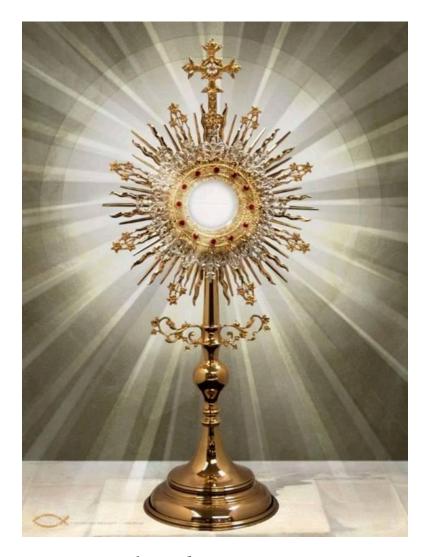
# KC Quote April 2024



Blessed Sacrament

# **Mount Vernon Council 5998**

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# April 2024

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# April 2024

# Blessed Sacrament

| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI   | SAT   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
|   | 1  | 2<br>8PM Virtual<br>Webinar:<br>Retirement Savings<br>and Distribution<br>Planning from<br>Abbate Agency | 3  | 4 630PM Officers Meeting 730PM Rosary 8PM Council Meeting    | 5 6PM Bingo 11PM Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary | 6 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic 830-1045AM Route 1 Litter Pickup 11AM Patriotic Rosary at Basilica of St. Mary |
| 7 Divine Mercy Sunday 1PM Bingo   | 8 The Annunciation of the Lord 7PM Corporation Meeting   | 9  | 10 10AM-2PM: Police & Firefighter Meal Prep TBD Meal Delivery 7PM Polka Party Planning Meeting | 11   | 12<br>6PM Bingo   | 13<br>8AM-12PM<br>Pro-Life Rosary at<br>Women's Clinic<br>12PM Fourth<br>Degree<br>Exemplification in<br>Richmond, VA       |
| 14 7-11AM St. Louis Pancake Breakfast   | 15   | 16 7PM Assembly Officers Meeting (Zoom)  | 17   | 18 630PM Ladies Night 7PM MaRiH Baby Shower Planning Meeting | 19<br>6PM Bingo   | 20<br>8AM-12PM<br>Pro-Life Rosary at<br>Women's Clinic<br>10AM Assembly<br>Visit to USMC<br>Museum                          |
| 21<br>Good Shepherd<br>Sunday<br>7-11AM Good<br>Shepherd Pancake<br>Breakfast | 7PM Patriotic<br>Rosary<br>730PM Assembly<br>Business Meeting<br>(Hybrid) - Present<br>Slate of Officers | 23<br>6PM Adoration<br>with GK at GSCC   | 24   | 25<br>Feast of St. Mark                                      | 26<br>6PM Bingo   | 27<br>8AM-12PM<br>Pro-Life Rosary at<br>Women's Clinic<br>5PM Polka Party!  |
| 28  | 29   | 30   |  |  |   |   |

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# Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.



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From Our Chaplain

# Fr. Tom Ferguson



#### **Easter Hope**

**KC Quote** 

Very often the word most associated with Easter is joy.

There is great joy in recalling that neither Jesus' death, nor ours, is our final destiny; our final destiny is eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom.

In the circumstances in which we find ourselves today, however, perhaps it is hope that is the Easter virtue and gift that may mean the most to us.

Hope enabled the Beloved Disciple to consider the possibility of resurrection at the empty tomb, and hope enabled Mary Magdalene to recognize Jesus when He spoke her name, and hope enabled Peter to profess love even after denying Jesus three times.

As we look around the world – and even look very close to home – we see how many people experience worry, fear, illness or anxiety ... we pray for perseverance for those who suffer, and consolation for those who mourn.

My prayer this Easter is that hope will enable us to recognize God's presence in our midst no matter what may be a source of darkness or difficulty in our lives.

#### 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).



# **Grand Knight SK John Michals**



When a brother considers becoming an Officer or a Committee chair in the Council, it leads to a lot of questions. Do I have enough time to do this? Will I have to choose between events that my wife, family, and myself like to do and the Knights. Do I have to show up to every event? If an event is less successful than I want it to be, how will I handle it? I have a full-time job that requires occasional travel, what happens if I miss a meeting or two? Will my wife support me in my endeavor?

