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November 2021 Edition

STAR NEWS

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November 2021 Deputy Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

We are coming up on the season of Advent, starting November 28. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of the Lord. The Catechism (524) says “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming”.

Advent is similar to Lent. Each is preparation for a coming holiday- Advent for Christmas, Lent for Easter. And of course before these is Thanksgiving. All of these are joyous holidays.

It can be hard to think of joyful things with the suffering in the world, including in our own Council, where our Grand Knight lost his wife. Please pray for her soul and pray for the comfort of

her family. In addition to prayer, which is never futile, we can turn our efforts to charity. During the Advent season our Council holds a food drive, and this was an idea our Grand Knight presented at the November meeting one year ago. Since he proposed the idea for this food drive, in the spirit of charity and fraternity, consider taking part in this effort with our council.

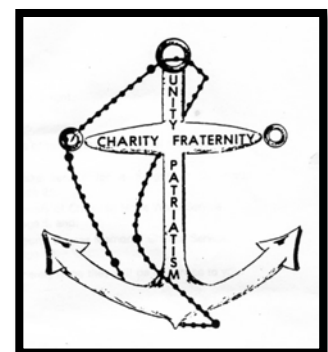
We have further opportunities for charity with our Ham & Cheese sandwiches in November to benefit St. Jude's, and during Advent with the chicken BBQ on December 12 to benefit St. Vincent de Paul “Needs Office”. Please try to attend if you are able and help your brothers in whatever way you can. I have missed the last two BBQs and plan to make this one. The fellowship can be a reward all its own.

Fraternally yours,

Matt



Worthy Deputy Grand Knight
Matthew J Becker



October 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The September 2, 2021 meeting minutes were distributed by email and posted on our website. Vic Ballash presented a motion to accept the minutes as posted; Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed.

**Grand Knight's Report:
Information presented by
Tim Surkovich on behalf of Ray
Gregorchik:**



Tickets are on sale for the next gun raffle (Savage Axis XP 7mm-08); please return the money to Tim ASAP.

Tim spoke to Ray and he thanks us for our prayers and ask for continued prayers.

**Treasurer's Report –
Information presented by Dan
Weaver:**



- Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2021: 7,930.92
- Deposits: \$233.53
- Disbursements: \$300
- New Balance as of September 30, 2021: \$7,864.45

Reading of Bills and Communications:

We received a thank you note from the Mary's Day Committee at St. Catherine's. We received a thank you note from the Brian Morden Foundation to support the fight against childhood cancer.

We received a thank you note from St. Leonard's Home in support of the St. Joseph Table fund raiser.

We received a request from The Giorgio Foundation to fund research to fight NFI. Bob Hazenstab presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Moringello provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request to support the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mike Metzgar presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Casey provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request to support Garvey Manor 500 Club. Vic Ballash presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Casey provided the second; motion passed.

**Financial Secretary Report -
Information presented by Tim
Surkovich:**



There is a new Facebook page where we are posting various Council information, including our donations, charities, fund raising information, etc. in an effort to help promote and inform others of our mission; ref. [HTTPS://Facebook.com/StarSea4245](https://Facebook.com/StarSea4245)

**Program Director – Information
presented by Tim Surkovich:**

Ham and Cheese orders are due November 15th; Assembly on November 18th; Delivery on November 19th benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The chicken BBQ, which benefited our local parishes was held on October 3, 2021 and provided a profit of \$2809 which will be given to the respective parishes. Ladies night has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Gun raffle will be held on 10-31-21.

Thank you to St. Michaels and St. Mary parishes for promoting the KofC throughout the bulletin.

We will hold a chicken BBQ on Dec. 12th to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "needs office" which provides support to those in need, including rental assistance, utilities, etc. 400 tickets will be sold at \$10 per meal, see Dan Weaver for tickets.

We will hold an advent food drive from November 28 thru December 17th.

**Standing Committee Reports:
Fund Raising Committee: Chairman
position is vacant – please volunteer;
information presented by
Bob Hazenstab:**

Copies of the minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting were distributed at the Council meeting.

The committee will begin to use social media to aid in future fund raising. Additional information will be provided in the Star News and a separate mailing will be sent to all members.

Planning for the next Cash Bash event, including the Big One (50-50 drawing) are in process.

Fund raising meetings are held on the Monday, immediately preceding the monthly Council meeting, at 6:30 PM – all are welcome and encouraged to attend, we need new ideas.

There will be December Cash Raffle with the drawing to be held on 12-30-21 with a \$750 cash prize and one number above and below will each receive \$100.

Tickets will be printed in the near future at a cost of \$10/ea and 250 tickets will be sold.

**Report of the 4th Degree -
presented by Dave Karl on behalf
of Lee Zimmerman:**



Next meeting will be held on October 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM ... we need 4th Degree members to attend these meetings.

**Field Insurance Agent Report –
presented by Mike McAndrew:**



Please pray for Mikes cousin

As a reminder, you need to review your insurance policies and Mike can help; policies can change over time and they do require review to ensure that you understand your coverage and assess your needs. Rates will increase as of January 1, 2022.

