



Church of the Redeemer Council #11042, Feb., 2026

THE KNIGHT'S SCROLL



Greetings Brothers!

It has been a heavy-hearted month with the passing of brother knights. But I am always comforted by the Redeemer community and the strength of my fellow brothers in Christ. Each of you contribute in so many ways to our parish, community and Commonwealth.

As we approach Lent starting on February 18, below is Archbishop Lori's Supreme Chaplain's monthly challenge:

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has risen. Mt. 4:16

Why would anyone sit in darkness? When it is dark, we ordinarily seek a source of light so that we may see – and be seen. Unless asleep, one who remains in the dark typically wishes not to be noticed. When we immerse ourselves in unrepented sin, we effectively enter into darkness. Like Adam and Eve after the fall, we hide from God. But Jesus calls us forth into the light, inviting us to repent of our sins, so that we may embrace Christ, the light of the world, who leads us to everlasting life.

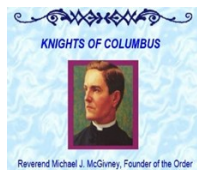
This month, I challenge you to make an examination of conscience every day – perhaps using *A Guide to Confession*, published by the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) – and to make a good confession at least once.

Questions for Reflection:

How does the daily practice of examining your conscience affect your outlook or behavior? How is a good confession akin to moving out of the darkness and into the light? In what ways can you be a better witness to the light of truth?

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Chew, Grand Knight
K of C Council 11042



Lord Jesus Christ, How often You told Your disciples and now us: "Do not be afraid: just have Faith." Dear Jesus, please deepen in us Faith, which enables us to surrender to You in body, mind, heart, and will each day, no matter what we are facing. As You deepen Faith within us, we are transformed, becoming less fearful and more trusting in Your promise to be with us always. Dear Jesus, in our daily prayer and especially during our participation in the Holy Mass and while adoring You in Your Real Presence in the tabernacle, deepen our Faith and banish our fear. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, and Blessed Michael McGivney, true models of surrendering to Faith, pray for us. K of C State Chaplain, Bishop Paul S. Loverde

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Greg Chew

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Thomas Wilson

Chaplain

Father Jim Cowles

Financial Secretary

Mike Stank

Lecturer

Rick Long

Feb. 2	Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Feb. 5	Bowling
Feb. 6, 7	Polar Plunge, see below
Feb. 10	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Feb. 12	Bowling
Feb. 14	Redeemer Royale, Valentines Day
Feb. 14, 15	Lenten Fish Fry pre-sales
Feb. 16	Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Presidents Day
Feb. 17	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Feb. 19	Bowling
Feb. 21, 22	Lenten Fish Fry pre-sales
Feb. 24	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Feb. 24	Virtual Holy Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Zoom link active at 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	Bowling
Feb. 27	Lenten Fish Fry
Mar. 2	Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Mar. 5	Bowling
Mar. 7, 8	Lenten Fish Fry pre-sales
Mar. 10	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Mar. 12	Bowling
Mar. 14, 15	Lenten Fish Fry pre-sales
Mar. 16	Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Mar. 19	Bowling
Mar. 20	Lenten Fish Fry
Mar. 24	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Mar. 26	Bowling
Mar. 29	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar. 31	Food Bank, 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Mar. 31	Virtual Holy Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Zoom link active at 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 22	Commonwealth of Virginia March for Life
May 1-3	2026 State Convention, see page 4

<https://redeemerknights.org>

Deacon Chris Colville will once again visit Virginia Beach in February to brave the icy Atlantic Ocean as part of the Virginia Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Polar Plunge; donations can be made securely at <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/fundraiser/6804917> or by leaving a check made out to the Virginia Special Olympics at the Redeemer church office.

SPOTLIGHT—Greg Lee

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Greg is the father of two daughters, Jessica Price and Rebecca Lee, and one son, Andrew Lee; he also has a granddaughter, Wren Price.

Greg attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and is an insurance regulator with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

As a Church of Redeemer parishioner, Greg serves OCIA and the music ministry, often seen singing in the choir at multiple weekend Masses.

Greg has been a member of the K of C for twenty-seven (27) years, and he is a stalwart volunteer at the Tuesday Food Bank.

Greg's hobbies include playing the guitar, singing, hiking, walking and reading both fiction and non-fiction.



MEET Steve Mohn

Born in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, Steven (Steve) Mohn and his wife Meaghan are blessed with three children: Nolan (7), Brady (5), and Josie (3).

