

KC Quote

March 2024



St. Joseph

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March 2024

St. Joseph

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 6PM Bingo 11PM Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary	2 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
3 1PM Bingo	4	5 6AM-7PM Fairfax County Primary Election at Council Hall 7PM Irish Night Planning Meeting (Lounge)	6	7 630PM Officers Meeting 730PM Rosary 8PM Council Meeting	8 6PM Bingo	9 <i>Outstanding Man/Woman Apps Due</i> 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic 1045AM Patriotic Rosary at Council Hall
10 St. Louis Pancake Breakfast	11 7PM Corporation Meeting 730PM Exemplification at St. Raymond	12	13	14 630PM Ladies Night 7PM Exemplification at Ft. Belvoir Council	15 6PM Bingo	16 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	18	19 <i>Feast of St. Joseph</i> 6PM Adoration w/ GK at Good Shepherd	20	21	22 6PM Bingo	23 <i>HoneyBaked Ham Sales Due</i> 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic 530PM Irish Night
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25 <i>Feast of Annunciation</i> 7PM Patriotic Rosary 730PM Assembly Meeting (Hybrid)	26	27	28	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic 9-11AM HoneyBaked Ham Sale Pickup
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>						

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From Our Chaplain

Fr. Tom Ferguson



Lent: Resolutions and Requests

On Ash Wednesday, we made resolutions to pray, fast, and give alms during the season of Lent; we sometimes fail to fulfill these resolutions perfectly; we may even judge the “success” of Lent by our ability to remain faithful to the plans we make.

The early days of Lent are also a time to think of our requests: if Lent is like a retreat, then what are the graces we seek during the coming forty days? As we pray, we might ask God for a deeper knowledge of His love for us. As we fast, we might ask God to purify our hearts of some sinful or disordered behavior or way of thinking. As we give alms, we might ask God for a more generous sensitivity to the needs of those who struggle or suffer, especially people who are poor.

Let us pray that we will experience a “successful” Lent this year, not so much by the perfect fulfillment of our resolutions, but rather by receiving from God the graces we seek as we begin this holy season.

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:

I admit that I am suffering from Writer's Block for my monthly Grand Knight's article. I also admit that I am having a terrible time coming up with something to do for Lent. So I am stuck, now what?

Not everyone is in the same position of me, but it's easier for me to donate money than it is to donate time. I often multi-task and split my focus with my time, such as pray while I am in the car, grade papers while watching TV with my wife (or even in meetings). I send emails while doing something else, even from my job.

During Lent, I am trying to make an effort to slow down. My wife and I are trying to read the daily readings once a week, even if it's in the car. I admire those that are going to daily Mass, giving up alcohol or sweets, trying to carve out extra time for prayer and family, especially those who have children.

I spend at least one email per week asking brother Knights to volunteer, sometimes two or three. I could volunteer more myself. However, maybe it's time for us to take a moment just to spend time with the Lord. For me that means taking time to pray without having to watch out for traffic. It might mean spending time with loved ones without doing something else simultaneously.

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knights of Columbus. Your time is valuable. I appreciate what you give to our organization. I will try to spend a little time each day with the Lord, in quiet. When you see me, feel free to ask me how my Lent is going. A little accountability goes a long way, and it also let's me know that you spent some time reading my article.

Don't forget to get your tickets for Irish Night on March 23! This is the big event for the month.

Vivat Jesus

John Michals

Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.

SK PGK Robert “Rob” K. Reynolds, President



Brothers, Families, and Friends,

The Board of Directors and many others have been working diligently on a number of projects to maintain our successful Charitable Bingo operation as well as the facility that the Council calls home, and there are a number of ways we could use your assistance to keep everything going.

