



# KC QUOTE

April 2025

Mt Vernon Council #5998



## *The Blessed Sacrament*

### WHAT IS THE KC QUOTE?

The KC Quote is the Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council #5998 newsletter published 12 times a year for members, their families, and their friends. It is published on the first Friday after the first Thursday of the month.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Mt. Vernon Hall. (Note: This month's will be held on July 11th).

**Sunday, April 6th**

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

**Saturday, April 12th**

Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup

**Sunday, April 20th**

Easter Sunday

**Thursday, April 24th**

KOVAR Dinner

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## FIRST FRIDAY KOVAR BAKE SALE



Our Lady Knights put on a bake sale at Bingo first Friday of every other month. The next is **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please drop off your baked goods before 6:00 PM and stick around to help. All proceeds go to KOVAR. \$100 of treats were sold in March, with none left at the end of the night. \$350 was raised between December and March.

## KNIGHTS BIBLE STUDY

**7:00 AM - EVERY SATURDAY DURING LENT**

Interested in growing closer to the Lord in 2025? Join brother Knights for an hour long Bible study every Saturday during Lent in the Lounge to read and reflect on the coming Sunday's gospel. For questions contact Patrick O'Grady at [patrick.ogrady5@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.ogrady5@gmail.com).

# APRIL CALENDAR

## COUNCIL CALENDAR:

The Council Calendar will be maintained and updated on our Council website at [KofC5998.org](http://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, access our website at [KofC5998.org](http://KofC5998.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary  <b>11:00 AM</b> Patriotic Rosary
<b>6</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Shroud of Turin Exhibit at St. John Paul II Shrine  <b>2:00 PM</b> Sunday Bingo		<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> District 13 Meeting		<b>10</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> KOVAR Dinner Planning Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup  <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
<b>13</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> St. Louis Pancake Breakfast	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Corporation Meeting			<b>17</b> <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Social	<b>18</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>19</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
<b>20</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Exemplification			<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> KOVAR Dinner	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
<b>27</b> <b>SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Potomac Assembly Meeting			<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Officers Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Rosary <b>8:00 PM</b> Council Business Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>STATE CONVENTION</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> KOVAR Bake Sale  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>3</b> <b>STATE CONVENTION</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary  <b>11:00 AM</b> Patriotic Rosary

# COUNCIL DIRECTORY

## FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025

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# **CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS**

## **FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FR. THOMAS FERGUSON**

### **FINISHING STRONG**

The beginning of the month of April this year is a time for us to renew our commitments to persevere in the good resolutions we made on Ash Wednesday, and if we have not been so successful, we remember it is never too late to start again, to finish strong.

For the Elect and our Candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church, this is a time to engage in final preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, and for all of us to support them in as they prepare to share the fullness of life in the Church with us. They too are invited by God to finish strong.

We all look to the image of Jesus Christ crucified during these final days of Lent – bruised, beaten and rejected. He persevered to the end, carrying the Cross and hanging on it for three hours for our salvation. In the end, His death will give way to the new life of Easter, because His love for us endured to the end. In the events of the Paschal Mystery, Jesus too was able to finish strong!

#### **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.



## **A WORD FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT SK ANDY ROGERS**

Brothers, Families, and Friends –

I'd like to start my note this week with a heartfelt "Thank You!" to everyone who made our Irish Night the success that it was. From Chef Marvin in the kitchen to our Lady Knights decorating and making the Irish soda bread, we've received nothing but rave reviews from everyone who attended. What a great night!

We're just past the halfway point of Lent – I hope you're all finding opportunities to bring yourself and your families closer to God during this season of penitence. A few of us have been doing "Daily Mass with the GK" at the Basilica of St. Mary at 6:30 AM and, for me, the sacrifice of sleep is well worth starting my day in a state of grace, after praying with my wife and Brother Knights first thing in the morning. It's a fantastic way to start each workday during Lent and I'd like to welcome all of you to join us, especially if you're looking for a way to finish Lent up in a strong, prayerful way.

