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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



Sir Knights,

The January 21st March for Life in Washington, DC was an awesome event. Temperatures hovered around 20 degrees; never above freezing as organizers, Virginia Knights of Columbus Marshals (approximately 80) and thousands of supporters from all over our Nation gathered to show growing sentiment against the Roe vs Wade. The decision needs to be overturned and this may be the year as many believe it should not be a Federal Law but decided at the state level. The March occurs near the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs Wade decision making abortion legal. March for Life President Jeanne Mancini said "Roe is not settled law", and the crowd was in agreement. There is a growing number of congressmen and Americans who agree that the law should be overturned.

I would like to thank SK Thom Harrington for taking charge of the Marshals for the Parade and to thank many for coming out for 8+ hours in the freezing temperatures. From the Bishop J. Louis Flaherty Assembly our Marshals included:

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| - SK Thom Harrington | - SK John Masarick | - SK Louie Sheffield | - SK Tom Mehr |
| - SK Tim Lamb | - SK Jeff Vallimont | - SK Roni Lopez | - SK Chris Sozio |
| - SK Pat Linehan | - SK Richard Alldredge | - SK Tom Masarick | |

And thanks to all the others who watched it virtually. Also thanks to SK J.P. McCusker for the use of his truck to carry flags and other necessary equipment to support the event.

Our Evening with Zac was a great event that was enjoyed by all—thanks to everyone who made it such a success!!

Here are some events that are coming up and we need your support:

-Sub-Sale – February 11-13th

-Pilgrimage – February 26th a joint event with George Brent Council and the Assembly.

-Bingo Kitchen #3 – The first Sunday of every month 3 volunteers are needed to support this operation. See me if you are interested in volunteering.

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DEACON BRIAN'S REFLECTION

My brother Sir Knights,

I did not attend the March for Life this year. I'm at an age now that I can use it as an excuse for any number of things. And it was bitter cold to boot! Nevertheless, thousands did attend and as I listened to the talks and watched the march on TV I was very heartened by the strength and perseverance of our Catholic witness. My son came down from NYC with his and his wife and baby boy to march. They joined countless numbers of other young families and youth whom we should all be grateful to for continuing the fight and for not buying into the pressures and lies of today's society that would have them believe that life before birth is no life at all. They are today's obstacle to a secular philosophy that would have them surrender all sense of the divine and of the humanity of a child in the womb. Each is a unique person from that moment of conception and whose existence will long survive this life, for they, like all of us, have been created for eternity and they will not be denied because of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

EWTN had a reporter moving among the marchers asking their reaction and thoughts about the day's event. One she briefly interviewed was Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Patrick Kelly. Supreme Knight Kelly noted that the Knights of Columbus were proud to have been among the original organizers of the March for Life 49 years ago, and have participated every year since. But it was a particular comment of his that struck me as one that could stand as a motto of the Knight of Columbus alongside that of "In service to one, in service to all." He said being a Knight is "to sacrifice for others." Can there be a higher calling?

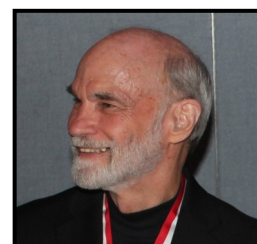
"To sacrifice for others" is, of course, precisely what Jesus did for all humanity; the spotless lamb who became the Lamb of God sacrificed for our salvation, the ultimate sin offering. But what does it mean for us to say, as the Supreme Knight noted, that being a Knight is "to sacrifice for others." We might say it is simply putting the needs of others first. It is being generous with our time and treasure for the good of others. The four pillars of the order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism all imply sacrifice for others.

Consider that we live in one of the most prosperous and highly educated nations on earth. In that regard we are both blessed and highly privileged. But, as we are well aware, prosperity and higher education have not always produced social contentment or justice.

Privilege can cut two ways. Privilege can engender a sense of superiority and aloofness, or it can arouse a deep sense of humility. A Knight understands that the privilege we enjoy in the gift of our Catholic faith, and the privilege we enjoy as citizens of this great country, are themselves gifts from God. We do not disparage our flag or attack the institutions of government as some in our society have done. We do, on the other hand, peacefully and earnestly seek to overturn unjust laws. With humility we recognize we are but stewards of the privileges we enjoy, actively using them for common good. This too, in a phrase, is "to sacrifice for others."

Blessed Father Michael McGivney, Pray for us.

Deacon Brian



LADIES OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Ladies,

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter). February has two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.



We all had a wonderful Evening with Zac. We sang Happy Birthday to Christine who had just turned 87. Thank you to Gillian, Janet, Patti and Sue for helping to set up of the hall in a Mardi Gras themed evening. The bountiful table of appetizers was provided by Ellie, Gillian, Patti & Donna. We had four wonderful baskets to raffle off for this year's charities. Thank you all so very much to all who created and donated to the baskets.

