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May 2024



The Blessed Virgin Mary

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	2 630PM Officers Meeting 730PM Rosary 8PM Council Meeting	3 6PM Bingo 11PM Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary	4 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic 11AM Patriotic Rosary at Basilica of St. Mary
5 7-11AM St. Louis Pancake Breakfast 1PM Bingo	6	7	8	9 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> 630PM Ladies Auxiliary Social	10 6PM Bingo	11 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
12 Mother's Day	13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 7PM Corporation Meeting	14 7PM Assembly Officers Meeting (Zoom)	15	16 630PM MaRiH Center Baby Shower	17 6PM Bingo	18 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
19 <i>Pentecost</i> 7-11AM Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	20 <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> 7PM Patriotic Rosary 730PM Assembly Business Meeting (Hybrid)	21 6PM Adoration with GK at GSCC	22	23	24 6PM Bingo	25 8AM-12PM Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
26 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 6PM Bingo	

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From Our Chaplain

Fr. Tom Ferguson



May: The Month of Mary

Each year, the month of May provides us another opportunity to renew our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and our mother.

For some, devotion to our Lady is an important part of our spiritual life each day.

For others, it is not a significant aspect at all.

For still others, Marian devotions are a fond memory, but seldom practiced any longer.

As just a short list of suggestions for prayer, reflection and devotion, I offer the following elements of our spiritual tradition to be investigated or renewed in the month of May:

- the Rosary
- the Angelus and Regina coeli
- the Miraculous Medal
- the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- the chaplet of the Seven Sorrows
- the novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
- Marian apparitions: Guadalupe; Lourdes, Fatima, etc.
- Pilgrimages – e.g., to Marian shrines in Washington, DC and Emmitsburg, MD

I pray that for each of us this month of May will be a time to renew (or initiate) a deeper devotion to Mary!

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



I've had a busy weekend. Our Council just finished an incredible Polish night Polka Party with the proceeds going to KOVAR. Earlier in the day, I attended the state Knights of Columbus annual convention at the Dulles Hyatt Regency. At the awards breakfast that morning, our Council received one award and one brother knight as well as one family received awards for being a Finalist for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year.

Our Council won the State Deputy Award for 2023-24. This is for all of our programs in the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus; Faith, Family, Life, and Community. Beyond our social events and the money earned that the Corporation donates from Bingo, we are a group of men (supported by our wives) that seek to make a difference in our parishes and our community. This award is for all of us and what we contribute for the greater glory of God.

The next award was given at Polish night to our head chef, SK Marvin Spychaj. Marvin is a finalist for Knight of the Year for the state of Virginia. I nominated Marvin for this award back in March (GK paper-work is always due earlier than it should be). Marvin's skill and leadership in the kitchen has made the past two Irish nights and this past month's Polish night an outstanding success. Marvin has also served on our Corporation Board, where the last two years he has served as the lead for the Charity Community. Marvin ensures that the \$340,000 the Corporation has earned from Bingo revenue goes to organizations that will use it to serve our community, including our two parishes, St. Louis and Good Shepherd. Marvin also keeps track of the "Thank you notes" we receive from the organizations that receive our donations, to ensure that they have received our gifts.

The last award goes to Kathy and SK PGK Maurice Chau. They are finalists for state Family of the Year. Maurice is Knight of the Month in May, so you can read more about him elsewhere in "The Quote". Kathy was the architect of Polish night and has contributed to our Council in many ways over the past several years, particularly with helping out with the Ladies' Auxiliary.

I conclude my report by giving you a preview of what is going on is the Fraternal Year of 23-24 winds down. I would like to invite everyone (male and female) to our pro-life baby shower on May 16 at 6:30 pm. Even if you can't stay for the potluck dinner, bring gifts for our littlest humans who need our charity. We donate to the Marih Center, which is a Crisis Pregnancy Center located on Duke Street in Alexandria, <https://marih.org/>. Money and gifts will be gladly accepted. Stay awhile longer and enjoy each other's company. As the abortion debate rages on politically, come be a part of something that helps reduce the "demand" for an abortion by supporting mother and child.

Thank you everyone. Vivat Jesus
GK John Michals

Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.
SK PGK Robert “Rob” K. Reynolds, President



Brothers, Families, and Friends,

Greetings from the Board of Directors! A few updates about what we've been up to this month.

First and foremost, we are grateful that Director Mike Murphy is making a recovery after his unexpected hospitalization last month. Please continue to pray for Mike and everyone on the Council Prayer List.

With spring in full swing, the Corporation's Charity Committee is gearing up to donate funds raised in 2023 to many worthy charities requested by those who volunteered with Bingo and the Snack Bar. Stay tuned for information about the Appreciation Dinner in June which will honor volunteers, Knights and Families of the Month from this Fraternal Year, and several of this year's charities. Thank you to everyone who helped make last year so successful and to those who have volunteered this year so far. If you haven't yet had the chance to get involved with Bingo, please prayerfully consider giving a little bit of your time to assist with this great charitable fundraising activity.