Speaking of finishing up strong, as hard as it is to believe, we are in the last 90-days of the fraternal year. While we've had a year of incredible achievement, there are a few more things to take care of. A high priority for the Council is our MaRiH Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Shower – an annual tradition where show support to the wonderful work that MaRiH does for women and families in the area. I'm working with Beth at the center to schedule that for either the May or June Thursday Social. Please pencil those in on your calendar and, if you can't make it, you can still support – they need anything you would normally bring to a baby shower – even lightly used. You can also make a financial contribution. More details to follow!

Thank you all for everything you've done to make this fraternal year so successful. I'm looking forward to finishing up strong with all of you!

Vivat Jesus!

GK Andy



## **A WORD FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT SK RICHARD T. HAYDEN**

Greetings from the Mount Vernon Columbus Club Board!

Bingo attendance and sales remain strong. We continue to get a lot of new players who see our LED sign flashing 24/7. It's also an effective advertisement for our hall rentals. Please let friends and family know we rent the hall for special occasions. Pricing is tiered based on the number of attendees. **Each Knight can sponsor one event per year at the low discounted price of \$250.00 plus set-up costs.** Membership has its benefits.

Our new charitable year started on April 1, 2025. You can now log new volunteer hours to be awarded in 2026. With the kitchen closed for Lent, there are many opportunities to work on the bingo side of the operation. We need to "build the bench" for the coming year. Remember, bingo revenue keeps the lights on.

**\*\*Training opportunities with volunteer hours available the first weekend of April at the Friday bingo (April 4) and Sunday bingo (April 6), then again Friday, April 11. Arrive 6-6:30 Friday and 1-1:30 for assignment. See Tim McCauley. NO BINGO GOOD FRIDAY!**

As for our facility, the last major upgrade will be the bathrooms. Stay tuned. Floors will get their annual wax job the week of April 14, to include the main hall and Council Chamber. Please be aware there will be no access postings to these areas for several days as the wax sets.

I sincerely hope and pray that you and your families have a Blessed Easter.

Richard T. Hayden  
President, Mount Vernon Columbus Club





## A WORD FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT DEPUTY MAURICE CHAU

Brothers Knights,

Easter will be on April 20, 2025.

Friday Fish Dinner is available at Saint Lawrence (6222 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA), in the school building parallel to Franconia Road beginning at 5:30 pm on Fridays during Lent except Good Friday. They serve a choice of fried or baked fish, French fries, green beans, and Cole slaw. On Friday, March 28, 2025 there were eight from 5998 enjoying the fish dinner. A meal costs \$15 per person.

On Friday, April 11 St. Joseph's will have a Fish Dinner in Alexandria City (711 North Columbus Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314). The cost is \$15 per person and is from 12 to 6pm.

The next event for the Virginia State Council (Virginia Knights of Columbus) is its Virginia Convention on May 2-4 in Virginia Beach. New state officers will be elected on May 3, as well as delegates for the Supreme Convention.

Speaking of which, this year's Supreme Convention will be held just across the Potomac River at National Harbor, August 5-7! This is a great opportunity for us to attend since the convention is not too often in our local area. Check out the convention website [dckofc2025.com](http://dckofc2025.com) and stand by for more information to come from the local councils! If you are a Fourth Degree Knight with Regalia, you could participate in the event.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Maurice Chau, District Deputy 13





## A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR SK PGK PFN MARK MARCHIONE

Worthy Sir Knights of Potomac Assembly #2204, greetings. I hope this finds you, your families, your friends, and your loved ones well.

We did not participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 1, due to SK Dan Clark's funeral and viewing, and the State Council mid-year convention. We did however participate in the Patriotic Rosary on that date at the Basilica of St. Mary. The Rosary was very well attended, and many SKs were in their ORDs. We postponed the tour of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America; time/date TBD.

