



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

February, 2019

Upcoming Events

2/2-3 (Sat-Sun) Baby bottle campaign to benefit Blue Ridge Women's Center—after all masses at OLN

2/3 (Sunday) Super Bowl Party, Council Home. Doors open 5:30

2/4 (Monday) February Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30

2/12 (Tuesday) Benefits dinner for KOVAR at Abuelo's Restaurant

2/18 (Monday) First Degree Roanoke Council Home 7:30 (tentative)

2/23 (Saturday) Second Degree Roanoke Council Home 9:00

2/25 (Monday) 4th Degree monthly meeting Roanoke. Dinner 6:30; Meeting 7:30.

3/4 (Monday) March Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30

Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

1st Degree Roanoke Council Home February 18 (Monday) - tentative



2nd Degree Roanoke Council Home February 23 (Saturday)

4th Degree Exemplification St. Edward's, Richmond Saturday, April 27
Details TBA



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

The news is ablaze with stories concerning toxic masculinity, Catholic teen protesters, and predictions the world will end in the next 12 years. As of the writing of this report, we are barely a month into the new year and it seems as though the end of civility, if not the world, is right around the corner.

The controversy surrounding some students from Covington Catholic High School has taken so many twists and turns and after several days of coverage we still do not have an answer to the basic question: why is this even news? For my part, I will refrain from making judgements about the moral character of 16-year-old children I have never met. Perhaps news outlets could do the same?

Whereas the Covington story is puzzling, the new ad campaign from Gillette is bizarre. In the advertisement, this company that sells grooming products for men takes the obvious position that bullying and sexual harassment are wrong, and then proceeds to offer some suggestions for proper conduct according to their standards. After giving up the two minutes, which I will never get back, to watch this ad I too find myself asking "is this the best a man can get?".

When news outlets and grooming companies offer morality lessons something is clearly amiss. While this may make them insufferable to watch, it seems they are struggling to fill a void. At the first organizational meeting for this fraternal year, we were given some statistics on how Americans are less religious than just 10 years ago. As more and more turn away from the Lord, is it a surprise they will turn to their own devices?

After reflecting on this, I am especially thankful for our brother Knights and for all your efforts to put our faith into action. To the extent that our culture at large and men specifically seem to need direction, the Knights of Columbus consistently find ways to be exactly what our country, what this world so desperately needs. Good. Catholic. Gentlemen.

Vivat Jesus,
James Valenzuela, Grand Knight

January Business Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was opened by praying a decade of the rosary.
- One new membership application and one transfer application were approved.
- The Grand Knight reported on the Virginia State mid-year meeting, which stressed the importance of new members.
- The Treasurer's report was not available; the Financial Secretary reported that funds had been deposited and that there were no outstanding bills. Collection of 2019 dues is proceeding OK.
- Thank you notes were received from several charities for recent charitable donations.
- The Scholarship Committee is meeting regularly; deadline for Canfield Scholarships is March 31.
- The annual Super Bowl party will be held Sunday February 3 at the Council Home.
- KCIC had a successful campaign again this year; nearly \$2000 in sales was recorded.
- St. Elias has requested assistance with a lighting project; an assessment will be made on January 12.
- The ultrasound and baby bottle campaign for Blue Ridge Women's center was announced.
- A request was made by the fellowship committee at OLN to assist with hosting of the Mardi Gras party on March 5.
- Al Bertolacci was elected treasurer by unanimous ballot.
- A resolution to recommend Mike Lazzuri as delegate to the Supreme Convention was introduced.
- A contribution of \$500 for the State Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on February 2 was approved.
- The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held April 27 in Richmond; the next meeting of Roanoke Assembly 1167 will be held on January 28 in Lexington.
- A thank you was received from the Field Agent for support of the December open house at OLN.
- The District Deputy reported:
 - Prayers with Bishops on Tuesday, February 12.
 - Marshalls needed for March for Life on Friday, January 18.
 - Golf Ball drop on Saturday, May 3.
- Remember those sick and in distress:
 - Jean Stump—recently hospitalized with bleeding ulcer.
 - BK Fred Ellis—deceased
 - James Valenzuela mother-in-law sick

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Ultrasound Drive & Baby Bottle Campaign



The Roanoke Council is teaming up with the OLN Respect Life Committee to host a fund raising campaign. We will collect the baby bottles after all the masses at OLN on the weekend of February 2-3. Knights who attend Mass at OLN are asked to help after their Mass. In addition to collecting baby bottles to help fund the Blue Ridge Women's Center, we will also be handing out donation envelopes to those who want to help the Knights raise money for a portable ultrasound machine.