On a sadder note, we are in the process of searching for a new Business Office Manager as our current Office Manager, Maddie Melendez, is moving on later this month. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication over the past few years. If you know someone who would be interested in filling this part time position, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Finally, mark your calendars and be on the look out for the notice for the upcoming Annual Meeting for the Corporation wherein we will provide reports from this year, approve a budget, and elect 5 new Directors to the board. The meeting takes place on the 2nd Thursday in June, which falls on June 13 this year. Per the bylaws change passed last year, this notice will go out via email.

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, May 13 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



Brother Knights,

The days are getting longer, and warmer weather is upon us. Before you know it, we will be attending school graduations, barbeques, picnics, and traveling on family vacations. I want to wish my Brother Knights and family members a safe, meaningful, and memorable Memorial Day on 27 May.

Congratulations to our new members (right to left) from Mount Vernon (Adam Scheidler - 2nd), St. Lawrence (Caleb Burke - 4th) and Ft. Belvoir (Marcus Drew - 5th and Steven Gonzalez - 6th) Councils who were exemplified into our Order on Tuesday, April 30.



Mount Vernon Council 5998 is doing a superb job to bring in new Electronic Members. Let us finish the year strong with recruitment. Concentrate on why membership is important, valuable, and meaningful to the prospect/family. For example: Our Order has over 2M members worldwide with 16K councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world; Virginia has over 23K members; Mt. Vernon Council will celebrate 57 years of Institution on September 28 with 400 plus members (6th largest of 153 councils) and support 2 parishes (St. Louis/Good Shepherd.); we put our faith into action every day to make life better for our parishes and communities; Knights offer men an opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the church; we do it to become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers; we invest our time, effort, resources into our values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, a Catholic priest of New Haven, CT, has been beatified by the Church and people around the world seek his intercession through prayers.

Please ask your prospect to start their journey in the Knights of Columbus by joining as an electronic member via the online registration process at www.kofc.org/join. The council leadership will inform the eMember of the next step to attend a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree ceremony.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Fred Beata
District Deputy 13



Knight of the Month May 2024



The Knight of the Month is **SK PGK Maurice Chau**

The Knight of the Month for May is SK PGK Maurie Chau. If you were at Polish Night, you've already heard some of the things I am about to say about Maurice. Maurice is one of the most encouraging people I have ever met. He is more than what he does for the Knights, he encourages others to become leaders in the Knights community, such as myself.

Maurice is about to become our District Deputy (DD) on July 1 and serve a three year term as DD, replacing current DD Fred Beata. This means he will be an advisor to four councils in District 13 (Mt. Vernon, Ft. Belvoir, Springfield, and St. Lawrence). He will attend all of their meetings and wear the "red jacket" frequently.

It would be easier to name things that Maurice has not been involved with in our Council than to list things he does or has done for us. He currently serves on our Corporation board as well and is concluding 3 years as a Trustee after serving as a Grand Knight.

After Polish night, it would be easy to name Maurice and his wife Kathy as Family of the Month, but I already did that this year. But I have nominated Maurice & Kathy as Family of the Year for the state of Virginia, which they are a finalist for that award.

Thank you for everything Maurice. Your boundless energy and enthusiasm is what helps make Council #5998 a great organization.



Family of the Month April 2024



The Family of the Month is **Barry and Rosanne McDonough**

The family of the month for May 2024, is awarded to Barry and Rosanne McDonough. They have been members of either St Louis Parish (1998-2018) or Good Shepherd Parish (2018-) since their arrival in the DC area in 1998. Barry and Rosanne have been active in both Parishes over the years, starting with their involvement at St Louis School where they both volunteered while their children were enrolled as well as Rosanne's stint as a teacher.

Barry is in his second year as a Knight starting in late 2022 and has been working as part of the GSCC Pancake Breakfast crew as well as Friday Bingo.

Rosanne has been active in support of Bingo volunteering to shuffle pull tabs and work alternate Friday nights at the Bingo Hall with Barry. In addition, Rosanne has volunteered to work this year's Polish Night helping with the decorations.

Thank you, Barry and Rosanne for all of your contributions to the Knights!

May 2024 Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rev. Dort A. Bigg	05-01	Akaninyene A. Inyang	05-19
William F. Hixon II	05-01	Dr. Jacob Jone	05-20
Paul G. McKenna	05-01	Brandon Bocian	05-22
Charles O. Mensah	05-01	Rev. Tomasz Medrek	05-22
Lawrence J. Dietrick	05-04	Matthew B. Willette	05-22
David A. Rivaldi	05-04	Milton Otoniel Perez Gonzalez	05-23
Jonathan G. Hixson	05-05	John J. Kane III	05-24
Carlos A. Orellana	05-05	Louis Kobus Jr.	05-24
Daniel Whalen	05-06	Emery G. Maynard	05-24
Stephen M. Higgins	05-07	William T. Buffaloe	05-25
David R. Holmes	05-09	Clifford J. Conway	05-25
Robert J. Sander	05-09	William H. Cowardin III	05-25
Eric T. Moffit	05-10	Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson	05-27
James Michael McGeough II	05-12		
Timothy R. Lewicki	05-13		
Henry Y. Adu	05-15		
Rev. Richard A. Mullins	05-16		
Nicholas M. Hernandez	05-17		
Christopher G. Owens	05-18		

Just Thinking...

