



KC QUOTE

October 2025

Mt Vernon Council #5998



The Holy Rosary

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).

Saturday, October 4th

Bourbon Tasting & UFC Watch Party

Saturday, October 11th

Route One Litter Pickup

Monday, October 13th

Columbus Day

Saturday, October 18th

Oktoberfest

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STAR COUNCIL AWARD ('24-25)



Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 5998 has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership (160% of quota), promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-orientated activities.

FIRST FRIDAY KOVAR BAKE SALE



Our Lady Knights put on a bake sale at the first Friday Bingo of every other month. The next is **November 7th**. We will have a special edition on **December 5th** for your favorite Christmas treats. Please drop off your baked goods before 1:00 PM. All proceeds go to KOVAR, a charitable organization providing affordable housing, job training, and more for Virginians with intellectual disabilities.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

COUNCIL CALENDAR:

The Council Calendar will be maintained and updated on our Council website at 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2 6:30 PM Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM Council Rosary 8:00 PM Council Business Meeting	3 7:00 PM Bingo	4 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary 11:00 AM Patriotic Rosary 6:00 PM Bourbon Tasting & UFC Watch Party
5 2:00 PM Sunday Bingo	6	7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	8	9 6:30 PM Council Happy Hour	10 7:00 PM Bingo	11 7:30 AM Route 1 Litter Pickup 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
12 7:30 AM St. Louis Pancake Breakfast	13 COLUMBUS DAY 7:00 PM Corporation Meeting	14	15	16 6:30 PM Council Social	17 7:00 PM Bingo	18 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary 6:30 PM Oktoberfest
19 7:00 AM Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	20	21	22	23 6:30 PM Council Happy Hour	24 7:00 PM Bingo	25 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
26	27 6:30 PM Potomac Assembly Meeting	28	29	30 7:30 PM Meet the Knights	31 7:00 PM Bingo	1 ALL SAINTS 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary 11:00 AM Patriotic Rosary
2 ALL SOULS' DAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 2:00 PM Bingo	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6 6:30 PM Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM Council Rosary 8:00 PM Council Business Meeting	7 6:00 PM KOVAR Bake Sale 7:00 PM Bingo	8 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary



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CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FR. THOMAS FERGUSON

NEW SAINTS: SIGNS OF HOPE FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV will canonize two saints: Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) and Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925).

Saint Carlo Acutis has been described as the first “millennial” saint. Very much a saint of our times, he used digital media to promote Catholic devotion, designing at a very young age a website that documented Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was a person whose family enjoyed material prosperity which he himself used to assist those who were poor and who struggled to meet their families’ basic material needs.

Both saints had a great personal devotion to the Eucharist and manifested the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives in the joy they took in sharing God’s love with others, especially family and friends, and in their love for the beauty of God’s creation.

During this Jubilee Year, let us pray that the holy lives of Saint Carlo and Saint Pier Giorgio may be a sign of hope for all, a sign that sanctity and sainthood are possible even in the midst of our world today.

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 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR CHUCK ROMAN

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Knights Night on 18 September! It was a packed Lounge and we brought in over a dozen new member candidates and transfers. A week later, we welcomed 10 new Knights to the Council. Just a wonderful example of how we all contribute to growing our Council and ensuring its future. Special thank you is in order to **Dave Rivaldi** who took the helm and delivered a Michelin Star caliber dinner.

Are you asking how you can help?



On 19 October, Council 5998 will sponsor enrolment into the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular at St. Louis and GSCC. The announcements will be in the bulletins and on the council website. This is a great way to show our Faith in Action by building, supporting, and protecting Christ's Church. I am enlisting volunteers to represent the Council at the 10:30 St. Louis mass, and the 9:00 and 10:30 masses at GSCC. The ceremony should only be about 15 minutes. Please reach out and I'll make sure we have scapulars ready to hand out.

We also have another great event open to ALL, but especially inviting those who are candidates for Membership. The **Oktoberfest Party - October 18th!** Please use it as an opportunity to build our membership, enjoy fellowship with our community, and evangelize the Faith.

It's been a busy few months. After the FEASTival, International Fest, Meet the Knights Night, and Bourbon Tasting, I have had many prospective Knights asking to attend the next Exemplification. We will let the membership know when we've scheduled it, but likely in the latter part of October. Please attend to welcome our new brothers into the fold.

Let's finish strong and remember there are still lots of opportunities to *Show the Shield*... let's get lots of folks out to support the Thanksgiving meal delivery evolution!

It's a GREAT time to be a Knight at 5998. Thanks for all you do to support growing our Council.

