



# Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

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May 2026

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

Spring is in the air (or maybe its golf balls). This month Jim Udell and I will represent the Council at the KofC State Convention in Wheeling. Council and Assembly elections are coming up on the 14th (your vote counts, please join us) and so much more. With all this in mind, I'd like to focus on August. By now you should have received a "Save the Date" card for our Anniversary Banquet on August 22nd. The evening will be a wonderful celebration beginning with Mass at St. Francis Xavier followed by dinner, live music and dancing at the Hall. Invitations with RSVP instructions will be going out later this month to all current members. It is appropriate to share the invitation with friends of the Council who may not be on our mailing list. Lastly – very important - make sure you get your reply sent in quickly!

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

## From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

For those who may not have heard by now, our "A Flag for Forgotten Veterans" project completed in 2025 has been submitted to the "To Be a Patriot" award competition. Each Assembly, if they wish to participate, submits what they consider their best "patriotic" project. Only one entry is allowed per Assembly. The project submitted had to be completed in the fraternal year, starting July 1, 2025. Although the fraternal year doesn't end until June 30, 2026, the deadline for submissions was April 30, 2026. Our project was submitted April 18, 2026 (at the conclusion of the 4th. Degree Exemplification). For anyone interested in seeing it, a duplicate copy of our submission was made and is available for review in the Council/Assembly office.

Assembly elections are upon us. The elections for Assembly officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year will be held during the May 14th. Assembly meeting. If you've ever considered serving the Assembly or you think of someone else who might be a worthy candidate, please attend the May meeting. Let your voice be heard. It could be the most important meeting of the year. The Assembly meets only once per month, but in reality we meet LESS THAN 12 times a year. To make our Assembly the best it can be we need the participation of our officers AND our members on a continuing basis.

Our 4th. Degree Exemplification was held at the Council Hall on Saturday, April 18, 2026. We had a class of eight candidates, Five of whom were from our own Council 594. Congratulations to our newest Sir Knights of Assembly 1187: James Borrelli, Cody Collins, Kurt Klettner, Shawn McKenna and Roger Nedeff. When you see them, take a moment to congratulate and welcome them to the Assembly. I would also like to acknowledge Cletus Bell, West Virginia District Master for leading the exemplification



and his team from Ohio. A special thanks to Fr. John Rice (Friar) and Marty Vierheller (Cantor) for assisting the team and to Michael McDougle and Gerald Schmidt for conducting the Knighting ceremony. Well done Sir Knights!

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

## Welcome to Our New Members

Council 594 welcomed two new members in April! Please introduce yourself next time you see these Brother Knights.



Above: William Price, III (Left),  
Richard (Trey) Hull, III (Right)



## Bingo, Bingo, Bingo!

Did you know that in addition to our Wed. and Sat. bingo games we also regularly host games for other organizations? April was quite busy with bingo event for the Parkersburg Women's Club as well as Parkersburg High School Football.



## Line Dancing Fun!

Our Tuesday evening Line Dancers were recently joined by members of the ARC of MOV. In addition to kicking up their heels, a few of them were pretty handy with the pool cue as well! Dancing is taking a break for the summer as our weekly golf league starts up each Tuesday.



## Get Your Council/Assembly Shirts

It is truly encouraging to see our Brother Knights in their Council shirts the first weekend of each month at Mass, as well as at other events throughout the year. For example, our memorial Mass coming up on the 25th later this month. As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our council this year it is appropriate to make available a Council Shirt specific to this milestone. Enclosed in this mailing is an order form. Please return it as soon as possible so we can get a group order submitted in time for Mass with the Bishop on June 25th. The shirts are at cost – there is no markup.



## A Great Time at the Derby Dinner

Council 594 was privileged to host the Parkersburg Women's Club Derby Dinner (a murder mystery). The evening raised funds in support of local Foster Care Programs as well as Hearts and Hands for Paws.



## Pro-Life News

The Women's Care Center in Parkersburg is now mobile! The Women's Care Center is pro-life, and does not offer or refer for abortions. They offer the same free services on wheels with their new mobile unit as in their Parkersburg location. The mobile unit will visit throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley and neighboring rural and college communities. The same confidential and compassionate care for pregnancy options, education, and medical services is available. They offer on board the mobile unit Free pregnancy testing, Free pregnancy options education, Free limited obstetrical ultrasounds, Free STD testing & treatment on specific clinic days. They accept walk-ins and appointments. More information is available on scheduled stops, etc., at [yourpregnancychoices.com](http://yourpregnancychoices.com)





### 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.

## Upcoming Events

### May Birthdays

- 6 CLIFFORD WALKER
- 7 JEFFREY DEWITT
- 7 REV. RAMABABU DAKKAMADUGULA
- 9 FRED BARTIMOCCIA
- 9 LANCE WILSON
- 9 JOHN FERGUSON
- 10 PATRICK HINES
- 10 LEO WALTERS
- 11 LEWIS CORAM
- 11 ALFRED MUNOZ
- 11 ROBERT WRIGHT
- 12 PHILIP LOFTY
- 13 BENJAMIN SMITH
- 14 JOHN MAHER
- 14 EDWARD ROEDERSHEIMER
- 19 DONALD DUROCHIA
- 22 STEVEN LASKO
- 23 REV. ABRAHAM SCHARIAH
- 26 PAUL BARNES
- 27 VICTOR DAVIS
- 28 KURTK LETTNER
- 29 CHARLES BRODIE
- 30 JOSEPH BRUNICARDI

**Thursday, May 14:** Council and Assembly Elections for the 2026-27 Fraternal Year.

**Sunday, May 17:** Annual Record Show @ Council Hall.

**Tuesday, May 19:** Bishop Barron's "The Mass" series continues. Open to all men.

**Monday, May 25:** Annual Memorial Mass @ Mt. Carmel.

**Friday, May 29:** Baked Steak Dinner.

### Quarterly Drawing Winner

Congratulations to Dick Kesterson, PGK – winner of our quarterly drawing for meeting attendance! Please attend at least one meeting each month to be eligible for the drawing.



# 125th Anniversary Shirt Order Form Due by May 15th.

Available in sizes: S-4XL.

They will be embroidered with the 125th Anniversary Logo. Cost is \$30/shirt.

Personalization is available for an extra \$6/line (optional).



Brother: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Personalization (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
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*For Example: Joseph Stocking  
Grand Knight*

Cost is \$30.00/shirt.

Personalization: add \$6.00/line.

If paying with cash please drop off your order in-person at the Council Hall by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Orders are due by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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