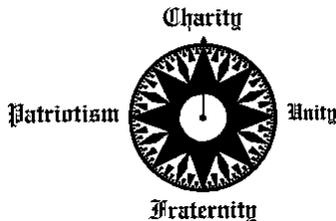


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The Compass

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DEACON'S GALAXY

As I write this, it is New Year's Eve. Tomorrow is the anniversary of my dear wife's passing. If I only knew then what kind of year that would have portended. This is a year that none of us will ever forget. When the younger ones tell their grandchildren about 2020, it is likely that they will not be believed. And who could blame future generations?

None of us could possibly have foreseen how this year, this pandemic, would have unfolded. Who would believe stories of having to stay locked up in your house? Who would believe that you could only get food from a restaurant pick-up or delivery? Who would believe that the Steelers went 11-0 in front of no crowds (or at least very small ones)?

So, what do we take away from this experience? First, I think we will no longer take physical interaction for granted. We will relish every handshake, every hug, every tender touch. We will be in our glory being with family and friends. We will enjoy eating leisurely in a restaurant, fine or otherwise.

Secondly, we will enter into public worship with a new enthusiasm. We will sing and we will offer heartfelt signs of peace. We will approach the Eucharist with a renewed fervor.

We have seen the gates of hell and we have overcome them. We have done that through faith and fidelity. We know, as Job tells us, that our Vindicator lives. Yes, we have lost many to this tragedy. But we have commended them into the hands of our loving God. Now, with a vaccine being delivered, we have hope – hope that this madness will end. We know that things

will return to normal. We have seen that in the past. We just cannot wait until that happens.

May God bless you richly in this New Year and may it be ever so much better than the old one.

Deacon Mike

GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY

Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family are well. 2020 was a year that was insane to say the least. 2021 will be a new adventure with many twists and turns. We will handle each month as it comes with no long-term plans. I have not gotten an answer on Biedenbach Hall so our meeting on Jan. 11 @ 7:30 will either be by zoom or in person. You will be notified by email next week on how we will proceed with the meeting.

A special Knights shut out to our Christmas Basket co-chairs, Bro. Robert Condrac and Bro. Ross Zappa, for all of their hard work in making this year's drive a success. Thank you is also extended to all brothers who helped with the making of the boxes, stuffing the boxes and delivering the boxes. I do not have all the names, but you know who you are!

Speaking of Bro. Condrac, he has been the chairman of the Christmas Basket Project for the past 10 years and I want to personally thank him for all of his efforts in making the project a real success. Bro. Condrac has decided to step aside in his role as chairman and the Council will be looking for a replacement. I am sure Bro. Condrac will assist in the transition.

Happy New Year and God bless you and your families with peace, good health and happiness in 2021.

Vivat Jesus - GK Pete Bobich

TREASURER'S GALAXY

Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, will make the following report at the January 11, 2021 meeting: \$14,122.31 prior bank balance, \$1,166.00 income, \$1,819.25 expenses, \$13,469.06 balance, \$2,200.00 committed funds, \$11,249.06 funds available.

The Bishop's Project balance in our treasury stands at \$20.00. Due to the coronavirus restrictions, there have not been any Penny Drives or Tootsie Roll drives to add to our total. No donations for the Christmas Seals have been made to the treasury, but brothers may have sent their donations directly to the Bishop's Project.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations: \$500.00 – Becky Golembiewski; \$300.00 – Merv Knieriem, Seminarian; \$300.00 – Stephen Wetzel, Seminarian; \$400.00 – Christmas Baskets Fund; \$25 – St. Jude Hospital, DeFabio Memorial; \$11.50 – DeFabio Mass; \$271.47 – Christmas Baskets. Our total for the 2020-21 fiscal year stands at \$11,841.47. This total does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

THE BISHOP'S PROJECT

The 2020-2021 campaign began on Mar. 1, 2020 and will run to Feb. 28, 2021. At this point, we have sent \$722.50 to the Project Treasurer and we have \$20 in our treasury from Bro. Greg Blake. Bro. Bossart donated \$600 directly to the project. This gives us \$1,342.50 towards our goal. I have not been made aware that any other brothers have made a direct donation to the Project Treasurer. Due to the coronavirus, it may be sometime until we are able to raise any more funds. Our Penny Drive and Tootsie Roll Drives have had to be suspended due to the coronavirus.

As of now, we have no idea when we will be able to hold a Tootsie Roll Drive. So, our chairman, Bro. Greg Blake has recommended a virtual drive. Seems like everything today is virtual! He would like the brothers to go to the web site for the Bishop's Project at <http://www.bishoipsprojectkofc.org/donate> to make a financial donation and note that you are from Council 4925. You may also send your donation directly to Gary L. Williard, BPTreasurer, 54 Florence Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

FOOTBALL SWEEPS

The Council has had eleven winners through week 9 of the contest from tickets sold by brothers. The winners are: Julie Mulkerin - \$16.67; Jim McRickard - \$6; Tony Zello - \$6; Ross Zappa - \$60; Julie Mulkerin - \$150; Ken Barth - \$250; Ken Barth - \$105; Karen Mains - \$200; L. Brown - \$120; Paul Fabrizio - \$85; and Honora Schmider - \$30.

