

## Navigator's Log



# Potomac Assembly # 2204 Comprised of Knights of Columbus Councils 459 Fitzgerald 5998 Mount Vernon, and 11170 Fort Belvoir

Includes The Basilica of Saint Mary, Saint Joseph's, Saint Louis, Good Shepherd, and Fort Belvoir Catholic Parishes

## January 2021



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

(We are in Phase III as directed by the Virginia Governor)

Month/		
DAY OF WEEK	DATE	<u>EVENT</u>
January 2021		
SATURDAY	2	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998
TUESDAY	19	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm
Monday	25	KNIGHTING CEREMONY AND RENEWAL OF OBLIGATIONS AT 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 2021		
SATURDAY	6	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT GOOD SHEPHERD AND ZOOM
Monday	15	No President's Day Parade Alexandria City
TUESDAY	16	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm
Monday	22	BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00 PM
March 2021		
SATURDAY	6	PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT 5998
SATURDAY	13	St. Patrick's Day Parade Alexandria City at 11:00 am?
TUESDAY	16	Officers Meeting at 7:00 pm
Monday	22	Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

Please keep our Faithful Comptroller SK Kevin Palgutt (703) 590-2197 updated on your status; Kevin.palgutt@gmail.com. Send e-mail to inform of any changes to your phone number, email and mailing address so that the Assembly may keep you informed of our activities, to inform you of SKs and their families that need your prayers, and to let you know of any last minute changes to our planned schedule of events.

On behalf of Potomac Assembly # 2204

#### Friar for the Assembly - Father Jeb Donelan

#### Dear Brother Knights:

In light of the Pandemic and the current political climate this past December 8<sup>th</sup> there was a headline that probably didn't make the evening news or the Saturday Evening Post, Pope Francis has dedicated this year (Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021) to St. Joseph and his 150 years as patron of the Church. The significance of this year dedicated to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is to increase our knowledge of and devotion to St. Joseph and be inspired by his humble yet powerful example as a father, husband and a "just man" of faith. As Pope Francis explains in his letter on St. Joseph, "during the Pandemic... I experienced how our lives are woven together by ordinary people, people often overlooked." And then later he relates that, "Each of us can discover in Joseph-the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence-an intercessor, a support and guide in times of trouble" (*Patris Corde*, introductory words).

It is interesting to note that there is in earnest very little we know about St. Joseph in terms of details about his life. By way of what would qualify as a biography of a person today, such as likes and dislikes, political interests, childhood experience and so fourth we just don't have any information of that kind on St. Joseph. What we do have is contained in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Matthew and the first two chapters of Luke. Yet the little we find in these chapters speaks volumes to St. Joseph being an obedient trusting man of faith and tender and loving father and husband. Joseph's greatest acts include taking Mary as his wife, the naming of the child Jesus, the flight into Egypt and raising and protecting Jesus until an unknown time of death. Outside of this we know almost nothing about Joseph.

St. Joseph would seem a great patron for any man in the Knights of Columbus. We are an organization of men from all walks of life, but for the most part most of us are not making headline news or on the cover of *Time* magazine. For the most part we are ordinary men faithfully doing our duty day in and day out. Even from our founding I imagine that the majority of the men that Fr. McGivney was trying to support were unnoticed and sometime forgotten by society, just as it seems was the case with St. Joseph. I think this year of St. Joseph can serve to connect many of us to our deeper purpose in life, even if it seems so everyday and mundane at times. Likewise, I think God is calling us at this time to deepen our prayer life and our devotion to the Mass and Sacraments. Who could get to know St. Joseph better and not be led closer to his son, Jesus (especially in the Church). I encourage each of you this coming year to take some time and get to know St Joseph.

Fraternally,

Fr. Jeb Donelan

Vivat Jesu.



### Faithful Navigator's Comments—Larry Clark

Worthy Sir Knights,

What will the year 2021 bring us? Perhaps travel to visit family members or visit a new city or a national park. We are a restless nation, the coronavirus has kept us close to home, getting out to walk for a while, saying hello to neighbors and watching a plane flying to wherever, those days will come. Have you considered making a resolution as we enter this year: Attending a weekday mass, or an hour of adoration. Pray the rosary - the Patriotic Rosary is said every first Saturday at the Mt. Vernon facility or an accommodating church. Perhaps volunteering at a shelter or delivering food -there were over 350 meals delivered at Thanksgiving from the Mt. Vernon facility, do you think that need has diminished in any manner since then? There is much you can do to assist the community which in turn contributes to your well- being.

I would like to thank all of you for your support both in the assembly and your councils. Knights are the apostolate that pastors rely on to get a program moving, they know we will do it because time after time we have done just that, let not that standard slip.

Remember that at our January meeting we will complete the Knighting program for our new members and do our Renewal of Obligations. Please join us if you are able .