- Game Night Basket by Janet Masarick, Sue Masarick and Tuxa Sousa was won by Marie Cecil.
- Handmade/Homemade Basket by Mary Jo Mehr and Patti Sheffield was won by Mackenzie Dajani.
- Sugar & Spice Basket by Peggy Fox and Donna McDonald was won by Joe Novak.
- Warm-Up with Your Sweetie Basket by Teresa Post and Connie Murray was won by Brandon Geene.

May you and your families be blessed with happiness and warmth during this very chilly time of the year.

Donna

Next Meeting
February 28, 2022
Hope to see you there!

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EVENING WITH ZAC



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DEFENDING LIFE DAY

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FEBRUARY 9, 2022 | CAPITOL IN RICHMOND

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On behalf of the Virginia Catholic Conference, the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, and Virginia Society for Human Life you are invited to the first annual Virginia Defending Life Day on February 9, 2022!

On this day, pro-life Virginians will come together in Richmond to meet directly with their legislators to encourage them to defend human life from the moment of conception to natural death. The goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth in order to advocate on behalf of the unborn.

The host organizations will gather pro-life constituents (that's you!) in the morning at the Richmond Convention Center to organize advocacy teams, receive guidance for meeting with members, and gain inspiration from pro-life leaders. District groups will then walk over to their legislators' offices to meet with Senators and Members of the House of Delegates.

Your personal presence is vital. Not only can your voice powerfully support pro-life members of the General Assembly, but also encourage those who have voted against pro-life bills in the past to reconsider their views. We need our legislators to see we are engaged and expect to see them pass life-affirming legislation.

Talking points, legislative updates and tips for effective advocacy will be provided by the organizers to make your constituent meetings easy and successful. Please join us!

To learn more details about Defending Life Day, please visit VAProLifeDay.org

MARCH FOR LIFE

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, led the AMS delegation through the heart of the nation's capital in sub-freezing temperatures. The peaceful, demonstration in defense of human life was joined by tens of thousands on the one-mile route from the Washington Monument to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion was handed down 49 years ago Saturday. The theme of March for Life 2022 was "Equality Begins in the Womb."

Just before the march, in his homily at the daily noon Mass in the main chapel of the Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center, Archbishop Broglio reminded marchers a strong prayer life must feed outward demonstrations of witness to the Gospel. He borrowed from Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) the analogy of a reservoir:

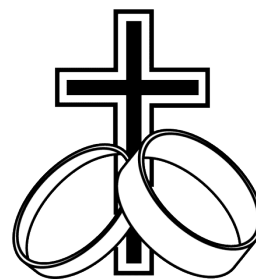
"We fill up with Christ so that we are in a position to share of our abundance. The reservoir retains water until it is filled and then discharges the overflow without loss to itself. We depend on reservoirs for our water supply and in times of trouble there is no water if it has not been stored. There is no ability to announce the truth if we have not spent time with the Lord, been nourished by His word, and strengthened in sacrament. We cannot get up and march if we are not filled up with Jesus Christ and a desire to share His life with others. We cannot teach if we do not draw the fullness of the Gospel of Life."

Having spent time with the Lord at Holy Mass, Archbishop Broglio noted, "We will go forward to give witness to our faith and proclaim the dignity of human life."

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY	
FEBRUARY 1	MARGE & CHARLIE GROOM
FEBRUARY 1	KELLIE & SCOTT ROSS
FEBRUARY 1	PATTY & MIKE TRACY
FEBRUARY 2	JENNY & JOHN HAGEN
FEBRUARY 6	LYNETTE & DAN MASARICK
FEBRUARY 14	LAURA & KEVIN GIMLETT
FEBRUARY 16	BARBARA & RAY GENDRON
FEBRUARY 20	BETTY & JIM CANNON
FEBRUARY 20	CHERYL & DAVE MART
FEBRUARY 20	MARGARET & CHARLIE ORAMA
FEBRUARY 26	LINDA & KEVIN GERKEN
FEBRUARY 26	LINDA & DOMINIC PRESTON

MARCH	
MARCH 5	DEISI & SANTIAGO GARCIA
MARCH 6	TES & STOSH STASIUK
MARCH 8	DELIA & RAMON ECLAVEA
MARCH 8	HYESUK & FREDERICK PUTHOFF
MARCH 16	ANN & JACK SOUTHARD
MARCH 17	TERRI & BERNIE MALLON
MARCH 20	BLANCHE & FRANCIS EARHARDT



Happy Anniversary

A special Mass will be offered once every month for all married couples of Bishop Flaherty Assembly. We will not be mailing out individual wedding anniversary cards at the present time.

