



# Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

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December 2025

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

Just a brief note this month: please put December 19th on your calendar. Not only is it Joe Tucker's birthday (Hi Joe!), but it is also the evening of our annual Christmas dinner. Come down and check out all the recent work that has been done to the building and – more importantly – enjoy an evening with your friends! Rides are available if needed. Please contact me to make arrangements.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Joe Stocking, Grand Knight**

## From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

### Flagpole Dedication / Flag Raising Ceremony (looking back)

First I would like to thank those responsible for making this project and ceremony the success that it was. In alphabetical order: Assembly members, Don Durochia, Evan Durochia, Mike Evans, Mike McDougale, John Pellegrin, Joe Sadie, Kevin Simonton, Joe Stocking and Council member (soon to be Assembly member) Roger Nedeff. You all were there from the first shovel in the ground to the closing ceremony. Also, a special thanks to the Very Reverend John Rice. We wanted to have the ceremony either the Saturday before Veterans Day or the Saturday after. To be able to have the pastor from St. X present and participate on November 15th. was perfect.

I would like to acknowledge some other people that made the ceremony “perfect”.

Thank you to John Pellegrin for playing “To the Colors” during the flag raising and “Taps” at the conclusion of the ceremony. I had no idea of your hidden talents. You did an exceptional job. Kevin Simonton and Don Durochia for planting the seeds. You brought the need for a flagpole to our attention. What started as a “project” grew into the ceremony it became once we recognized the significance of the project. It was only appropriate that you both raised the flag over the cemetery for the first time in 153 years. Mike McDougale and Joe Sadie for honoring the veterans by reading their names. Having the names read by veterans added a reverence that can't be duplicated. Thank you both for your service. Mike, you were my go-to for questions on protocol. Thanks for your counsel. Roger Nedeff, your research completed the ceremony. From day one, you allowed me to use the information as I saw fit. Thank you for all your work and your generosity. We put your articles on the K of C website for everyone to see. Thank you for representing the Council and the Historical Society at the “wreath laying”. Last but not least, Tina Perkins for the beautiful wreath. Tina, St. Francis Xavier parishioner and an owner of Obermeyer's Florist, contacted Roger to see if it would be OK if she donated a wreath



for the ceremony. A wreath was the one thing that was overlooked and was the “missing piece” that no one thought of. I told Roger, not only would we accept and appreciate the gift, we would make her part of the ceremony and assist with the “wreath laying”.



As far as the dedication and ceremony, it went perfectly. The weather was ideal. I said I prayed for three things. Two prayers were answered the day of the ceremony, 1. good weather and 2. people would show up. The third prayer was answered when Fr. John said he would be available for November 15th. We didn't get a head count but we estimated about 40 people showed up. More would have been nice. But if only one person showed up, I wouldn't be any less proud of what we accomplished. Thank you one and all.

Vivat Jesus! God Bless America!  
**Mike Pollock, Faithful Navigator**





## Veteran's Day Parade

Assembly 1187 participated in Parkersburg's Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th. Thanks to Sir Knight Mike McDougle for providing the truck, and Sir Knight Joseph Sadie for the signage!



## Veteran's Dinner

Council 594 was again privileged to be able to provide the venue for Jan Dils annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 6th. There was a strong turnout, and her team executed the dinner with military grade precision!





## Ministry Fair

The Council had a table at St. Margaret Mary's ministry fair on November 8th. It is encouraging to realize most people, if not everyone, is familiar with our good works. We did receive interest from two prospective members. When is the last time you asked someone to join us?