YBIC, Larry Clark FN Potomac Assembly 2204 202-494-4761

#### **Wreaths Across America**

This gathering of Sir Knights was on an early Saturday morning December 12th with an arrival time of 7am. It was still dark outside and foggy but it was good to see our group. Our Leader of the truck crew was SK PGK PFN Fred Beata. Thank you for taking on the mission. We helped unload boxes of wreaths from two semi trucks. It was a good experience and physically challenging, especially on the second day with the aches. It was also a great opportunity to spend time with my worthy Sir Knights.



Left to right, SK GK Maurice Chau, SK PGK Joe Castillo, SK FN Larry Clark, SK 2PGK PFN Fred Beata, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy and,

SK PGK 2PFN Joe Tiago, our District Deputy #13.



SK 2PGK Michael Murpy and DD SK PGK 2PFN Joe Tiago.







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### **Wreaths Across America (continued)**

Left picture—DD SK PGK 2PFN Joe Tiago, and SK GK Maurice Chau













#### **Prayer List**

Please remember the following Sir Knights and their relatives in your prayers. If you know of a Brother Sir Knight or relative to be placed on the Prayer List, please notify either the FN or the NAVLOG editor. Thank you.

Pam Rubin, wife of SK FN PGK Larry Clark

SK Jim Clark

Antonio Bennet

SK PGK PFN Ray Duff

SK Freddie Flowers

SK Dutch Anderson

SK PGK Reyes Guerra

SK Jeff Petrino

SK Fred Scheuren

Father David Dufresne

Father Rich Carr

SK Carl Efiert

SK John Saikowski

SK Paul Kayanan

Kieu Dunbar wife of SK Richard Dunbar

SK PGK PFN Robert T. Reynolds

Prayers for the Soul of SK PGK PFN Tom Fahey

#### Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our brother Knights

and their relatives who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen



## Birthdays for January 2021

Alex Yadao	January 1
Jeffrey P. Petrino	January 2
Clifford C. Gates	January 3
Ernest E. Graves	January 6
Bruce G. Mersereau	January 7
Richard W. Fecher	January10
Wilson A. Del Aguila	January 11
Stephen D. Piscitelli	January 11
Steven F. Teslik	January 15
Martin F. Fadden	January 17
James M. Batchelder	January 19
John N. Lawless	January 19
Christopher J. McCormack	January 22
Paul R. Kayanan	January 25
Kevin J. Palgutt	January 25
Pablo Ruiz Rodriguez	January 25
James R. Harris	January 26
Joseph F. Guzowski	January 27
James. M. Visbeck	January 27
Christopher J. O'Connor	January 29

On behalf of Potomac Assembly # 2204, to those who were born in the Month of January

May Your Birthday be Blessed

## EVENTS AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE (We are in Phase III consistent with the Virginia Governor order.)

#### 459—Fitzgerald Council:

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
1—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am	3—Officers Meeting Father Rankin House 7 pm
2—Rosary at Abortion Facility 9 am	5—Nocturnal Adoration 9 pm-6 am
6—Officers Meeting Father Rankin House 7 pm	6—Rosary at Abortion Facility 9 am
13—Council Meeting 7:30, Rosary 7pm	10—Council Meeting 7:30, Rosary 7pm

## 5998—Mount Vernon Council - (Bingo Fridays (except Good Fri.), & first Sunday of the month except 1/1, 7/4).

January	February
2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom	3—Charity, Unity, and Fraternity 7:30pm at Good Shepherd
2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Abortion Rosary & prayer 9am-12pm	
5—Practice for Combined Degree 7pm at Chamber	6, 13, 20, 27—Spiritual Reflection 7:30am on Zoom
6—Combined Exemplification 7:30pm @ hall/social	6, 13, 20, 27—Abortion Rosary & prayer 9am-12pm
7—Ofr 6:30pm, Rosary 7:30pm, & Business Mtg 8pm	6—Vocations Fund Raiser on Zoom 7pm
9—COVID 19 Testing at Hall 8am-2pm (Cancelled)	17—Ash Wednesday
15—Social on Pro Life 6pm also on Zoom	19, 26—Fish Fry—Limited Eat-In or To Go
26—District Deputy #13 Meeting at 5998 7pm	
29—March for Life—Virtual	

#### 11170—Fort Belvoir Council:

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>			
14—Rosary for Life	11—Rosary for Life			
14—Membership Meeting	11—Membership Meeting			
21-29—Novena for Life (at home with family)	13—Our Lady of Lourdes Marian Rosary			
23/24—Announce YM/YW OY Contest-Masses/Bulletin 24—YMOY/YWOY Entries Due				
28—Officers' Business Meeting	25-28—YM/YWOY Entry Judging			
29—The March for Life Washington, D.C.	25—Officers' Business Meeting			

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