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*August 2020 Edition*

# **STAR NEWS**

**Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month**

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**Meetings have resumed!**

**Next Meeting  
August 6, 2020**

**Utilizing Social  
Distance Guidelines  
And Masks**

**Due to a printing issue the July Edition of the Star News was not mailed. It was posted on our website. Because of the non mailing issue we printed the July and August Birthdays in this issue.**



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**August 2020**  
**From the Grand Knight**



Brother Knights:

Since things were starting to get back to what seems to be some kind of normal, when we had our first meeting since all this chaos started, it was nice to see you all again. Hopefully, we can see an increase in the number of members to show up for our next meeting so we can get back to doing our work.

I feel we need to have our fundraising meeting on August 3rd so we can come up with some ideas on how to raise money. Bob Hazenstab stepped down as chairman of this committee, so we are looking for a member to head the fundraising committee,

I have a hard time with change, and with all the changes in our world today, I didn't need any additional ones! However, we have to change the way we do our degrees. We are going to need 6 members to do the

new degrees. We have all the materials in place to complete the new degrees. Anyone interested in doing this, please let me know.

We still need to reschedule the hand in hand BBQ. There is talk about another BBQ to benefit the parishes of our council, and in holding another food drive.

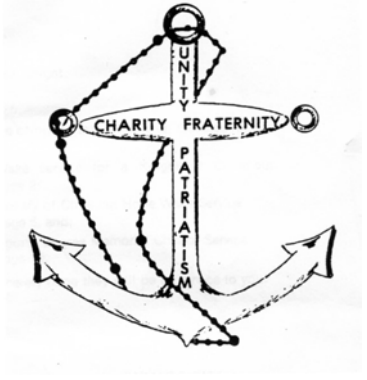
Fr Alan asked for our help on August 5th to celebrate the Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose in honor of Fr Legarski. Since the meeting took place this event has been cancelled.

Fraternally yours,

*Ray*

Fun fact

The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 to lobby for the public adoption of the phrase “under God “ in the pledge of allegiance. In 1953 President Eisenhower signed a law that added the words “Under God “to the pledge.



## **July 2020 Council Meeting Minutes**

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

Minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



All materials for the new degree have arrived and we will need 6 members to assist with the new degree program. Glad to see our members back at this meeting.

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



- Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2020: \$8,294.11
- Deposits: \$219.70
- Disbursements: \$236.56
- New Balance as of June 30, 2020: \$8,277.25
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

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

We received a thank you letter from the American Rescue Workers Inc. in acknowledgement of the 1500 lbs. of food donation from the 40 cans for 40 days collection; also for the \$500 cash donation.

We received a thank you letter from the St. Vincent DePaul Assumption Chapter Food Party, in acknowledgement of the \$500 cash donation.

We received a thank you letter from St. Leonard's Home, Inc. for the donation and to inform us that the St. Joseph Table event has been postponed until September 12, 2020.

We received a thank you letter from Scott Richardson in acknowledgement of the donation which he used to fund a portion of his Eagle Scout project.

We received a request for donation from Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Jim Zimmerman presented the second; motion passed.

We received a notice that our past check has not been cashed and was "returned". This check was issued to Fr. Devadas Sid-dipogula (India Seminarian Fund). Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100 (re-issue the check); Rich Moyer presented the second; motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary Report - Information presented by Jerry Kovach, on behalf of Tim Surkovich:**



The annual family picnic has been cancelled (COVID).

Football tickets are available at a cost of \$10/each and funds should be returned by the October meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> notices for past dues, have been sent to 7 members.

The Gun Raffle yielded \$4,286 in proceeds. We will need to pay for the transfer fees in the near future (\$45).

We had planned to donate to ELM – Every Life Matters to support the purchase of a sonogram machine. Proceeds would have been realized from the Mother's Day Brunch, which did not occur (COVID).

Jerry Kovach presented a motion to remove the previous motion to donate to ELM; Jim Zimmerman provided the second; motion passed. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$600 (from the Gun Raffle proceeds), to ELM; Rich Moyer presented the second; motion passed.