ASSEMBLY AWARD PRESENTATIONS



SK Harry Post, PFN, being presented with the Civic Award for fraternal year 2020-2021.



SK Thom Harrington being presented with Sir Knight of the Month award for the month of January.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following recently deceased:

Katie Hamilton, niece of Sir Knights John, Tom & Dan Masarick

Irene De Furia Dippold, sister of Sir Knight Guy De Furia

Delores Arseneault, Aunt of Sir Knight Joe Arseneault

Maria Leticia (Letty) Townsend, sister-in-law of Sir Knight Thom Harrington

Sir Knight Darryl K. Daudet

Daniel Corrigan, brother of Sir Knight Dennis Corrigan

Elaine Smith, mother of Sir Knight Tim Smith

Renato & Ines Sozio, grandparents of Sir Knight Chris Sozio

Sir Knight James A. Sojka

Sir Knight William Joseph Cahill

Fr. James R. Shelton—Bishop Flaherty Assembly Faithful Friar



Please pray for our military and civilian service personnel serving in harm's way, especially the following young men and women who are part of our Assembly family:



LT Jennifer Cahill, USN

Michael Gibson, USN

Steven Gibson, USN

SSgt Thomas Grimes

CPT James Mehr, USA

CPT Sarah Mehr, USA

SSG Steven Mehr, USA

A1C Michael Schiesl

1SG Mark Verry, USA

Please remember in prayer all our brother Sir Knights, family members and loved ones who are in need of our prayers, especially the following:

Agnes & Rich Aleksy

Larry & Carol Baer

Ken & Vickie Ball

Judy Bolton

Denise Buckreis

RJ & Mary Burns

Sandy Cahill

Maureen Terza Campbell

Amor & Ramon Carag

Mike Carta

Tony Corbo

Dennis & Celeste Corrigan

Carmen & Audreenia DeFranks

Rick & Mia Eisenbart

George & Josephine Fontaine

Agustin E Garcia

Deacon Ralph Goldsmith

Bob Gregory

David Jacobeen

Greg Kendle

Anne Knowles

Beverly Little

Mike & Judith Marshall

Dan & Lynette Masarick

Sonia McKenzie

Sam Nealey

Casimir Nuar

Noreen Reynolds

Marie Riley

Patricia Townsend

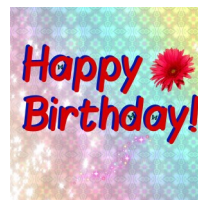
Deacon Jim Van de Voorde

Bob & Carol Weaver

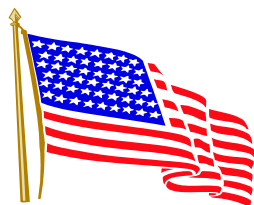


FEBRUARY SIR KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

Greg Alberti	Aldwin Estrellado	Tim Lamb	Sherman Patrick	Matt Worrick
Steven Bergquist	Agustin Garcia	Michael Masci	Harold Post	Bill Yochem
Bryan Blank	Leonardo Garcia	Tim Mayer	Don Reed	
Francis Brenner	Bryan Hall	J. P. McCusker	Louie Sheffield	
Jean-Loup Combemale	William Harnish	Michael Morris	Adam Simmons	
Richard Erikson	David Jacobeen	Doug Morrison	Larry Stangl	



AMERICAN FLAG DRAWING



Each month at the Assembly meeting we hold a drawing for a U.S. flag. All that is required for each Sir Knight in attendance at the meeting is to sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting and be present at the time of the drawing at the end of the meeting. This is a FREE drawing for every Sir Knight to participate in.

January Flag Raffle Winner--S.K. Matt Carroll

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T ATTEND OUR MEETINGS!!

2021-2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Meeting - Dinners	SK Dave Riley
Meeting-Bar	SK Jerry Little
Meeting-Raffle	SK John Oliver
Meeting-Patriotic Report	SK Thom Harrington
Sub Sales	SK Louie Sheffield
Newsletter	SK Matt Carroll
Anniversary Card Program	SK Matt Carroll
Get Well/Sympathy Cards	SK Carlos Sousa
Chalice Team Captain	SK Tom Mehr
Birmingham Green Bingo	SK Jim Reynolds
Essay Contest	SKs Dave Farmer/Greg Murray
Wreaths Across America	SK Harry Post
PFN Dinner	FN Tom Masarick
Aquia Rosary	SK Jim Reynolds
Exemplification – Hospitality Room	N/A
Veterans Day Parade and Dinner	SK Russ Keating
Christmas Parade and Breakfast	SK Carlos Sousa/Donna McDonald
Evening with Zac	SK Dick Quintana
Religious Freedom Day-Fredericksburg	SK Thom Harrington
St. Patrick's Day Parade & Lunch	FN Tom Masarick
BBQ Dinner	SK Roger Loy
Memorial Day Wreath Laying	SKs Carlos Sousa/Greg Murray