## Memorial Mass

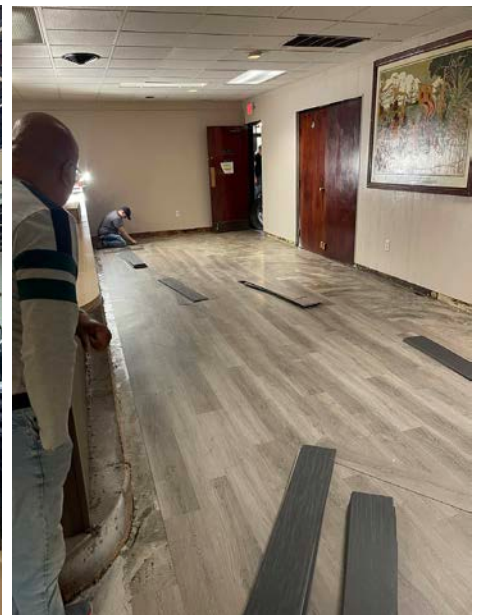
Council Chaplain Fr. John Rice presided over our annual Memorial Mass on November 13th. Please continue to keep our deceased members, and their families, in your prayers.





## Building Renovations

There is light at the end of the tunnel! Our building renovations are close to completion. Many thanks to Jimmy Harper Construction for donating ceiling tiles (saving us close to \$7,000). The pictures below give a small snapshot of what has been done.



## Catholics for Life

**Be a voice for the voiceless. Stand and Pray in Front of Planned Parenthood the first Monday of each month 1-3 pm. If a holiday is on the first Monday we pray the second Monday.** Catholics for Life and friends will be praying in front of planned parenthood in Vienna at 522 Grand Central Avenue December 1, 2025, and **January 5, 2026.** Join us 1-2pm or 2-3pm as we peacefully pray to end the death of unborn babies by abortion. We need at least 2 at all times. Everyone is welcome. Thank you for praying for the unborn and their mothers. Everyone is busy and it's not easy to fit this in, but God hears our prayers and appreciates our sacrifice. For more information call or text Katie Walters 304-481-0578 or Sunny Murray 304-482-6193.



### 2025-2026 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)	Butch Joseph
Trustee (1 Year)	Drew Kefeli
Field Agent	Jack Walsh

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



### 2025-2026 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar:	Very Rev. John Rice
Faithful Navigator:	SK Mike Pollock
Faithful Captain:	SK Don Durochia
Faithful Comptroller:	SK Mike Petrillo
Faithful Scribe:	SK Evan Durochia
Faithful Purser:	SK Joe Stocking
Faithful Pilot:	SK Kevin Simonton
Faithful Inner Sentinel:	SK Chandler Davis
Faithful Outer Sentinel:	SK Jay Miller
Faithful Admiral	SK John Pellegrin
Trustee (3 Year)	SK Greg Herrick
Trustee (2 Year)	SK Butch Joseph
Trustee (1 Year)	SK Jim Udell

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

### December Birthdays

12/1	John Nichols
12/2	Cody Collins
12/3	Clyde Perrine
12/3	Michael Corra
12/8	Ryan Full
12/9	Karl Boelter
12/10	William Baxter
12/12	Jody Murphy
12/14	Larry McDaniel
12/14	Stephen Cullen
12/16	Dean Merriman
12/16	Robert Bulleck
12/18	Nicholas Roedersheimer
12/19	Joe Tucker
12/20	Lewis Gonzales
12/21	Thomas McLaughlin
12/22	Eric Nelson
12/23	Michael Cullen
12/24	James Windland
12/26	Eric Taylor
12/27	Scott Anderson
12/27	Vincent Post
12/29	Andrew Myers
12/29	Christian Al Helou
12/29	Gary Klesel
12/30	John Burns
12/30	Keith Sayre
12/30	Pete Walters

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, December 6:** KofC State Council Mid-Year Meeting. No Bingo.

**Sunday, December 7th:** ARC Christmas Dinner.

**Monday, December 8th:** Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Friday, December 19:** Annual Christmas Dinner.

**Thursday, December 25:** Merry Christmas! (No Meeting).

**Thursday, January 1, 2026:** Happy New Year! (No Meeting).

**Dance:** Every Tuesday.

**Men of the Word Bible Study:** Every Other Tuesday.

**Bingo:** Wed. and Saturday.