Vivat Jesu!
Chuck Roman



A WORD FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR RON LILLEY

Adopt-A-Highway Program – Fall Litter Pick-Up Event

As you may have noticed, our Adopt-A-Highway sponsor signs are at both ends of our stretch of Richmond Highway (Jeff Todd Way to SkyView/Forrest). Along with denoting some pride we can take in serving the community, they may also enhance the goodwill we've earned with our various acts of community service!

Our commitment is to do litter pick-up events twice a year, which are on a Spring and Fall routine.

The work is fairly simple – litter pick-up alongside both sides of our 1-mile stretch. No special skills required! A decent-sized group can tackle it in a couple of hours, and it can be a good opportunity for students to earn community service credits for school requirements (with adult supervision for road safety).

This Fall's Litter Pick-Up Event will be Saturday, October 11th (8:30 to 10:30-ish AM), based at the Council Hall. Please see the flyer on the next page.

Call me (434-531-9904) about participating, or just show up!



RICHMOND HIGHWAY ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM LITTER PICK-UP

Saturday, October 11th | 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**





OCTOBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

Martin Wild

Oct. 1

Benjamin P. Listerman

Oct. 15

Eugene B. Graniewski

Oct. 2

Patrick D. Sweeney

Oct. 17

Jack W. Tade

Oct. 2

Verne B. Gifford

Oct. 19

James A. Beals

Oct. 3

Anthony M. Norman

Oct. 19

Br. Stephen Kuhn

Oct. 5

Marlon V. Arias Barrios

Oct. 20

Michael Spollen

Oct. 6

David KE Mushrush

Oct. 20

Noe A. Huete

Oct. 7

Patrick T. Rhoads

Oct. 22

Manuel G. Uriarte

Oct. 9

Carlos Taja

Oct. 23

Gary P. Straub

Oct. 10

Brian C. Toth

Oct. 27

Neil C. Cannon

Oct. 12

Roger L. Vasilas

Oct. 27

Dr. Robert E. Botto

Oct. 13

John M. Morales

Oct. 30

John Monahan

Oct. 13

John G. McAllorum

Oct. 31



PRO-LIFE CORNER



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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

CHRISTIAN CIVILITY

In less than a quarter century, America will become a nation populated by a majority practicing no religion. Christians will be a minority by 2045, according to a Pew Research poll.

Not many decades ago, the last Mass on Sundays was packed, worshippers standing in the aisles.

Look around now, and the pews are half-full at best. True, the population has grown, and those forgoing worship have also increased proportionally. Statistics gathered by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate contrast the differences over a half-century – between 1970 and 2021.

- Official Catholic Directory: 47.9 million members then and 66.8 million now
- Self-identified Catholics: 54.1m and 73.2m
- Converts: 2.9m and 4.4m

Those reared Catholic who say they are no longer Catholic: 3.5m and 30.8m

Pew says defecting Christians are becoming atheists, agnostics, and nihilists. Presumably, those leaving the Church – now some eight times more than a half-century ago – are doing likewise.

Are these “bad” people? Probably not. Sin could be somewhat more frequent among secularists than Catholics and Protestants; most people don’t stray beyond societal boundaries. Rather, if they left Catholicism, they might convince themselves they do not have to visit the confessional anymore.

Those leaving other religions might relish sleeping late on Sundays. These strays must still feel the pangs of conscience, if ever so weak.

Churchgoers know it is right to worship the God who made them. Practicing Catholics know they have the Sacraments, particularly Reconciliation and the Eucharist, to cherish.

American/ Western culture has turned its back on the time when society was modified by the adjective “polite.” Back then, one might murmur “thanks” and “you’re welcome” while holding the door for a lady, still the courtesies were made. The value of good manners was recognized. Now sports, and even work clothes replace our “Sunday best” for church.

What attributes to the current coarseness of society?

Speculate or research why, the fact is that the formalities of polite society are rarely seen these days. Youth forswears “mister” and “missus” for first names. Fist-bumps replace firm handshakes. “After you” isn’t uttered by the guy rushing ahead of his date.

Being religious, if only on the surface, helped most people achieve certain civility. That showed respect for others. Even the well-recognized “me generation” is becoming a more selfish one. This degeneration will probably reverse before caveman behavior returns. That reversal can’t come too soon.

Being truly religious can bring inner peace and the strength to live in the world.

