

KC Quote

November 2023

Nov 1—All Saints Day is
a Holy Day of Obligation



Nov 2—All Souls Day

“May perpetual light shine upon them
and may the souls of all the faithful de-
parted through the Mercy of God rest in
peace”

Annual Memorial Mass
Nov 16, 6pm in the Hall
followed by a social

Thanksgiving Nov 23
All Hands meal prep for
the needy

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.

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November 2023

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	<u>Thu</u>	Fri	Sat
<p>Nov 2 * All Soul's Day— Remember to pray for all our families' deceased</p>			<p>1 <i>All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation</i></p>	<p>2 * (All Souls Day) Officer's Meeting 630 pm, Rosary 7:30 pm, Business Meeting 8 pm</p>	<p>3 Bingo 7 pm <i>1st Friday Nocturnal Adoration 11pm Basilica St Mary</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Adopt Highway</i> 8am <i>Patriotic Rosary 1045am. (in person / or Zoom).</i> <i>Pro Life Rosary 8 am – noon;</i></p>
<p>5 <i>First Sunday Bingo 2pm</i> KOVAR Bake Sale (End DST)</p>	<p>6 <i>Thanksgiving Planning Meeting 7pm</i> <i>Rescheduled DD Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>7 Election Day Thanksgiving Planning Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <i>Exemplification at Ft Belvoir Chapel 715pm</i></p>	<p>10 Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>11 <i>Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood 8 am– noon;</i> <i>KCIC Card Sales Start—both parishes</i></p>
<p>12 SL Pancake Bfst and Joint KofC Assembly/Councils Mass at St. Louis at 10:30 am</p>	<p>13 Corporation monthly meeting 7pm</p>	<p>14 <i>2204 Rosary and Business Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <i>Memorial Mass in the Hall at 6pm, followed by social</i></p>	<p>17 Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>18 <i>KCIC Card Sales</i> <i>Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood 8 am– noon;</i></p>
<p>19 <i>GS Pancake Bfst, and KCIC Card Sales Exemplification TBD St Lawrence or State 2pm</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Thanksgiving Prep Hours <i>District Deputy meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Thanksgiving Prep Hours</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Thanksgiving Meals Delivery 9am</i></p>	<p>24 Bingo 7pm <i>Newsletter articles are due now for December Quote</i></p>	<p>25 Prolife Rosary at Sherwood 8am -noon <i>KCIC Card Sales</i></p>
<p>26 <i>KCIC Card Sales both parishes</i></p>	<p>27 4th <i>Degree 2204 Meeting 700pm-Rosaary, 730 Business</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Adoration GSCC 6pm</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 <i>Meet the Knights Night 7pm</i></p>		

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CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS

From Our Chaplain

Fr. Thomas Ferguson



November: The Month of the Holy Souls

As we begin the month of November, we remember that each year this month is a time for us to pray in a special way for the souls of the faithful departed.

In addition to celebrating our rites of Christian burial, and visiting the cemeteries where our loved ones are buried, we also have Masses offered for those who have died, and we offer prayers and also our fasting and good works to assist those who are experiencing Purgatory that they may soon enter the fullness of life in God's heavenly kingdom.

The souls in Purgatory are an important part of the Communion of Saints – we pray for them now, so that when they arrive in Heaven they will in turn pray for us until we one day join them in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Throughout the month of November (and always!), may we pray for the souls of the faithful departed: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them ... may they rest in peace! Amen.

The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request**). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Grand Knight SK John Michals



Worthy Brothers,

The Service Event of the Year, Thanksgiving Dinner for those in Need

In the holiday season, Lexus talks about “A December to Remember”, where buying a car for your spouse would make it a memorable holiday season. The Catholic Church and our Knights of Columbus Council makes every year a November where we do remember. On November 16, we will remember the Knights of our Council who have passed away before us at our Memorial Mass Thursday, November 16 at 6 pm.

But to me, the November event I remember most is our Thanksgiving Meal Delivery on the next Thursday, November 23. Last year, many Knights volunteered from Saturday to Thanksgiving Day helping to unload the delivery truck, marinate the turkeys, cook the turkeys and prepare the sides on Wednesday and Thursday of Thanksgiving week. The day of Thanksgiving numerous volunteers arrive for final preparations of the food and to package hundreds of meals in “to go” packages. Lastly, delivery drivers take bags of these meals throughout the Mt. Vernon/Groveton area to bring joy and a good Thanksgiving meal to those who need a little help this season.