At our March Business meeting, we conducted a Renewal of Commitment Ceremony. It was presided over by the Worthy District Master Kelly Mortensen and he was assisted by his Worthy Regional Marshall Kelly Niernerger. It was a very impressive ceremony; many SKs wore their ORDs and looked sharp.

On March 29, we held our Vietnam Era Veterans recognition dinner, in conjunction with the American Legion, at Mt. Vernon Council Hall. It was well attended; we had great food, recognized the Vietnam era Veterans, and listened to a great keynote speaker. A good time was had by all.

We have the following for your information, planning and consideration during the month of **April**:

- 5 – Patriotic Rosary at Mt. Vernon Council 5998, 11:00 a.m. – Ray Duff
- 6 – Corporate Communion at St. Louis Catholic Church. Pancake Breakfast to follow. – Bill Beach
- 13 – Palm Sunday
- 15 – Officers Meeting (Zoom), 7:00 p.m.
- 20 – Easter Sunday
- 28 – Assembly Meeting (In person), 7:30 p.m. (Patriotic Rosary preceding at 7 p.m.) – Second reading of the Slate of Assembly Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year

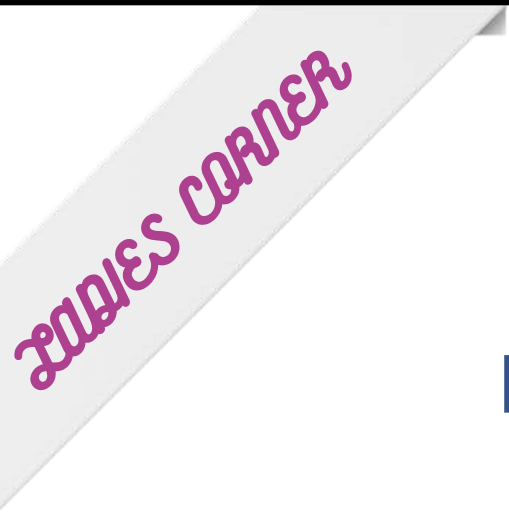
I recently finished the *Catechism in a Year* podcast, and now I'm listening to the *Rosary in a Year* podcast with Father Mark-Mary Ames, a Franciscan Friar. Early on Father shared a story that I'd like to paraphrase and share with you. Imagine you are in Jesus' woodshop, and he asks you to help him carve some candlesticks for his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus hands you a block of wood and he has a similar block of wood. He gingerly and patiently shows you how to work with the tools to shape the candlesticks. After a while, your hand slips and you break the piece of wood you were working on. Without batting an eye, Jesus hands you another piece of wood and he picks up another and he begins the process all over again. Eventually, you say to Jesus, "I'm sorry I broke my piece and slowed you down". Jesus says, "my mom couldn't care less about the candlesticks. She wants you and me to spend time together, and that's what we are doing."

Think about that the next time you pray the Rosary. It's not just about repeating the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be over and over again without thinking, it's about spending time with Jesus and the Blessed Mother; forming a relationship and having a conversation with them.

Vivat Jesus!!

SK Mark Marchione, FDD, PFN2, PGN

Faithful Navigator, Potomac Assembly #2204



## LADIES CORNER APRIL 2025

***April is a reminder that something better is always around the corner.***

— Unknown

### Happy April, Lady Knights!

Our badges should be arriving by the end of the month! Once they're in, I'll reach out to everyone who placed an order to coordinate getting them to you.

The quote above reminds me of one of the few constants in life: *change*. During a recent homily, the priest shared something that really stuck with me — that it's often in the hardest seasons of life, the darkest times, the valleys and the deserts, where God is most present.

There's a quote I love:

**"What Satan intended to destroy you, God intended to save you."**

The homily went on to reflect on Jesus' death. Though he was handed over and endured an excruciating, unimaginable death, that path led him *back to God*. Even in that moment of deep darkness, it was a road that pointed directly toward redemption.

