

KC Quote December 2023

Keep Christ



In Christmas



Children's Christmas Party
Dec 9



KCIC Christmas Cards
KCIC Poster Contest
KCIC Essay Contest



Adult Christmas Party
Dec 19

Mount Vernon Council 5998

Council Meetings - First and Third Thursday of the Month
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Council Calendar – The Council Calendar will be maintained and up to date on our Council website online KofC5998.org

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 www.kofc5998.org

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 (X) Twitter .

December 2023 The Immaculate Conception

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	<u>Thu</u>	Fri	Sat
					1 Bingo 7 pm <i>1st Friday Nocturnal Adoration 11pm</i> Basilica St Mary	2 <i>Patriotic Rosary 1045am. (in person / or Zoom).</i> <i>Pro Life Rosary 8 am – noon;</i>
3 <i>First Sunday Bingo 2pm</i> KOVAR Bake Sale	4	5	6 <i>Feast of St Nicholas</i>	7 Officer's Meeting 630 pm, Rosary 7:30 pm, Business Meeting 8 pm	8 <i>Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day</i> Bingo 7pm	9 <i>Children's Breakfast with Santa 9am—2pm</i> <i>Army Navy Game in Lounge 3pm</i>
10 SL Pancake Bfst	11 Corporation monthly meeting 7pm	12 Exemplification Degree Team 630pm FS McGuirk	13	14	15 Bingo 7pm Christmas Ham orders by 9pm on KofC5998.org Paypal	16 Citizenship Essay Contest Due <i>Adult Christmas Party 6pm-10pm</i>
17 GS <i>Pancake Bfst,</i> <i>Simba Gabi 530pm</i> St Louis	18	19 Hispanic Exemplification in Lounge online 630pm DD Fred Beata	20	21 <i>Newsletter articles are due now for January KC Quote</i>	22 Bingo 7pm	23 <i>Simba Gabi 530am GS</i> Prolife Rosary at Sherwood 8am -noon Pickup Christmas Ham Orders 9am
24 <i>Christmas Eve Parking help at GS</i>	25	26	27	28	29 Bingo 7pm	30 <i>Pro Life Rosary 8 am– noon;</i>
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CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS
From Our Chaplain
Fr. Thomas Ferguson



Advent

During the season of Advent, we remember the 1st coming of Jesus: the longed-for Savior, the Son of God, the Word who became Flesh and made His dwelling among us.

Advent is also a time when we recall our waiting for the 2nd coming of Jesus ... we believe that Christ has died; Christ is risen; and Christ will come again.

The scriptures of the 1st Sunday of Advent recall our waiting for Jesus' second coming. Jesus tells us in the gospel: *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

We are watchful ... but not in fear: we wait in *joyful hope*.

The virtues of the Advent season are joy, hope, peace and love.

As we begin the season of Advent, let us call to mind each day: a reason to be joyful; a reason for hope; a time we have known peace; and a person we love ... and in this way, we can be sure, we will be ready when Christ will come again!

The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed 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 Blessed 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



Worthy Brothers,

As the month of November comes to a close I would like to thank everyone who helped out with an event this month. We started off the month with our semi-annual Adopt a Highway pick up on Route 1. We continued with our weekly Bingo events and Pro-Life Vigils. At the Sunday bingo in November, our Council made \$225 for KOVAR (a Knights charity that helps those with intellectual disabilities) through donated home-made and store-bought sweet treats for sale to our Bingo patrons (and workers). We are going to do another KOVAR bake sale on our first Sunday Bingo, which is December 3.

Fr. Tom took time out of his schedule for our annual Memorial Mass on the 16th. Paul Sonosky helped prepare the readings and the outline for the program. Marvin Spychaj and Paul Kayanan led the congregation in song and Rob Reynolds cooked a spaghetti dinner. The Color Guard of the Patriotic Assembly #2204 provided a special elegance to the ceremony. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Mass. It was a beautiful ceremony to recognize those who passed before us to the mercy of God.

Of course, the month of November would not be the same without our Thanksgiving Dinner delivery to the needy in our area. A final count of 663 meals were delivered to 102 addresses, one shelter and one local church. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible. Honestly, it was more meals than I expected but we came through.