As Grand Knight, I have been blessed with a supportive wife, a fantastic brotherhood, a wise and supportive Chaplain (Fr. Tom) and people who are willing to work hard to make our Knights Council the best it can be. Without many of you, and with the support (and sometimes the initiative) of the Ladies Auxiliary, I haven't felt like I've had to do sacrifice my sanity for us to be successful.

The rest of this article is about things I haven't done and to thank those of you that have.

Other than emcee, the current Grand Knight did very little for Irish Night. It was all the work of Donna Piscitelli, Marvin Spychaj, the Roman family, the Valentine family, the McGuirk family, DGK Andy Rogers, and the multitude of people who helped clean up afterwards. I'm sure I am forgetting some people, but thank you to everyone who did help.

I would like to thank the 12-15 men who came the next day to help clear out our Lounge and Dry Storage Room so the floors can be cleaned. I didn't carry a whole lot, I supervised and told people where to put stuff in the Council Room. As of this writing, I am hoping that I get enough support to put everything back after Easter. If not, next month's article will be sponsored by Advil.

I would like to thank Kathy and Maurice Chau for taking the initiative with Polish night. Look for the last planning meeting on Wednesday, April 10. I put Kathy first because she has been taking the lead in planning this next major event. Proceeds go to KOVAR, our state charity that helps those with Intellectual Disabilities. All I have basically done for this event was reserve the date and agree to having a band.

I would like to thank Membership Director Chuck Roman for ensuring that we meet our Membership Goal once again this year. Nobody has turned in a Form 100 with my name on it as sponsor. I would like to thank those of you that are actively recruiting and telling Catholic men about what a great organization we have.

But honestly, none of this is possible without Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ should be why we do what we do. Whether it's though direct service or by raising money for charity, we do this all in His name. Without our Catholic faith, I would not have the opportunity to thank anyone. Are there other events or ministries where I am not there? Yes, a Grand Knight can't be everywhere. But Christ can, and if He's not, then I wouldn't be able to thank anyone.

# 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, <a href="mailto:bingomanager@mvkofcclubinc.org">bingomanager@mvkofcclubinc.org</a>) 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.

#### **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@mvkofcclubinc.org) or John Dougherty (571-228-9567, director2@mvkofcclubinc.org), who is assisting the Chairman in filling out a slate of Knights to stand for election.

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, April 8th 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: <a href="https://meet.google.com/zsx-rthq-qwz">https://meet.google.com/zsx-rthq-qwz</a>

In addition, please keep PGK Mike Murphy, Director and Grounds Committee Chairman, in your prayers. PGK Murphy was recently hospitalized and had his gallbladder removed. I join GK Michals in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Rob Reynolds President



# District Deputy Fred Beata



Brothers Knights,

**KC** Quote

During one of my travels in the Philippines, the most poignant and remembered is Mount Samat National Shrine in Bataan. This mountain was the site of one of the fiercest battles on Luzon island during World War II leading to the largest surrender of American soldiers in history. Also, it marks the start of the infamous forced Bataan Death March on April 9, 1942, where 78,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war were brutally marched 65 miles to Camp O'Donnell arriving on April 17. During the march, widely differing POW casualties were reported from 5,000 to 18,000 Filipino deaths and 500 to 650 Americans. The march was characterized by wanton physical abuse and killings for falling or resting on the ground to be shot or bayoneted to death. While imprisoned at Camp O'Donnell thousands more perished from disease, malnourishment, physical abuse, and executions. After the war, the Japanese commander and both of his officers were tried by the United States military commissions for war crimes and sentenced to death.

The shrine complex honors and remembers the fighting spirit and gallantry of Filipino and American soldiers who fought during World War II and honors the 10,000 killed in action. President Marcos dedicated the shrine in 1966 during the 25th anniversary of World War II. The cross on the summit, second tallest in the world stands at 312 feet from the base with an observatory at the arm of the cross and museum in the base.

On this 82nd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March, let's honor the service of the surviving American and Filipino veterans, those who have passed, and never forgot our Missing In Action from all wars.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Fred Beata District Deputy 13



# Knight of the Month April 2024



The Knight of the Month is Marvin Spychaj

SK Marvin Spychaj is one of our lead chefs. For the past two years, he has been Head Chef of our Irish night for the past two years, which has drawn crowds of over 200 people for the past two years. Marvin also works with the students from the Pulley Center, a Fairfax County Public School that works with those with Intellectual Disabilities and oversees the students preparing the meal for our weekly Bingo Snack Bar specials during the school year.