Bingo Volunteering

The Charitable Bingo operation provides awe-inspiring levels of financial support to many worthy charities each year and it also pays for the upkeep of the Council home. We could really use a few more Knights and their families to help share in this important work. Just an hour or two, once a month can help. Please feel free to reach out to our Bingo Chairman, Larry Dietrick (571-243-1332, bingomanager@mvkofclubinc.org) to learn more, or stop by the Hall on Fridays starting at 7pm or the first Sunday of each month starting at 12pm to see for yourself.

Building Upkeep

The Hall is just like your house, every so often it needs some repairs to keep everything working right. And just like a house sometimes those repairs include needing a new roof. Director Richard Hayden has been spearheading the effort to find a contractor for a new roof for the building. The Board is close to selecting one, but input or involvement from anyone who has experience supervising or working with commercial roof replacements would be appreciated. We'll be discussing options for roof replacement companies at the upcoming Board meeting (details below). Consider attending if you want to contribute to this and other discussions.

Much of interior repairs and electrical work are handled by our Facilities Manager, Mark Busse, and the grounds are kept in great shape by our Grounds Committee Chairman, Director Mike Murphy. However, if you are a handyman of sorts, or if you have a [mostly] green thumb, we could use your talents. Reach out to Mark (703-597-5790, mark@busseelectric.com) or Mike (571-435-0289, director1@mvkofclubinc.org) to learn more.

Board of Directors

It's already time to start thinking about the Annual Meeting for the Columbus Club, coming up in June, to include who will be standing for election to the Board of Directors. We need Brother Knights to step up to the plate and help manage the Columbus Club as Directors. For those not already familiar, a Director for the Columbus Club serves for a 3 year term wherein they oversee the operations of the Hall and everything that goes on around here. In a typical year, 3 new members of the Board are elected as 3 members from the current Board conclude their terms. This year we will need to elect 5 members to the Board, 3 to full terms and 2 more

to complete the remainders of other terms. Without a fully manned Board of Directors we cannot continue to function as an organization. If interested, please reach out to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Richard Hayden (703-967-8147, director4@mvkofclubinc.org) or John Dougherty (571-228-9567, director2@mvkofclubinc.org), who is assisting the Chairman in filling out a slate of Knights to stand for election.

Finally, a personal note. As many of you are aware, my wife Betsy and I have relocated to Hawaii for her job as a DoD Civilian. I will continue to do what I can to support and guide our efforts from afar for the remainder of this Fraternal/Fiscal Year, and then resign from the Board prior to the election of new directors. In the mean time, I plan to participate in meetings virtually to the extent that I am able and to continue to weigh-in on important topics. As has been the case for the entire Fraternal Year up to this point, please feel free to reach out (703-626-0379, president@mvkofclubinc.org) to discuss issues and topics for consideration of the Board of Directors or the President with me whenever you wish. Believe it or not, cell phones and email do work in Hawaii.

The Columbus Club Bylaws make clear that in my absence, the Vice President of the Board of Directors assumes the powers and decision-making authority of the President. In matters when I am unable to contribute or a physical presence is needed, such as the conduct of meetings, our worthy Vice President, Jason Rastovski (574-210-9729, vicepresident@mvkofclubinc.org), is in charge. Please support him as you have supported me this year.

Come to the next Columbus Club 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, March 11 at 7pm at the hall. 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 (virtually) then. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rob Reynolds
President



District Deputy Fred Beata



Brothers All,

Dala ko sa inyo ang pagbati mula sa Pilipinas. Nawa'y mapuno ang araw mo ng pag ibig sa kapwa, pagmamahal at tawanan. I bring you greeting from the Philippines. May your day be filled with charity, love, and laughter.

During the month of March, there are 2 exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity: The first at Saint John Bosco Council (St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church in Springfield) on March 11 at 7:30pm (candidate showtime 7pm). The second, at Ft. Belvoir Council, Fairfax Chapel on March 14 at 7:00 pm (candidate showtime 6:30). A reminder to email the GK and FS of the council (copy me) with the total count of candidates, Knights and family members attending.