I know how hard that can be to grasp when you're in the thick of struggle. And I share this knowing some of us may feel like we're walking straight toward the gallows. But please remember this truth:

**God. Is. There.**

I've always loved the story of Job — I know, kind of an odd favorite — but it reassures me. It addresses the questions we all ask:

**"Why does God allow pain, suffering, and struggle?"**

**"Why doesn't He just take it away?"**

The book of Job offers insight into those questions. If it's been a while since you've read (or listened to) it, I highly recommend revisiting it. Personally, I love *The Bible Recap* with Tara-Leigh Cobble – she's wonderful at breaking down the nuances of Scripture.

And while we're on the topic of recommendations:

After an experience with their daughter's Confirmation Retreat, my very dear friends Meg and Jim Schubert, felt called to start **The Modern Catholic Family** – and it's such a gem! They offer podcasts, resources, and lighthearted content for the whole family. They're an absolute *trip* (in the best way), and I love them dearly – I think you will too.

Check them out at: [moderncatholicfamily.org](http://moderncatholicfamily.org)

**May the Lord bless you with wisdom and guidance, and fill your heart with joy and peace.**

**Katie Rogers**



## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH MARCH 2025 MARTY SMYTH**

"Doctor Marty" has been an extremely active Knight since he joined last fraternal year. He's always willing to step up and help out, whether it's behind the bar, in the kitchen, at the International Festival... he's just a reliable, dependable guy. This past month, he agreed to take on more responsibility and leadership within the Council by stepping into the Treasurer Role next fraternal year. I think we can all agree that Marty's steady hand on the financial tiller will be a great benefit to the council. Thanks for this and everything you do for the Council, Doc!



## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH MARCH 2025 THE FRANCESKI FAMILY**

Last month we were treated to a truly unique experience: a first class relic from our founder and patron, Blessed Michael McGivney. This was made possible through the faith and generosity of the Franceski Family. Mark's daughter is having a surgery in April and they reached out to the McGivney Guild for prayers. They connected with "some guy" at the Guild who loaned the relic to them. The Franceski's have added it to their daily prayer routine, venerating it often. Mark then generously offered to bring it to last month's meeting, which extended to a weekend veneration at St. Louis, appearances at the Assembly meetings, etc. The Franceski Family graciously extended the charity they were provided to the rest of us, giving us a truly memorable and tangible focus for our prayer and devotions for the past month. We are very likely the ONLY Council that has conducted a business meeting in the physical presence of Blessed McGivney. Thank you, Franceskis, for sharing this remarkable gift with the Council and Community.