For the Corporation, Marvin has served as Chair of the Charity Committee, which has distributed over \$300,000 each of the past two years to various charities. Marvin has served numerous terms on the Corporation Board and has cooked for the Snack Bar for over 15 years.

In the past, Marvin has served as our Worthy Lecturer at Council Meetings. He is also in the Choir at St Louis Parish and is the regularly the lead musician at our annual Mass of Remembrance each November. Marvin has embodied the principle of charity throughout his time in Council #5998.

So what does Marvin do for an encore, check out Polish night on Saturday, April 27. Thank you Marvin for the multitude of ways you serve God and contribute to our Council.



# Family of the Month April 2024



The Family of the Month is Bill & Carol McGuirk

The Family of the Month for April 2024 is SK William (Bill) McGuirk and his wife Carol. Bill has been our Worthy Financial Secretary for four years, keeping our Council bills and communications accurate. He also completed our semi-annual audit in February on time even though he was recovering from pneumonia. Bill also works as a cashier at Bingo and his wife, Carol, is active in our Ladies Council and is the primary inspiration for April's Polish Night (you will have to find out why later this month at the event). Carol and Bill gave extra time to ensure that our Irish night was a successful event.

Bill has led our Council with integrity and has worked hard to ensure communication between our Council and our candidates as we prepare for Exemplifications. The family also has Nationals season tickets and has seen plenty of good times (as well as the need for improvement) from our local baseball team. From what I understand, Bill is quite a sports trivia guru.

Thank you, Bill and Carol, for all of your contributions to the Knights.

# **April 2024 Birthdays**

| Name                        | <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Deacon Julian J. Gutierrez  | 04-02       | Brandon J. Spencer    | 04-19       |
| Joseph W. Emrico            | 04-03       | Herbert Ray Duff      | 04-20       |
| Gerald P. Krueger           | 04-03       | Damon M. Melidossian  | 04-21       |
| Pedro A. Del Aguila         | 04-04       | Paul C. McGuire       | 04-22       |
| James R. Park               | 04-04       | Gilbert F. Deimel     | 04-25       |
| Robert K. Reynolds          | 04-04       | Joseph R. McCracken   | 04-25       |
| Jovencio Bandilla           | 04-05       | James W. Mitchell     | 04-27       |
| Robert A. Peterson          | 04-05       | Joseph J. Zelinka     | 04-27       |
| Lawrence E. Bennett         | 04-06       | James B. McCracken Jr | 04-28       |
| Robert M. Strickland-Pelley | 04-07       | Kevin C. Uszenski     | 04-28       |
| John A. Carlson             | 04-10       | Brett Michael Gilbert | 04-29       |
| Paul J. Haffey              | 04-10       | Kevin J. Williams     | 04-30       |
| Thomas F. Ahern             | 04-13       |                       |             |
| John F. Trent               | 04-13       |                       |             |
| William C. DeMaso           | 04-14       |                       |             |
| Mr Timothy P. Williamson    | 04-14       |                       |             |
| Paul G. Sonosky             | 04-15       |                       |             |
| Rev. Jesus Navarrete        | 04-16       |                       |             |
| Peter R. Lucas              | 04-17       |                       |             |

# Ladies Corner April 2024

Thanks to all the amazing ladies who made Irish Night such a success. You know who you are! You fantastic girls who made 80 loaves of Irish bread. You amazing strong girls who cooked 30 lbs of meat and who knows how many pounds of potatoes for Shepherd's Pie. And all you fantastic ladies who decorated the hall. Set up the appetizers and cleaned up the hall. Irish night could not have happened without you!

Next is Polish night: **Treat yourself to a family-friendly Polka Party** sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus on Saturday, April 27 at 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Enjoy a dinner of Polish favorites at 6:30, then from 7:30-10:30—show off your polka style (or invent your own!) and listen to the happy sounds of the TKO Polka Band from Baltimore!

This event supports the Virginia Knights of Columbus KOVAR charity. Tickets online: \$30/couple, \$20/adult, \$10/teen (13-17 yr), and Free/Kids under 13. There are very limited tickets at the door with higher admission prices, so purchase your tickets early at *kofc5998.org*.