Congratulations to our six new members from Mt. Vernon Council 5998 and Ft. Belvoir Council 11170 who were exemplified to the honors of Third-Degree Knights in our Order last Tuesday, February 20.

Also, a big congratulations to our District Free Throw Champions that won on February 19 and advance to the Virginia State finals competition at Benedictine College Prep on March 23 at 9:15 am. The winners are Read Khanijoun, boy 9, Mt. Vernon; Eli Abueg, boy 10, Springfield; James Luby, boy 11, Springfield; Mark Franceski, boy 12, Mt. Vernon; Timothy Meadors, boy 14, Belvoir; Grace Fannon, girl 9, Vernon; Evelyn Lange, girl 10, Springfield; Mya Butler, girl 11, Mt. Vernon; Hayden Fox, girl 12, Belvoir; and Maggie Fannon, girl 14, Mt. Vernon. All our winners can compete at the Virginia State Free Throw contest at Benedictine College Prep on March 23 at 9:15 am.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Fred Beata
District Deputy 13



Knight of the Month March 2024



The Knight of the Month is **Rodney Chambers**

The Knight of the Month for March 2024 is Rodney Chambers. Rodney helps everywhere. He is a new knight who has recently qualified for the Shining Armor Award, which is given to someone who has done the following in their first year in the brotherhood: attended three meetings, met with an insurance agent, recruited a new member and attended three events. He is also in charge of contacting brothers who have taken the old first and/or second degree ceremonies of the order and encouraged them to attend the new Exemplification Degree, which makes all members a 3rd degree upon initiation.

Rodney helps out in the Snack Bar on Friday Bingo nights, joined our bartender team, and always willing to help where it is needed. I would like to thank the positive contributions Rodney has made to our Council.



Family of the Month March 2024



The Family of the Month is **Eugene & Linda Maggioncalda**

The Family of the Month for March 2024 is Eugene & Linda Maggioncalda. Both of them are regular helpers at Bingo as cashiers and other tasks that make bingo work. Eugene is often helping with Bingo during the week with sorting and arranging “pull tabs” which generate an additional revenue stream for the Corporation (which raised over \$300,000 for charity last year). Eugene has also taken the lead for informing us how the planned Route 1 widening from Buckman Road to Jeff Todd Way will affect our front lawn and signage.

Eugene helps in a lot of quiet ways. He has been our Recorder in Council Meetings for several years and as a former Recorder myself, I can tell you that Recording the Minutes of our Council meeting is a tedious job. This year, he is the Recording Secretary of the Corporation Board, which he has been a member of for the past three years. Thank you to both Eugene and Linda for their service to both Council #5998 and our Columbus Club Corporation.

Upcoming Exemplifications: March 2024

- Monday, March 11th, 7:30 PM: Saint John Bosco Council (St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church in Springfield) (candidate showtime 7pm).
- Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 PM: Ft. Belvoir Council, Fairfax Chapel (candidate showtime 6:30).

March 2024 Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
George M. Anderson	03-02	Brian P. Rohde	03-14
John E. Michals	03-02	Clinton S. Tucker	03-14
Espedito Gasparo	03-03	Dr. Kenneth M. Hrechka	03-16
Stephan M. Moki	03-03	Pierre U. Powers	03-17
Rodney Lee Chambers	03-04	Christopher P. Sheedy	03-17
Patrick F. Finn	03-04	Michael C. Hunter	03-18
Anthony G. Magro	03-04	Patrick J. Gallagher	03-19
Tim J. McCauley	03-06	Christian N. Braunlich	03-21
Julian T. Martinez Sr	03-07	Henry Deramous	03-21
Jason F. Hackl	03-08	Eric W. Holland	03-22
James J. Mlinarcik	03-08	Michael A. Michell	03-23
An Binh Nguyen	03-08	Carlos E. Villarraga	03-23
Gary J. Scalph	03-08	Benjamin C. Aschmann	03-26
Thomas P. Coyne	03-10	Steven S. Woznak	03-28
Steven E. Harris	03-10	Sergio Zalar	03-28
Richard A. Koslow	03-10	Kevin J. Degnan	03-29
Raymond M. Fleury	03-11	Robert L. McMullan	03-29
Rev. Lino Rico-Rostro	03-11	Michael K. Evans	03-30
Marcell S. Strbich	03-12		

Ladies Corner

March 2024

Ladies,

There is a lot of activity in the coming months. Please be a part of all you are able and interested in. And, if you know folks who would like to receive the group emails, please send me their name and email address.

