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*April 2020 Edition*

## IMPORTANT UPDATE ON OUR CASH BASH !!

Due to the directive from the federal government and the CDC, we wish to keep our supporters safe and healthy. Therefore, we have decided to turn our fundraiser into a "Virtual" Cash Bash. Now more than ever we need to do everything we possibly can to help those in need. To help us continue in our efforts to support those in need in our community, we are hoping you will decide to continue to participate in this important fundraiser.

For those not wishing to participate and contribute, we will be offering a full refund.

For those who are sticking with us, we will be increasing the cash prizes for the winning tickets to \$50 each, as well as keeping the top three prizes of \$250, \$400 and \$600. We will also be giving away all the baskets that we have collected for raffling purposes as prizes, as well as the cash prizes. This will almost double the number of prizes given away. Based upon the number of tickets in the drawing, we will determine the number of prizes. Hopefully, everyone will join us in this endeavor and we will be able to give away a great many prizes.

The "Virtual" Cash Bash, will work like this:

We will be at our Council home (with a skeleton crew) on March 28th at 9:00 AM. We will start this event with our planned drawing of the Big One 50/50 winner. We will then start to pull the numbered balls from our barrel. While doing this we will be giving the cash prizes away along with the 20 beautiful baskets. The idea is to still give everyone a chance at all the cash on the board, along with the baskets, without you having to purchase more tickets.

We will place the numbered balls, assigned to those who have opted to stay, in the barrel. We will spin the barrel and pull out one number at a time. The cash board will be adjusted to accommodate the number of players. All winners will be notified by phone on March 28th after our video recorded event, which will also be available on our website.

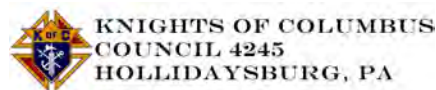
We will be handing the cash prizes and baskets out on Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Anyone who is not able to pick up their prize will have a check mailed out to them. We will deliver baskets to the winners who are unable to pick them up at our council home.

Once again, we wish to thank all of you have supported us in the past, present, and into our future. We will be doing our best in these trying times to continue helping our neighbors through all of our charitable endeavors. We understand that this "Virtual" Cash Bash is not what you expected when you purchased the tickets, but we have all had to get used to lots of adaptations during this most difficult time. We pray you all stay safe and well and stick with us!

May God Bless You

Raymond Gregorchik, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Council #4245

PS: Members, if you sold CASH BASH Tickets please contact the individuals you sold them to and read this letter to them so they can make an informed decision about whether they want to participate or not. Given the short timeframe we need to have answers from everyone by March 25th.



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## April 2020 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights:

I hope all are well with everything that is going on with the corona virus. That being said, all the closings and cancellations are probably going to impact us as well. All of our upcoming events will more than likely be postponed or possibly cancelled.

On March 11th I received a letter from Supreme Knight Carl C. Anderson stating our Supreme Council strongly recommended that the following actions take place until further notice:

1. cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings.
2. cancel all planned events where people gather

If we have to postpone or cancel our events hopefully we can get through this quickly and rebound. Just remember to avoid close contact with people, wash your hands, and use common sense.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Fun fact: March 29th the Knights of Columbus will be celebrating our anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut March 29, 1882.

Fraternally yours,  
Ray

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**THE BIG ONE**

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT OUR  
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## Gun Raffle

Father Tony's Family donated a shotgun to use in memory of him to raffle off to benefit the council. It is an Ithaca 20ga, pump action, commemorative gold plated number #12 of 25. A cash option of \$1,000 is available if the winner does not want the gun. Tickets are 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10, 12 for \$20. If you want tickets email [mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net) or call 814-931-9871.



## **March 2020 Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:**

Minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

### **Application for membership:**

Welcome to our new Brother – Timothy Hatajik who completed his first degree at the March 5, 2020 meeting.

### **Grand Knight's Report: Information presented by Ray Gregorchik:**



Ham and Cheese sale: assembly will take place on March 18; delivery on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit the Council.

### **Chaplains Report- Fr. Alan Thomas**



We are now in the Lenten Season and we must be aware to Fast, Pray and Give Alms. Let this be a season of Light; let the Light of Christ shine in, so that we may know our selves better and serve God.