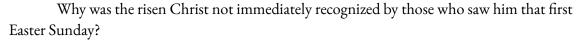
There is a flier in the Quote.

No bake sale this month. First Sunday is Mercy Sunday so we want everyone to have the opportunity to benefit from this beautiful day.

# Just Thinking...

April 2024

#### The Risen Christ and His Mother





Mary Magdalene thought he might have been the gardener. [Jn 20:11-15] The disciples walking to Emmaus didn't recognize him until he broke the bread. [Lk 24:13-33] When he went to the locked upper room where 10 of the Apostles were gathered, he just appeared among them. [Jn 20:19] When he was preparing breakfast on the beach, the apostles in the boat offshore didn't know right away it was Jesus. [Jn 21:11-14]. (H)e appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, tough some have fallen asleep, says St. Paul in First Corinthians. Bible readers just don't know about all appearances by the risen Christ.

Did the risen Jesus go to his mother?

In its discussion about Christ after his resurrection, the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not say. If Tradition contains such a meeting, it is not widely discussed.

The Bible tells the truth, but it does not tell all truths, the goal of history. Sacred Scripture is what God wanted to reveal to us. The Bible is the Word of God. Boiled down, that is what the Catechism says.

Still, speculation for the sake of meditation can conceive of Jesus seeking out his Blessed Mother in his risen body, which he explained to his apostles was not that of a ghost. He demonstrated that by eating real food. Yet his new glory was limited by neither space nor time.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, explained "Jesus' resurrected body in Introduction to Christianity. His body is not the biological form of our mortal life".

Explaining further, he wrote, "it is quite clear that after his Resurrection Christ did not go back to his previous earthly life, as we are told the young man of Nain and Lazarus did. He rose again to definitive life, which is no longer governed by chemical and biological laws and therefore stands outside the possibility of death, in the eternity conferred by love". And that's why the risen Jesus is not recognized by his best friends.

A parish priest interpreted the ex-pope on Jesus' raising Lazarus from his tomb after four days this way --- Lazarus would die again, Jesus would not. Their bios differed. The former pope again: only where he grants vision is he seen.

Only a few words of Mary are quoted in Scripture (not a single one of Joseph). A person meditating in the 21st century can put words in her mouth upon seeing her risen Son, but to what avail? No human experience could possibly imagine the mystique, the magnitude of such a singular sacred moment. His love for her predated her existence; she was conceived without the stain of original sin.

Original sin needed to be mitigated for worthy human beings to achieve Paradise. That's why the Son assumed human nature and sacrificed himself to redeem us. (A fact that cannot be noted too often.) Mary was humanity's lone exception to original sin because her womb was intended to carry him. Paragraph 405 of the Catechism states, "Baptism erases original sin and turns a man back toward God"

Human attempts to picture Jesus after conquering the tomb and talking with his mother cannot possibly capture the enormity of God's love. Such a meeting must have occurred, but God did not wish to inspire the Evangelists to write about it. Nonetheless, we are free to meditate on it.



# **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 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

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 SKPaul 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

PGK Mike Murphy

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

Noah Rogers, brother of DGK Andy Rogers Gretchen Reilly, daughter of Janice Reilly

SK Fred "Fritz" Scheuren SK Randy Schlosser

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 Spychaj(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)





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.









# Woodlawn Little League Groundbreaking Ceremony

SK PGK Maurice Chau and Membership Director Chuck Roman represented Mount Vernon Council 5998 at the groundbreaking for Woodlawn Little League's concession stand and restroom facility at McNaughton Fields Park. The Mount Vernon Columbus Club provided a generous \$10,000 donation toward this project – one that will benefit many Knights and their little leaguers for years to come.





# St. Patrick's Day Party 2024









# Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast – March 17, 2024





























# St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 2, 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 <a href="mailto:richardhayden91@gmail.com">richardhayden91@gmail.com</a>.
Thank you and God Bless!

