Upcoming activities:

- March 7: Making Irish bread at K of C hall kitchen. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- March 12: Make Shepherd's pie at K of C hall kitchen. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Please let Donna know if you can help for part or all of either of these days.

- March 14: Ladies night. 6:30 PM at K of C hall - bring an appetizer to share
- March 23: Irish night. Looking for help with putting decorations away after event and plating appetizers starting at 5:00 PM
- March 31: Easter. Please have a blessed event
- April 7: Kovar bake sale during bingo. Let me know if you can help. Please drop off baked goods by noon on the 7th

Questions, suggestions? Please reach out to me at djpiscitelli@gmail.com. Or text at 703-732-5157

Just Thinking...



The Day of Ashes

The Church kicks off Lent with ashes. A black smudge or cross, maybe an inch or two wide and deep, depending upon the priest's technique, is inscribed on foreheads. It is a badge of humility, a reminder to do penance for one's sins.

Most Catholics who go to Church on Ash Wednesday and it seems regular churchgoers turn out in good numbers leave that mark in place throughout the day, announcing their belief to those they meet at work, on the street, or shopping. A few wash the sign away quickly, which is okay by the liturgical lawmakers. But there is some feeling of camaraderie when a TV anchor appears on-screen still adorned with the mark of repentance.

Ashes remind us of the disobedience of Adam and Eve. God meted out, among other punishments such as pain in childbirth, toil for bread, death. This black badge tells us not to forget that we shall return to the ground from which you were taken, for you are dust, and to dust you shall return. [Gn 3: 19]

Blessed palms from the previous year are burned to make the ashes. Other denominations also dispensing ashes are Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Moravians, Nazarenes, and Independent Catholics. Methodists also burn palms from the year before.

Concordia Supply online, which sells Protestant church goods, has, for example, "palm ash for 1000 to add to cart for \$19.99". On Amazon, that amount goes for \$22.88. Also pictured is an "Ash Wednesday Remember That You Are Dust Catholic Lent T-Shirt" for \$18.99. It is black with those words circling a white cross, resembling one that might have been drawn by a priest's thumb.

Lent, as a preparation for Easter, began with the Council of Nicaea in 325, the Church's initial council. That gathering of Church leaders also ordered preparation for Baptism, which declared grievous sinners were to wear sackcloth and have ashes sprinkled on their heads. That practice died out around the 9th century. Early in the 11th century the English Abbot of Eynsham recalled the use of ashes in the Old and New Law and restored them. In 1091, after the Synod of Beneventum, Pope Urban II established the custom for the beginning of Lent.

It is not easy to arrive at the fundamental conception of the liturgical use of ashes, says the Catholic Encyclopedia. The practice is borrowed from the Jews.

The distribution of ashes is a sacramental, meaning a rite declared by the Church, distinct from the seven Sacraments instituted by Christ. Priests administer ashes, says an article on the catholic.org website, and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. Such penance is quite civilized. How many modern Catholics would willingly go about their daily routines after having ash spread over their heads and given sackcloth to replace shirt or blouse? For the record, The Roman Missal which contains the prayers, biblical reading chant and rubrics for priests celebrating the Mass designates Lent's first day as *dies cinerum*, the day of ashes.