Keep Christ in Christmas



Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas card sales for 2018 have been very successful—nearly \$2000 in sales. Thanks to all Brother Knights who participated in this annual event:

Shawn Marshall, Mike Herron, Paul Yengst, David Bowers, PJ Lyons, Mike Lazzuri, Roger Vest, Chuck Hatcher, Joe Davis, Stephen Ratliff, John Krumpas, Rich Whitney, Joe Moses, Richard Waddell.

Profits are used to fund college scholarships, support seminarians, and contribute to critical right-to-life endeavors.

Corporation Needs Our Help

The Olympic Park Holdings, Inc. (formerly Roanoke Knights, Inc.) is in need of a treasurer to write checks for, and reconcile the bank account of, the pool. If you can help with this, please call Joe Abbetello, 540-989-6146

Church Events

We are still trying to schedule our annual 'pancake' breakfasts with the pastors at St. Andrew and at Our Lady of Nazareth. In addition we would like to host a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Andrew and a Friday fish fry at OLN before or after Lent to raise funds to purchase a portable ultrasound instrument for the Blue Ridge Women's Center. Please Watch the Weekly Update carefully as we will move quickly on these events when we are given permission.

February Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with February birthdays:

1-Feb	Eugene Jones
1-Feb	Patrick Minahan
2-Feb	Kevin Legge
4-Feb	Daniel Lafaro
4-Feb	Jamie Elliott
5-Feb	Valentino Sartini
5-Feb	Randal Gatzke
5-Feb	Gustavo Esperanza
7-Feb	James D'Alelio
8-Feb	Paul Miller
11-Feb	Andrew Ickes
12-Feb	Jack Liddy
12-Feb	George Cuadrado
15-Feb	Christopher Lazzuri
15-Feb	Oliver Thorum
16-Feb	Patrick Reidy
24-Feb	Harvey Largen
25-Feb	William Boucher
26-Feb	Bradley McDivitt
28-Feb	Timothy Rowe



Knights of Columbus Scholarships



COUNCIL (Scholarships

provided by our Knights of Columbus Council here in Roanoke) Our own Roanoke 562

Council has the Albert H. Canfield Scholarship. An applicant, to be considered, must be a member of Council 562, the wife of a member, or the legally recognized child of a member provided that the member is in good standing, or if deceased, was in good standing at the time of death. Applications will be considered based on past academic performance, financial need, and a demonstrated dedication to service in the community and/or church. All applications must be received by April 1st and must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's most recent transcript (transcript does not have to be an official copy). Applications received after the cut-off date or applications received incomplete will not be considered. Applications can be found on the Council's website at : <http://www.kofc562.org/canfield/> .

STATE (Scholarships through the Knights of Columbus in the Virginia Commonwealth)

The Virginia Council of the Knights of Columbus has a scholarship called the Father Bader Scholarship. The program offers need-based scholarships for Knights and also their wives and widows of Knights. This award has been extended to include grandchildren of Knights. It also offers scholarship aid to graduating high school seniors who are children of Virginia Knights in good standing. Information can be found at: <https://vakofc.org/programs/fr-bader-scholarship/> and applications are accepted from Jan 1 – March 31.

SUPREME (Scholarships through the National Office)

There are numerous college scholarships that Supreme either funds or operates in trust. They include grants in the areas of teaching, financial need, relatives of Veterans, or attendance at a catholic college or university. They can be renewed for a total of 4 years. Applications are available at www.kofc.org after Oct 1st and are due by March 1st. Please contact Leon Vinci if you have any problem finding these.