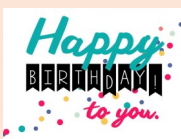
Steve attended Christopher Newport University and Virginia Commonwealth University; he now applies his professional knowledge and skill as a financial adviser at Edward Jones.

Having grown up attending the Church of the Redeemer and being a parishioner for 32 years, the parish has been a constant presence in Steve's life; with strong commitment to Faith, family and services to others, Steve is grateful for the sense of community that Redeemer now provides his family, while seeking opportunities to contribute his time and talent to

support parish families and further the mission of the church.

The values of the Church of Redeemer Knights of Columbus, where Catholic Christian men put their Faith in action, attracted Steve to join the Council to contribute to its charitable mission and help the parish community, seeking opportunities for Faith formation, parish service projects, community outreach, and supporting family-focused initiatives.

In his spare time, Steve played on the Redeemer softball team for 15 years and is currently involved coaching his children's soccer and baseball teams; he also enjoys making pizza at home, preparing the dough and sauce, continually working to perfect the final product.

 Rodney Allen Sr.; James Bean; PGK Bob Birmingham; Charlie Burch; Shawn Gross; David Jackson; Michael McCurry Sr.; Bob Nelson; Teelo Rutledge; Chris Witte; Edward Zacharias.
Sir Tom & Linda Taylor, 02-28-70; David & Cathy Berberich, 02-12-00; Joseph & April Verdelotti Jr., 02-26-00.

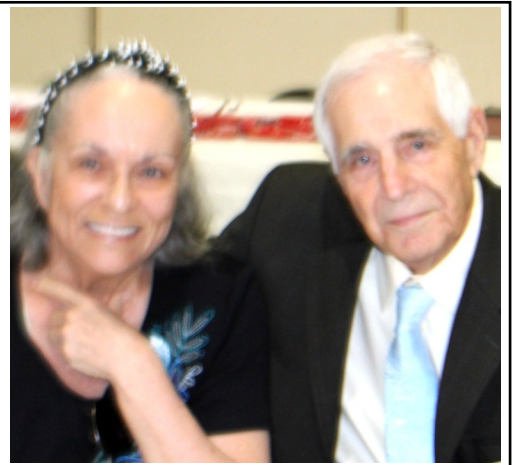


DECEMBER, 2025, AWARDS

On the left, Tim Donohue accepts the Council Knight of the Month from GK Greg Chew.

On the right, Betty and Dan Corso were named the Family of the Month.

PGK Bill Adams retained the Hard Hat while Dennis Fiore retained Prayer Warrior.



SPECIAL ELECTION

In accordance with the Church of Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council 11042 Bylaws, a special election triggered by 2025-2026 Deputy Grand Knight Matt Turek resigning from the Council was held at the January 5, 2026, membership meeting, resulting in the unanimous election of Mark Borysewicz to the office of Deputy Grand Knight and Mark Remick to the office of Chancellor.



Mark Remick (left), DGK Mark Borysewicz (right)



Matt Turek

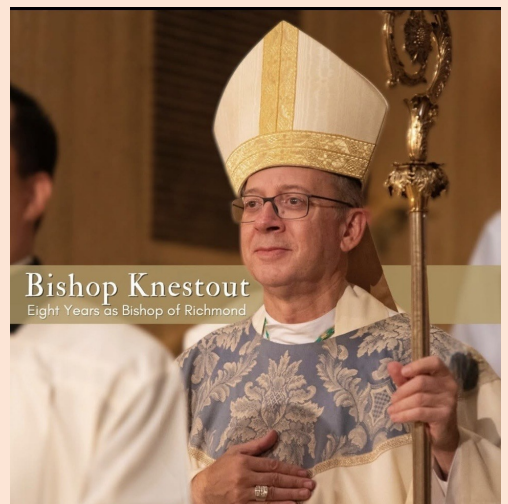
CONGRATULATIONS

The photo on the left captures DD Steve Day presenting to GK Greg Chew the Church of the Redeemer K of C Council 11042 the Columbian Award for demonstrating outstanding implementation of its service program for Fraternal Year 2024-2025.

Bishop Barry Knestout is celebrating the 8th anniversary of his installation as the bishop of the Richmond Diocese.



DD Steve Day (L), GK Greg Chew (R)



The 2026 State Convention will be held May 1-3, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herdon, VA 20171. Reservations at the Hyatt will be accepted from January 17, 2026, through April 7, 2026. Registration for the event on the State website will commence on January 17, 2026.