ADVENT PARTY

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, this year's Advent Party had to be cancelled. Whenever this virus is gone, the Council may hold a celebration. We will keep you notified.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES

Our chairman, Bro. Tim Jacob, has informed us that this year's race date of Jan. 22, 2021 has to be cancelled due to coronavirus. Even with the easing of some of the restrictions on Jan. 4, 2021, the Council still would have only been permitted to have about 75 people in the Lourdes Center. That number would not be large enough for the Council to make a decent profit. If the COVID-19 virus somehow disappears later this year, the Council may be able to sponsor the races. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and a return to some degree of normalcy in our lives.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Knights of Columbus Council 4925 put together and distribute 65 Christmas Baskets or boxes of food for families in need this



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year. A number of brothers gathered at Biedenbach Hall on Dec. 17-19, 2020 to label the boxes, pack the food, and see to the delivery of the boxes. The Christmas Baskets are provided to assist needy families or individuals during the Christmas Season. Traditionally the Knights have provided Christmas dinner for these families providing a turkey or chicken, canned goods, bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables. A huge Knights thank you is extended to all who participated with a special thank you to co-chairs, Bro. Robert Condrac and Bro. Ross Zappa.

COLOR CORPS

If you are a 4th degree Knight, please consider becoming a member of the color corps. The leader of the corps is our own Bro. Joe Burke III and he wanted to make sure that all of you are aware that the corps is available for the wake and funeral of all brothers who have reached the Knighthood (old 3rd) degree and the Patriotism (old 4th) degree as well as their spouses. The corps is looking for members to join the corps. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Burke 412-736-3673 or email jpburkeIII@verizon.net The Supreme Office has now turned over the sale and distribution of the new uniform to The Supply Room. This company makes uniforms for all of our military services. If you would like to purchase a uniform, contact Jim Craig at 800-458-5180 ex 168.

OUR INSURANCE AGENT

We currently do not have a field agent. In the interim, you may contact Ross Conklin, General Agent, at Ross.Conklin@kofc.org or call 412-729-2709. Remember our agents are here to serve us. The Knights of Columbus enjoy the highest rating from A.M. Best.

WEB SITE

WWW.KofC4925.ORG is our new website.

Take a look at what's available on-line. Add your *Prayer Requests* at any time; have access to the Compass, our newsletter, including past editions (dating back to 2006); have access to our past – the legacy that is our foundation; have access to a list of

the chairmen of our various projects; link to sites of interest. The *News & Announcements* and the *Events Calendar* will be updated and changed regularly so bookmark this site so you may visit it regularly. A very big Knights thank you is extended to Bro. John Prazenica, for all of his hard work and time spent in maintaining the site.

COUNCIL DUES

You should have received your dues notice for 2021 from the Financial Secretary. Many brothers have already responded with their check. If you have not paid your dues, please submit your dues in the amount of \$24 to Bro. Ross Zappa, 386 Willow Hedge Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146 as soon as possible.

THE BROTHERHOOD ETERNAL

Bro. Mark Carl DeFabio, age 79, of Penn Hills, formerly of Homewood/Brushton, passed from this life into the next suddenly, on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Beloved husband of 57 years to Lorraine (Minoli) DeFabio; Father of Maria (Dan) DiNatale and Mark (Lynn) DeFabio; Grandfather of Danielle, Dominic, Daniel, Jr., Julia, Kayla, and Blaise; Brother of the late Louis D. DeFabio.; Uncle of Louis A. (Maureen) DeFabio, Jr., and Michelle Donatucci; Great Uncle of Anthony DeFabio, Nicole Cherico, and the late Louis A. DeFabio, II. Preceded in death by parents, Louis A. and Dorothy DeFabio. He was retired from State Farm Insurance after over 30 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf. Mark will be remembered for his big heart and love for his grandchildren, whom he adored. Visitation was private. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, 12:00pm, Noon in St. Bernadette Church, Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish. Bro. Mark was a very active member of Council 4925. At the time of his passing, he was serving in his 3rd year as a trustee. He also was co-chair of our golf outing for 4 years. The Council could not perform our service for deceased brother at the funeral home, but a plaque was given to the family at the mass by our Grand Knight. Entombment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery. To best honor Mark, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude



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Children's Research Hospital, 262 S Danny Thomas Blvd, Memphis, TN 38105.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

The Council extends its deepest sympathy to Bro. Craig Wilmotte on the passing of his dearly beloved father who passed from this life into the next on Dec. 19, 2020. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

At the ZOOM meeting on Dec. 14, 2020, the Council voted to donate \$500 to the Becky Golembiewski family. The family is having a very difficult time financially in these COVID-19 days.

