



The Saint Michael

Saint Michael Knights of Columbus Council 4548

Grand Knight's Message

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Brian Kunkel

TRUSTEE 2 YEAR
Bill Black

TRUSTEE 1 YEAR
Frank Strawser

Worthy Brothers:

As my term as Grand Knight winds down, I would like to thank you all for your support and guidance for the last three years. These past few months with the COVID-19 pandemic may have slowed us down for a little but together we have managed to adapt and keep moving.

One of the good things that has come out of the pandemic is that some of our brothers that have been long time 1st Degree Knights have stepped up and taken their 3rd Degree using the new online ceremonies offered by Supreme.

At our last few meetings I may have mentioned that Brother Earl White made his 3rd on 4/23. Since then, two other brothers have taken theirs online. They are, Robert Hicks (4/30) and Peter Drake (5/7). Brother Hicks even put his photo up on the member list since I sent out a How-To few weekends ago about using the UKnight website and putting your picture by your name on the member list. Getting brothers pictures on the member list has been a pet project of mine and I hope to continue it after my term is over. You can email me for help if you're in need.

Now that the ice has been broken with the online ceremonies, I would like you all to talk to 1st & 2nd degree brothers that you know and coach them along to make their 3rd Degree.

I know that many of you are nostalgic about the way things used to be with



our ceremonies. Yes, they were full of good things and memories that we thought would never change. But these days, with both spouses working, it gets tougher to get brothers to attend, due to their busy personal and family lives. The younger generation of potential Knights doesn't want all the secrecy of the past. They prefer an open and all inclusive ceremony that is less bogged down on rituals from the past. If we can just get them into the order, the rest of us more seasoned Knights can mentor them and instill in them the traditions of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

This new era of the digital age only took the first 20 years of the 21st century to come to life for our great order. Let's keep it moving and grow our Council and Holy Family. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe and happy.

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Malafronti

Grand Knight

St. Michael Council 4548

Challenging Times

These are different and challenging times! But, as always, Knights work through it all and find a way to continue to serve. Worthy GK Tony Malafonti convened the first on-line Council Business meeting on Monday April 27, 2020. Hosted by our Worthy Financial Secretary, Br. Joe McCann, he utilized the video conferencing app Zoom to bring the Council together in a very user-friendly, interactive forum.

All of the Brothers in attendance seemed to easily adapt to this high tech way of conducting business. With only slight adaptations in meeting agenda and format, prayers were said, reports presented,

discussions held, and motions made and voted upon. We were even able to socialize after the business meeting was done, with everyone providing their own beverage of choice!

Twenty-one Brothers were in attendance. Everyone agreed that it was good to gather together and see everyone after more than 6 weeks.

The excitement continued as the next Council business meeting was held on May 11 using Zoom. And with 27 Brothers joining in, the on-line meeting is just another way for Knights to gather in Unity!



St. Michael Council's first on-line meeting

GK Tony Malafonti convenes the first virtual Council meeting using Zoom on April 27, 2020.

Elections to be held at the June 8th Business Meeting

Grand Knight:	Ron Cahill
Deputy Grand Knight:	Perry Best
Chancellor:	Frank Strawser
Advocate:	Ted Godsell
Recorder:	Rick Judd
Treasurer:	Joe Salvato
Warden:	George Loyer
Inside Guard:	Ray Bodnar
Inside Guard:	Joe Nash
Outside Guard:	Robert Stopyra
Outside Guard:	Walt Charowsky
Trustee 3 Year:	Tony Malafronti
Trustee 2 Year:	Brian Kunkel, PGK
Trustee 1 Year:	Bill Black,PGK

Election of Officers

Election of Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be held at our council business meeting on Monday June 8th, 2020 as the first item under new business. Only 3rd degree members in good standing may run for any office.

Join the Guild

Keep up with the canonization petition of our Founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney:

**FATHER MICHAEL J. MC GIVNEY GUILD
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 1 COLUMBUS PLAZA
 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510-3326**





Fish Frys



Five Fish Frys were planned this year, but only one was held, on Friday, March 6th. And very successful it was too! Unfortunately the remaining Fish Frys were cancelled, with the March 13th event cancelled on the 12th. All of the perishable goods purchased were donated to the Ministry of Caring. The fish was frozen and waiting to be delivered when room becomes available to be donated.

Thanks to all who volunteered!

We will have better luck next year!

A Beef and Beer may be held when able to make up for some of the short-fall.

Tootsie Roll Drive 2020

The 2020 Tootsie Roll Drive Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities is currently still scheduled for this Fall. We will be collecting outside the Church at the Masses for Saturday, Sept 26, and Sunday, September 27.

An application has also been submitted for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" pre-sale on Friday September 4, and Saturday September 5. More information will be provided upon word of application status.

Proceeds benefit the Delaware Special Olympics and the DFRC organization. Please volunteer to help this Fall for this worthwhile charity!



SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Family 10th Annual Golf Tournament

to be held on Friday August 14, 2020

Rain Date is Friday September 11, 2020

Back Creek Golf Club

Middletown, DE



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St. Michael Council Calendar

2020	UPCOMING EVENTS	LOCATION
June		
June 8	Council Business Meeting	On-line Zoom 7:pm
	- Officer Election	Officer Election
June 21	Father's Day	
July		
July 4	Independence Day	
July 27	Council Business Meeting	TBD
August		
August 10	Council Business Meeting	TBD
August 12	Fr. Michael McGivney's Birthday	
August 14	Holy Family Golf Tournament	Back Creek Golf Club Middletown, DE
August 15	Assumption Day	
August 24	Council Business Meeting	TBD
September		
September 7	Labor Day	
September 14	Council Business Meeting	Holy Family Hall 7:pm
September 28	Council Business Meeting	Holy Family Hall 7:pm

On-Line Exemplifications

You now have the opportunity to take your 2nd and 3rd degrees online. The ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to current social distancing precautions, these ceremonies are now offered online. You may participate in any of the scheduled events. After the 30 minute ceremony you will be a third-degree Degree Knight of Columbus.

Please contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for information and instructions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Family of the Month

February 2020

Dan Roberts



GK Tony Malafronti, & Chancellor Ron Cahill present Br. Dan Roberts with the most recent Family of the Month for February 2020. Family of the Month awards will resume upon activities commencing.

Leave No Brother Behind

Contact was attempted of every member of the Council recently to keep in touch and make sure that all Brothers were doing well during these times of uncertainty. We used the Council phone tree to get in touch with all members of the Council. Calls were made early in May to canvas our members and find out if any are in trouble or have a significant need. If food was needed, help is available through the Outreach Program at Holy Family Parish.

Most callers reported that everyone was doing well. All are hanging in there with staying at home and/or working as they are able. Only one request for food was made and was fulfilled.

Future efforts will be conducted as necessary and coordinated with Fr. Mark Kelleher with the needs of the Parish.



REMEMBER



Pop Top Tabs Still keep collecting!



Our Council collects all aluminum pop top tabs, including those from pet food cans, to benefit The Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington.

Please drop off all tabs in the Outreach Food bin, or give directly to Br. Ray Bodnar when safely able.