



# Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

January 2026

## From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers:

When is the last time you attended a Council business meeting? With the exception of holidays, business meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm. New for 2026, we will have a drawing at the last meeting of each quarter for a Grand Knight's Gold Card. To be eligible for the drawing you need to attend at least 1 meeting each month. Family rosary night attendance will count. I hope to see you at a meeting soon!

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



### Grand Knight's Gold Card

The bearer of this card is entitled  
to one (1) complementary item  
from the bar per "punch".

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Must be signed by BOTH the GK and the Bar  
Manager to be valid.

GK: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

First of all I would like to wish every Council and Assembly member and their families a Happy and Christ filled New Year. 2025 is now a memory but what a year it was! A lot of great things got accomplished by the Council and the Assembly. If there is any question, just leaf back through the last 12 months of newsletters. Let's keep the momentum going in 2026. I know the New Year is famous for making resolutions. My track record for keeping them, as for most people, is pretty dismal. So this is just a starter list of things I would like to see the Assembly get involved with in 2026:

"To Be A Patriot" awards program. We WILL be submitting the flagpole project. Deadline for submission is April 30th, 2026. I hope to have everything necessary for submission finalized by March 31st. at the latest. In the meantime I will meet with everyone involved with the project to finalize dates and time spent.

Years ago the Assembly periodically visited veterans at the Louis A Johnson VA Hospital in Clarksburg. There is also WV Veterans Nursing Home is adjacent (though separate) to the hospital. This is a 100 bed facility. This would be a worthwhile endeavor to get involved with again. I am sure there are veterans in local facilities that would enjoy a visit. It would be great to survey our own membership to determine how many veterans we have among us and use that information to honor them.

We also hope to have a 4th Degree exemplification in the first quarter of 2026. So far we have three

confirmed candidates. If we have two more, the Exemplification Team will come to Parkersburg to perform the ceremony. Talk it up!

Those are a few things I've been thinking about. Take a few minutes to think of other ideas and take the time to attend an Assembly meeting to share them with the rest of us.

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

## State Council Mid-Year Meeting

Council 594 hosted the WV State Council Mid-Year Meeting on December 6th. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with KofC officers from Councils around the state, as well as learn about the great things their Councils are accomplishing. Friday night the State Officers were treated to a delicious meal at St. Francis Xavier (thank you to everyone who helped serve!) and Saturday the delegates enjoyed a great lunch put together by the Ladies Auxiliary. Of note: Council 594 won the Contest of Champions for the state of WV last year. Please see our award on display at the Council hall.





## ARC Christmas Party



Council 594 was privileged to host the ARC of Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Party again this year. The annual event is truly one of the highlights of our December calendar.

Guests are welcomed with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Clause, a dinner of Lou's special pasta casserole (Stouffer's Lasagna), and an evening of dancing.





## K of C Christmas Dinner

Council 594's Christmas dinner this year was enjoyed by all in our newly renovated hall. Thank you to everyone who helped put the evening together, and to everyone who brought the great food to share!





## Gabriel Project Giving Tree

Council 594 Supported the Gabriel Project this year with a Christmas Giving Tree. Thank you for your generous support of this much needed program. Donations are still coming in, but at last count we have provided:

- 860 diapers
- 51 packs of wipes
- 20 bottles of soap/shampoo
- 9 sippy cups
- 9 bottles



## Prayer for Life in Front of Planned Parenthood

**Be a voice for the voiceless. Stand and Pray in Front of planned parenthood Monday, February 2, 1-3 pm.** Catholics for Life and friends will be praying in front of planned parenthood in Vienna at 522 Grand Central Avenue. Please join us from 1-2 or 2-3 pm as we peacefully pray to end the death of unborn babies by abortion. We need at least 2 at all times. February is usually cold and windy so stay warm. We have signs. 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 Michael McDougale
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.*

## January Birthdays

DAVID POLING	1/1
HARRY HELMICK	1/2
RICHARD WILDT	1/4
STEPHEN GISSY	1/4
FRED ESKER	1/5
JOHN PADDEN	1/6
REV. NEIL BUCHLEIN	1/6
STEVEN ROBERTS	1/10
RICHARD KESTERSON	1/11
GERALD TYLKA	1/13
LELAND DOTSON	1/16
JAMES HERRMANN	1/16
RICHARD HATTMAN	1/17
PAUL MANCUSO	1/17
JOHN WHITLATCH	1/18
GEORGE PROUT	1/18
JAMES JOSEPH	1/20
RUSSEL RICE	1/21
STEVEN REGER	1/25
PEDRO LO	1/26
JAMES UDELL	1/26
THOMAS RAFFERTY	1/27
PAUL WILLIAMS	1/27
JOHN CULLEN	1/28
GREGORY HERRICK	1/29
MICHAEL JARMUSZ	1/29

## Upcoming Events

**Line Dancing:** Every Tuesday

**Bingo:** Every Wednesday and Saturday

**Men of the Word Bible Study:** Jan. 13 and 27

## Murder Mystery Dinner

### "Music, Murder and Mayhem"

at the Knights of Columbus  
February 6, 2026 ■ Doors open at 6:00pm

Cash Bar, Free soft drinks and water  
Tickets \$50 a piece

Call or text Kathy at 304-481-2801  
Or email 323pwc@gmail.com.

Tickets also available at Mulberry Lane Country Store

Proceeds to benefit GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club Foster Care Project  
and Hearts and Hands for Paws