# APRIL 2025 BIRTHDAYS

**Deacon Julian J. Gutierrez, III** *April 2*

**Joseph W. Emrico** *April 3*

**Gerald P. Krueger** *April 3*

**Pedro A. Del Aguila** *April 4*

**James R. Park** *April 4*

**Robert K. Reynolds** *April 4*

**Jovencio Bandilla** *April 5*

**Robert A. Peterson** *April 5*

**Lawrence E. Bennett** *April 6*

**Robert M. Strickland-Pelley** *April 7*

**Sam Massey** *April 9*

**John A. Carlson** *April 10*

**Paul J. Haffey** *April 10*

**Thomas F. Ahern** *April 13*

**William C. DeMaso** *April 14*

**Timothy P. Williamson** *April 14*

**Paul G. Sonosky** *April 15*

**Rev. Jesus Navarrete** *April 16*

**Brandon J. Spencer** *April 19*

**Herbert Ray Duff** *April 20*

**Damon M. Melidossian** *April 21*

**Gilbert F. Deimel** *April 25*

**Joseph R. McCracken** *April 25*

**James W. Mitchell** *April 27*

**Joseph J. Zelinka** *April 27*

**James B. McCracken, Jr.** *April 28*

**Kevin C. Uszenski** *April 28*

**Brett Michael Gilbert** *April 29*

**Kevin J. Williams** *April 30*



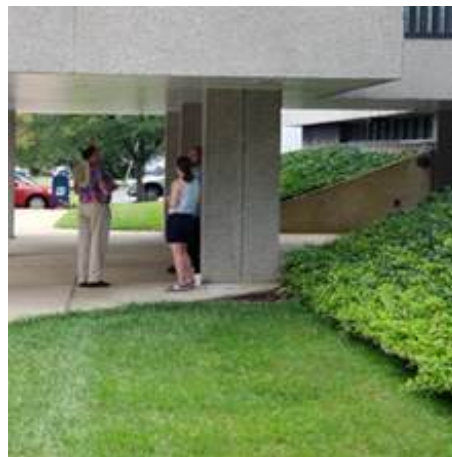
**PRO-LIFE CORNER**



# PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood Hall Avenue next to the Shell Gas Station is featured every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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.





In loving memory of Carl A. Eifert, 1926-2024

## **JUST THINKING...**

**CARL EIFERT**

### **THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS MOTHER**

Why was the risen Christ not immediately recognized by those who saw him that first Easter Sunday?

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

Did the risen Jesus go to his mother?

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

The Bible tells the truth, but it does not tell the whole truth as is the goal of history. Sacred Scripture is "what God wanted to reveal to us." The Bible is "the Word of God." That is what the Catechism says boiled down.

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 his body took in real food, yet his new glory was limited by neither space nor time.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, explained Jesus' resurrected body in introduction to Christianity. His body is not "bios, 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. 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, by the way). A person mediating in the 21 st 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 predicated her existence, going so far as he, being the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, saw to it that she was conceived without the stain of original sin. Original sin's existence and its need to be mitigated so that worthy human beings could finally achieve everlasting life in Paradise were at the center of the Son's taking on human nature and sacrificing himself for our redemption. (A fact that cannot be noted too often.) She was humanity's lone exception to original sin because her womb was intended to carry him.

Human attempts at picturing Jesus, after conquering the tomb, 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. So no hints are there for us to contemplate.

Our spirituality might profit by trying it. Trying might lead to acknowledgement of the centrality of his resurrection to the Church he founded. And that might help our understanding of the ultimate purpose in life.

**Carl Eifert**



# PRAYER LIST

**THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS, RELATIVES AND CLOSE FRIENDS ARE IN NEED OF YOUR PRAYERS.**

## **PRAY FOR BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED:**

- Nora Bolger, SK Barry and Anne Bolger's daughter
- William & Johanna Dietrick, parents of SK Larry Dietrick
- Amy Snyder, SK Larry Dietrick's niece
- SK Edd and Pat Dzanis
- Bette Jo Eifert, widow of SK Carl Eifert
- Joe Emrico
- Father Wilhelm Ettner
- Susan Fecher, wife of SK Rich Fecher
- Pat Finn
- SK Freddie Flowers
- Connie Graves widow of PGK Ernie Gravese
- Dr. Fred Grello, Uncle of SK Steve Smith
- SK Reyes Guerra
- Fr. Mike Hann, resident of GS
- Field Agent Ralph Heinze
- Magda Holmes, and SK David Holmes
- Allison Kargas, daughter of Chris and Kim Kargas
- Marty Kelly and niece Ashley
- Marilyn Kempton, grandmother to PGK Robert K Reynolds
- SK Rich Koslow
- CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty
- Barbara Lovell wife of Brother Hue Lovell
- Matulich Family
- Carol O'Shea friend of SK Paul Sonosky/pancreatic cancer
- SK Art McCormick
- SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
- Mike Michell
- Harriett and SK Christopher Moore
- SK Dave Mushrush
- SK PGK Steve Piscitelli of's
- Gretchen Reilly, daughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Padama Reilly, granddaughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
- Noah Rogers, brother of GK Andy Rogers
- 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