–Carl Eifert



Prayer List

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 O'shea friend of SK Paul Sonosky/pancreatic cancer
 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
 PGK Don Rogan and wife Cassie
 Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
 SK PGK Donald Rogan & Cassie 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
 Rick Valentine, father of Steven Valentine
 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

Pray for repose of the souls of our beloved deceased:

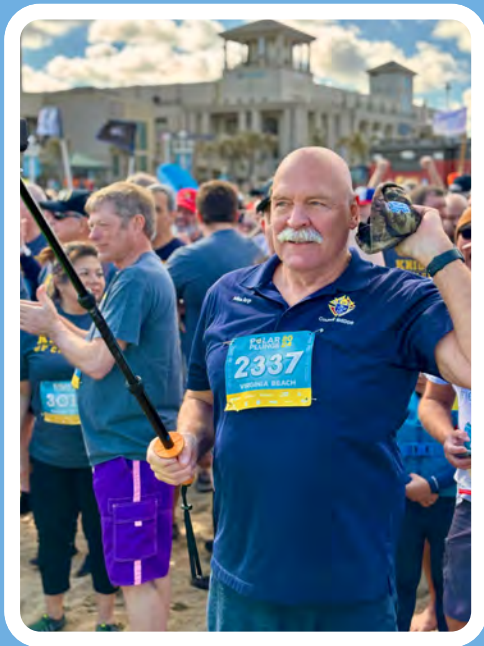
SK Dutch Anderson (2021)
 Jaina Anonuevo, Father Sal's Mother (2021)
 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (12/2022)
 Joe Bavaria (1/2024)
 Bruno Bottcher (2022)
 Lois Bowman (2023)
 Frank Carey (7/2021)
 Henry Chau brother of PGK Maurice Chau (9/2023)
 Maria Ciociola, Jim Batchelder's sister
 Leonard Cuddy (10/2021)
 Fr Jerome R Daly (2023)
 PGK Joe Deem, friend of PNK Kevin Moran Paul Doucette (2021)
 John Karpovich (10/2021)
 SK PGK Don Logeais Maj Gen Ret (11/2023)
 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)
 Eleanor Wood (11/2023)



POLAR PLUNGE 2024

ON FEBRUARY 3RD, SK PGK MIKE ARGO BRAVED THE FREEZING ATLANTIC OCEAN IN VIRGINIA BEACH TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS. HE WAS JOINED BY HIS WIFE MARGOT AND TOOK THE PLUNGE WITH STATE DEPUTY PAT ROWLAND AND STATE TREASURER TREY HART.



Wild Game Feed - February 3, 2024







St. Louis Pancake Breakfast – February 11, 2024



Good Shepherd Pancake Supper – February 13, 2024





Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast – February 18, 2024



KofC Free Throw Championship – February 19, 2024



Third Degree Exemplification Ceremony – February 20, 2024



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. O'Hare 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.



Point of Contact: Council 5998 Life Director, SK Richard Hayden, 703-967-8147 (text is best) or richardhayden91@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!





Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



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

Our website is <https://assembly2204.org>—please See our website for more details.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

SK PGK Joe Graf

Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly 2204 | FN@assembly2204.org | 703-473-0372

March Activities & Events

- **Saturday, March 2nd, 12:30 PM (10:30AM show time): St Patrick's Day Parade, Old Town Alexandria.** The parade will start on 12:30 pm and we need to be in place (Unit #3, Harp Division) no later than 11:45 am (click [here](#) for parade route and #3 location). We will line up on Prince St, between Pitt St and St Asaph St – facing St Asaph). Click [here](#) for parade instructions (please read). We will be able to use the Casa Frassati House at 307 S. Royal Street (directly across from the Basilica of St. Mary, click [here](#) for map) to assemble and coordinate ahead of time starting at 10:30am (Courtesy of GK Chris Zettler and Fitzgerald Council 459). Dress Code: For those Sir Knights that have the Official Regalia Dress, please wear that (along with a sword if you have it) otherwise the Social Dress with dark suit, white shirt, dark tie and social baldric are absolutely fine.
- **Saturday, March 9th, 11:00AM: Patriotic Rosary [NOTE CHANGE OF DATE].** The Rosary will be held in the KofC Hall (Mt Vernon Council 5998) in the Assembly meeting room. Set-up will be ready by 10:45am but you are welcomed to come earlier to help setup & socialize. Prayer intentions will be posted shortly. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link (...or ID: 894 7735 9993; passcode:781205). Mobile dial in: +1(301)715-8592... ..894-773-59993#..... *781205# US (Washington DC) Please pass the word. Contact Ray Duff (rrduff25@gmail.com) for further details.

