



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

August - September 2026

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

Welcome to the Summer edition of Council 594's newsletter! Enclosed are happenings from July and August. As we move into Fall our schedule will continue to be busy. I do send out regular announcements via Flocknote, which has been providing questionable service as of late. If you aren't receiving emails/text messages from the Council please let me know.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Stocking, Grand Knight

From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

I am now working on a project to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED). In the next few weeks, I hope to get out and ask for donations to help fund this project. If you would like to donate to this, that would be a great help as well. We also will have in-house training provided by Sir Knight Shawn McKenna. This training is very important to have; you never know when it will be needed. There will be a small fee for the cards after the training is completed.

The next topic I would like to talk about is advancing to the fourth degree. We have planned to do more projects in the future and would love to see our Assembly grow. If you have questions, please ask any Forth Degree member on how to become part of the Patriotic Degree. We do struggle with having enough Knights in the new Regalia to handle some of the events asked of us. Please remember that the assembly will help you with a reimbursement of \$150.00 for the purchase of the Regalia.

I want to thank everyone for the donations for our veterans, but we have a big need for dining room table and chairs, couches, and dressers. If you have any of these items, please contact me. Your donations of anything matter more than you know.

Vivat Jesus! God Bless America!

Mike Pollock, Faithful Navigator

Council 594 Celebrates 125 Years

125 years in the books!! Our Council's 125th Anniversary Celebration began with Mass at St. Francis Xavier, followed by an outstanding banquet at the hall. Special guests for the evening included Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston; Most Reverend Mark Brennan,

Bishop Emeritus; Very Rev. John Rice, State and Council Chaplain; Very Rev. Sebastian Devasya; Brian Gordan, WV State Deputy; Derek Brown, WV General Agent and...all of us! Marlana and I are truly thankful for all the help in planning and putting together the evening – thank you to everyone who helped. The decorations, music (live and DJ'd), and food have set the bar high for the next milestone celebration!







Annual Supreme Convention

This year our Grand Knight Joe Stocking had the privilege of being one of WV's delegates at the 144th Annual Supreme Convention in Denver August 4-6. It was truly an inspiring week, and brings into perspective the true scale of what our Order does each year worldwide. You do not need to be a delegate to attend the convention, and we highly recommend putting it on your schedule if able. Next year it will be in Phoenix, which is rumored to have decent golfing for all who may be interested. Our WV delegation was headed up by Bishop Brennan, State Chaplain Fr. Rice, State Deputy Brian Gordon, Deacon Dave Torlone and Past State Deputy Paul Niedbalski. Here are a few from the evening which will give insight as to the grandeur of the event.



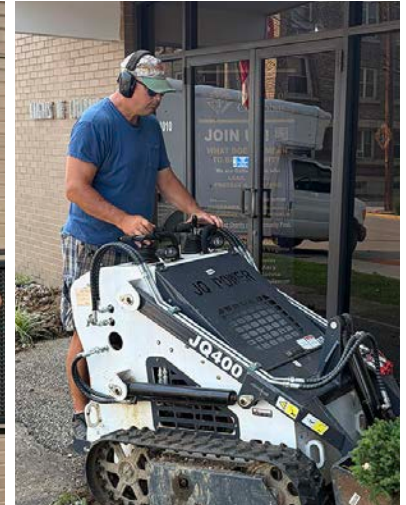
New Members

On July 19th the Council welcomed two new members: Kevin Maskell (green shirt) and Ricardo Cerqueda (blue blazer). Thank you Fr. Rice, our Council Chaplain, and the Degree Team for making these Exemplifications so wonderful. Thank you also to Fr. Sebastian for hosting us at St. Margaret Mary, and Msgr. McSweeney (seated) for being a special guest.



Council Home Landscaping Project

Have you noticed the front of the Council home is looking pretty sharp these days? Many thanks to everyone who braved the heat to make this happen. Thank you to J.R. Carpenter (top right photo), who brought in the “heavy equipment” that made preparation of the area considerably easier.





