



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

February 2026

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

Renovation work in our Council home should be completed – or mostly completed – by our first Fish Fry of the year (2/13). It can't be overemphasized how much volunteer labor went into this project; thank you to everyone who planned, coordinated, and jumped in to lend a hand. I also extend my sincere thank you to everyone who donated to the project. The improvements realized would not have been possible without your generosity. As our Council celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, our current facility is well-positioned to serve as a base for our charitable work for many more years!

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Stocking, Grand Knight

From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

As many of you have noticed, 2026 Dues notices have not been sent out yet. Our Assembly is awaiting Supreme's completion of the appointment of Sir Knight Mike McDougle to the position of Faithful Comptroller. Rest assured: you will be receiving an invoice before long!

This year promises to be busy yet again. We are continuing to provide pill boxes to local VA patients, and are exploring the possibility of facilitating the acquisition of furnishings for Veterans moving into a new housing facility on the South Side.

Membership – we currently have 3 Brother Knights waiting for the next 4th Degree Exemplification. If we have a total of 5 we can schedule one locally. Please give me a call if you would like to learn more about our Order's Patriotic Degree.

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

Parkersburg Catholic High School Recognition

January 9th our Council was recognized at halftime of the boys varsity game (both JV and Varsity won, by the way!). Below is a write-up from the evening:

During the 2025 school year PCHS has undertaken many projects and initiatives, one of the largest and most challenging being the Bleacher Project. This project involved relocating bleachers from

Van Devender Middle School to our gym. The process required physically moving three sections of bleachers across town and maneuvering them from the outside porch into place for installation. We faced immense challenges, which required the effort of over 20 volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, along with parent volunteers to successfully complete the installation. By salvaging and repurposing these bleachers, we saved the school nearly \$50,000. This project would not have been possible without the leadership of Joe Stocking and his dedicated team from the Knights. In addition to the Bleacher Project, the Knights have assisted with various initiatives, such as landscaping, painting, and providing scholarship funds for our students. We as a school are truly grateful for all that the Knights do to benefit Parkersburg Catholic Schools.



Helping a Longtime St. X Parishioner

Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Donna Sue Guinn. A longtime member of St. Francis Xavier, Donna passed away with no surviving family. With the help of some gentlemen from Recovery Point, Brother Knights moved her belongings to storage while her estate is being settled.





Painting Party

Brother Jeff Mennillo -- aka Principal Mennillo -- asked for help, and we answered! Thank you to everyone who participated in painting door frames at PCHS in advance of Catholic Schools Week. For the record: Brother Mike Evans did get more paint on the school than he did on himself!



The ARC of the Mid-Ohio Valley & the KofC

As you know, our Council has been a long-time supporter of the ARC's programs. Each year we are blessed to be able to host their Christmas dinner/dance, among other programs. At their annual board meeting this year our Council was awarded The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley's Key to the Community Award. It was humbling to be able to accept this award on behalf of the Council, and a very proud moment indeed. Thank you, Brothers, for all you do in support of our mission of Charity.



Pictured: Doug Hess, COM of the ARC; Michelle Curtis, Executive Director; Joe Stocking, GK; Harry Helmick, Past Grand Knight

Pro Life Prayer Events

Be a voice for the voiceless. Stand and Pray in Front of planned parenthood, first Monday of each month, 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. 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.

6th Annual Holy Hour for Life Novena with Eucharistic Adoration: 9 Wednesdays, St. Francis Xavier Church, 6-7 pm; Mass follows on most dates. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 4/11/18/25, April 1. The Holy Hour consists of 2 Gospel readings, 2 litanies, and silent meditation with the Exposition of the Eucharist. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "If people spent an hour a week in Eucharistic adoration, abortion would be ended." Everyone welcome.

For more information, call or text Katie Walters at 304-481-0578 or Sunny Murray at 304-482-6193.

Fish Fry Dinners Begin Soon

The Lenten Season starts this month with Ash Wednesday on the 18th. As we prepare for Easter we are able to celebrate together as community each Friday at dinner. We are also able to share our good fortune with the greater community through our 40 Cans for Lent program. Please remember to bring a donation to dinner with you, or bring something to Mass on Sunday.



Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday

STARTING ON THE 13th!

Doors open 4:30. Orders taken at 6 p.m.

Dinner to go: phones open at 5 p.m.

K of C Hall, 1010 Market St.
(304) 428-0331

40 CANS FOR
LENT



**Turn a small sacrifice into a
big help to someone in need...**
Donate, collect, give what you can. Together we CAN fight hunger!

CAN You help?





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.

February Birthdays

JEREMY HYER	2/1
ROBERT MASON	2/3
SOHIEL KHOURY	2/5
JUSTIN LOWERS	2/5
WESLEY TRACEWELL	2/7
ALAN DARMAN	2/8
JOHN PELLEGRIN	2/8
DENNIS FELL	2/12
ROBERT RITCHIE	2/12
MICHAEL KORESKE	2/13
HARRY HELMICK	2/14
KARL BERKLEY	2/15
MICHAEL LEATHERMAN	2/18
TIMOTHY F ERGUSON	2/18
COLE MILLER	2/21
JON BANGO	2/23
STEVEN BAUGHMAN	2/25
JOHN SHEPHERD	2/26
TERRENCE TAMBURINI	2/28

Upcoming Events

Line dancing every Tuesday.

Bingo each Wednesday and Saturday.

Friday, February 6: Parkersburg Women's Center
Murder Mystery Dinner

Tuesday, February 10 & 24: Men of the Word Bible Study

Friday, February 13: Fish Fry's Start

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 20 & 27: Fish Fry