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR 2021-2022 as of January 31, 2022

FEBRUARY

TBD (Bill Gaynord)	Liability Insurance Proof of Insurance due to State Advocate
Friday-Sunday, February 11-13	Sub Sale #3 Preparation and Sub Sales (Super Bowl Sunday)
Thursday, February 17	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, February 25 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Saturday, February 26	Pilgrimage w/George Brent Council (Check with Fr. Lee on place and buses)
Monday, February 28	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

MARCH

Friday, March 4	1 st Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday, March 5	Spring Quarterly Meeting and KOVAR Annual Meeting - - Fairfax, VA.
Saturday, March 12	St. Patrick's Day Parade-Manassas (Color Corps Needed) George Brent Council St. Patrick's Day Dinner Biannual Meeting
Saturday, March 12	Biannual Meeting
Wednesday, March 16	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45 pm
Thursday, March 17	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, March 18	2 nd Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 25	3 rd Lenten Fish Fry
Friday-Sunday, March 25-27	Sub Sale #4 Preparation and Sub Sales (March Madness)
Friday, March 25 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, March 28	BFA Meeting (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

APRIL

	Publication of committee nominations for election
TBD	USMC Museum Trip/ Charity Service Project
TBD	Spring Exemplification
Friday, April 1	4 th Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, April 8	5 th Lenten Fish Fry
Thursday, April 21	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, April 22 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Friday-Saturday, April 29-30	Parish Festival
Monday, April 25	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
Friday, April 29	Submit To Be a Patriot (Form TBP-1) to Master.

MAY

Friday-Sunday, May 13-15	Sub Sale #5 Preparation and Sub Sales (coincides with Blood Drive)
Thursday, May 19	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Friday, May 20	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, May 23	BFA Meeting-Elections (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day Wreath Laying 9:30 am Manassas, open to the public

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JUNE	
TBD	All Saints School Graduation, Presentation of Essay Awards (All Saints, SKD, Holy Trinity)
Monday, June 13	Flag Day: Presentation of Colors, Serve our Willing Warriors/ Haymarket, VA (Color Corps Needed)
Wednesday, June 15	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45 pm
Thursday, June 16	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, June 24	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, June 27	BFA Meeting w/Ladies and Awards Night/ Dinner

VIRGINIA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

During each even numbered year the Virginia District Assembly meets in March or April for its biennial meeting. Our Assembly must elect delegates who will attend the Virginia District Biennial Meeting to represent our Assembly. This is official notice that the election will be held at the February 28, 2022 meeting of our Assembly. If you would like to represent the Assembly as a delegate, please arrange to have yourself nominated. The meeting this year will be March 12th. The Navigator is automatically a delegate. In addition to electing one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof (3 total), we will elect alternates for each delegate, including the Navigator (4 total).

ASSEMBLY NOTICES

SUB SALE—Our third sub sale of the fraternal year will be held on the weekend of the Super Bowl--February 12-13. Watch for emails coming out soon regarding the making and selling of the subs. Since Brother Knights and their families are our best customers, kindly reserve some subs for you and yours today! Contact sub sale chairman Louis Sheffield (Louis.Sheffield.KofC@gmail.com) for information on how to do this.

ASSEMBLY DUES—Assembly dues are assessed at \$25 on a calendar year basis (January 1—December 31) and are separate from Council dues. Assembly dues notices for 2022 were sent out by e-mail on November 20. Hard copies of unpaid dues notices for the 2022 calendar year were mailed out in December. PayPal is again a payment option. Details on this payment method was sent out along with the dues notices. Prompt payment is appreciated as dues are currently the major source of income for the Assembly.

OFFICIAL DRESS UNIFORM—Bishop Flaherty Assembly has established a Uniform Fund which will subsidize a portion of the cost for buying the new Fourth Degree uniform. This Uniform Fund is administered by the Trustees of our Assembly and funds are distributed based on need and availability of funds. Please contact any of our Trustees OR Faithful Navigator for details about this program. The Supply Room is the new distributor for the Fourth Degree Dress Uniform. They are a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford, Alabama. They have been in business for over 37 years serving all branches of our armed forces. Orders may be placed at www.kofcuniform.com.

NEXT NEWSLETTER—Submissions for the March 2022 Newsletter are due to the editor no later than Thursday February 24, 2022.

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