Remember to check each Website for specifics on eligibility, updates, and changes

March for Life



The St. Andrew's Right-To-Life group and the Roanoke-40-Days-for-Life group thank Council 562 for their generous donation of \$700 towards the bus rental for the trip to the 'March for Life 2019' in Washington D.C. It was a great trip and a grand day and the bus was full with folks from a number of churches from Roanoke and nearby areas.

The KofC is the major financial supporter of the March for Life which just concluded its 46th year. There were many tens of thousands of pro-lifers in attendance from all over this country. Many, many young people come to the March every year and their vigor and enthusiasm is infectious.

The speakers were very good, Vice President Pence made a personal appearance. President Trump addressed the crowd from the Mega Screen. Ben Shapiro gave a fiery summation of the falseness of the "pro-choice" canards. The theme of the March this year is that Science proves life in the womb is human from conception.

The bus trip was happily enhanced by the presence of 5 Knights from 562. John Krumpas, Mike Lazzuri and Brian Ripple served as marshals for the March and were rewarded with Memorial caps and a very close proximity to the Vice President as he addressed the crowd. Knights Larry Thompson and Shawn Marshall also joined the group on the bus.

Right-to-Life is a primary KofC focus and support for the March, since we live so near, seems a worthy endeavor, worthy Knights. Perhaps a few more Knights will join the March in 2020, we hope and pray.

40 Days for Life Begins Ash Wednesday Mar.6



FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY



The second notices for 2019 Annual dues have been mailed. If you have not paid your dues please try to do so as soon as possible. If you have already paid your dues you should have received your 2019 membership card unless your check has not been received at the Council mail box. If you have questions about your dues or issues that are preventing your payment, please call me at 540-797-1703 or 540-774-8482. My email address is pgk562@aol.com if you prefer to communicate by email. If you have not received your 2019 membership card, please contact me as well.

If you are aware of a different address for the following members, please let me know as their mail is being returned by the post office.

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- Jack T. Liddy -- 1496 Etzler Rd -- Troutville, VA 24175-6251
- Sonny S. Cruz -- 3025 Ashwood Cir. NE Apt 182 -- Roanoke, VA 24012-6370

Feast of Life

Join us for a musical feast! In this musical by Marty Haugen, a diverse group of adults and children from around the Roanoke area gather around a banquet table to retell the parables in Luke's Gospel. The group tells and sings of "The Good Samaritan," "The Prodigal Son," "The Journey to Emmaus," and other well known parables, as well as the birth and the Passion of Jesus.

Directed by Brother Knight, Dan Keeley
Choreographed by Tess Post

Free Admission. Love Offering for RAM House & Presbyterian Community Center

March 1- 7:30 PM
March 2- 2:00 PM, 7:30 PM
March 3-3:00 PM

Questions? Call 774-0066 for more information; see also P6. Thank you!

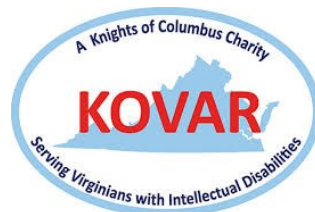
Annual Super Bowl Party



Our annual Super Bowl Party is on Sunday, Feb. 3rd at the Home beginning at 5:30 PM. There is no charge, but you are asked to either bring your favorite tailgate food to share, or bring your favorite chili recipe and participate in our Chili Competition. This event is open to all, so invite your neighbors and friends to join you to watch the game on our monster TV screen.



KOVAR Night at Abuelo's

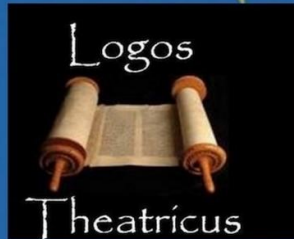


Tuesday, Feb. 12th – KOVAR Night at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. Help raise money for the Intellectually Disabled by dinning out! Bring your extended family, friends, and members of your parish.



The Feast of Life

Stories from the Gospel of Luke



Friday, March 1- 7:30pm
Saturday, March 2- 2pm, 7:30pm
Sunday, March 3- 3pm



***Free Admission**
***Love Offerings Accepted**
***Proceeds to benefit RAM House & Presbyterian Community Center**

For More Information Call: 540-774-0066



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