As we enter the Advent season, things slow down a little bit here at the Knights, but we do have some events that bring the spirit of the season. We are having our annual Children's Christmas party on the morning of Saturday, December 9. We will also be doing a joint Christmas party with the Potomac Assembly (4th Degree) and Fort Belvoir Council #11170 on Saturday evening, December 16.

Lastly, we are 60% toward a membership goal for the year. On Tuesday, December 12 we hope to get closer (or even reach that goal) at our next Exemplification. The ceremony starts at 7 pm and candidates need to arrive at 6:30 pm. If you know of a practical Catholic man, get them to join with a Form 100 or have them sign up at kofc.org/join before December 6, so they can be read in at the next meeting, which is on Thursday, December 7.

Have a Merry Christmas season!

Vivat Jesus

John Michals

Grand Knight, Council 5998

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Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.

SK PGK Robert "Rob" K. Reynolds
President of Mt Vernon Columbus Club



Brothers, Families, and Friends, Brothers, Families, and Friends,

Merry Christmas from the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Columbus Club.

A few thoughts as we head into the final month of the calendar year. November was a busy month with all of the activities I outlined in my left from a month ago, and the Board has been working hard on a couple of long-term projects including getting estimates for roof replacement.

December is yet another month packed with activity around the Hall. Bingo each Friday and the first Sunday offer excellent opportunities for Knights and their families and friends to volunteer and give the gift of their time to support the charitable work. If you have a spare hour or two, we could always use some help.

Along with the weather turning considerably colder, there's anticipation in the air for Advent and the coming of Jesus' birth. Please make sure that you take time to be with loved-ones and appreciate all the blessings the Lord has granted this past year.

Finally, an update on the composition of the Board. Director Joe Tiago has elected to resign from the Board. I want to express my gratitude for the great job he did while he was a Director, helping the Board get off on the right foot for the year. To fill the rest of the year on Joe's term, I have appointed John Dougherty, who is a past member and President of the Board. John will serve as a Director through June 30. At the Annual Meeting in June the election of Directors to the Board will select a worthy Brother Knight to fill the remaining two years of Joe's term.

Come to the next Corporation Board meeting to hear more about each of these activities and more about what goes into making it all possible. The next Board meeting is Monday, December 11 at 7pm at the hall. Again, there will be a virtual option for the meeting using a Google Meeting. For those who wish to attend virtually, use the meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/zsx-rthq-qwz>

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

Sincerely,

Rob Reynolds
President



District Deputy Fred Beata



Worthy Brothers and Families All,

I bring you greetings from State Deputy Pat Roland and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

My wholehearted congratulations and thank you for a superb effort and the many volunteer hours dedicated by all the Council Brothers who helped during the Thanksgiving meal preparation for needy families in the community. To my surprise on Thursday morning, I entered the kitchen, a few minutes prior to my assigned time to assist with preheating mashed potatoes and green beans, but much of the heating was already accomplished by 6 other Knights who arrived much earlier than me. Bravo Zulu!

There are 2 opportunities to advance in our Order or to become a new member by attending one of the scheduled exemplifications below. The dress for all candidates is a coat and tie, business casual (no jeans), or Uniform of the Day if traveling from work.

Tuesday December 12 at 7:00 PM In Person at Mt. Vernon Council Hall.

Tuesday December 19 at 7:30 PM Virtual or In Person bilingual (English/Spanish) George Brent Hall at All Saints Church, 9290 Stonewall Rd, Manassas 20110. To join via Zoom, use the following credentials:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85666868448?pwd=8GWhHkrYJcxDDOFu7SZc56K4zQRm4Z.1> (Meeting ID: 856 6686 8448 / Passcode: 597301)

or attend locally in person at 630pm at the Mt Vernon Council Lounge with DD Fred Beata and Carlos Orellana

There are currently, or will soon be, several council positions that need to be filled. With SK PGK Robert Reynolds relocation in February 2024, the council will need a new Webmaster to ensure the Council and Columbus Club websites are current, contain great content and ease of navigation (user friendly). Secondly, with his departure the Council Advocate Officer position will be open. Another position that should be filled soon is the Publication and Public Relations KC Quote editor position. SK PGK Stephen Piscitelli has been the newsletter editor for many years and is ready to turn it over to another Brother Knight who can continue the outstanding and informative publications. Lastly, the fourth position that remains open is the Community Director. Please give it prayerful consideration, then contact GK John with your intention to fill one of the positions.