Judgment Prep Is Our Vocation



... we know the date of every Easter from now until the end of time ...

Well, mankind does not know the date that time will end. And lucky we don't. Suppose we were living in the latter days of the last era — talk about the Sword of Damocles! That really would require an exclamation point.

Every moment of wakefulness would be shadowed by the ticking of the clock. It would pound in nearly every heart.

How would people react?

The reckless would increase their imprudence a thousand fold.

The prudent would be left feckless.

The wise would no longer need their insight.

The pious would be on their knees.

We can calculate the date of every Easter – past or future – because it will fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21. And astronomy can date every full moon.

Knowing nothing of the future is a blessing. Oh, we know death is inevitable. No one has ever escaped, save for the Savior.

“A loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, ‘It is done.’” [Rev. 16:17] That will announce the end of the world.

But Armageddon's arrival is a matter of speculation.

Till then, prudence demands that humanity be prepared, as the cartoonist suggests. It gives reason for a mere smile rather than a guffaw.

My mother would say a prayer for safety as the family began a car trip, short or long. We would exchange kisses. Never know, do we? The Boy Scouts' slogan says it all.

Catholics have that in mind when praying for a happy death. They want to be in a state of grace. But, most of all, they wish to be blessed for the trip to eternity fortified with Viaticum.

That reception of Communion as part of Extreme Unction refers to the ancient Greek custom of providing a meal before leaving on a journey. The Latin term is *viaticus*.

A safe bet is that this and many more generations won't need to worry about time ending. Nonetheless, God knows the exact time the world will end.

Meanwhile, preparation for undergoing individual judgment is the vocation of every Christian.

–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
 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)

Police and Firefighter Appreciation Day

On April 10, 2024, we celebrated Police and Firefighter Appreciation Day by cooking 81 hamburgers, with American Cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. This differed from last year where we prepared 250 hamburgers. It was better to just have meals for the shift at the firehouse, instead of for all three shifts, where the food would be four or more days old before being used. That explains the drop in the number of hamburgers.

Thank you to Philip Twumasi for helping me cook the hamburgers, and cleaning the grill to make it look sparkling clean afterwards. Also, Rodney and Janet Chambers for their help in reheating the hamburgers. Decided to have the cheese available, with lettuce, and tomato. Also, thanks go to John Dougherty for purchasing the American Cheese. sorry, no onions this year. We delivered to Woodlawn Fire Station, Mount Vernon Fire Station, Penn Daw Fire Station, and the Mount Vernon Police Station. What a great crew to serve!

-Maurice Chau





Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast – April 21, 2024





Polka Party – April 26, 2024

What a great event, Polish Night teamed up with KOVAR! Special thanks go to Marvin and Cheryl Sychaj, Carol and Bill McGuirk, Dan Rinzel, Rosanne McDonough, Chuck and Kelly Anne Roman, Norbert Jocz, Steve Smith, Rodney Chambers, Andy and Katie Rogers, Kathy Chau, Steve Valentine, Donna Piscitelli Cheryl Butler, Jim McCracken, and GK John Michals The food was wonderful. TKO was the band from Baltiore, Maryland for this ocassion, and they were really good. The leader of the group is a PGK.

–Maurice Chau







Exemplification Ceremony - April 30, 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

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
- Monday, June 24th, 7:00 PM Patriotic Rosary, Assembly Business Meeting Hybrid—In-Person & Zoom at 5998

A Look Ahead to June 2024

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

1	First Saturday	8:00 AM to Noon 11:00 AM	Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic Patriotic Rosary at Mount Vernon Council 5998 and Virtually (Zoom)
2	First Sunday	1:00 PM	Bingo KOVAR Bake Sale
6	First Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Business Meeting
7	First Friday	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	Bingo Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St. Mary
8, 15, 22, 29	Saturday	8:00 AM to Noon	Pro-Life Rosary at Women's Clinic
9	Sunday	7:00-11:00 AM	St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
10	Monday	7:00 PM	Corporation Meeting
11	Tuesday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Nocturnal Adoration with the Grand Knight at Good Shepherd Assembly Officers Meeting (Zoom)
13	Thursday	6:30 PM	Annual Corporation Meeting – Quorum Needed!
14, 21, 28	Friday	6:00 PM	Bingo
14	Friday		Flag Day
16	Sunday		Father's Day
16	Sunday	7:00-11:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
17	Monday	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Patriotic Rosary Assembly Business Meeting - Election of Officers
19	Wednesday		Juneteenth
22	Saturday	5:00 PM	Annual Council/Corporation Appreciation Banquet
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	New Officers Installation Ceremony and Dinner