Here is the schedule for Thanksgiving Day, and where we need your help: (this is subject to change, so check your email for updates).

TBD: Help unload the Sysco truck with the Thanksgiving provisions. This could be anytime between Saturday 11/18 and Monday 11/20

Tuesday evening 11/21: We need cooks to marinate the turkey.

Wednesday (all day): We need people to help cook the turkeys. We also cut the pies (desserts). Last year, we had a large group of young people from the Trail Life Boys and their fathers from St. Louis.

Thursday: We need cooks to warm the turkeys and prepare the side dishes around 6 am. We also need people to help package the meals around 8:30 am. Lastly, we need drivers to bring the food out to the community at 10:30 am, in hopes of delivering the food between 11 am – 1 pm. Family guests and in-laws are welcome to join you in volunteering.

Once everything is done, we keep a spare turkey for the volunteers to eat for lunch around 1 pm.

Lastly, if you don't want to cook for your family, I suggest buying Honey Baked Hams through our website: kofc5998.org and look for the tab “Thanksgiving Honey Baked Ham Sale”. Order a delicious ham or turkey and give you and your family more time to volunteer this Thanksgiving Day. This is a fundraiser for the Knights, so part of the money you spend comes back to us. Stress less and eat more this Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus

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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,

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

November brings with it a unique mix of events that all take place in the Bingo hall, each highlighting a different way we serve our community.

Bingo. Charitable fundraising through Bingo is the primary engine that drives the good that we are able to do in our community and beyond. This month we have 5 scheduled Bingo sessions - each Friday and the first Sunday - and we could use more help at each session. Even just an hour or two on one of the days makes a big difference and helps us continue to fund the operating costs for the building and donations to charity. Please consider coming out to help.

Election Day. As you may know, our hall functions as a polling location for Election Day (November 7). Our space is enough to host 2 different precincts in Fairfax County. This is a fantastic service we offer to our community to promote participation in the democratic process.

Memorial Mass. Every year we gather together in our hall for a Mass in honor of departed members of the Council and Corporation from the past 7 decades. We remember Knights like Robert Mondloch (Past Grand Knight, founding board member and treasurer of what is now New Hope Housing), Don Moore (who helped start our Bingo operation), Paul Preston (Past Grand Knight, active volunteer with Corporation, the last of our founding members to pass away), and many more who were active in this community in ways big and small. This year the Mass will be on November 16. I hope to see you there.

Thanksgiving Meal Prep. On Thanksgiving Day (November 23) our hall functions as a massive staging area for the preparation of Thanksgiving meals for hundreds of families in our community who would not otherwise be able to get a good meal for the holiday. Dozens of volunteers work together to cook, assemble, and deliver meals and put smiles on faces.

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, November 6 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



Brothers Knights,

On October 19, the District exemplified 9 new members into our Order, 7 from Mt. Vernon Council and 2 from Springfield Council (see picture). Congratulations to the new members, their families and both councils for preparing the new Knights to be honored. I want to give a special thanks and job well done to Mt. Vernon Council's Ceremonial Team, Grand Knight John Michals, Financial Secretary Bill McGuirk, Membership Director Chuck Roman, and other brother Knights that I may have missed. Keep up the great work and you'll continue to bring blessings and good fortune to Mt. Vernon Council and the Mt. Vernon Columbus Club.

The next District Combined Degree will take place at 7:45 (7:15 candidate showtime) on November 9 at Fort Belvoir Council inside Belvoir Chapel.

During last month's KC Quote, I mentioned that Maddy Howard will be presented with her trophy as the International Soccer Champion during an upcoming school assembly. Past Grand Knight Mike Argo and I were honored to provide her with the trophy during a recent St. Louis School Assembly (see pictures). Also, in this edition of the KC Quote is Maddy's award letter signed by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

Also, I would be remiss if didn't thank Brother Patrick Doyle who graciously accepted the council position of Youth Director. The next time you see Brother Pat give him a big thanks and ask how you can assist him with one of the upcoming youth activities (several judges needed for KCIC Poster, Essay and Young Man/Woman of the Year contestants).

