



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

November 2025

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

The council certainly had a busy October - and this newsletter only touches on a part of it. Coats for Kids is in full swing again, Men's bible study is every other Tuesday, dance season is back every week, the hall has hosted another charity dinner, and so forth. These programs and events not just build up our community and epitomize our tenet of Charity, but they provide us opportunity to share our faith with each other in Unity (remember the string and cable?). If you haven't had an opportunity to participate recently with one of the Council projects I encourage you to come down and join in - you won't regret it!

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Stocking, Grand Knight

From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

Veteran's Day Parade:

Tentatively the spot for the K of C truck in the Veteran's Day parade is "23". There will be someone at the PHS "horseshoe" with the official list to direct traffic. K of C participates should park and meet in the parking lot behind the K of C hall and be ready to go by 9:00 am. Plan on being in line at PHS no later than 9:30 am. Parade starts at 10:00 am. Participants and anyone attending the parade should wear their K of C polo shirts to let everyone know who we are. Dress for the weather. This is a rain or shine event. Thank you Mike McDougale for driving and for the use of your truck. Thank you Joe Sadie for donating the banners. They're awesome. Now lets fill the truck with veterans!



Flagpole Dedication / Flag Raising Ceremony:

The flagpole dedication and flag raising ceremony is 11:00 am November 15th. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery (corner of Dillaway St. and 14th. St.). Announcements will be in the three local Catholic Church's Bulletins the weekend of November 9th. I will contact the News and Sentinel to see if they will put an article in the newspaper prior to the dedication. I will also contact WTAP. This event will be open to the public. Talk it up. Spread the word. It would be great to see a large turnout. It would also be great to see a lot of maroon and blue K of C polo shirts in the crowd. Keep in mind this is a rain or shine event. By the time you read this, the flagpole will have been delivered (and installed) and the plaque anchored in place. A big thank you to all of you who helped with this project. The cemetery was dedicated in 1872. As far as anyone knows, for 153 years, the American flag has never flown over this cemetery. This project is something that we as Knights can all take great pride in. A special thank you to Roger Nedeff who unselfishly allowed me to use his research as part of the ceremony. As a result of his work we will honor, by name, 35 Civil War and 40 other veterans, several of which served during other wars.



Vivat Jesus! God Bless America!

Mike Pollock, Faithful Navigator

Flagpole Dedication

Mark your calendars: Saturday, November 15 @ 11am Assembly 1187 is dedicating a flagpole at St. Francis Xavier's cemetery. The base was installed earlier in October.



Pictured with the Sir Knights who helped Faithful Navigator Mike Pollock with this project is Parkersburg Council member Wendy Tuck (below, fourth from left), who generously provided water for the cement mixer.



PCHS Bleachers

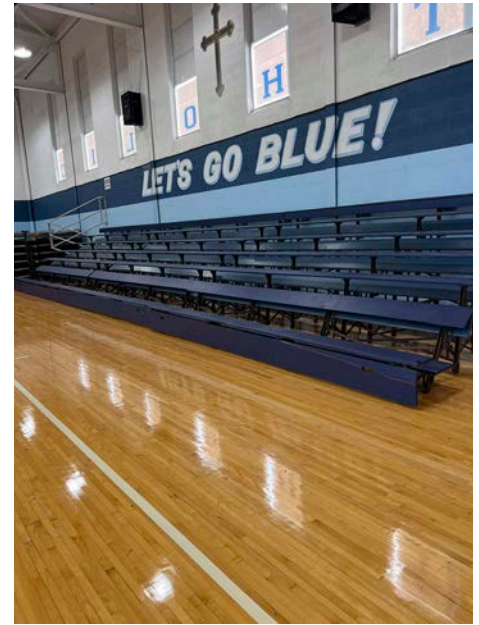
By the time you receive this newsletter the “new” bleachers at PCHS should be fully installed and working. From helping bring the bleachers into the gym, removing the old, and painting the footboards to freshen things up everyone’s help has been instrumental and greatly appreciated!



Ed Franks “cutting in” around the stairs.



DGK Don Durochia and Brother Jeff Mennillo (PCHS Principal) painting.



St. Monica Cross Project

On October 26th a Harris Highway landmark in Lubeck was restored: the cross at St. Monica. This project was possible through the generosity of Danser Inc., Sterling Packaging and Brother Chandler Davis. Next time you have a chance, take a drive out and check it out. The pictures are great, but it is truly impressive in person.



11th Annual Rosary Rally

Many thanks to Brother Jimmy Udell for coordinating the 11th annual rosary rally at City Park on October 11th. The weather was beautiful and we had wonderful representation from the local parishes and Parkersburg Catholic High School.



Cash Drawing

Our annual Cash Drawing Dinner was held on the 24th. This is the Council's primary fundraiser each year, and was once again a wonderful success. Special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary who provided dinner, and to Brother Jeff DeWitt for headlining the evening. There is a lot of preparation that goes into these events: thank you to everyone who made the evening so enjoyable!



St. Monica Landscaping Party

On October 25th we took care of some landscaping projects at St. Monica Mission in Lubeck. Special thanks to Brother Joseph Sadie who brought his bucket truck and made the tree removal much easier/safer. Mike Pollock took a great group photo of Dave Walter's aspiring apprentices! Thank you also to Natalie Linder for a truly wonderful lunch!



Halloween Parties

Both Bingo and the Council held Halloween dinner parties. The Bingo players were treated to a visit by a VIP (see photo). The Council baked steak dinner/party was a fundraiser for Council hall renovations (over 200 dinners served!) These dinners are truly a labor of love by many (including the diners). Thank you to everyone who helped put everything together, donated to the silent raffle, served, and helped with clean up afterwards.



Katie and Rose Walters having a great time.



Bonnie and Clyde (Janet & Tom Davis, Bingo players).



Brother Drew Kefeli and... the President (PGK Harry Helmick).



Brother Kenyon Felder, DJ for the evening.



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.

November Birthdays

11/1	Mark Dearman
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11/2	Randon Broffman
11/3	Bernard Boice
11/3	David Brock
11/5	David Walters
11/6	George Cosenza
11/8	Rev. John Gallagher
11/8	Scott Morehead
11/9	Daniel Smith
11/9	James Winland
11/11	Chad Ross
11/12	Robert Kesterson
11/13	Dr. Robert Herceg
11/13	James O'Hair
11/14	Louis Thomas
11/15	William Dziagwa
11/17	Timothy Hines
11/25	Connor Murphy
11/27	Edward Nutter
11/27	Michael Durnell
11/30	Thomas Joyce

Upcoming Events

November 4, 7:00 pm: Men's bible study.

November 6: 4:30-6:30 pm: Jan Dils Annual Veterans Dinner (no meeting).

November 8: St. Margaret Mary Ministry Fair after each Mass.

November 10, 6:30 pm: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade (call Mike Pollock to ride in our truck).

November 13, 7:00 pm: Annual Memorial Mass at Council Hall (no meeting).

November 15, 11:00 am: Flagpole dedication at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

November 18, 7:00 pm: Men's bible study.

November 27: Happy Thanksgiving (no meeting).