Bro. Pete Walker sends thanks to all brothers who prayed for the successful surgery that his grandson, Ivan, underwent (Slipped Capital Femur Ephysis) on Dec. 10, 2020. Ivan was able to walk the same day of the surgery and he has made a remarkable recovery from surgery.

The Annual March for Life is still scheduled for Jan. 29, 2021 in Washington, DC.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Annual Memorial Mass had to be cancelled in November. We hope to be able to hold the memorial at some point in the near future. Our Grand Knight is working with Fr. Larry Adams on a date.

There is a plan to hold a Fish Fry at St. Bernadette Church on Jan. 16, 2021. This will be a drive-up event as we can-not meet in the Lourdes Center.

Bro. Ed McDermott is in charge of sending get well wishes to brothers who may be experiencing sickness. If you know of anyone who is sick, please contact him at 412-823-6393 or email at edwardmcdermott70@gmail.com and he will send get well wishes for our Council.

There are six (6) Masses being offered at our Parish: St. Bernadette – 4:00 pm on Saturday, 8:00 am and 11:00 am on Sunday; St. Susanna – 5:00 pm on Saturday, 9:00 am and 11:30 am on Sunday. Also, the seating capacity has been increased for each mass. You still need to go online at www.cdsmph.org/rsvp or phone 412-373-0050 between 9:00 am – Noon Monday through Friday to reserve a seat.

Even though we now have two (2) churches open for Mass, the number of people able to attend is still restricted. This, of course, has a direct effect on the offertory collection. The bills keep coming. Obviously, they need to be paid, but with the reduced offertory collections where does the church get money. You can certainly help in this situation by mailing your donations directly to the church or go to <https://www.christthedivineshepherd.org> and sign up for online giving. Please do not forget about our parish in these trying times.

If you are a veteran of our military services or you know of a veteran who is in need of physical or mental health, please call the VA Help Line at 1-800-273-8255.

The Council still has a large number of magnets. If you would like to purchase a He Is Risen Magnet or a Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet, please contact our chairman, Bro. Robert Schnelbach at 412-915-9075 or email to schnels@verizon.net Magnets make a nice gift.

NECROLOGY FOR JANUARY

Remembering Our Deceased Brothers

January 7, 2008	Stanley J. Mazor
January 7, 2009	Robert J. Clawson
January 11, 1990	Richard H. Knee
January 11, 1993	Joseph S. Cordasco
January 16, 2007	John A. Byers
January 16, 2019	William R. White, Sr.
January 18, 1993	Rocco D. Ross
January 21, 2010	Thomas R. Curran



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January 26, 1991 Robert C Stirone
January 27, 2011 Donald A. Torma

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SICK LIST: Ron Hagen, Tom Kalkstein, Mark Heckman, Lyndsay Wengrzyn, Jackie Wengrzyn, Gene Loomis, John Russo, Chelsey Orange, Sara Metz, Santos Hernandez, Linda Casper, Renee DeLuca, Tara Mavis, Bob McClure, Leo Hajdukiewicz, Debbie Foster, Mark Sifrulak, Mary Hajdukiewicz, Joan Syrek, Bill Syrek, Bob Alfer, Jim Marshall, Jenny Paris, Kathy Odalis, Lonnie Silver, Ginger Siciliano, Julius Bertoni, Patricia Bertoni, Brianna McDermott, Fay Duvall, Dee Gardata, Dave Fennessy, Berta Merolli, Tom Palmieri, Bob Cohen, David DiTommaso, Vince Brunotts, Ned Cash, Richard Mellick, Raymond Westbrook, Raymond Sasselli, Patricia Sasselli and Larry Mull.

DECEASED: Mark DeFabio, Greg Wilmotte, Mark Schmidt, Kate Allison, Pam Crasman, Melissa Busbey, Mary Ann Brasher, Bill White, Dwight Hutton, Kathleen Valentine, Jean Earley, Dr. Angelo DiPiazza, Ruth Keller, David Ferlini, Bill Martin, Jean Martin, Bill Jicak, Rachel Leo, John Liotta, Lois Lewis, Ed Lewis, Jr., Gino Ricci, Judy Boehm, Jane Bobich, Margaret Linhart, Rose DeMarco, Mike Touri.

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So, that is it for this month brothers! The coronavirus keeps going on and on and throwing a wrench into our regular schedule. Even though some restrictions will be eased on Jan. 4, 2021, we still do not know the availability of Biedenbach Hall for our meeting on

Jan. 11, 2021. We may be able to use Biedenbach or we may need to ZOOM. You will be notified by email this coming week. Brothers, keep safe and keep praying!

Wishing all of our brothers a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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