Remember Blessed Michael McGivney's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Fred Beata

District Deputy 13

Click QR Code and select "Join"



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – December 2023

Knights of the Month, December 2023

The Knight of the month for December, 2023 is Robert (Bob) Sander.

Bob joined our Council in March of 2022 and has jumped in becoming involved in our activities. He spent many hours preparing and cooking food over Thanksgiving the past two years. He is also involved with the Trail Life organizing which has brought a number of young people and their fathers to help with preparing the pies to distribute to those in the community. Bob is an active member of St. Louis Parish and helps with pancake breakfasts. He regularly attends our monthly business meetings and has become a reliable and enjoyable presence in our brotherhood. Thank you, Bob.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH – December 2023

The Family of the Month is Andy and Katie Rogers for **December 2023**

The family of the month is Andy and Katie Rogers. Andy is our Deputy Grand Knight and has been a major impetus in leading the volunteer effort to renovate the area of our Lounge. His wife, Katie, has helped us with decorating for Oktoberfest and helped with the August St. Louis Parish GIG (God is Good) festival at the beer tent. Andy takes the lead with our Council programs and planning our major social events, such as Oktoberfest. Recently, Katie had a serious injury that resulted in multiple surgeries after being thrown from a horse. DGK Andy has still found time to help the Knights despite having the rigors of work and taking care of an injured spouse who is now out of the hospital. We pray that Katie has a complete recovery and is able to return to the things she loves doing. Thank you, Katie and Andy for being an important part of Council #5998.

Upcoming Exemplifications

Each month the District will take turns with our local councils to host an exemplification for the District. The Next Exemplification is at our Council on Dec 12 at 630pm. The State may also host a virtual Exemplification in December 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.



DECEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Rev Ben Opara	12-01	Aram J Dosedourian	12-17
Mark E Drotos	12-02	David N Schneider	12-17
Mr Emmanuel Mark Emesowum	12-02	Larry N Ferguson	12-18
Anthony P Nichols	12-02	James J McGovern	12-18
Javier E Reyes	12-02	James A Granoski	12-19
Morgan P Ames Jr	12-04	Ralph M Zecca Jr	12-21
Stefan L Hardy	12-04	Peter T Farrell	12-23
Mr Thomas W Reagan	12-06	Andrew B Rogers	12-23
Eric J Trychon	12-06	Hilary A Miezah	12-25
William R Croisetiere	12-07	Joseph N Tiago PGK	12-27
Michael J Repetski	12-09	Brian J Bonacquisti	12-28
John Wolosky	12-09	Carl A Eifert	12-30
Francis L Villapando	12-10	Rafael K Genuino	12-30
Francis B Innis III	12-12	Christopher J Moore	12-30
Christopher J Howard	12-14	Daniel F Rinzel	12-30
William A Valle	12-14	William J Burns Iii	12-31



Ladies Corner December 2023

Dear Ladies

I hope all of you had a wonderful, restful Thanksgiving. As we move into December, there are a few activities you can lend your skills to if you have the time:

Dec 3 is Sunday bingo and the monthly Kovar bake sale. If you have baked donations, please drop them at the hall by noon on the 3rd. If you can help at the bake sale, please reach out to Donna Piscitelli at djpiscitelli@gmail.com, or at 703-732-5157

Dec 9 is the children's Christmas party. We will set up at 8:00 am and open the doors at 9:00. We have a craft table, and a letter to Santa table. We need help with both. The men will cook and serve breakfast. Please let Donna know if you can help with activities

Dec 16 is the adult Christmas party. We need help decorating the lounge after the children's party on the 9th. If you can help decorate the lounge please let Donna know. We are working to find teens to babysit in the council hall on Dec 16, for those of you moms with small children who would like to come to the party on the 16th

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season.
Donna

Just thinking . . .**Free Will Means Choosing**

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Those storied gifts to the newborn Jesus from three wise men (probably Zoroastrian priests) prompt people to give everything from fruit cakes to diamonds at Christmas.