12-12-2023, L to R: Rick Balducci, Pat Quisenberry, Don Van Arman, Pat Davis, Ed Schmidt, Joe Massino, Greg Lee, Jeff Uerz, Maureen Uerz, Mike Bonelli, Allan Draper, Mark Condon, Chris Kirby, Ray Kirby, Dick Letter & Mark Borysewicz

The Church of the Redeemer K of C Council Food Bank ecumenical ministry with the Hanover Evangelical Friends Church (HEFC) welcomes with open arms veteran and new volunteers, who may arrive anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to help until approximately 7:15

p.m., any Tuesday of their choosing.

The need for food generally trended up in 2025, establishing a record for the number of 100+ individuals/families served one Tuesday.

Without the Church of the Redeemer knights and parishioners and friends, this ministry would close.

Join us and experience the greatest joy in the world: *helping those in need, as Christ Jesus taught us.*



Setting up for the distribution of food, a team effort

The Church of the Redeemer K of C Council 2025 Summer and Christmas Food for Kids Program received outstanding support. We thank those who made 2025 successful, donating their time, talent and/or treasure.

As we prepare for 2026, tax deductible donations continue to be accepted by checks payable to MCMA, Mechanicsville Catholic Men's Association, a 501 (c) (3) charity, noting "Food for Kids" on the memo line, mailed to PGK Tad Stilwell, MCMA treasurer, 8341 Ellerson Farm Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.



PGK Tad Stilwell's Chilli Recipe

I. Meat Preparation

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Yield 50</u>	<u>25</u>
Ground beef	20#	10#
Baking soda	9 tbsp.	4.5tbsp.
Water	2 cups	1 cup
Salt	8 tbsp.	4 tbsp.
Chili Powder	8 tbsp.	4 tbsp.

Combine ingredients thoroughly and allow to sit at room temperature for 15 minutes.

II. Vegetable Preparation

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Yield 50</u>	<u>25</u>
Bell peppers	6 @	3@
Onions	6@	3@
Garlic cloves	6@	3@
Sliced jalapenos	3 jars	1.5 jars

Sautee vegetables until "chewy," and add to meat mixture

III. Complete Preparation

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Yield 50</u>	<u>25</u>
Chili powder	16 tbsp.	8 tbsp
Cumin	16 tsp.	8 tsp.
Oregano	16 tsp.	8 tsp.
Cayenne Pepper	16 tsp.	8 tsp.
Bay leaves	16 @	8 @
Chipotle powder	16 tsp.	8 tsp.
Kidney beans (drain)	3 med. cans	1.5 med. cans
Diced tomatoes	4 med. cans	2 med. cans
Beef broth	1 qt.	½ qt.



Our Council seeks a brother to chair the 2026 Free Throw Championship to be held on March 21, 2026, Benedictine College Preparatory, 12829 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238, registration at 8:15 a.m., competition at 9:15 a.m. Please contact GK Greg Chew, 804-356-4068/gk11042@vakofc.org.

The Supreme Guide for this championship can be downloaded.

The results of district competitions will be sent to the State of Virginia K of C. District deputies will order medals for the competition. If only one K of C council participates, it will be scored at the district level (25 shots).

Entry form #1598 3/23 (Supreme Website) printed in color along with scoresheets filled out completely, including signatures and sponsoring K of C council, must be submitted not later than March 6, 2026, to State Youth Chairman Manny Ramos, 2420 Townfield Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, (757) 807-8458, mramos6@cox.net.

JOURNEY ROSARY BEADS

Each set of beads is made by a sister of Poor Clares Monastery, Barhamsville, VA. Only 50 available. Create a living chain of prayer as they travel from person to person, proceeds from which support the Diocese of Richmond Religious Vocations. Pray the Rosary, scan the QR code to log your prayer and location; pass the beads and follow them as they travel to other hearts they touch.

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PGK **Kevin Paul Kowar** passed away peacefully at home on January 7th, 2026, at the age of 69. Having beaten two cancers in recent years, Kevin faced his laryngeal cancer diagnosis head on and with immense bravery and dignity, never losing his signature sense of humor or witty sarcasm.

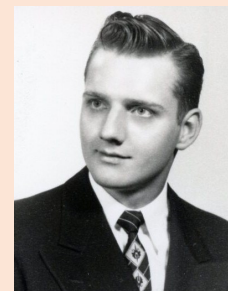
A member of the University of Notre Dame class of 1978, Kevin was a lifelong Notre Dame football fan, even naming his dog, Domer, after Notre Dame's famous landmark.

Kevin was very proud of his extensive and successful insurance career, but he was most proud of his family, instilling in his children his grandfather's motto, "Family is the most important thing."