April Activities & Events

- Saturday, April 6th, 11:00AM: Patriotic Rosary
- Saturday, April 13th: Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Edward the Confessor Parish (Bon Air) in Richmond
- Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00PM: Officers Meeting (Zoom)
- Saturday, April 20th, 10:00AM: Visit to the US Marine Corps Museum
- Monday, April 22nd, 7:30PM (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7:00PM): Assembly Meeting (Hybrid), Present Slate of Officers

George Washington Birthday Parade – February 19, 2024

Attendees in Regalia

Everett Baines, 1781	Rich Dunbar, 2204	Ed Stance, 2204, Color Corps Commander
Eric Fields, 2204, Virginia Flag Bearer	John Knox, 1163, Virginia State Advocate	Paul Kayanan, 2204
Joe Graf, 2204, Faithful Navigator	Larry Clark, 2204	Maurice Chau, 2204, U.S. Flag Bearer
Emmett O’Hare, 2204	Bill Beach, 2204	

Fourth Degree Knights

Cliff Conway, 2204	Greg Smith, 2204	Chris Zetter
Terry Riley, 2204	Gaston Reboredo	

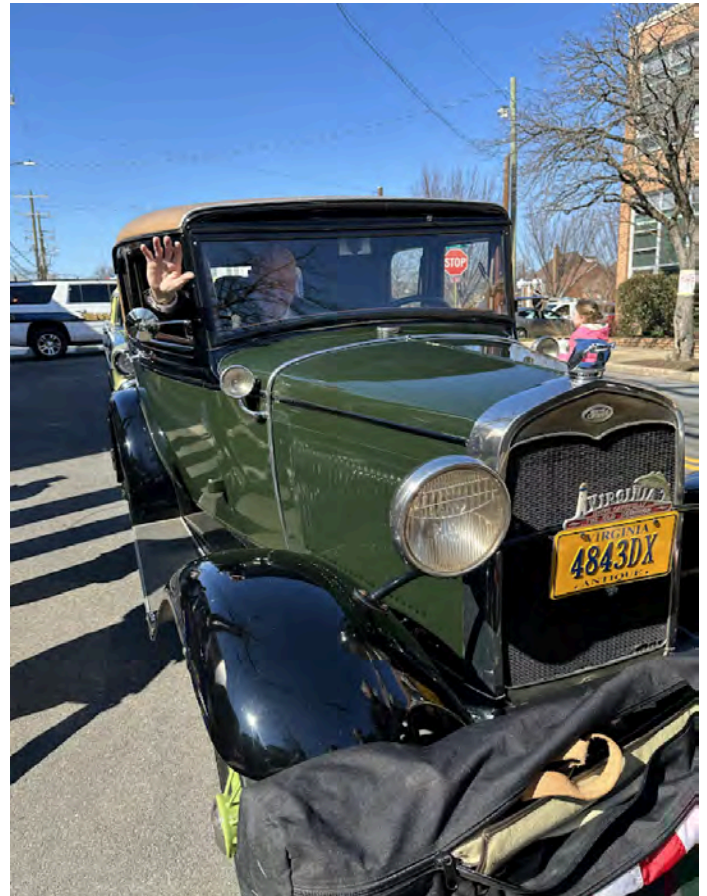
Knights in Antique Cars:

John Dougherty, 2204, 1931 Ford Model A	Jim and Sally Batchelder, 2204, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air
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Knights on Bikes