There's one more council position that needs to be filled, Communications Director. Please give it prayerful thought and consideration and then contact the GK with your intention to fill the position.

Remember Blessed Michael McGivney's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Also, the proverb, many hands make light work.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Fred Beata
District Deputy 13



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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

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**Memorial Mass for 2PGK Fred Zuniga,
September 9, 2023 at Fort Belvoir**

NOVEMBER

- 4 Patriotic Rosary 10am followed by Flag Retirement Ceremony (Basilica of St Mary)
- 11 Veterans Day/Flags at Alexandria National Cemetery 9am
- 18 Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery 1115am
- 27 Assembly Meeting (Hybrid) at Mt Vernon Council 5998, 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.)

DECEMBER

- 9. Army-Navy Football game. Also that morning, there will be a children's Christmas party at the hall.
- 16. Combined Adult Christmas party with Councils 459, 5998, 11170, and the Potomac Assembly. .

Below Pictures from Oct 9 Columbus Day at Union Station by SK Jerry Kruegar



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – November 2023



The Knight of the Month for November 2023 is Patrick Doyle. Pat has become our Youth Director and recently got his feet wet serving the Youth of our parishes at the district soccer challenge in early October. Pat serves St. Louis parish on the pancake breakfast crew once per month. He has become a fixture at our monthly meetings. Patrick and his family were present at Oktoberfest, including two children who attend St. Louis School. It is great to see Pat becoming more and more involved in our Council. Thank you, Pat, for your service to our Council and your willingness to step forward to help lead our Youth Activities.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH – November 2023



The family of the month for November 2023 is Jason and Catherine Rastovski. Jason serves as Vice-President for the Columbus Club and has been on the Board of Directors for 3 years. He has served as a bartender for the Council and at the Snack Bar for Bingo. Dr. Rastovski has his PhD in Economics and has spent the past couple of years monitoring the books of the Corporation and is a past Treasurer of the Council. His wife Catherine played a major role in cooking the carrots for Oktoberfest. Special thanks to Jason and Catherine for their service to our community

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 Ft Belvoir on Nov 9 at 715pm inside the Belvoir Chapel. The State may also host a virtual Exemplification in November tbd in the Lounge. Please stay tuned to invite all those who are still 1st and 2nd Degree members to attend which will advance them to the 3rd Degree. Also, all the families of the candidates are invited to attend as well. Refreshments will be served.

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

If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree please contact Faithful Navigator Joseph Graf
Email: FN@assembly2204.org Phone: 703-473-0372 Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is **May 2024**. Please submit your form to Joe Graf - apply by April 1, 2024.



NOVEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Frank R Begovich	11-04	Robert C Flick	11-21
John K Hamenoo	11-04	Robert H Schwenk	11-21
John A Kay	11-04	Jose D Cruz	11-22
Stephen R Melvin	11-04	David E Winkler	11-23
Brian K Green	11-05	Nicolas A Briers	11-25
Frank H Fannon	11-07	Paul D Cucinotta	11-25
Jeffrey A Mathias	11-07	Daniel J Scheeler	11-28
Peter B Tabash	11-08	John B Stinson	11-28
Jeff Morningstar	11-09	Michael N Zabych	11-28
Mr Andrew M Williams	11-09	Steven K Ault	11-29
Philip P Cooper	11-10	Ryan P Fannon	11-29
Kyle T Hayden	11-12	Lincoln S Farish	11-29
Patrick W Hourigan	11-13	Thomas Gibbons	11-29
James J Mlinarcik Jr	11-15	Patrick A Doyle	11-30
Donald M Rogan	11-15	Tevi Ekoue	11-30
Max E Gagermeier	11-20		



Ladies Corner September 2023

Ladies,

Thank you all for your support of our Oktoberfest program. It was a wonderful evening

We hope to see you at the Ladies Luncheon at noon on Nov 11. Our Deputy Grand Knight, Andy Rogers, will give a talk on personal safety measures we all can take.

On December 9 the Knights will host their annual Christmas with Santa. We ask the ladies to support this activity by providing activities and crafts, as we have in the past

On Dec 16 the Knights will host their adult Christmas Party.

