



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yench Assembly 1187

July 2026

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

Brevity is the soul of wit. To that end, I just have two quick notes this month: Friday nights. Have you been down to the club on a Friday evening lately? We are now serving dinner – different offering each week – and we have a Queen of Hearts drawing at 7pm. This is a great way to wind down from the week and prepare for the weekend. These evenings are open to friends and family, hope to see you there. Our 125th Anniversary Celebration is on August 22nd. You should have received your invitation by now. Please RSVP soon so we can get a final count to the caterer. If you would like a ride to the celebration please let me know and I will arrange it.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Stocking, Grand Knight

From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yench Assembly 1187:

With great gratitude, I would like to start off by thanking our past Faithful Navigator SK Mike Pollock for all the great work he has done and has he continues to do for the Assembly.

On to the new year, we held the installation of new officers on the 18th of June for the upcoming year. It was very well attended and a celebrated event. The officers elected to office were as follows - Faithful Friar: Father John Rice, Faithful Navigator: SK Don Durochia, Faithful Captain: SK Evan Durochia, Faithful Comptroller: SK Mike McDougale, Faithful Scribe: SK Jim Borelli, 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 Pelligren, Trustee Three Year: SK Mike Pollock, Faithful Trustee Two Year: SK Ethan Durochia and Trustee One Year: SK Butch Joseph. I am looking forward to this coming year. I appreciate all the officers new and returning and the support they have shown to me. I would like for more council members to think about advancing to the Fourth Degree. I have been asked what does the Fourth Degree do? That answer is a simple one for me, I stand for those who stood for us and still stand for us. So, please consider the Fourth Degree as we would love to have you.

We are collecting slightly used furniture and miscellaneous items to help our local veterans who need some help. If you have something that is not needed and would like to donate, please contact us for a pickup time.

Vivat Jesus! God Bless America!

Donald Durochia, Faithful Navigator

Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers for the Council and Assembly was held on June 18th. Many thanks to our District Deputy, Richard Fauss, who came up from Elkview to help us with the evening. Please see the list of elected/re-elected officers at the end of this newsletter.



Corpus Christi Mass

Members of our Council and Assembly assisted with the Eucharistic Procession after the Corpus Christi Mass at St. Michael this year on June 7th. Pope John Paul II wrote, "The devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly brings joy to those who take part in it" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistic*, 10).



Memorial Crosses

Catholics for Life would like to thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Cross Project this year. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for every year transporting, marking the ground, and placing and taking up the crosses. Thank you, Joe Stocking and your crew, for taking down and putting up the banners every day to prevent theft. Thank you to those who repair the broken crosses. Thank you to all those who donated to this project, and finally, thank you to all who pray to end abortion. As Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes Me, and anyone who welcomes Me welcomes not only Me but also my Father who sent Me. Mark 9:37

The next event is the Lemonade for Life stand during Parkersburg Homecoming, Saturday, August 15, 2026



Scholarship Recipients

On June 18th the Council and the Ladies Auxiliary were proud to distribute funds from the Lenten Fish Fry dinners to our 2026 scholarship recipients! Congratulations:



Owen Sloan



Grant Murphy



Joseph Koreski



Cole Miller

Not pictured: Even Murphy, Tess Roedersheimer

PCHS Soccer Bingo

The Council hosted a bingo on June 28th for the benefit of Parkersburg Catholic High School soccer. It was a very successful event – and great to see players in both the rooms again!



State Council Family

Congratulations Dave and Katie Walters, who were chosen by our State Council as the WV Knights of Columbus Family of the Year!

Tree Removal Project

Thank you to everyone who helped take down and clean-up a tree at Mt. Carmel cemetery! Our professional lumberjack (Walters) dropped the tree in between rows of headstones with no damage!





2025-2026 Council Officers

Chaplain	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.



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July Birthdays

7/3	Martin Keith
7/3	Robert Wright
7/5	John Brammer
7/7	Robert Wenmoth
7/9	George Zipf
7/12	Jose Rivera
7/14	James Stout
7/14	Noah Rice
7/15	Joseph Cernosek
7/19	Anthony Wires
7/19	David Caplinger
7/20	Joe Matias
7/20	Samuel Walters
7/23	Donald Parrish
7/24	Donald McDonie
7/26	Raymond Fanta
7/27	Peter Olenkiewicz
7/28	James Mason
7/28	Steven Wilson
7/29	Charles Burd
7/29	Michael Evans

Upcoming Events

- July 11:** Potluck Bingo!
- July 12, 10:45 am:** Silver Rose Prayer Service at St. Michaels
- July 12, 12:00 pm:** St. Francis Xavier Parish Picnic at Parkersburg City Park
- July 18:** Clean up Landscaping at Council Home
- August 5:** Back to School Bingo
- August 15:** Lemonade for Life Stand at Parkersburg Homecoming
- August 22:** 125th Anniversary Celebration