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Meetings Held on the Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings, Brother Knights,

It is with high expectations the council is launching what I hope will be the first of many newsletters for its members. At our March council meeting all in attendance agreed that a newsletter would be a great way to communicate with our members and keep them up to date on what the council is doing, especially in these difficult times we've all experienced this past year. If all goes according to plan, it will be a bi-monthly newsletter that will be distributed to all members the old-fashioned way, by mail, but it will also be posted on the council's webpage, www.kofc4425.com.

We will try to keep it short and concise, comprising of no more than four pages, recapping council past events and activities, announcing future council events and activities, member activities and interests, and, of course, the Grand Knight's short message.

We are encouraging members to help us with this endeavor by contributing anything you think is newsworthy - pictures, articles, personal interests and events - to the council that you would like to see in the newsletter or any suggestions to help make it interesting and informative.

This space will be dedicated to the Grand Knight to address members and have the opportunity to relay council and state council news and information. Here is where the Grand Knight will be passing on information discussed at our monthly council meetings, too.

A word about our monthly council meeting. Unfortunately, during the pandemic we've not been able to meet at our regular location in the Ballad Room at St. Anthony's Grade School on Tenth Street in Wilmington. Fortunately, though, through the kind offering of Dr. Herb Casalena, we've been able to meet at Gallucio's Restaurant at 1709 Lovering Avenue in Trolley Square. Meetings are still held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you've not been involved or participated in council activities recently, please join us at our next meeting. We'd love to see you. Getting back involved is the first step in getting back to why you joined the Knights.

Thanks for listening, and I hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Bill



A Blast from the Past - The 2015 Chess Tournament at the old council hall

Your Council Your Newsletter

Would you like to see your article in this spot? Do you have something interesting to say, something informative, a suggestion, or good idea for the council?

Well, this is the place to say it. Let us know how you feel. We'll leave a special section open for member submissions on every newsletter. It doesn't have to be fancy. It doesn't have to be professional.

Even if it's just an announcement of an upcoming event that you think the members would be interested in or would like to participate in, this is the place to do it.

To submit something to the newsletter, please email me at dmverechia@gmail.com

Let's see what you got!

What's Going On and Getting Back to Normal

To say this year has been a challenge, personally, professionally, or from a council perspective, is a real understatement. It seems everyone has been tested to the limit, not only because of the pandemic, but also the cultural changes we are in the midst of in our beloved America. But as Knights, we know what it takes to meet a challenge and prevail.

Although we've had a sparse 2020 as far as our normal charitable, social, parish, and youth events, this year we plan on making up for it as much as possible. And the more volunteers, the better. So if you're game, we can use you!

What's on the Horizon

The third Saturday in May has traditionally been Pius' day to serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington. Hopefully, we will be able to pick up the tradition this year after not being able to serve dinner last year. As of this writing, we're still awaiting word as to whether we'll be invited this year. We'll keep you posted.

The annual Nuns' Picnic, another Pius tradition, will be happening this summer at Holy Child. More information will be forthcoming as we near the date.

Hoagies for Heroes is back, but instead of September this year we'll be doing it sooner, serving the City of Wilmington Police Department lunch. Details coming.

Pasta Dinner

Of course, St. Pius X council has been known for its *Pasta Sundays*, a tradition started many years ago by Dr. Casalena at the council hall on Lancaster Avenue. The tradition continues at the Ballad Room at St. Anthony's Grade School. Stay tuned!



Nightfall at the Italian Festival

Mother's Day Rose Sale

We will be selling roses before and after all Masses on Sunday, May 9th to benefit the work of Birthright of Delaware. The cost is \$2 each, \$5 for three, \$18 per dozen and \$35 for a bouquet of twenty-five. Women who face crisis pregnancies are helped to choose life for their babies. Thank you for your continued generosity in support for this life-giving program.

May and June Birthdays

Rev. Francis J. Piileggi
Marco L. Varriale
Vincent J. Ciarlo
Peter P. Del Giorno, Sr.
Antonio S. Tiberi
Guy A. DiSimplico
Henry S. Alisa
Christopher A. Girardi
Francis A. Mercante
Joseph L. Ruggiero, Jr.
Anthony J. DeLuce, Jr.
William P. Petit DeMange
George R. Dreher
Martic J. Duszak
Donato Casale
Anthony J. DiFonzo
Ralph J. Gioffre
James J. DiTomasso
Benson F. Francis
Joseph B. Bubble
Donald A. Williams
Rosario A. Limmina
Anthony M. Gentile
Peter A. Gigliotti
Jerome J. Kryspin
Gerald E. McGrory
Louis A. Ferretti, Jr.
Rev. John P. Spellman
Ernest J. Camoirano
Rock Peters
Francis D. Vavala
Mark J. Pedicone



Father Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Congratulations!

For those brothers who are celebrating a birthday in May and June, the council wishes you a happy and blessed day with your loved ones. May God bless you all. And don't forget, "Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years." Happy Birthday!

A special shout out to members Frank J. Carlino and Peter Gigliotti who became Honorary Life members and Frank J. Serio, Jr., Ernest J. Camoirano, Dennis M. Calvetti, and James A. Del Grosso who became Honorary members this year. Congratulations, Brothers, for your many years in good standing of service to the Knights.

If any Brother Knight wants to wish another Brother Knight well wishes or congratulations, you can do so by going onto the council's website at www.kofc4425.com where you can email them directly. On the left-hand side of the home page, scroll down and click *Members Only* and just follow the prompts.

In Memorandum

To the Brothers we've lost this year, a special place in our hearts for them and their families. Attilio DiGiacobbe, Ralph N. Sianni, Sr., Anthony Ruggerio, Frederick Ross

Worthy Mentions

Thanks to Brother Tracey Saienni and TSS Glass in Wilmington for donating the tabletop glass for the prayer table at St. Anthony Grade School.

In September the council donated two much needed new flags, a U.S. flag and a State of Delaware flag, to St. Anthony Grade School.

The council is in the planning stages of sponsoring a canned food drive that will be taking place in the parking lot of St. Anthony's Church. We hope to conduct the drive every other Saturday afternoon. If you wish to volunteer or donate canned goods, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Anthony De Luca at tdeluca73@outlook.com.



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Our Lady, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.

Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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