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
- SK John Dougherty
- 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
- Constance "Connie" Genuino, wife of Rafael "Ralph" Genuino
- 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
- Julian Martinez
- Matulich Family
- Carol O'Shea friend of SK Paul Sonosky
- SK Art McCormick
- SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
- Mike Michell
- Mary Millikin, wife of Brother Knight John Millikin
- Harriett and SK Christopher Moore
- SK Dave Mushrush
- Bruce Parmiter, father of Bobby Parmiter
- SK PGK Steve Piscitelli ofs
- 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)	TOM GIBBONS (2025)	JENNIFER MASAITIS, DAUGHTER OF
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI (2022)	JOHN KARPOVICH (2021)	CHERYL & MARVIN SPYCHAJ (2022)
JOE BAVARIA (2024)	SK PGK DON LOGEAS MAJ GEN RET	FR. PHILIP MAJKA (2023)
BRUNO BOTTCHER (2022)	(2023)	LT COL PHILIP MAXWELL (2024)
LOIS BOWMAN (2023)	GERRY LOGEAS, WIFE OF PGK DON	JOAN MURPHY, SK 2PGK MICHAEL
FRANK CAREY (2021)	LOGEAS (2024)	MURPHY'S MOTHER (2023)
HENRY CHAU, BROTHER OF PGK	RICHARD KNAPP (2023)	CONNIE MOORE
MAURICE CHAU (2023)	JEROME L. KNITTLE (2022)	TOFI OWEN (2023)
MARIA CIOCIOLA, JIM BATCHELDER'S	SK ROBERT KOPASZ (2023)	PGK BUD POWERS (2025)
SISTER	CAROL KOSLOW (2023)	SK PFN ROBERT T. REYNOLDS (2021)
LEONARD CUDDY (2021)	STEPHANIE KOSLOW AND FOR KOSLOW	SK PGK DON ROGAN (2025)
FR. JEROME R. DALY (2023)	FAMILY (2021)	PHILIP TWUMASI (2024)
JOHANNA DIETRICK (2025)	MELINDA KRAMER, WIFE OF STEVEN	ELEANOR WOOD (2023)
CARL EIFERT (2024)	KRAMER (2021)	
JOSEPH P. FERGUSON (2025)	GRAHAM MARTIN, MIKE ARGO'S COUSIN	
POPE FRANCIS (2025)	(2022)	

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



A LOOK AHEAD TO NOVEMBER 2025

THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro-Life Vigil & Rosary
1	Saturday	11:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary
2	Sunday	2:00 PM	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Sunday Bingo
4	Tuesday		ELECTION DAY
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Third Degree Exemplification
6	Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting Council Rosary Council Business Meeting
7	Friday	6:00 PM	KOVAR Bake Sale
7, 14, 21, 28	Friday	7:00 PM	Bingo
9	Sunday	7:30 AM	St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
10	Monday	7:00 PM	Corporation Meeting
11	Tuesday		VETERANS DAY
13	Thursday	6:30 PM	Council Happy Hour
16	Sunday	7:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Memorial Mass & Reception
24	Monday	6:30 PM	Potomac Assembly Meeting
25-27	Tuesday- Thursday		Thanksgiving Meal Preparation & Delivery
27	Thursday		THANKSGIVING



You're invited to attend

Oktoberfest



Mount Vernon Council 5998

Drink | Food | Music | Dance

Saturday, October 18 | 6:30-10:00 PM

8592 Richmond Highway | Alexandria, VA 22309



Tickets include food + 1 drink / adult

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

Couples \$49 | Individuals \$28 | Teens \$22 | Kids \$5

LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Couples \$59 | Individuals \$38 | Teens \$32 | Kids \$5

ST. LOUIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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GOOD SHEPHERD PANCAKE BREAKFAST





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THE BROWN SCAPULAR:

History and Enrollment

The Brown Scapular consists of two small pieces of cloth joined by strings and worn over the shoulders. According to tradition, Our Lady gave the scapular as a sign of salvation to Saint Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest, in 1251. She promised that "Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."



Enroll in the Brown Scapular

Sunday, October 19, 2024

After 8:45 am Mass &

10:30 am Mass @ St. Louis

Memorial to St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila
Carmelite Doctors of the Church

October 1 is the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and October 15 is the celebration of Teresa of Avila, so on the Sunday following, we will offer the opportunity to receive and be enrolled in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular, an outward sign of one's interior consecration to Our Lady.

Sign Up



First 100 Scapulars provided by



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**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN, AND THOSE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, TO**



Meet the Knights

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 • 7:30PM
KNIGHTS HALL**

- Complimentary Wings, Pizza, 1st Beer, & Sodas
- Thursday Night Football on Big Screens
- Learn about Knights of Columbus
- RSVP Link or QR Code

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DADA92FAAF49-59618386-meet>



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