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



- .Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2020: \$8,886.12
- Deposits: \$376
- Disbursements: \$589.08
- New Balance as of February 29, 2020: \$8,673.04
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

### **Reading of Bills and Communications:**

We received a thank you note from Blair Hope for Families, acknowledging the \$100 donation.

We received a request for donation from Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Rich Moyer presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Moringello provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from Society of St. Vincent DePaul Youth

Ministry, to sponsor the 12<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing. John Brown presented a motion to donate \$100; Bruno Felus provided the second; motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary's Report – Information presented by Tim Surkovich:**



Annual dues for 2020 are now due; second notices were sent in March.

Please donate to the distressed member's fund.

50/50 tickets are available; please turn in your money or place in the mailbox. Seminarian Endowment tickets are available at \$20/ticket – see Tim; due by Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Federal Taxes are complete and have been filed.

Cash Bash tickets are due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. COAL tickets are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. See Tim if you need additional tickets.

ELM (Every Life Matters) is fund raising for a sonogram machine. Tim presented a motion to donate the proceeds from the Mother's Day Dinner to this cause; George Husick provided the second; motion passed.

### **Standing Committee Reports: Fund Raising Committee - Information presented by Bob Hazenstab:**

The Cash Bash will be held on March 28, 2020 at the National Guard Armory (Meadows Intersection - Duncansville, PA) and tickets are on sale now. We are selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle to be pulled at the BEGINNING of the Cash Bash; we must record the ticket numbers and these tickets are available NOW – see Bob or any member of the committee.

Cost is \$35/ticket to admit 2 people and this includes dinner and all you can drink; one chance at the drawing.

Food will be catered by Holland Brothers; deserts are needed.

Baskets are needed; please seek donations of gift cards or other items and assemble a basket; lottery tickets are also needed.

We have received a gift (collectors' shotgun – Ithaca 20-gauge limited edition) from the Fr. Legarski estate and tickets are on sale now and all proceeds will benefit the Council. Winner may receive the shotgun or \$1,000 cash.

Sign-up sheet is available – we need volunteers to help with the event.

Tables can be reserved by sending ONE person to the Cash Bash at 4:00 PM and they can reserve the table(s) for their group (doors open at 5:30 PM).

Doors will open at 3:00 PM for the workers to set up; cleanup will start at ~10:30 PM.

Tickets must be returned by March 22, 2020.

Hand sanitizer is needed – please donate.

Rip off tickets will be sold during the event.

### **Sustainability Campaign:**

The Sustainability Campaign was approved and will now begin.

Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on March 30, 2020 at the Council Home; come and learn how you can participate.

### **40 Cans for 40 Days:**

Lent began on February 26 and the Council agreed to participate in the 40 cans for 40 days program. Remember to pray for the poor and hungry. The Catholic Daughters will be included again this year.

The food donations shall be delivered to the Council Home on Holy Thursday from 7:30-9:30AM and volunteers will be needed to transport the food donations to The American Rescue Workers food bank.

### **New Business:**

The Spaghetti Dinner, to celebrate the Hand-in-Hand BBQ is scheduled for April 14, 2020. Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:15 PM

### **Report of the 4th Degree - presented by Lee Zimmerman:**

The next meeting will be held at the Holidaysburg Council #4245 home on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

2020 dues are now due..

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

We need to recruit new Knights and grow our membership. In 2020, our goal is 14 new members.

This year is the 138<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the KofC (March 29, 1882). Pray for our continued growth.

We are dedicated to helping others in need.

The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History will be released in March and you can pre-order at

[www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com) for \$24.99.

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

Many other life insurance companies are involved in abortion and anti-life initiatives. You can be assured that your policies, written by the Knight of Columbus, support pro-life investments. You need to know where your money is invested.

Remember, we buy insurance for others, not for ourselves.

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**2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List**

May– Phil Claar

June—John Longenecker

August– Bob Hazenstab

October-Gary Nocek



In memory of all our Brother Knights that passed away, especially Richard C Gildea, and throughout our councils history.