“Do your Christmas shopping early,” is the cry of advertisers heard repeatedly as this major holiday approaches. The news media counts down shopping days to urge moms, dads, sweethearts, and just-friends to hire themselves to the nearest Bon Ton so that they might play Santa.

Storekeepers report that the bulk of their annual sales are at Christmas time. They would go broke were it not for this holiday tradition.

Nothing wrong with giving Christmas presents. In their way, they mark the holiday as festive. The Christmas spirit transcends Christianity; everybody – except essential public servants and those employed in restaurants and entertainment – gets a holiday.

Originally the word holiday meant holy day.

The Magi sought to do homage to a newborn king when they followed the star that shone on the stable in Bethlehem. Symbolically, these men represent the world’s peoples to whom Jesus was the Messiah. He redeemed humanity stained with original sin and opened the gates of heaven.

Jesus became man eons after Adam and Eve gave in to pride, first among sins. And only God becoming a man was capable of making reparation. The Magi’s gifts explain that. Gold stands for kingship, frankincense for worship, and myrrh for death and mourning.

Back to holiday giving. When the country was deep in the Depression, a stocking holding an orange and assorted nuts was a Christmas gift for many children.

Later, inflation spiked the price of gifts. Unfortunately, spending something extra out of love or respect can spark avarice in some greedy recipients. They judge a gift’s value to score the giver’s intent.

Christmas and giving have nearly become synonymous. Families gathering from near and far bear gifts. Even an inexpensive present is *de rigueur*.

This holy day’s real significance is a memorial to Jesus becoming a babe so that some 33 years on He could sacrifice Himself on the cross to expiate our sins.

A Midwest pastor in the 1940s always began his midnight Mass sermon retelling the Garden of Eden narrative wherein Satan entices Eve and Adam to disobey their Maker. That first sin demonstrates free will. God the Father gave that mark of humanity to us as a test — the exam we must pass to gain an eternal life of happiness. Had our First Parents obeyed, human behavior would have always conformed to God’s will. We can only try to imagine how that would have affected human life today.

“The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame,” Genesis says. They did feel that after the first sin. Maybe the Garden covered the entire globe, having a single, comfortable climate. Perhaps they and their progeny were intended to live blissfully, collecting food from plants needing no husbandry? The forbidden fruit that grew on the tree of knowledge had some particular purpose that only God knows.

It turned out that God gave Adam and Eve the freedom to choose. And they made an enormously terrible choice. Free will confers opportunities to please God by making good choices.

His Catch-22 is that this freedom also can make us sinners.

Carl Eifert





Prayer List



The following Brothers, relatives and

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
 Aurora & Ramon Caraq, widow SK David
 Patrick Conron
 SK PGK John Dougherty
 Johanna Dietrick, SK Larry Dietrick's mother
 Larry Detrick
 SK Ray Duff and Renee Duff
 Edd and Pat Dzanis
 SK Carl Eifert, and Bette Jo Eifert
 Joe Emrico
 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'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

Fr Stanley Krempa, Retired, Falls Church, VA
 CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty
 Barbara Lovell wife of Brother Hugs Lovell
 Matulich family
 Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken
 Jim & Joann McCracken
 Shelly Myers sister to Marti Kelly (09/20/20)
 Art McCormick
 SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
 William McGuirk
 Hannah Michals
 Mike Michell
 Harriett and SK Christopher Moore
 Kevin and Patricia Moran & mother Helen
 SK David Noone and wife Pat
 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
 DGK Andy & Katie Rogers
 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
 Christine Zuniga, wife of GK Fred Zuniga, Ft. Belvoir Council
 Donna Ziant

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 (12/2022)
 Bruno Bottcher (2022)
 Lois Bowman (2023)
 Frank Carey (7/2021)
 Henry Chau brother of PGK Maurice Chau (9/2023)
 Maria Ciociola, Jim Batchelder's sister
 Leonard Cuddy (10/2021)
 Fr Jerome R Daly (2023)
 PGK Joe Deem, friend of PNK Kevin Moran
 Paul Doucette (2021)
 John Karpovich (10/2021)