**District Deputy Report – presented by
Mel McConnell:**

It is great to see many members in attendance at the meeting tonight. Thank you for your continued support to the KofC and 4245.

Online training will be held on October 16th at 10:00 am and on October 26th at 7:00 pm "You Are Your Council".

The Johnstown Council will hold a degree at St. Therese on October 21st – see Tim for details if interested.

Happy feast day today, this is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Mel shared a prayer with the Council



Please Pray For:

Ray Gregorchik.



In memory of all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history especially of Grand Knight's wife Doreen.



2021 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

November—Matt Becker
December—Brian Drum



Happy Birthday November Birthdays

Michael Ercole	11/1
Joe Fernicola	11/1
Richard Fleegle	11/1
Donald Servella	11/5
Ed Shrift	11/6
Rev John Slovinski Jr	11/6
Deacon Allan Duman	11/7
Charles Ormsby	11/7
Dave Lozinak	11/9
David Smithmyer	11/9
Scott Zimmerman	11/9
Gary Ray	11/11
Carl Lear Jr	11/14
Edward Vaniel	11/15
Joe Dodson	11/19
David C Gehret	11/23
Dale Frank	11/26
Jim Hodge	11/27



**We continue to pray the rosary at 6:30pm, prior to each meeting. However, we have started a new tradition of offering up an intention for each decade. If you would like to provide the name of someone that

you would like us to pray for, please notify us prior to the meeting. Intentions for the October Rosary were as follow: Ray Gregorchik; Doreen Gregorchik; Dan Moringello, Rich Moyer – safe travels; Mike McAndrew – Cousin and Mel McConnell - granddaughter
**Please sign up to provide the Hospitality Meal for the 2022 calendar year.



We have a new Facebook page to promote our council's charitable acts, for recruitment, fundraising activities and to spread the "Good News" about the Star of the Sea Council.
[Facebook.com/StarSea4245](https://www.facebook.com/StarSea4245)



Upcoming Events:

For the latest information visit our website:
[HTTP://www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org)

October 31st
Gun Raffle
Savage Axis XP 7mm



November
Ham & Cheese Sale
Benefits St. Jude's Hospital
Orders Due November 19th



November 28 to December 17



Chicken BBQ for SVDP Needs
Department
Sunday December 12
10 AM to 1 PM



Online Auction Fundraiser
December 2-7
See enclosed letter



CASH RAFFLE
Winner Receives \$1,000
Number above and below
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Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 11/4/21**
Hospitality Provided by:
Matt Becker

10/28/21 4th Degree Meeting
7 PM

10/31/21 Gun Raffle

11/1/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

11/4/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

11/4/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

11/4/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Matt Becker

11/15/21 Ham & Cheese Orders Due 12 PM

11/18/21 Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

11/28/21 Advent Food Drive Begins

11/29/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

12/2/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

12/2/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

12/2/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Brian Drum

12/2/21 Chicken BBQ for SVDP Needs Department 10 AM-1 PM

12/2/21 to 12/7/21 Online Auction Fundraiser

12/17/21 Advent Food Drive Ends

12/31/21 Cash Raffle

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

“Big deal!” you might say. “What’s so special about that?” Let me tell you what is so special about membership in MDRT. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents from companies across the world meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We’ve had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That’s about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!



But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out the biggest names in the industry.

What’s all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn’t come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let’s get together soon...and I’ll tell you about my 2020 MDRT journey amidst a very different year due to this pandemic that we all wish was over.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael





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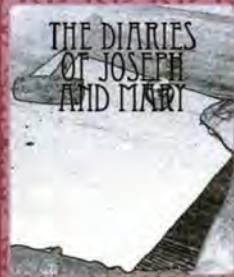
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October 18, 2021

IMPORTANT!!! ATTENTION!!!! IMPORTANT!!!

Dear Brother:

The fundraising committee has been working on multiple fundraising ideas which have been successful in raising funds for the council, but it hasn't been enough. Since our last major fund raiser, the Shelby raffle, money raised through fundraising has been steadily decreasing. Our present and past fundraisers have required a lot of manpower, something not always easy to acquire. By keeping our present fundraisers, along with embracing a new, up to date idea, we can hopefully increase our fundraising account.

The Fundraising Committee has found a new way to potentially raise a large amount of money in a short timeframe and with no risk to our savings, **but** it will only work with the cooperation of our council members, family, friends and acquaintances. We need your help! The key to the fundraiser success is spreading the word to everyone you know!

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in one weekend. By doing this, we will be able to continue to give money to the various charities we support and make some much needed repairs to the building.

So what is this no risk fundraiser? Simply put, it is an online silent auction.

The auction will include home items, travel, sports memorabilia, (including items from 2 hometown heroes), electronics and experiences.

In a separate mailing we will be sending you a more detailed description of the auction, including the specific items we are auctioning off, the online address, the instructions on how you or your friends can bid, and business cards to hand out to everyone you know, with the dates of the auction and the online auction address.

The more people we have bidding inside and outside our circle, the more money we can raise! It costs next to nothing to succeed and has great potential to help our council! So let's pull together and make this auction a huge success!