We look forward to a wonderful fraternal year.

Donna

Just thinking . . .**Thank you, Lord**

November starts with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, but for many Catholics, as most Americans, Thanksgiving highlights its calendar.

It ranks right up there with holidays like Christmas, Easter, and the 4th of July. Its hallmark is food rather than gratitude for the bulk of the population. (Pun intended.)

Pilgrims established Plymouth Colony, then gave thanks, with Native Americans as guests at their celebration. Yet, blood was shed before, even after that first three-day feast of gratitude to God.

President Washington declared Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789, a day of thanksgiving and prayer. In 1863, President Lincoln encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday of that month as a day of thanksgiving. Congress made the last Thursday in November a national holiday in 1870. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday to the third week of November to add a week for traditional Christmas shopping. That proved unpopular; the holiday reverted to the fourth week in 1941.

“Around 2 in 3 say they typically give thanks to family (68%) and God (67%), while 42% say they are grateful to their friends” on the holiday, according to an internet survey.

But what about the other 364 days? Do we whisper a short prayer of thanks when something good happens? Do we ask our Guardian Angel for help? Do parents still instruct children to say “please and thank you?”

Those rhetorical questions beg answers these days when good manners seem archaic. Do men and boys still open doors for women? When around adults, are children seen and not heard as customary a generation or two ago?

Civility has become a societal casualty. The middle finger is more common than giving the other driver the right of way.

Older Catholics remember when they were pupils; they waited patiently and silently while Sister Mary Alfred told Bob Uttermolen to shape up or his parents would get a phone call. His folks would not take his side. Sister could not be wrong. Litigation replaces forbearance without nuns. No rulers rapping knuckles these days.

Catholic parents should give thanks to laywomen and laymen who willingly educate their children even though they might get bigger checks as unionized public school teachers. The word is that these instructors are producing better pupils than their public school counterparts.

That churchgoers pay taxes for public schools and also support Catholic education is remarkable. That is but another reason to be thankful on a day more renowned for satisfied appetites than genuine gratitude to God for His gifts.

Eat and be merry for tomorrow dieting begins,

Carl Eifert





Prayer List



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

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

SK Michael and Margaret Argo
 Nora Bolger Barry and Anne Bolger's daughter
 Susana Bottcher, SK Bruno Bottcher's mom
 Aurora & Ramon Caraq, widow SK David
 Patrick Conron
 SK PGK John Dougherty
 Johanna Dietrick, SK Larry Dietrick's mother
 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
 Larry Detrick

Fr Stanley Krempa, Retired, Falls Church, VA
 CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty
 Matulich family
 Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken
 Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother
 Jim & Joann McCracken
 Shelly Myers sister to Marti Kelly (09/20/20)
 Art McCormick
 SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
 William McGuirk
 Hannah Michals
 Mike Michell
 Harriet and SK Christopher Moore
 Kevin and Patricia Moran & mother Helen
 SK David Noone and wife Pat
 Tofi Owen
 SK Vic Perez
 SK Jeff Petrino
 Padama Reilly, 7, granddaughter PGK Jim Reilly & Janis (tumor of eye)
 Brother Alfie Rodriguez rehab
 Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
 SK PGK Donald Rogan & Son Donald Rogan Jr
 Gretchen Reilly, daughter of Janice Reilly
 SK Fred "Fritz" Scheuren
 SK Randy Schlosser
 Sean Sansbury, grandson of SK John Dougherty
 Bob Schwenk's niece, (Name?) and her daughter Ariel
 Patty Shanahan of GSCC and friend of Paul Sonosky
 Amy Snyder, Larry Dietrick's niece
 Cheryl Masaitis-Spychaj, & children Kristin, Charity, & Joseph
 John and Dorothy Thibeau
 Philip Twumasi
 Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto
 Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers
 Eleanor Wood
 Christine Zuniga, wife of GK Fred Zuniga, Ft. Belvoir Council

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 PFN Robert T. Reynolds (12/2021)
 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)
 Connie Moore
 Fred Zuniga (8/2023)

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in peace. Amen..

