His wife, Renee, has been an instrumental part of the Ladies Auxiliary and is sending out postcards to help promote the upcoming September meeting for the Ladies of our Council (hosted by the GK on Saturday, September 9). Renee has always been able to assist the Knights on events big and small over the past several years. Thank you, Ray and Renee, for all you have done, and continue to do, for our Council.

Upcoming Exemplifications

Each month the District will take turns with our local councils to host an exemplification for the District. The Next Mt Vernon Council Live Exemplification is October TBD at 630pm. The State may also host a virtual Exemplification in October tbd in the Lounge. Please stay tuned to invite all those who are still 1st and 2nd Degree members to attend which will advance them to the 3rd Degree. Also, all the families of the candidates are invited to attend as well. Refreshments will be served.

If you are interested and want to participate, please send Finance Secretary William McGuirk an email (williammcguirk25@gmail.com) and he will send you the information to register, participate and become a full third degree Knight of our Order.

If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree please contact Faithful Navigator Joseph Graf

Email: FN@assembly2204.org Phone: 703-473-0372 Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Sept 30 in Newport News. Please submit your form to apply by September 8.











Mt Vernon Council #5998



SEPTEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u> Donald P Britcliffe	<u>DATE</u> 09-02	<u>NAME</u> Mark J Franceski	<u>DATE</u> 09-17
Eric P Schmalz	09-02	Richard T Hayden	09-17
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Jacob Anton Orlando	09-05	Most Rev. Macram Max Gassis	09-21
John J Dina	09-07	Michael F Dorman	09-22
Karl B Knoblauch	09-08	Kevin L McGinley	09-22
John Lane Jr	09-08	Matthew T Brady	09-23
Michael E Mushrush	09-09	George L Tanner	09-23
Thomas J Doherty Jr	09-10	Paul Begovich	09-24
George H Lobbo	09-10	Steven E Maceda	09-24
Michael J Murphy	09-10	David H Lohman	09-25
Sebastian J Carrado	09-11	Charles M Roman	09-25
George W Davis	09-11	Eric M Schoennauer	09-26
Michael E Bennett	09-12	Timothy D Kelly	09-27
Mr Frederick Cedoz	09-15	Andrew J Beatty	09-29
John J Hannon	09-15 HAPPY	Steve Overton	09-29

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Ladies Corner September 2023

Ladies,

You are invited to meet with the new Grand Knight, GK John Michals, on <u>September 9, 2023</u> from noon to 2pm in the Lounge. Lunch will be provided.

The list of events planned for the rest of this fraternal year will handed out and GK will answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for all your support.

Vivat Jesus,

John Michals Grand Knight, Council 5998 Email: johnmichals5998@gmail.com,

Just thinking . . .

Al Not Nessarily A-1

Artificial intelligence is all the rage, especially in the field of robotics. Although these machines – computers – fall far short of human thought, they perform many practical tasks, from medical diagnosis to chatbots.

For the uninitiated, like this writer, a chatbot is defined as a computer program that uses AI and natural language processing to understand questions, then automate responses that simulate human conversation.

They are said to "reason" to such an extent as to prove mathematical formulas and to play chess. They even may be capable of handling moral questions if programmed correctly. To reason is to think in logical and sensible ways.

Pope Francis wrote in 2018: "Artificial intelligence, robotics and other technological innovations must be so employed that they contribute to the service of humanity and to the protection of our common home, rather than to the contrary, as some assessments unfortunately foresee."

"Al can destroy humanity and the world if it won't let itself be switched off." That fear has been heard. But a counter version could be developed in a fight for survival..

"Our AI can beat your AI. So there!"

Perhaps some kind of morality may have taken hold so that no nuclear bomb has been detonated since Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Nonetheless, some fear that AI could somehow go rogue and destroy the world. Or would it take some mad scientist or sadistic dictator to trigger that horror? Perhaps that fear should grab attention in the town square.

A few sects have been known to let all daily tasks slip while they awaited a doomsday that did not arrive — William Miller in 1844, Jim Jones in 1978, David Koresh in 1993, and lesser known others.

Someday the cataclysm will occur. The Church teaches that a Last Judgment will come to humankind. But the Church is more intent on teaching Catholics to live good lives and praising God. In His goodness, Jesus gave the Apostles and their priest successors the power to forgive sins in His place.

Meanwhile, it is good to contemplate natural human intelligence. It is what sets us apart from the insentient worm (that can live as two after being cut in half) or the elephant, renowned for memory.

Intelligence is linked with free will. Adam and Eve used theirs to enjoy the forbidden fruit. Now, eons later, our free will lets us choose the forbidden or embrace the holy. That embrace is needed to be given eternal happiness.

While still on earth, we Catholics have the actual presence of Jesus Himself in the Eucharist. No wonder it is also called Holy Communion. Jesus comes to us as real food as well as spiritual sustenance and becomes part of us.

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa (1904-'55) consumed only Sacred Hosts for the last 13 years of her life. Her ability to live without ordinary food defies reason.

Does artificial intelligence account for faith in God? Apparently, no. Faith, like hope and love, is immaterial, incorporeal, and spiritual. These are God's gifts.