Flagpole Reconditioning Project

The new landscaping wouldn't look as nice without the efforts of Faithful Navigator Don Durochia and Sir Knights Joseph Sadie and Mike Pollock who restrung and painted the flagpole.

Homecoming Parade

It's a tradition: assist Catholics for Life in handing out drinks during the News and Sentinel Half Marathon and sell hot dogs, snow cones and cotton candy during the Annual Homecoming Parade. Thank you to everyone who helped, and to the Davis family for letting us use their machines.





2026-2027 Council Officers

Chaplain	Very Rev. John Rice
Grand Knight	Joe Stocking
Deputy Grand Knight	Don Durochia
Chancellor	Kevin Simonton
Recorder	Dick Noel
Treasurer	John Pellegrin
Financial Secretary	David Walters
Advocate	Jim Udell
Warden	Lou Taylor
Inside Guard	Mike Pollock
Outside Guard	Kenyon Felder
Trustee (3 Year)	Harry Helmick
Trustee (2 Year)	Evan Durochia
Trustee (1 Year)	Butch Joseph
Field Agent	Jack Walsh

Council Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



2026-2027 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar:	Very Rev. John Rice
Faithful Navigator:	SK Don Durochia
Faithful Captain:	SK Evan Durochia
Faithful Comptroller:	SK Michael McDougale
Faithful Scribe:	SK James Borrelli
Faithful Purser:	SK Joe Stocking
Faithful Pilot:	SK Kevin Simonton
Faithful Inner Sentinel:	SK Shawn McKenna
Faithful Outer Sentinel:	SK Roger Nedeff
Faithful Admiral	SK John Pellegrin
Trustee (3 Year)	SK Mike Pollock
Trustee (2 Year)	SK Ethan Durochia
Trustee (1 Year)	SK Butch Joseph

Assembly Meeting: Every 2nd Thursday following the council meeting.

August Birthdays

1 JACK PEZZONI
1 ANTHONY CONNY
3 CHARLES MAGUIRE
8 JOSEPH FERGUSON
8 REV YESU GOLLA
13 CHARLES HUGHES
14 THOMAS CALLIHAN
14 REV AROK SUNDAR
14 MICHAEL FERGUSON
15 MATTHEW SANTER
16 KEVIN OLIPHANT
17 RICHARD TAYLOR
18 JAMES LAUER
19 TERRANCE BRABHAM
19 ROBERT HUGHES
22 PATRICK CAVANAGH
25 DONALD MCNAMEE
25 TYLER MERRIMAN
26 ALEXANDER KLOSEK
26 EVAN DUROCHIA
27 GARY HABEB
27 KOEHLER WIDNER
28 JOHN MIGLIORE
29 ROGER NEDEFF
30 THOMAS PHILLIPS
30 LAWRENCE BROGAN

September Birthdays

1 DANIEL COLLIE
3 ISAAC WALTERS
6 MICHAEL MUELLER
7 MICHAEL DEROSE
8 RYAN LEWIS
12 JEROME GRANDICK
14 JOHN SPRIGG
16 THOMAS HUGHES
16 ROBERT ANGOTTI
18 SEBASTIAN LASKO
23 RODNEY BROWN
24 JOHN CRUM
25 WILLIAM BENNETT
25 JOSHUA PRICE
26 JOSEPH GLODOWSKI
28 KENNEDY HARRIS
30 JAMES FICHTELMAN
30 MICHAEL ROEDERSHEIMER
30 CHANDLER DAVIS

Upcoming Events

Sept. 18 Baked Steak Dinner for 4th Degree

October 10 Annual Rosary Rally at City Park

October 23 KofC Cash Drawing

October 29 Family Rosary at KofC Hall

Bingo every Wed. and Sat.

Queen of Hearts drawing and dinner (rotating menu) every Friday.