Kevin spent years serving the Richmond/Hanover community through the Church of Redeemer Knights of Columbus, including a term as Grand Knight. His love of sports, especially playing golf, translated to spearheading an annual golf tournament to raise tens of thousands of dollars for KOVAR, the Knights of Columbus charity that supports intellectually disabled individuals.

Francis Lee Vietmeier, 85, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 18, 2026.

Lee was a medic in the United States Army, including time in Korea and at Walter Reed from 1958 to



1962, later becoming heavily involved with the VFW.

An employee of Greyhound for 35 years, he was a proud member of the Church of the Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council. He also served as a dispatcher for the East Hanover Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he achieved the status of Life Member.

Two Minutes with Christianity

Message 322, January 26, 2026: The Storm and its 'silver lining'

Given the technological advancement and accuracy of modern meteorology, the recent prediction of a significant winter storm heading to Virginia was a threat taken seriously.

Well in advance of its arrival, this impending menace suddenly dominated the buzz, focused on individual preparation: moderating and, if possible, eliminating the potential inconvenience of power and communication interruptions, snow and ice removal, and stocking food and water if needed.

While driving to last Saturday's vigil Mass at the Church of the Redeemer, with the storm poised to strike, my dear cousin and I discussed the hardship some would suffer, and she reminded me of the homeless.

Yes, Patsy, the homeless! While virtually everyone was working overtime to ensure they would endure little or no suffering, what were the homeless doing? Seeking an emergency shelter? Groveling for food, a blanket, a coat?

More importantly, what should I have been doing? What would my Creator and my Lord and Savior expect of me?

Prayerfully, the 'silver lining' in this weather event is a reset of my attitude and concerns when preparing for a storm: consider how to assuage the predicament of less fortunate individuals who must also face it.

Daniel Corso

Practicing Christian and member of the Knights of Columbus

*Our National Motto – "In God We Trust – was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority in the universe to which this nation owes homage. **Ronald Reagan***





The support of the Council's prayers are needed for Church of the Redeemer K of C brothers and parishioners and their families & friends who are dealing with illness, suffering and/or hardship: PGK Mike Williams, PGK Steve Gerloff, Mark Evans, Gilda Cadieux, Chris Uerz, Ed Schmidt, PGK Rick Gillespie's sister, Father Jay Wagner, John Colville, PGK Bill Adams & his mother & father, Pat Quisenberry, Patrick Massino, Allison

Borden, Arlene Clare Vietmeier, Pat Duke's mom, Phyliss Dufor, Debbie Ward's brother & mother, John Castelvechi, Mike Bonelli's brother-in-law, Dennis & Paula Fiore, Dan Worland, Rick Long's grandson, Lorraine Zug, Madeline Gray, Frank Eckert, Bonnie Hyland, Ron Reger's grandson Ryan, Mike Stank's sister-in-law, Matt Turek's mom, Diane Atkins, BJ Jennings, Lorraine Ross, Aubrey Timmons, and Mary Hope Burkett.

And we also pray for:

The souls of Lee Vietmeier, PGK Kevin Kovar, Ed Lucas and his brother Earl Lucas, George Kraynak and Mary Arlene, Pietrus Schliessmann and their families.

Those hungry throughout the world, especially the children, the elderly and the debilitated.

Victims of disasters and disease throughout the world, especially cancer, COVID-19 and its variants, and Huntington's disease.

Caregivers and healthcare workers throughout the world.

Public servants in harms way serving free nations in the world, especially law enforcement officers and military personnel.

Victims of social injustice, religious persecution, oppression and wars.

Peace in the world, particularly in the Middle East & Ukraine.

Pope Leo, Bishop Barry Knestout, Father Jim Cowles & their staffs.

And the Council officers.

And for *America*, in the name of *Jesus Christ* we pray: *My God, I am humbled by the many gifts that you bestowed upon me, my family and my friends, including the privilege of living in America, a nation under you my God that strives for social justice lawfully and peacefully attained. I ask that you continue to bless and protect it from any and all internal and external forces determined to undermine its core values and its laws, and that it remains the greatest, freest nation in the history of the world, a place of hope. THY WILL BE DONE.*

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Report newsletter errors and/or omissions to Dan Corso at hokiecd@aol.com.

To add an individual to the prayer list, report the need at a member meeting or a directors meeting or directly to Grand Knight Greg Chew at phillycrew2004@yahoo.com; to maintain an individual on the prayer list, provide a status update at least quarterly.

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