

# The Knightly News

COUNCIL 4522

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## Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL 2025

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Officer's Meeting 7:30 PM - ZOOM  
 Sat/Sun, April 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> - Membership Drive, All Masses at QofA  
 Sat/Sun, April 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> - KOVAR Collections, All Masses at QofA  
 Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – General Business Meeting – 7:30 PM (Rosary @ 7:00 PM)  
 Council Hall, Guadalupe Center, Queen of Apostles Campus  
 Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
 Hannan Hall, QofA 8:45 – 10:15 AM  
 Every Saturday morning @ 2:00 AM – Our Council's Adoration Hour  
 Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday**

### Grand Knight's Message

I would like to start by expressing my sincere gratitude to all the members who supported and participated in the fish fry activity. I am truly humbled to see everyone who served and those who came to enjoy the food. It was wonderful to see all the brothers at the fish fry. Thank you for making it a memorable event!

Dear members of the Pope John Paul II Council 4522, I want to express my concerns about our Council. As many of you may agree, we are facing challenges in filling officer and director positions, which has impacted attendance at our meetings and participation in our programs.

This issue has persisted for several years now. I understand that some of us may not be interested in attending Council meetings every month, but I encourage everyone to aim for quarterly attendance.

Unfortunately, we are not even reaching that goal. The participation rate has been so low that we often struggle to meet quorum for voting. Let's work together to improve our attendance and engagement in the Council.

When we organize programs, it often happens that only the members who attend meetings participate in the activities. For instance, we face challenges in filling the adoration hours, resulting in the same few members covering those shifts. We scheduled a retreat, but only about six members attended. Currently, we are struggling to fill the offices in the Council. According to the bylaws of the Order, if we are

unable to fill these offices, we cannot have a functioning Council.

Every other council that has separated from the original council is establishing a strong parish council, while the original council is struggling. What can we do to increase our members in 4522; interest in the council, and are there things we should stop doing? Do we want the council associated with the most beautiful parish in the diocese to close?

We need to come together to build up and strengthen our Council. Council 4522 has a lot to offer. We have the support of our pastor and parochial vicar. We could be one of the most exciting Councils in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is important that we not allow this Council to be closed.

Let me use this opportunity to remind us of the next fish fry on Friday, April 11, 2025. The officers and directors' meeting on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the business meeting on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, PFN, FDD

### Knight of the Month

The Council is proud to "knight" our WDGK Rick Sacra as this month's Knight of the Month. SK Rick once again stepped up to plan, shop, execute, and "cook the fish" at the first of our two annual fish fries! DGK Rick's leadership, direction and cooking skills certainly were instrumental in leading the Council to another extremely successful fish fry. WDGK Rick, thank you and God bless you for **all** your Council efforts!!

**2025/2026 Council 4522 Officer Nominations**

Each Officer position is vitally important in efficiently running the Council, developing fundraisers, identifying ways the Council can assist the parish and the community, and growing the faith in one another.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brothers are strongly encouraged to consider running for a position or nominating a qualified Brother for one (NOTE: Any such nomination should be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for).

Worthy Trustee Dan Penrose [dpenrose@engineer.com](mailto:dpenrose@engineer.com) is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and is being assisted by FS Roger Williams [sbrog11@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrog11@yahoo.com). If you are interested in running for a position or want to know what is involved before committing to a position, please contact a committee member or any one of the sitting Officers—as soon as possible. In accordance with Article VIII of the revised Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will submit its report to the Members during the May Council Meeting for the Fraternal Year 2025 to 2026, which begins July 1, 2025.

**Please note – Election Date:** The Council will conduct its annual election of officers during the regular June General Business Meeting (June 11<sup>th</sup>) under New Business.

Be advised that nominations MAY be made from the floor the night of the election. It is highly recommended that any such nominations be discussed with the potential candidate(s) to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination and carry out the duties of the office they are being nominated for before the actual elections begin.

**Positions are as follows** (those already registered interest in the position in *italics*) :

- Grand Knight SK Richard Sacra
- Deputy Grand Knight Vacant
- Chancellor Vacant
- Recording Secretary Brother John Cosgayon
- Treasurer Brother Tuan Ngyuen
- Warden SK Robert Lavelle
- Advocate SK Edward (Sonny) Masso
- Inside Guard Vacant
- Outside Guard Vacant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
- Past Grand Knight Delegate SK Patrick Okoronkwo, GK, PFN, PDD

**Our Personal Holy Hour – Adoration**



As many of you know, we Knights have the Friday night/Saturday morning 2:00 AM – 3:00 AM time period for Adoration. By God’s grace and Bl. Fr.

McGivney’s help, we are now up to seven! I’d like to invite even more brothers to heroically sacrifice and spend time with our Lord. If we get enough Knights to answer the call, we can maybe schedule two at a time! This is a wonderful opportunity to support our Parish, and to be in sacred silence with our Lord. Please contact John Cosgayon at [jncos95@outlook.com](mailto:jncos95@outlook.com) if you’re interested or have questions.