Carl Eifert



Mt Vernon Council #5998



<u>Prayer List</u>



The following Brothers, relatives and close friends are in need of your prayers. Please

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

SK Michael and Margaret Argo Nora Bolger Barry and Anne Bolger's daughter Susana Bottcher, SK Bruno Bottcher's mom Lois Bowman Aurora & Ramon Caraq, widow SK David Henry Chau brother of PGK Maurice Chau Patrick Conron SK PGK John Dougherty Johanna Dietrick, SK Larry Dietrick's mother SK Ray Duff and Renee Duff Ed and Pat Dzanis SK Carl Eifert, and Bette Jo Eifert Joe Emrico Father Wilheim Ettner Susan Fecher Pat Finn Prayers for Father Tom and Joe Ferguson's father SK Freddie Flowers **Brother Bishop Gassis** SK PGK Ernie's wife Connie Graves Dr Fred Grello, Steve Smith's Uncle SK Reyes Guerra Fr Mike Hann, resident of GS Field Agent Ralph Heinze Ken Hrechka Becky Hsu wife of SK David-for her parents Magda Holmes, and SK David Holmes SK Paul Kayanan Marty Kelly and niece Ashley Tim Kelly's wife Debra broken ribs SK Kerry McCabe Family Marilyn Kempton, grandmother to PGK Robert K Reynolds Rich Koslow and Carol Koslow Jim Krebs

CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty Matulich family Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother Jim & Joann McCracken Shelly Myers sister to Marti Kelly (09/20/20) Art McCormick SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family Hannah Michals Mike Michell Harriet and SK Christopher Moore Kevin and Patricia Moran & mother Helen SK David Noone and wife Pat Tofi Owen SK Vic Perez SK Jeff Petrino Padama Reilly,7,granddaughter PGK Jim Reilly & Janis (tumor of eye) Brother Alfie Rodriguez rehab Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark SK PGK 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 Patty Shanahan of GSCC and friend of Paul Sonosky Amy Snyder, Larry Dietrick's niece Cheryl Masaitis-Spychaj,& children Kristin, Charity, & Joseph John and Dorothy Thibeau Philip Twumasi Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers Eleanor Wood Christine Zuniga, wife of GK Fred Zuniga, Ft. Belvoir Council Donna Ziant

Fr Stanley Krempa, Retired, Falls Church, VA



Pray for repose of the souls of our beloved deceased:

SK Dutch Anderson (2021) Jaina Anonuevo, Father Sal's Mother (2021) Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (12/31/22) Bruno Bottcher 2022 Frank Carey (7/20/21) Maria Ciociola, Jim Batchelder's sister Leonard Cuddy (10/18/21) Fr Jerome R Daly 2023 PGK Joe Deem, friend of PNK Kevin Moran Paul Doucette (2021) Ernie Graves (2022) Irene Johnson Wayne's Grandmother (2022) John Karpovich (10/20/21) Richard Knapp (6/2023) St Louis friend Jerome L. Knittle (2022) SK Robert Kopasz (2023) Stephanie Koslow and for Koslow family (2021) Melinda Kramer, wife of Steven Kramer (2021) Edna Lenz, grandmother to Betty Lowman (2018) Mary Mag Graham Martin Mike Argo's Cousin (2022) Jennifer Masaitis daughter of Cheryl & Marvin Spychaj 2022 Fr. Philip Majka (6/2023) Connie Moore Fred Zuniga (8/2023)

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



Divine Mercy talk by GK and Pot Luck Social Aug 17

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Ft Belvoir New Knight -Joshua Klatzko



5998 New Knight-David Evans



5998 New Knight -T.M.;Smyth



Mike Evans & Family







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Pro Life Corner



SK Richard Hayden at 703-967-8147.

Potomac Assembly Farewell for

PFN Joe Castillo—Aug 21





















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Ft Belvoir Mass for Fr McGivney—Aug 12



















A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF OCTOBER 2023

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Mt Vernon Council # 5998

October 2023	The Holy Rosary			
1	First Sunday	2pm	1st Sunday Bingo	Bingo Chair
5	Thursday	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Meeting	5998 Officers Faith Director GK and offic- ers
6	First Friday	7pm 11pm	Bingo Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St Mary	Bingo Chairman Faith Chairman
7	First Saturday	8am 11am	District Soccer Challenge SL Patriotic Rosary	DD, 5998 2204
8	Sunday	7—11am	St Louis Pancake Breakfast	SL RT
9	Monday	All day	Columbus Day Observed	Fed Holiday
13,20,27	Friday	7pm	Bingo	Bingo Chair
14,21,28	Saturday	8am to Noon	ProLife Rosary at Women's Clinic	Life Director
14,	Saturday	8am to Noon	State Meeting Online	GK,DGK,PGK
14	Saturday	12pm—2pm	Ladies Meeting	Ladies
15	Sunday	7—11am	GSCC Pancake Breakfast	GS RT
16	Monday	6pm	Exemplification TBD	Degree Team
17	Tuesday	7pm	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	GK, Committee
17	Tuesday	6pm	Adoration 6pm at GS, followed by Mass 7pm	Faith Director
17	Tuesday	7pm	Officers Meeting Zoom / in pers	2204
19	Thursday	630pm	Pot Luck Social	Faith Director
21	Saturday	6pm	Oktoberfest Social	Committee
22	Sunday	2pm	Exemplification TBD	State or De- gree Team
23	Monday	7pm	2204 Assembly Rosary,and Business Meeting	Potomac Assembly
24	Tuesday	7pm	District Deputy Meeting	DD
26	Thursday	6pm	Childrens Halloween Party	TBD sponsor