



Pray the Rosary Daily

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Grand Knight's Message

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

We are so fortunate to have celebrated multiple great events in September. First, under the leadership of our District Deputy, we had the Installation of Officers. As a Council, we are truly blessed with the long tradition of good men willing to sacrifice their time and effort to lead our Brother Knights in service to our Parish and our Community. The Heroes Mass, celebrated for the past 10 years around the commemoration of September 11th, known as Patriots Day, recognizing those men and women serving our Community in Law Enforcement or as a First Responder and those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces, sacrificing in defense of our great United States. While the Heroes Mass is led by the 4th Degree Assembly, our many in our Council play a key role in planning and coordination. Our efforts as a Council in support of the Assembly is a symbol of one of the key tenets of our order, Unity.

Finally, the Council prepared and served hundreds of hamburgers and hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans and drinks at the Annual St. Leo the Great Parish Picnic. Many thanks to all those men who came early to help set up and stayed late to help clean up, and those who shopped for all the food and supplies needed to put on such a tremendous

celebration for our Parish Community. Special

thanks to **Gerard Maguire** and **Scott**

Krushinski who stepped up to lead the Picnic Committee supported behind the scenes by Past Chairman Tim Tilson, a job well done to all.

Additionally, thanks to **Tim Hogan, Mark Woznak, Tony Pierno, Brian Sharkey**, and those others who helped prepare the Hall for the Picnic and initiated multiple maintenance projects around the Hall. The Hall looked great for the picnic.

As we move into October, we have our First Friday Holy Hour at 1AM on October 6, and a big fundraiser opportunity at the Fairfax Fall Festival on October 11. Please come out and join fellow Knights in prayer and adoration of the Eucharist and of course at the Festival as we raise funds for the many charitable efforts supported by our Council.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a prayer that has served as a beacon of hope, a source of comfort, and a mighty weapon for believers throughout history. This devotion reflects the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 as a celebration which commemorated the naval victory of the Christian fleet at the Battle of Lepanto. This victory was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, whose help was invoked by praying the Rosary. This significant event demonstrated the power of the Rosary and solidified it as a powerful tool for spiritual and temporal victories. Pope Leo XIII, who deeply appreciated the value of the Rosary, officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary through an encyclical published on September 1, 1883. In his message, he admonished the faithful to dedicate this month to the Queen of the Holy Rosary, seeking her intercession for the Church's needs.

Parish Picnic Beer Garden Team



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of October, we remember the month of October ([Overview - Calendar](#)) is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

Many thanks to all the Knights who have contributed in any way to our Council this past year, through service or through simple prayers. We are so fortunate through the Grace of God to have such a strong group of Men dedicated to the ideals of our order, Fraternity, Charity, and Unity.

Special thanks to those who helped with the Parish Picnic. It was much appreciated.

We have a few activities in September where we could use your support:

October 4th – 1-2 Am Eucharistic Adoration

October 7th – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

October 11th – 6-6PM Fall Festival, Rosary to End Abortion 830AM

October 14th – 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting

October 28th – 6:45PM Dinner, 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting



Tribute to Dan Short at the local Chic-fila

Father Diamond Council Gift to Father Juan



Our council has offered 500 decades of the Rosary and 100 Holy Hours to pray for Father Juan as he begins his discernment for the Eremitic Life. Please keep Fr. Juan in your daily prayers and offer your rosaries and Holy Hours for him. Our Parish was fortunate through the Grace of God to have him as our Pastor for the past three years and he needs our Prayers most during this time of Discernment.

Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain



This month, we celebrate our 40 Hours and our patronal feast on October 10. Our great patron, St. Leo, is remembered for a great many things. He faced down Attila the Hun during his invasion of Italy in 452. Little is known about this meeting, but the outcome was the withdrawal of the Huns from the vicinity of the holy city. Legend says Attila saw a vision of Sts. Peter and Paul behind the pope and was thus convinced that attacking the city would result in his own defeat and death. In any event, the great Attila, conqueror of the world, died ignominiously of a nosebleed the next year, his empire collapsing after his death into warring factions and tribes.

St. Leo is remembered for much more, however. His famous *Tomus* was lauded by the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and embraced as the definitive teaching on the Person and natures of Christ ('one person, two natures'). His sermons on Christmas (*Sermones 21-28*) make up a good deal of the basis of the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. He was a tireless defender of the primacy of Rome, a supporter of the poor and the weak of his country-men, and a fearless preacher against heresy. He was a giant of a man, and we owe him much.

One of his lesser-known contributions is found in *Sermo 74*, his second sermon on the Ascension. In it, he writes, *"And so that which till then was visible of our Redeemer was changed into a sacramental presence, and that faith might be more excellent and stronger, sight gave way to doctrine, the authority of which was to be accepted by believing hearts enlightened with rays from above."* This is so profound and is essential to understanding the sacraments.

We tend to think that those who knew our Lord on earth were more fortunate than we are. That they met Him and so were able to be surer of their faith. This is a mistake! When our Lord ascended into heaven, He said, *But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you* (Jn 16:7). When the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, came among us, our Lord Himself became accessible through the mysteries of the sacraments. Thus, when we receive a sacrament – or, indeed, when we pray! – we encounter the real Christ. Not just our idea of Him, but He Himself. What was visible in Him was changed into a sacramental presence. A sacrament is an encounter with God. And St. Leo gave us the language to express that.