To be placed on or taken off of the Prayer List, please contact the editor of the KC Quote, Philip Twumasi , ptwumasi_1@netzero.com Thank you



Recruiting after all Masses and Pancake Breakfast at St Louis



Recruiting after all Masses and Pancake Breakfast at GS



Exemplification Oct 16



Two New candidates from Springfield Council



Seven New Candidates for Mt Vernon Council 5998

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.



Mt Vernon Council 5998 Soccer Challenge St Louis School Sept 25 & 26



Distict 13 Soccer Challenge St Louis Field Oct 7



Knights of Columbus Girls International Soccer Award to Maddy Howard at St Louis School



Letter from Supreme addressed to Maddy Howard

February 2, 2023

Dear Maddy,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, I am pleased to inform you that you have been named an International Champion of the 2022-2023 International Soccer Challenge in the 12-year-old division.

Your precision penalty shooting has placed you in the top one percentile of almost eight thousand participants in the council, district, regional, and state levels of competition. You and your family should be very proud of this significant accomplishment, setting an example for kids everywhere to get out and become active.

You will be awarded our coveted International Soccer Challenge Championship trophy for this great success. This crystal award is specially engraved with your name, sponsoring council, and location. It will be presented to you at a ceremony arranged by the Virginia State Council.

Congratulations on this great success!

Veterans Support Flier

Russell Mitchell VFW Post 609 - Alexandria VA - Our Story

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 – The **Russell Mitchell** Post is one of the oldest VFW Posts with continuous service in Virginia. As one of the Posts that chartered our state Headquarters, we proudly display two charters at our Post: the original **December 2, 1920** charter, was obtained by 35 VFW members who knew and admired Alexandria native **Corporal John Russell Mitchell**, a WW I Vet, who they chose to be our namesake. After a break-in-service during the mid-1920s, our second charter came in **1934** from the Virginia VFW Department. We received a certificate of perpetuity in 1965.

VFW Post 609 meets at 12 noon the second Saturday each month in the **Montgomery Meigs Lodge**, the caretaker building at **Alexandria National Cemetery**, our “**Post Home**” since the 1980s at 1450 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314. Our “home” location was facilitated by a former Alexandria legislator ensuring Post 609 had a place for our members to meet.

We meet on federal property; thus, we are a dry post. We have no canteen; we do not host games or public funding activities. We are active in the community through patriotic and civic activities, including our mainstay VFW youth programs. We sponsor three annual scholarship activities: **Patriots’ Pen** writing competition for middle schoolers, **Voice of Democracy** oral essay contest for high schoolers, and **VFW Teacher-of-the-Year** awards at three levels. We give awards for **Scout-of-the-Year**, and **Civil Air Patrol Cadet Officer and NCO of the Year**. In July 2022, we took on the BSA Charter Sponsorship of Alexandria’s **Boy Scout Troop 301 and Cub Scout Pack 301**; we now conduct many joint activities. We engage with numerous Veterans’ Service Organizations (VSO) military retirees and active duty service personnel.

As our home is at the **VA’s Alexandria National Cemetery**, we keep watch over the graves of 4,230 Veteran heroes of all U.S. wars from the Civil War to the recent middle-east conflicts. We host the posting of “**American Flags-In**” the ground on Saturday before Memorial Day; and we support American Legion Post 24 in co-sponsoring a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cemetery. We lead the way for the annual “**Wreaths Across America**” (WAA) event in December. Post 609 participates in the **National Commemorative Commission - 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War** -- issuing honorary lapel pins and appreciation certificates to all Vietnam War era (1955-75) Veterans. We operate a **military books lending library** for our Veteran membership.

Our **Post 609 Auxiliary** boasts 40+ participants, family members and supporters of military Veterans. The Auxiliary’s 13 different programs include support at local hospitals, Veterans and family support, Americanism, and a variety of civic and community activities. Perennially our Auxiliary meets all VFW Auxiliary programs of the National VFW Organization. The Auxiliary meets monthly at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax, Virginia.

Post 609 members render assistance to the **Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA)** oversight team in Triangle VA. We inspect the Alexandria cemetery grounds and the Lodge after heavy storms; we assist in lowering/raising the cemetery’s American Flag. We maintain a 24-hrs per day “**retired American Flag**” collection point for return of worn flags for delivery to Scout Troops for joint respectful flag retirement ceremonies

VFW Post 609 can be reached at: JerryKrueg@aol.com or cdrpost609@vfwva.org

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF DECEMBER 2023

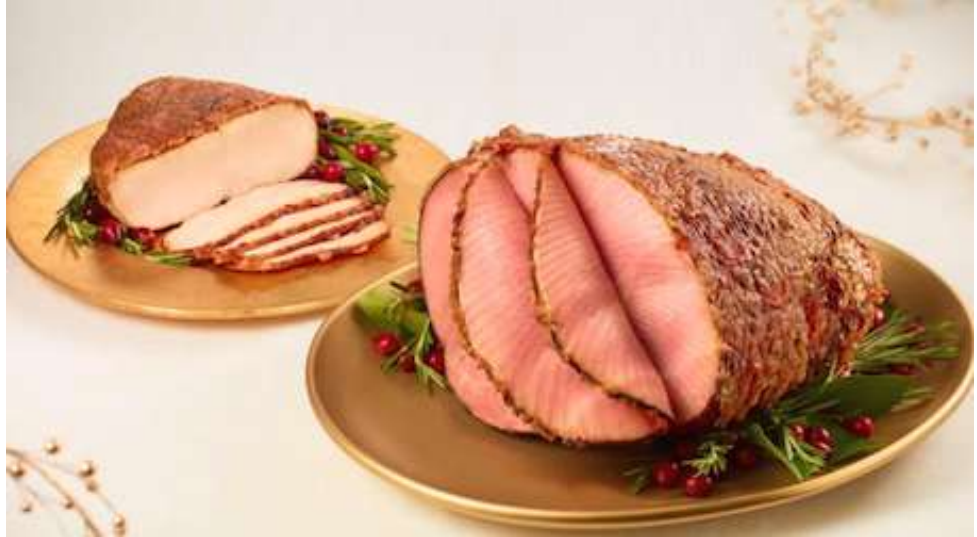
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Mt Vernon Council # 5998

December 2023		The Holy Souls in Purgatory		
1	First Friday	6pm 11pm	Bingo Nocturnal Adoration at Basilica St Mary	Bingo Chairman Faith Chairman
2	First Saturday	8am 11am	Litter Event Adopt a Hightway Rt 1 Patriotic Rosary at Basilica St Mary Alex	5998 and 2204
3	First Sunday	12noon	1st Sunday Bingo, KOVAR Bake Sale	Bingo Chair
6	Wednesday	All day	Feast of St Nicholas	
7	Thursday	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Officers Meeting Rosary Council Meeting	5998 Officers Faith Director GK and offic- ers
8	Friday	All Day	Feast of Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation
8,15,22,29	Friday	6pm	Bingo	Bingo Chair
9	Saturday	8am	Childrens Christmas Party in the Hall	
9	Saturday	3pm	Army/Navy Football Game—Lounge	
9,16,23,30	Saturday	8am to Noon	ProLife Rosary at Women's Clinic	Life Director
10	Sunday	7—11am	St Louis Pancake Breakfast	SL RT
11	Monday	6pm	Corporation Planning Meeting	GK, MVCC
14	Thursday	6pm	Adoration 6pm at GS, followed by Mass 7pm	Faith Director
14	Thusday	630pm	TBD Exemplification	
16	Saturday	7pm	Adult Christmas Party	District 13 + 2204
17	Sunday	7—11am	GSCC Pancake Breakfast	GS RT
17	Sunday	2pm	Exemplification TBD, St Lawrence or State	State or De- gree Team
18	Monday	7pm	Officers Meeting Zoom / in pers	2204
23	Saturday	9-11am	Honey Baked Ham Pickup for Christmas	
24	Sunday	5pm	Help with Christmas Eve Parking	GS
25	Monday	All Day	Christmas—Holy Day of Obligation	
26	Tuesday	7pm	2204 Assembly Rosary,and Business Meeting	Potomac Assembly

PLEASE NOTE—Events above are subject to change.

Flyer for Honey Ham Orders for Thanksgiving 2023



Order your Delicious Thanksgiving 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, November 17, 2023. using paypal on website <http://KofC5998.org>—look for Ham Sales and use http instead of https
- Pick Up at Mount Vernon Council Hall on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 between 9AM and 11AM