**Saturday Men’s Encounter – April 12, 2025**

Every month, we will be having a monthly Queen of Apostles Men’s Saturday Encounter! Currently, we are journeying through the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, hosted by our Chaplain, Fr. Alexander Diaz. Each session begins at 8:45 AM. They last approximately 90 minutes. Sessions are held in Hannan Hall. We prayerful request your participation. Light refreshments are served. Please contact John Cosgayon at [jncos95@outlook.com](mailto:jncos95@outlook.com) if you’re interested or have questions.

**The QUEEN’S Cup GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SAVE THE DATE – MAY 15, 2025**

Calling ALL Golfers—Pros and Hacks alike! Gather up your foursome or sign up and we’ll pair you up with other friends of Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Queen of Apostles Catholic School and Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Knights.

This is our THIRD ANNUAL Queen’s Cup! To be held at beautiful Westfield’s Golf Club in Clifton, VA. Members of all three organizations have been working hard all winter in preparation to bring you a high-quality, memorable event—now, all we need is YOU!

A beginner? No problem! Haven’t played in years? No problem! We’re looking to have a great time, enjoy a great walk in the woods (hopefully not too often), and support these three worthy institutions.

See the attached flyers for registration or sponsorship opportunities. OR simply sign up, right here, right now!

<https://queenofapostles.org/queens-cup-golf-tournament/>

Have a small business or a business looking for some great exposure? Consider signing up for one of the many available sponsorships! Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Contact Worthy Financial Secretary, Roger Williams at (703) 629-3239 for more information!

**A Note from our Lecturer:**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another.”

In our faith journeys, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, we generally focus on mortal sin. During these last three weeks of the Lenten season, let us examine the attributes above, including the venial sins, to attempt as closely as possible to perfect ourselves within the tenants of Galatians. And remember, we have so many tools to make our Lenten season a holy one.

- Prayer (Rosary, Intercessory)
- Alms (Giving money or service)
- Fasting (from Food or other)
- Adoration
- Reading the Bible

May our personal preparation for this Lenten season be as holy as the wonders of the season itself.

I wish you all a blessed remainder of Lent and success on your individual growth plans for holier lives.

God Bless you. – Sonny Masso

**40 Cans for 40 Days Effort**



Here are snapshots of the results from our 40 Cans for 40 days. Thank you to Brother Daniel Penrose and several of our fellow brother Knights who helped make this successful!



**Casey Women’s Club**

Unfortunately, we continue to deal with multiple illnesses among the membership. There are no scheduled activities until further notice. Our singular upcoming April birthday is Pat McHenry.

God Bless to all!

Gerri Owen VP

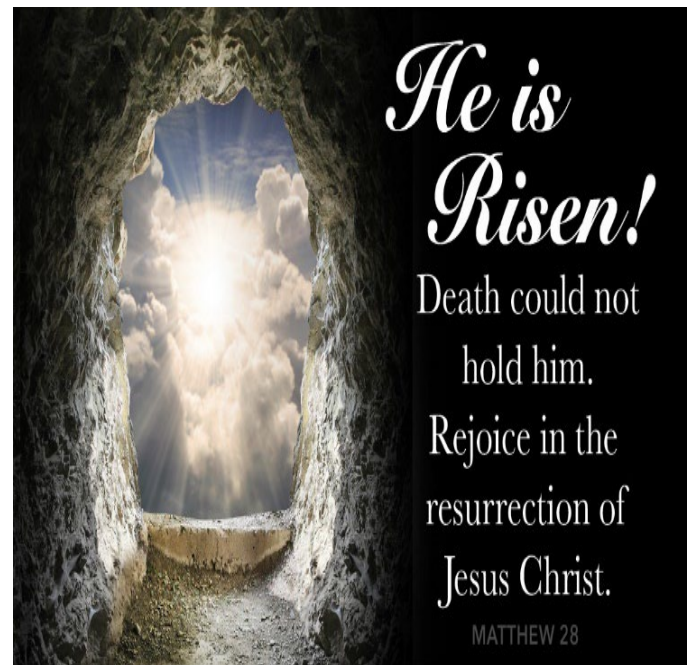
**April 2024 Birthdays**



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| Michael Lenn          | 04-02 |
| Dean F Clancy         | 04-06 |
| Stanley J Radzevicius | 04-07 |
| David A Brown         | 04-10 |
| Ramon S Sarmiento     | 04-10 |
| Jack N Kodrich        | 04-12 |
| Richard E Pompei      | 04-15 |
| Sean M Hurley         | 04-26 |
| James Thomas Moore    | 04-26 |
| Bennett Clifford      | 04-29 |

**Reminder**

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**The submission deadline for the May Newsletter is April 20<sup>th</sup>**

MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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