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

Our website is <a href="https://assembly2204.org">https://assembly2204.org</a>—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

#### **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

#### May Activities & Events

- Saturday, May 4th, 11:00 AM: Patriotic Rosary at Mt. Vernon Council 5998 and Virtually on Zoom
- Tuesday, May 14th, 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting on Zoom
- Sunday, May 19th at 4:30 PM: Annual AMS (Archdiocese for Military Services) at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- Monday, May 20th, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary, Assembly Business Meeting, Hybrid—In-Person & Zoom at 5998; Election of Officers
- Monday, May 27th, 12:00 PM: Memorial Day, Laying of Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

#### June Activities & Events

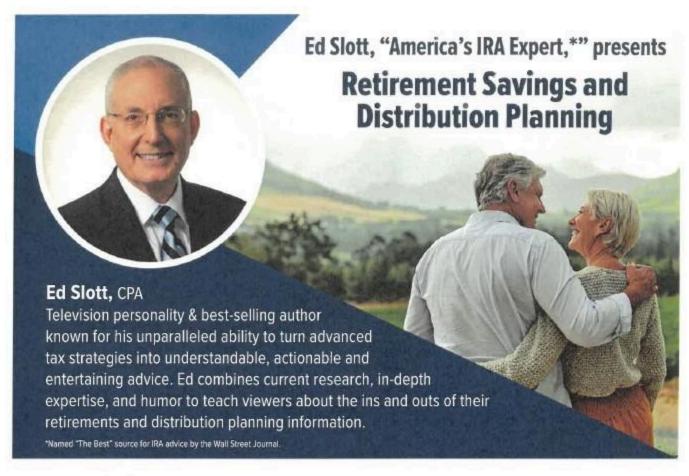
- Saturday, June 1st, 11:00 AM: Patriotic Rosary at 5998 and Virtually on Zoom
- Tuesday, June 18th, 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting on Zoom
- Monda, June 24th, 7:00 PM Patriotic Rosary, Assembly Business Meeting Hybrid—In-Person & Zoom at 5998

#### April 2024

# A Look Ahead to May 2024

# The Blessed Virgin Mary

| 2              | First Thursday | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM       | Officers Meeting Rosary Council Business Meeting   |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 3              | First Friday   | 6:00 PM<br>11:00 PM                 | Bingo<br>Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary  |
| 4              | First Saturday | 8:00 AM to Noon<br>11:00 AM         | Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic Patriotic Rosary at Mount Vernon Council 5998 and Virtually (Zoom)                     |
| 5              | First Sunday   | 1:00 PM                             | Bingo<br>KOVAR Bake Sale   |
| 9              | Thursday       | 6:30 PM                             | Ladies Night   |
| 10, 17, 24, 31 | Friday         | 6:00 PM                             | Bingo  |
| 11, 18, 25     | Saturday       | 8:00 AM to Noon                     | Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic  |
| 12             | Sunday         |                                     | Mother's Day   |
| 12             | Sunday         | 7:00-11:00 AM<br>TBD                | St. Louis Pancake Breakfast<br>Mother's Day Flowers at Good Shepherd   |
| 13             | Monday         | 7:00 PM                             | Corporation Meeting  |
| 14             | Tuesday        | 7:00 PM                             | Assembly Officers Meeting (Zoom)   |
| 16             | Thursday       |                                     | Thursday Social  |
| 19             | Sunday         | 7:00-11:00 AM<br>2:00 PM<br>4:30 PM | Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast Pro-Life Baby Shower at MaRiH Center Annual AMS at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception |
| 20             | Monday         | 7:00 PM<br>7:30 PM                  | Patriotic Rosary Assembly Business Meeting - Election of Officers  |
| 21             | Tuesday        | 6:00 PM                             | Nocturnal Adoration with the Grand Knight at Good<br>Shepherd  |
| 27             | Monday         |                                     | Memorial Day   |
| 27             | Monday         | 12:00 PM                            | Wreath Laying, Tomb of the Unknown Solider   |



You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement strategies and opportunities for 2024.

Register today to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, April 2, 8:00pm EST

http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2



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#### 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 PARTICPATE**



#### EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS !!

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# Knights of Columbus Polka Party!

Saturday, April 27, 2024

#### **EVENT**

5:00 pm — Meet & Greet 6:00 pm — Polish Dinner

**7:30-10:30 pm** — Music by Baltimore's TKO Band

#### **TICKETS**

Online \$20/adult \$30/couple \$10/teen (13-17 yr) Free/Kids under 13 At the door (limited tickets) \$30/adult \$40/couple \$20/teen (13-17 yr) \$5/Kids under 13

For tickets, visit KOFC5998.org RSVP: April 23



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