St. Leo the Great, pray for us!

Parish Picnic Grille Team



Financial Advisor Report

Robert "Bob" Canter Jr.

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need?

Maybe you wonder about this every once in a while, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensuring your business would operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs.

Food List (Thanksgiving)

Coffee, Green Tea, or Black Tea	Fruit cups or canned fruit
Foil or Parchment paper	Cereal Box
Sugar and flour	Napkins & Paper Towel
Cooking Oil, Cooking Spray	Toilet Paper & Facial Tissue
Box of Pasta and Sauce (plastic jar)	Shampoo & Conditioner
Spaghetti and sauce (plastic jar)	Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Bag of rice	Diapers Size 4, 5, & 6
Box of mashed potatoes	Mayo, ketchup, mustard
Broths (beef, chicken, and vegetable)	Spices such as salt, pepper, and cumin
Jam (Plastic jar)	
Evaporated milk and box of shelf milk	

Treasurer's Report – 8/1-31/2025

INCOME for August	\$ 4,904.67
EXPENSES for August	\$ 3,288.26
Operating Fund Net	\$1,392.42
United Checking	\$36,966.97
United Checking (2)	\$773.08
Investment Fund	\$41,147.14
RTL Fun	\$4,830.49
Contingency Fund	\$43,346.52
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$500.00
KOVAR Collections	\$(544.00)
PKD Collections	\$(175.66)
VKCCI Collections	\$(9.00)
Net Assets	\$ 127,835.54

October Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Kenneth H Miller	1	John A Johnson	11	Timothy T Tilson	18	Thomas W Lynch	24
John A Anzalone	2	Mr Timothy S Percival	12	Mazen G Baroudi	21	John F Trujillo	25
Paul E Kiechlin	3	Michael A Prutsok	14	Jose A Ramos	21	Evan T. Frejo	28
Wilfred C Gagnon Sr	8	Michael V Purtill	15	Brian J Hogan	22	Peter Kiburi	29
Barrington O. Jefferson	9	Daniel J O'Malley	17	Arie Y Budhinata	24	John J Murray	29
Adam J Gruendl	10	David V Bacungan	18	Derick Coutinho	24	Victor J Young	29

Knight of the Month – September



The September Knight of the Month is awarded to the Co-Chairs of the Parish Picnic, **Gerard Maguire and Scott Krushinski**.

As a Council, we had an experienced Chairman step down last year after Picnic and we needed new blood to step in and support the Council and the Parish in this critical role. Gerard and Scott stepped up and demonstrated initiative to learn from the previous Chairman, and coordinate with the Parish Leo Events Committee Chair to put together a beautiful afternoon for the Parish.

Family of the Month—September

The September Family of the Month is awarded to James Beauchamp and his wife Germana. Everywhere I turn, I see James and Germana whether it be at a small Church event, leading the Rosary to End Abortion, serving drinks at the Parish Picnic and leading the Soup Suppers. James and Germana are always ready to help with a friendly smile bringing the joy of true service to our Council and our Parish. We are fortunate to have James and Germana as an example of dedication to service and prayer in our Council.

Meet our Seminarians



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Providence Hall Schedule for October 2025

Date	Event
9/27	St. Ignatius / Donuts & coffee / Date Night
9/28	Sons of Italy
9/29	Cursillos for Christianity
10/4	St Ignatius / Donuts & coffee
10/5	St. Leo's Youth group
10/6	Cursillos for Christianity
10/7	Council officer's meeting
10/10	Fall Festival preparation
10/11	St. Ignatius / Donuts & coffee / Fall Festival
10/14	Council business meeting
10/15	4th Degree meeting
10/18	St. Ignatius / American Heritage Girls / Donuts & coffee
10/20	Cursillos for Christianity
10/21	Gray Ghosts
10/25	St. Ignatius / Donuts & coffee
10/27	Cursillos for Christianity
10/28	Council business meeting

Fall Festival 2025

Brother Knights, the Fairfax City Fall Festival will be here on Saturday October 11. Our Council will have our trailer there selling Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Kielbasa. Help will be needed for this event from my Brother Knights and their family members. We will be loading up the trailer on Friday the 10th around 7pm at the K of C Hall --- Help Needed. Saturday we will be setting up the lot in downtown Fairfax near the Fire Station from 6am till 9am ---- Help Needed. From 930am till 4pm help is needed Grilling, Wrapping and Selling Food. From 4pm till 6pm help is needed cleaning up and put things back at the Hall. Please join us in this event. This is our second biggest fund-Raising our Council does to support our Charities. Please contact Tim Hogan at timhogan@yahoo.com or call at 703-926-4347.

Thank you and see you soon!

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion Fall Festival
12	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	15 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Officer's Meeting?	5	6	7	8 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 Feast of St. Leo the Great	11 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon Fraternal Benefits Night	19 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Dinner <u>8PM Business Meeting</u>	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30	1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration