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Welcome to our new Supreme Knight

Welcome to Patrick E. Kelly, the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Taking office on March 1, 2021, he serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members.

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April 2021 Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe on March 11, 2020 I received an email from the Supreme Knight stating that all meetings and planned events were to be canceled. It's hard to believe that we have been dealing with Covid-19 for a full year. With the vaccines becoming available, and the Governor easing up on the restrictions, hopefully we can start to do our fundraisers which allow us to continue to support our charities. It would also be nice to see all our brother Knights back in attendance at the council meetings.

With our first Rifle Raffle over, I would like to congratulate Stephen Riley, winner of the rifle, and Paul Detwiler, Jr., and Gary Ellis,

winner of the 50\$ from the "number above and below" drawing. Our next raffle for a Ruger American 308 bolt with a 3x9 truglo scope, is set for April 30, 2020 at the council home.

The Catholic Daughters have invited the Knights to participate in their blood drive scheduled for Tuesday May 11, 2020 from 1 PM to 7 PM at the council home.

At this time I hope everyone had the best Lent ever, and a blessed and Happy Easter.

Fun fact.

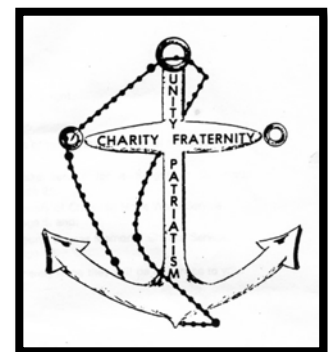
On the opening day of baseball, April 19, 1923, Knights of Columbus member Al Smith, (the first Catholic candidate for president in 1928), threw out the first pitch in "the house that Ruth built." To follow that up, Babe Ruth, a Knight himself, christened the new stadium with the first home run in the third inning that day.

Fraternally yours,

Ray



Worthy Grand Knight
SK Raymond J Gregorchik



March 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The February 4, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



Joe Moyer was presented with his membership and we wished him well as heads off to the Marine Corp. The gun raffle was a success, and the winner was Steve Riley; ticket above and below the winning number were – Gary Ellis and Paul Detwiler Jr. New gun raffle tickets are on sale for the April drawing.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Ray Gregorchik on behalf of Dan Weaver:



- Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2021: \$10,435.90
- Deposits: \$1,138
- Disbursements: \$258.12
- New Balance as of February 28, 2021: \$11,315.78

Reading of Bills and Communications:

We received a thank you letter from Wally Warmth for the recent donation. We received a request for donation from HAYFA – Hollidaysburg Area Youth Football Association. Paul Detwiler presented a motion to donate \$100; second presented by Gary Nocek; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from Service Paws of Central PA. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; second presented by Paul Detwiler; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Blair County. Paul Detwiler presented a motion to donate \$100; second presented by Dan Casey; motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report - Information presented by Ray Gregorchik on behalf of Tim Surkovich:



Tim apologized for his inability to attend the meeting and sends his greetings.

The 2021 annual membership dues notice of \$38 has been sent to all Brothers. 14 members are outstanding.

Please consider donating to the Distressed Member fund.

The COAL tickets are now available at \$5 each and are due back by March 26, 2021. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Tim's back surgery went well – thank you for your prayers and assistance.

The Seminarian Endowment Fund tickets are available for sale at \$20/ticket.

Standing Committee Reports: Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer. Information presented by Ed Zang

Meeting was held on 3-1-21.

The February gun raffle was a success, and the April raffle is in process.

The Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ is tentatively planned for the 1st Sunday in June; we need to contact the Shriners and plan the spaghetti dinner to coordinate the event; drive through is planned.

Please spread the word, we can cook chicken for other groups – 250 pc. Minimum.

We could hold a chicken BBQ and use the proceeds in honor of our deceased brother Knights. We need to discuss this at our next meeting and commit as well as determine how we would spend the proceeds.

We still have possession of the Fr. Legarski commemorative shotgun and are considering the possibility to have another raffle....100 tickets at \$20/ticket. Requires discussion at the next meeting.

We have received numerous donations in honor of Lou and Patty Endress and further discussion is required to determine how these will be used. We need your input at the next meeting.

40 Cans for 40 Days – Report by Ray Gregorchik:

Please participate in the food collection. Food will be collected on Holy Thursday – at the Council Home.

Ham and Cheese will benefit the Council. Orders are due by March 15th; assembly will take place on March 17th with delivery on the Thursday the 18th due to Lent. Proceeds benefit the Council.

New Business:

Mike McAndrew shared the following – Altoona and Bellwood Councils are

sending text reminders to inform the members of the monthly meetings and events and this has helped to increase the attendance and participation; Hollidaysburg should consider this option.

Bill Hiergeist has volunteered to serve as the remaining term of the 1st year Trustee (in place of our deceased brother Lou Endress).

The Catholic Daughters will hold a blood drive on May 11th from 1:00-7:00 PM – please support them.

The family of Fr. Legarski has created “The Rev. Anthony Legarski Educational Endowment Fund for Seminarians and Permanent Deacons” to be managed by the Independent Catholic Foundation. Fr. Tony devoted his life to being “another Christ” and is greatly missed. 60% of the annual distribution will provide financial aid to our diocesan seminarians and 40% for the permanent deacon candidates. Charitable donations may be added to this fund by sending your donation to the Independent Catholic Foundation, 3618 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1, Altoona, PA 16602. The full press release was issued and you may contact the ICF at www.icfdaj.org. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$500 to this fund; Rich Moyer presented the second; motion passed.

Report of the 4th Degree - presented by Dave Karl:



Next meeting will be held on March 25th at 7:00 PM at the Council Home.

District Deputy Report – presented by Mel McConnell:



Welcome to our new Supreme Knight – Patrick Kelly.

The PA State Convention has been cancelled. Any funds donated toward the program, will be refunded.

All Councils are encouraged to send their COAL tickets in by the deadline. Please recruit new members. The State Council is offering a challenge....for each Council that recruits 5 new members between Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, the Council will receive a \$250 award.

Virtual degrees are now in place.

The Semi-Annual audit is coming in the near future. Mel apologized – he will not be able to attend the April meeting.

Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mike McAndrew:



Please pray for Mike and his wife – their new baby is due any day. It is HIGHLY recommended that you have a Will and Power of Attorney; you need to do this for your FAMILY/ LOVED ONES. The COVID situation is clear evidence due to the loss of many of our brother Knights and those who were not prepared have left a true burden on their families...be responsible and create these documents – NOW!



Please Pray For:

- Jim Zimmerman
- Tim Surkovich
- Gary Ellis
- Ray Baker
- Mike McAndrew – wife
- For the souls of Lou and Patty Endress



2021 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

January—Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik
 February—Ray Gregorchik
 March—Rich Moyer
 July—Jim Zimmerman
 October—Gary Nocek
 December—Brian Drum

* Volunteers Needed



**Happy Birthday
April Birthdays**

Kevin Longenecker	4/2
Vince Schneider	4/3
Stephen Gildea	4/4
Denis Frank	4/10
Dennis Dombrosky	4/12
Victor Ballash	4/17
Timothy Sheehan	4/22
Dan Weaver	4/25
Vince Moyer	4/26
Thomas Sutch	4/27
Paul Yakymac	4/27
Dick Aiken	4/29



In memory of all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history.



- 2021 volunteers are needed, for Hospitality meals at our council meetings see Ed Dunning to volunteer. We are in need of a volunteer fro the April meeting.
- Thank You to Rich Moyer for providing the hospitality meal at the March meeting.

- 2021 Dues are now due. Regular Dues are \$38. If you pay by mail and would like your card mailed to you we kindly request you include a self-addressed stamped envelope to save the council mailing costs.



Upcoming Events:

For the latest information visit our website:

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**Begins Ash Wednesday
February 17th—Holy Thursday
April 1st**

**April 30th
Gun Raffle**



**Catholic Daughters Blood Drive
May 11th Council Home
1PM—7PM**





Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 4/1/21**
Hospitality Provided by:
Volunteer Needed

3/15/21 Ham & Cheese Orders Due

3/17/21 Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

3/18/21 Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

3/29/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

4/1/21 40 Cans for 40 Days Food Collection Concludes. 7AM to 10AM

4/1/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

4/1/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

4/1/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Volunteer Needed

4/30/21 Gun Raffle

5/3/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

5/6/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

5/6/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

5/6/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Volunteer Needed

5/11/21 Catholic Daughters Blood Drive 1PM—7PM



This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually or through phone conference. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer or phone, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to grab my mobile printer. (I am not complaining about saving a couple of bucks on ink and toner either.)

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically from the safety of their own home.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a “staycation” with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver

candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now I hope we are starting to come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. It looks like there is a light on at the end of the tunnel.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Take this time to pull out existing coverage from the Knights of Columbus or any company for that matter. Brush or blow the dust off them and review them to make sure what you thought you had is still what you actually have today. They say the mind is a funny thing, I know I do not remember what I ate for breakfast two days ago so how are you sure about a policy, coverage, or retirement you did more than one, two, or more than five years ago. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like a review; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

My family looks forward to the birth of our new child sometime in the next few days.

I continue to pray you will all be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael

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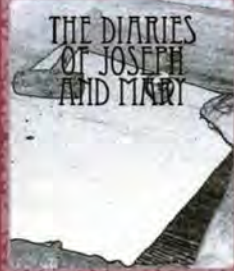
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