## **PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED:**

SK DUTCH ANDERSON (2021)	SK PGK DON LOGEAIS MAJ GEN RET (2023)	JENNIFER MASAITIS, DAUGHTER OF CHERYL & MARVIN SPYCHAJ (2022)
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI (2022)	GERRY LOGEAIS, WIFE OF PGK DON LOGEAIS (2024)	FR. PHILIP MAJKA (2023)
JOE BAVARIA (2024)	RICHARD KNAPP (2023)	LT COL PHILIP MAXWELL (2024)
BRUNO BOTTCHER (2022)	JEROME L. KNITTLE (2022)	JOAN MURPHY, SK 2PGK MICHAEL MURPHY'S MOTHER (2023)
LOIS BOWMAN (2023)	SK ROBERT KOPASZ (2023)	CONNIE MOORE
FRANK CAREY (2021)	CAROL KOSLOW (2023)	TOFI OWEN (11/2023)
HENRY CHAU, BROTHER OF PGK MAURICE CHAU (2023)	STEPHANIE KOSLOW AND FOR KOSLOW FAMILY (2021)	SK PFN ROBERT T. REYNOLDS (2021)
MARIA CIOCIOLA, JIM BATCHELDER'S SISTER	MELINDA KRAMER, WIFE OF STEVEN KRAMER (2021)	SK PGK DON ROGAN (2025)
LEONARD CUDDY (2021)	GRAHAM MARTIN, MIKE ARGO'S COUSIN (2022)	PHILIP TWUMASI (2024)
FR. JEROME R. DALY (2023)		ELEANOR WOOD (2023)
CARL EIFERT (2024)		
JOHN KARPOVICH (2021)		

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

# A LOOK AHEAD TO MAY 2025

## THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1	Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting Council Rosary Council Business Meeting
2	Friday	6:00 PM	KOVAR Bake Sale
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Friday	7:00 PM	Bingo
2-4	Friday - Sunday		State Convention (Virginia Beach)
3	Saturday	11:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro-Life Vigil & Rosary
4	Sunday	2:00 PM	Sunday Bingo
11	Sunday		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
12	Monday	7:00 PM	Corporation Meeting
15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Council Social
18	Sunday	7:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
26	Monday		<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Potomac Assembly Meeting
29	Thursday		<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
31	Saturday		<b>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>

## SHROVE TUESDAY – ST. LOUIS



# SHROVE TUESDAY – GOOD SHEPHERD



# ST. LOUIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



# COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING



# GOOD SHEPHERD PANCAKE BREAKFAST





# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



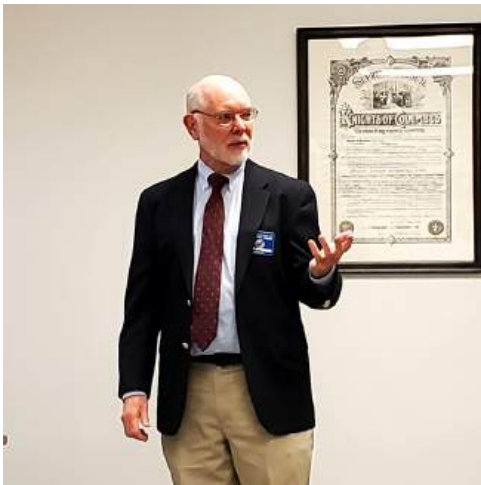
# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



# POTOMAC ASSEMBLY MEETING



# COUNCIL EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY





**RICHMOND HIGHWAY  
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM**

**LITTER PICK-UP EVENT**

**Saturday, April 12th | 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Meet at KofC Council #5998 Hall  
8592 Richmond Highway**

**Good Shepherd & St. Louis Parish Youth (Ages 10-18)  
Encouraged to Participate & Earn Community  
Service Hours**

