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4527 DATEBOOK

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING VIDEO MEETINGS

We are going to try using Zoom for our online meetings. You can join from a computer or smartphone. In order to protect the meetings from uninvited guests (a common problem), they are password protected. Please contact one of the council officers for the meeting password. The instructions below are for the **monthly business meetings on the fourth Thursday** of the month this will be the same every month. Thanks!

Join From Computer

To join the for the monthly meetings from your computer, you can open the Zoom meeting using this link:

<https://bit.ly/2Lkl5pw>

You will likely need to install the Zoom client on your computer.

Join From Smartphone

You can use the Zoom app on smartphones and tablets; it is probably best to install it in advance from your app store. Then you can use the link above or this code to access the November 19th meeting:

KC CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

17 ASH WEDNESDAY

**25 BUSINESS MEETING IN PERSON CMC
OR ZOOM 7 PM**

MARCH

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brothers, we've made it through the wild year that was 2020, now we will see what 2021 has to bring! I am hopeful that we are will be reaching an end to the pandemic soon and that we can regain some semblance of normalcy within the new year. And yet, watching the goings-on across the country it is clear that the need for good, strong men has never been greater. So: how will we answer this challenge? The answer, as always, is through our good and charitable works, and through engaging our parishes and hopefully gaining new and inspiring old members along the way.

In order to promote membership in our council as well as engagement in our council, I have a few thoughts/initiatives I would like to pursue. One is to hold two Fraternal Benefits nights this Spring to promote our insurance programs to existing and prospective members. Another is to host an Into the Breach Series in partnership with one of our parishes. There are other ideas as well that we hope to pursue with expanding membership as well as helping existing members in mind, but these are just a couple of examples I wanted to give everyone a heads-up on.

With respect to charitable works and not leaving anyone behind, we still need to be creative. Let us pray and think of things that we can do to help our community in a safe, yet impactful way. It may not be going out in large numbers as we normally would, but small acts of kindness and helping out where we can is always needed.

The officers would like to thank everyone who has already submitted their annual dues for the year and returned the communications survey. If you haven't submitted your dues and survey yet, remember that the drawing for the two \$50 Target gift cards mentioned in the dues letter will be at the February Business Meeting, so don't wait too long!

Finally, I wanted to let everyone know that going forward we will be taking a hybrid approach to meetings: we will continue to have a virtual option via Zoom, but if you are comfortable attending in person, we will also have that as an option at the CMC-West. I assure you we will be taking precautions to ensure the safety of all members at the meetings.

Vivat Jesus! Kevin Boening Grand Knight

BIRTHDAY BOYS

FEBRUARY

John Mallon 2/2
 John Kraft 2/9
 Arthur Benzschawel 2/10
 Paul Steinmetz 2/10
 Rev Terrence Connors 2/11
 Kelly Kennedy 2/12
 James Shunk 2/13
 Dale Henricks 2/14
 John Jonas 2/16
 Jim Flad 2/17
 Matthew Rossetto 2/19
 David Shaw 2/21
 William Kelly 2/26
 Paul Rozeski 2/26

MARCH

Richard Goedjen 3/4
 George Rauch 3/9
 Jeff Kingston 3/11
 Daniel Kelly 3/13
 Patrick Bergen 3/15
 Brian Elliott 3/17
 David Craig 3/19
 Timothy Muldowney 3/21
 Francis Murphy 3/21
 Jack Sprague 3/23
 Joel Galang 3/24
 Robert Steck 3/28
 Jerome Rather 3/30

INSURANCE FIELD AGENT

Council Meeting Message December 2020

As we conclude 2020, our thoughts turn to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We recall our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom. But we'll make it through the season; we'll have even more to celebrate next year.

As you slow down here are some financial issues to consider at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan which may make it opportune for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true of dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.
2. Do you have a FLEX Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to decide about how much to contribute next year?
3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

It's that time of the year for another state charity raffle. I will be distributing tickets by mail sometime before the end of January. Please return ticket stubs and check made payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 4527. Remember we receive a portion of every ticket sold. We are only issuing raffle tickets to members who participated in last years program plus new or members who transferred in during the last year. If you have any questions or would like tickets call me Dan Kelly, Council Raffle Chairman, at 608 213 3693.

FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Please include in your daily prayers the following Brother Knights, spouses and family members.

Gary Emerson	Hank Curran
Eleanor Watson	George Rauch
Linda Gorman	Dave Ryan
John Kraft	Jerry Thompson
Wilbert Ferry	Bob Steck
Bernard Gorman	Mary Buchholz

Contact Dan Kelly at 608 213 3693 with additions and/or deletions to this list. Thank you.

These issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so don't go it alone. Give me a call and I will be happy to discuss any of these issues...and you can do it safely, virtually with me on the computer from the comfort of your home.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:5

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prays go out to the family and friends of the following brother Knights:

PGK Robert Kraft (Charter Member)

Born 1/26/1929

Joined 1/26/1958

Died 12/11/2020

Reven "jack" Marshall

Born 3/1/1939

Joined 2/17/2002

Died 12/10/2020

John J Lynch

Born 10/1/1927

Joined 3/1/1962

Died 11/1/2019 *

* No obituary found out from daughter

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Expenditures over \$500 will be announced at one meeting and approved at the next meeting. These expenditures include : \$2000 for LLC insurance, \$700 for the LLC liquor license , \$1000 RSVP, \$900 for Knight letter and postage and \$800 Madison Little league.

We welcomed Daniel Swanson a new transfer to our council.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$5,207, Charity Fund \$ 12, 409 and Special Events \$ 272.

We received the Columbian Award plaque for the fraternal year ending June 30, 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Council approved the listed expenditures over \$500 listed above for the next calendar year.

We discussed the meeting in January both video and in person at the CMC building

KC LADIES

We wish all a New Year filled with health, happiness, and peace!

We have cancelled our February meeting and look forward to seeing you on the first Thursday in March – March 5th. That is the date for our annual Lenten Mass, followed by lunch for anyone who wishes to attend. Please wear your mask for the 12 noon Mass at the O'Connor Center, and keep socially distant. Call Betty (277-9621) by March 1st if you would like to attend lunch. Then please meet us in the lobby by 11:45 am on March 5th to confirm your presence, and we will call the restaurant.

Our schedule for the remainder of 2021 is still "up in the air" depending on what the pandemic indicates. We do miss all of you and would like to arrange some improvised meetings. If safe to do so, we could perhaps have a game day at the clubhouse with food brought it, or lunch outdoors, etc. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Otherwise, we will just take it month by month, and let you know via email or phone.

Remember that all wives, or widows, of KC members are encouraged to participate in our activities at any time. We do not charge dues nor have an official membership roster. We just gather to enjoy each other's company and try new adventures, while growing in our Catholic faith. For questions, call Betty Blumer at 277-9621. '

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Many communities have been encouraged to limit public contact and self-quarantine. As a result, many people are cut off and isolated from their family, friends and neighbors. They likely have needs that you can help address. Some may require food and medical supplies. Some may need a conversation or prayer. Whatever the need, Knights are encouraged to assess and creatively support the needs of their broader community. People are counting on us to come through for them.

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