Ray Gregorchik presented a motion to donate \$500 to Br. Joe Dodson (American Legion) in payment for the memorial monument, which has been procured in honor of Fr. Tony Legarski and this monument will be installed at Patriots Park in Duncansville. Jim Zimmerman presented the second; motion passed. These funds will be taken from the Gun Raffle proceeds. Ken Greene was the winner of the Gun Raffle.

### **Trustees Report – Information presented by Rich Moyer:**

Audit is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Council Home.

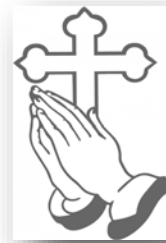
### **New Business:**

The Hand-in-Hand chicken BBQ may be re-scheduled in the fall. Lou Endress will contact the Jaffa and assess optional dates. Election of new officers is required. All present offices should consider if they are willing to continue their current duties.

Dave Karl has volunteered to serve as the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee.

Mass will be offered on August 5, 2020 in honor of Fr. Legarski at St. Mary's (Pilgrimage of St. Rose)

Discussion was held to consider holding a chicken BBQ with the proceeds to benefit the local parishes (take out only); tentative date is Sept. 13, 2020. Tickets would need to be sold by the respective parish members and the Knights would cook the meal. Suggestion to have the Fund-Raising Committee create a letter for each parish. More information to follow. Welcome to our new brother, Joey Moyer.



Please pray for :

- Ken Greene
- Ed Zang's Future Mother-in-Law
- Rich Moyer's Mother-in Law
- all our first responders, medical personnel, government officials, and all being affected by this pandemic in any way.

### **CANCELLATIONS:**

- **The Family Picnic has been cancelled.**
- **The Pilgrimage of St. Rose in honor of Father Legarski has been cancelled.**





## 2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

August– Bob Hazenstab  
October-Gary Nocek

**Spots are open on the 2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List (Council reimburses \$50)**

**Volunteers needed: Contact Ed Dunning.**



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



## **Happy Birthday** *July Birthdays*

Kenneth W Greene	7/2
William F Gildea II	7/3
Corey A Ray	7/4
J Martin Kooman	7/8
Steven R Sorbera	7/8
Christopher F Ringkamp	7/11
Deacon Charles R Ahearn	7/17
Anthony F Labriola	7/18
Paul L Gargon	7/20
Michael J Burr	7/21
Edward F Hazenstab	7/23
Gary L Selwitz	7/24
Tom Catalano	7/26
Charles B Hauser	7/26
David J Mason	7/28
Devon M McGeehan	7/29
Robert F Kelly	7/30

## **Happy Birthday** *August Birthdays*

John E Brown Jr	8/2
Robert V Hazenstab II	8/2
Leonard A Haduck	8/3
James A Lytle	8/7
Robert R Baker	8/8
Kenneth R McGeehan	8/8
Robert F George	8/9
Frank V Roscia	8/9
Michael Syroid	8/9
William M Hiergeist	8/11
Dr Paul J Gallagher	8/13
Robert M Spinazzola	8/16
John M Davis	8/19
Mark Frew	8/27
James G Letcher	8/27
Kyle R Surkovich	8/30
Todd R Surkovich	8/30



## Upcoming Events:

**No Events scheduled at this time!**

For the latest information visit our website:

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



**2020 Dues are now Due!! Knight Alert Notices have been mailed.**

**Regular Monthly Meetings have resumed**

**The hospitality sign-up sheet was provided at the meeting, we do NOT have a volunteer for the September meeting; please contact Ed Dunning if you are willing to volunteer for any future meetings.**

**Thank you to Jim Zimmerman for the Hospitality meal at the July meeting.**



## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 8/6/20**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Bob Hazenstab

**8/3/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**8/6/20** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**8/6/20** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**8/6/20** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Bob Hazenstab

**8/31/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**9/3/20** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**9/3/20** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**9/3/20** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed



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And speaking of the insurance program, let’s talk about the “Discover the Catholic Difference” there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members’ needs in mind. For example, I’m not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it’s not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes or virtually if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has guaranteed purchase options. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that’s the Catholic Difference!

If you’d like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. I am available by phone, email or text.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael







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