Mark Marchione, 2204	Thom Harrington, Virginia State Warden	Nate Madden
Roman Martin, 2204	Ryan Casey	Francisco Sarceno (Paco), Maryland









A Look Ahead to April 2024

The Blessed Sacrament

4	First Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Business Meeting
5	First Friday	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	Bingo Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary
6	First Saturday	11:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary at Basilica St. Mary
6	Saturday	8:30-10:30 AM	Litter Pick-Up Event
7	Divine Mercy Sunday		
7	First Sunday	1:00 PM	Bingo KOVAR Bake Sale
8	The Annunciation		
8	Monday	7:00 PM	Corporation Meeting
9	Tuesday	TBD	Polish Night Planning Meeting
10	Wednesday	TBD	Police & Firefighter Meal Delivery
11	Thursday	6:30 PM	Ladies Night
12, 19, 26	Friday	6:00 PM	Bingo
13, 20, 27	Saturday	8:00 AM to Noon	Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
13	Saturday	TBD	Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Edward the Confessor Parish (Bon Air) in Richmond
14	Sunday	7:00-11:00 AM	St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Assembly Officers Meeting (Zoom)
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	MaRiH Center Baby Shower Planning Meeting
20	Saturday	10:00 AM	Assembly Visit to U.S. Marine Corps Museum
21	Sunday	7:00-11:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
22	Monday	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Patriotic Rosary Assembly Meeting (Hybrid)
23	Tuesday	6:00-7:00 PM	Adoration w/ GK at Good Shepherd
27	Saturday	TBD	Polish Night (proceeds to KOVAR)

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL #5998



RICHMOND HIGHWAY
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

LITTER PICK-UP EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

[Rain Date: Sat, April 13th]

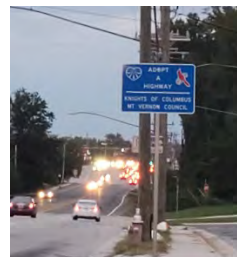
AT
MOUNT VERNON KNIGHTS HALL
8592 RICHMOND HIGHWAY

GOOD SHEPHERD AND SAINT LOUIS PARISH YOUTH
(AGES 10 – 18)
ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS !!


For more information: www.kofc5998.org



2023-2024

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Outstanding Young Man of the Year & Outstanding Young Woman of the Year

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- ✓ All High School Seniors who are parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church and St. Louis Catholic Church are eligible to submit an application.
 - ✓ Applications are due by **MARCH 9, 2024**.
 - ✓ Email Submission is required.
 - ✓ Email your completed application as an attachment to Patrick Doyle at Patrick.Andrew.Doyle@gmail.com



**APPLICATION PACKET CAN BE FOUND AT KOFCS998.ORG
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Patrick's Day Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

5:30 PM

MEET & GREET
HORS D'OEUVRES

6:15 PM

IRISH DINNER
SALAD, SHEPHERD'S PIE,
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE,
IRISH SODA BREAD, DESSERT

7:30 PM

IRISH DANCERS, MUSIC, TRIVIA,
& MORE

TICKETS ONLINE

\$20/ADULT
\$30/COUPLE
\$10/TEENS (13-17)
FREE/KIDS 12 & UNDER

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

\$30/ADULT
\$40/COUPLE
\$20/TEENS (13-17)
\$5/KIDS 12 & UNDER

RSVP BY MARCH 20, 2024

TICKETS ON SALE AT [KOFc5998.ORG](https://www.kofc5998.org)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE VERY LIMITED WALK-UP AVAILABILITY. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!



Knights of Columbus **HONEY BAKED HAM SALE**

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



**PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 9PM ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 THROUGH
PAYPAL AT [HTTP://KOFc5998.ORG](http://kofc5998.org)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW**



**PICK UP AT MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL
HALL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30,
2024 BETWEEN 9AM AND 11AM**



Questions? Contact Mike Evans at 571-283-5873