**Happy Birthday  
April Birthdays**

Kevin J Longenecker	4/2
Jess R Weaver	4/2
Vince A Schneider	4/3
Stephen C Gildea	4/4
Denis M Frank	4/10
David M Harker	4/11
Dennis P Dombosky	4/12
Victor E Ballash	4/17
Timothy A Sheehan	4/22
H Daniel Weaver	4/25
Vincent D Moyer	4/26
Thomas L Matthews	4/27
Thomas L Sutch	4/27
Paul D Yakymac	4/27
Richard E Aiken	4/29



**Upcoming Events:**

**3/28/20** Drawing for the Big One 50/50

**4/9/20** Collection and delivery for 40 Cans for 40 Days 7 AM—10 AM

For the latest information visit our website:

[HTTP://www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org)



Fr. Crosser has now moved into Garvey Manor (room C115); please pray for him.



**2020 Dues are now Due!!  
Second Notices have been mailed**

**Spots are open on the 2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List (Council reimburses \$50) Volunteer needed for the April meeting. Contact Ed Dunning.**

**Again until further notice all meetings and events are cancelled, this includes dates listed in this newsletter with the exception of:**

**The BIG ONE 50/50 Drawing**

**Collection and Delivery of 40 Cans for 40 Days**

**CASH BASH will be virtual**

**As we find out information we will contact members via email and post information on our website.**



## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 4/2/20**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Volunteer Needed

**3/26/20** Meeting of the 4th Degree  
7:00 PM

**3/28/20** Drawing for the 50/50

**3/30/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**4/2/20** Home Association Meeting  
5:45 PM

**4/2/20** Praying of the Rosary  
6:30 PM

**4/2/20** Council Meeting 7 PM

**4/9/20** Collection and delivery for 40 Cans for 40 Days 7 AM—10 AM

**4/23/20** Meeting of the 4th Degree  
7:00 PM

**5/4/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**5/7/20** Home Association Meeting  
5:45 PM

**5/7/20** Praying of the Rosary  
6:30 PM

**5/7/20** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Phil Claar

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**The BIG ONE 50/50 Drawing Collection and Delivery of 40 Cans for 40 Days CASH BASH will be virtual!**

April is Autism Awareness month and I'd bet each one of us probably knows someone with autism; I know I do. One individual I know is challenged both physically and mentally. The Autism Speaks website ([www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)) is a wealth of information. Autism is not one disorder, it is actually called autism spectrum disorder or ASD because there is a broad range, a spectrum, from very mild to very severe characteristics.

Some with very mild characteristics can function in society quite well and hold responsible jobs. At the other end of the spectrum may be the person who is nonverbal, is challenged physically and may engage in nearly constant repetitive behaviors. Those with these more severe issues may need lots of support from family, friends and social service agencies. The Autism Speaks website says "autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today."

Nobody seems to know what causes autism and the manifestations vary so widely that there is no real cure. Often the best that can be done is try to treat symptoms and help the individual cope with strengths and challenges faced. Because some of the symptoms or indicators often appear at a young age, before age 3, doctors have found that early diagnosis and intervention is the best course of action. With this early intervention, many individuals can be helped to improve the quality of their lives.

As we become more and more aware of the disorder you may know a member who is dealing with this himself or perhaps one of his family members has it. Your support, empathy and concern are usually well-received. It's an opportunity to show Christ's love to a neighbor. I encourage you to find out more on the website for Autism Speaks.

The Knights of Columbus have policies designed to help leave monies for children, grandchildren, or for

the care of a loved one that has special needs to be used after your passing. Some of these policies can increase the input amount seven or eight fold immediately and make the entire benefit amount tax free. We also offer guaranteed issue policies for children as a part of your fraternal benefit package when you first joined your council.

I can't end this message without wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter! It's celebrated in the Latin Church on April 12 this year. What a wondrous time in our liturgical year! While we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and his glorious resurrection, we remember that the raising from the dead came after humiliating abuse and an agonizing death. When I pray the rosary, I sometimes try to mediate on a particular decade by placing myself in the scene of that decade. How would I, a follower of Jesus, have reacted to his crucifixion? At the cross like John...or scared and hidden away with rest of the disciples? Would I have been brave enough? Then at the first Glorious Mystery, there at the tomb, stunned in awe of the mighty power of the Resurrection. What a mighty God we have! May each of you and your families experience the joy of this Easter season!

Vivat Jesus!

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