Richard Knapp (6/2023) St Louis friend to KofC and Vets
 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 Sychaj (2022)
 Fr. Philip Majka (6/2023)
 Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother (11/2023)
 Connie Moore
 Tofi Owen (11/2023)
 SK PFN Robert T. Reynolds (12/2021)

**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



Pancake Breakfast at St Louis—Nov 12



Memorial Mass November 16



Recruiting after all Masses and Pancake Breakfast at GS



Pro Life Corner



Our Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood Hall Avenue next to the Shell Gas Station is featured every Saturday from 8am to 12pm.. Often we have Fr Ferguson from Good Shepherd, Fr OHare from St Louis, or Bishop Burbidge of our Arlington Diocese to lead us in prayer. We offer free pregnancy tests and we have a mobile ultrasound unit available to help women with free ultrasounds to see their babies. For any questions please contact Council 5998 Life Director, SK Richard Hayden at 703-967-8147.



Veterans Day—Nov 11



Thanksgiving Meals for Needy (Part 1)



Thanksgiving Meals for Needy (Part 2)





CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN, AND THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, TO

Meet the Knights

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 • 7:30PM
KNIGHTS HALL

- Free Pizza, Wings, First Beer/Soda
- Thursday Night Football on Big Screens
- Learn about Knights of Columbus
- RSVP Link or QR Code

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4BAEA82FABFE3-44393379-meet>




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Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Worthy Sir Knights, Knights, and Brothers of Mt Vernon Council 5998,
Our Web site is <https://assembly2204.org>—Please See our website for more details.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

SK PGK Joe Graf

Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly 2204

Email: FN@assembly2204.org Phone: 703-473-0372

DECEMBER

1. Signup for wreath participation' Please note that the signup for the Potomac Assembly 2204 Truck is limited to twelve people so signup early! for Wreaths Across America.
9. There will be a children's Christmas party at the hall in the morning 9am–12noon.
Army-Navy Football game 3pm.
13. Exemplification for 4th Degree in Richmond 12 noon .
16. The following is from our Faithful Purser and Truck Crew Chief Fred Beata regarding Wreaths Across America on December 16.
Combined Adult Christmas party with Councils 459, 5998, 11170, and the Potomac Assembly 2204 6pm hosted at Mt Vernon Council for \$10 online and \$15 per person at the door.
17. Simba Gabi Mass at St Louis at 530pm (Regalia)
19. Simba Gabi Mass at GS at 530am “

JANUARY

- 6 — Patriotic Rosary at Mt Vernon Council 5998, 11 a.m.
- 16 — Officers Meeting (Zoom), 7 p.m.
- 19 – National March for Life in DC
- 20 – Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery – Wreaths Out
- 22 — Renewal of Obligations, 7 p.m. (Tentative)
- 22 — Assembly Meeting (Hybrid), 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.)

FEBRUARY

- 3 — Patriotic Rosary, 11 a.m.
- 19 — Presidents Day/George Washington's Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA
- 22 – 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree
- 26 — Assembly Meeting (Hybrid), 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.)

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF JANUARY 2023

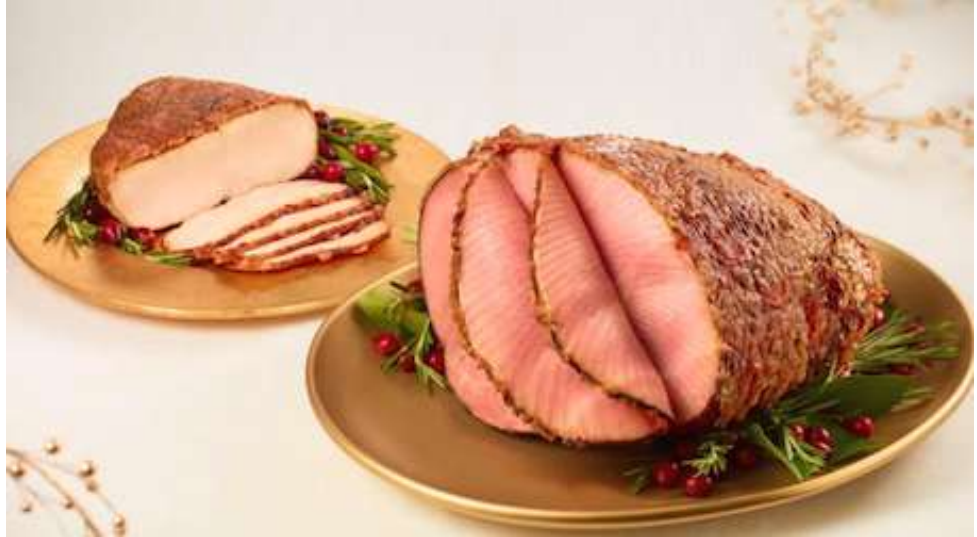
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Mt Vernon Council # 5998

january 2023	The Holy Name of Jesus			
1	New Years Day Bingo	Noon	Free Meals and Drinks	Snack Bar
4	First Thursday	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Meeting	5998 Officers Faith Director GK and officers
5	First Friday	6pm 11pm	Bingo Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St Mary	Bingo Chairman Faith Chairman
6	First Saturday	11am	Patriotic Rosary at Basilica St Mary Alex	2204
8	Monday	6pm	Corporation Planning Meeting	GK, MVCC
9	Tuesday	7pm	Planning Meeting for Winter Events	
12,19,26	Friday	6pm	Bingo	Bingo Chairman
6,13,20,27	Saturday	8am to Noon	ProLife Rosary at Women's Clinic	Life Director
14	Sunday	7—11am	St Louis Pancake Breakfast	SL RT
15	Monday	All Day	Fed Holiday—Dr Martin Luther King	
15	Monday	10am	GS and SL Dodgeball and Free Throw Contests	SL GYM
17	Wednesday	2pm	Exemplification TBD, St Lawrence or State	State or Degree Team
18	Thursday	6:30pm	Social with Pro Life Topic	Life Director
19	Friday	8am-5pm	March for Life—bfst, buses at GS, dinner	Life Director
21	Sunday	7—11am	GSCC Pancake Breakfast	GS RT
22	Monday	7pm	Officers Meeting Zoom / in pers	2204
29	Monday	7pm	Planning for Irish Night	Potomac Assembly

PLEASE NOTE—Events above are subject to change.

Honey Ham Orders for Christmas 2023



Order your Delicious Christmas Ham, Turkey, and Gourmet Cakes & Pies Online from the Knights of Columbus!

- For more information, call Mike Evans (571-283-5873)
- Place Your Order by 9PM on Friday, December 16, 2023. using paypal on website <http://KofC5998.org>—look for Ham Sales (use “http” instead of “https”)
- Pick up order at Mount Vernon Council Hall on Saturday, December 23, 2023 between 9AM and 11AM

Breakfast with Santa!



Join us for free family fun!

Saturday, December 9

9 AM to 12 PM

Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus

8592 Richmond Highway

Alexandria, VA 22309

RSVP by Thursday December 8.

Volunteers: : <https://signup.com/go/hnrMOvt>


Attendance: <https://signup.com/go/CuctBdC>

(using email, Name and # in party)

Mt Vernon Council #5998, Potomac Assembly #2204, & Fort Belvoir Council #11170 Combined Christmas Party December 16, 2023

Admission: \$10 per person online (RSVP to www.kofc5998.org/christmas.party/ to prepay online \$10 per person) or pay \$15 per person at the door.

Council provides main dish only/catered for BarBQ. Please bring side dishes or dessert if desired. Gift cards for needy families will be collected as optional donation.




Please join us for a night of fraternal fellowship, fine dining, and festive singing of Christmas carols at our Columbus Hall!

6:00 PM Meet and Greet

6:30 PM Dinner-Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

8:00 PM Christmas Carol Singa-long



Or call 703-360-1964, Option 4 **before December 8** and leaving your name and the number of people in your party so we have an approx. head count!

Guests are welcome!!!!

Mt Vernon KofC Columbus Hall
8592 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309