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*December 2019 Edition*



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## December 2019 From the Grand Knight



### Brother Knights

Thoughts and prayers this month are for Father Tony. Please hold him close in your hearths and remember his family, friends, Brother Knights, and parishioners past and present.

I forgot to mention at the meeting about the “Keep Christ In Christmas” magnets. I would like to encourage everyone to take part and to try to sell as many as possible. This is a great fund raiser for us and is a visual reminder to all about the real meaning of Christmas.

Also in December we will be having our winter BBQ for the St. Vincent DePaul department of needs. The date is December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00. If you can be there to help out in any way, please do so. We can also use some dessert donations which can be dropped off at the hall.

Lou Endress will be handling the ham and cheese sale this month. I apologize to Paul Detwiler for the misunderstanding. Paul will take it back over next month.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! During hunting season stay safe and good luck!

Fun fact: Since we are in the prime of football season, did you know that Iron Mike Ditka is a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Fraternally yours,  
Ray

## Memento Mori

John Donne, the 16th century English poet once said “any man’s death diminishes me; therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee”. Our chaplain and Brother Knight, Father Anthony “Tony” Legarski has moved on to a better place and now we are diminished. We recall the words of St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, “Whatever you do, in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus”. Everything Father Tony did was in the name of Jesus. How can we do less?



### Rev. Anthony “Tony” Legarski

*Dec 24, 1957—Nov 5, 2019*

## **November 2019 Council Meeting Minutes**

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

Minutes from the October 3, 2019 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

### **Application for membership:**

Second reading to accept the application from Dr. Steve Sorbera - passed;  
Second reading to accept the application from Christopher Ringkamp - passed;

### **Initiations:**

First degree ceremony was held on November 7, 2019 and we welcome our newest brother Knights:

Dr. Steven Sorbera, Michael Burr,  
Christopher Ringkamp

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

Paul Detwiler will continue to coordinate the meat for the Ham and Cheese sales, except for this month (Lou will coordinate for November).

Please pray for the soul of our brother Chaplain, Fr. Tony Legarski  
The 4<sup>th</sup> degree will be providing Knights to stand guard at the casket (one at the head, one at the foot) for each of Fr. Tony's viewings. If you do not have the 4<sup>th</sup> degree uniform, then you may wear a dark suit with your social sash. Each pair of Knights must dress in the same uniform for uniformity. Sign-up sheet is available at the meeting or you may contact Lee Zimmerman 330-5957. Pall bearers will also be needed for his funeral, contact Ray Gregorchik at 232-6557. Viewings will be held at St. Mary's November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 8:00 PM; November 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Funeral will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

### **Chaplains Report: Fr. Alan Thomas spoke on behalf of our Brother Chaplain – Fr. Tony Legarski:**

Fr. Alan spoke about the positive impact that Fr. Tony had on our diocese and the faith community and the many contributions he made to the spiritual well-being of our Catholic family.

Fr. Alan also reminded us of the need for vocations and for us, as Knights to show mercy and justice and most of all to pray. We must embrace our faith, speak with other men and share the stories about our personal relationship with Jesus. Thank you to Knights for the support of our seminarians.

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

Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2019: \$13,029.44  
Deposits: \$300  
Disbursements: \$4,633.82  
New Balance as of October 31, 2019: \$8,695.62  
All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

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

Thank you note received from Rev. Msgr. Saly for the donation from the proceeds of the chicken BBQ.

Thank you note received from The US Armed Forces Mothers, Squad 41 for the monetary donation to support the annual Christmas Box campaign.

Thank you note received from Noah Hoover for the donation which was used for his Eagle Scout project to restore the pavilion #7 at the Rails to Trails (Lower Trail) as well as the addition of a bike rack and horse hitch post.

We received a request for donation to aid the Waly Warmth project for 2019. Jim Zimmerman provided a motion of donate \$100; George Husick provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation to aid the Ganister Station adult day service. Dan Casey provided a motion to donate \$100; Vic Ballash provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation to aid Mom's House. Vic Ballash provided a motion of donate \$100; Rich Moyer provided the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation to aid the USMC Toys for Tots campaign. Vic Ballash provided a motion to donate \$100; Jeff Muriceak provided the second; motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary's Report – Information presented by Ed Zang on behalf of Tim Surkovich:**

Welcome to our new brother Knights – please get involved in our Council. Typically, 2 masses are offered for our deceased brother Knights. Tim Surkovich presented a motion in his absence to offer 4 masses for the soul of Fr. Legarski; George Husick presented the second; motion passed.

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

We will hold a chicken BBQ on December 15, 2019 from 11:00 – 1:00 PM (sit down or take out) with the proceeds to benefit St. Vincent De Paul Needs Department. Tickets are available from any of the fund-raising committee members or call the Council home. Cost is \$8/each. Please donate your time to help with cooking, food prep, serving, etc. Please donate deserts. Tickets must be turned in by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Ham and Cheese sale forms are due on November 18<sup>th</sup> and assembly will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>; delivery on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the proceeds to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

As part of our Faith in Action initiative, Ed Dunning presented a motion to donate \$600 to aid our local seminarian Brian Norris; John Brown provided the second; motion passed.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Holidaysburg Council #4245 home on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. The Memorial mass will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM in Bellwood. The Memorial mass will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at St. Patrick's in Newry and breakfast to follow at The Dream.

The new uniforms are available from a new vendor, after December 1 with a cost of \$449.

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

Mike presented the 2018-2019 Insurance Award to our Council and a Thank You to all Knights. John Brown acknowledged our appreciation for all the benefits that Mike provides to us.



## 2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

12/5 Brian Drum



## **Happy Birthday** *December Birthdays*

Scott A Gottshall	12/1
George G Husick	12/3
Rick B Gallagher	12/4
Keith A Natoli	12/4
John C Pavlic	12/5
Francis R Farabaugh	12/6
Rev. Michael A Becker	12/9
Craig T Swineford	12/9
Andrew J Weyant	12/10
Thomas O Hoppel	12/14
Louis J Endress	12/16
Joseph F Daus	12/17
Patrick A Podoletz	12/17
Matthew P Smithmyer	12/17
William M Moyer	12/20
Frank R Schachtner	12/20
Timothy J Surkovich	12/20
Lucas A Harella	12/21
David T Kark	12/21
Daniel A Norris	12/22
Daniel T Moringiello	12/23
John D Burk	12/27
Robert J Baker	12/28
Paul R Detwiler Sr	12/28



In memory of Brother Knight Father Tony and all our Brother Knights that passed away throughout our councils history.



### **Please Pray For:**

- The soul of Fr. Tony Legarski
- The soul of the sister of Jim Hodge
- Dennis McGeehan
- Mel McConnell
- Joe Dodson - grandson
- The souls of all our brother Knights



## Upcoming Events:

3/28/20 Spring Cash Bash

For the latest information visit our website:

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## *Thanksgiving Prayer*

*This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord.*

*At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world.*

*With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.*  
*Amen*



## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 12/5/19**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Brian Drum

**12/2/19** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**12/5/19** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**12/5/19** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**12/5/19** Regular Council Meeting 7 PM Hospitality Provided By: Brian Drum

**12/12/19** Meeting of the 4th Degree 7:00 PM

**12/15/19** Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Needs Office

**12/30/19** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**1/2/20** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**1/2/20** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**1/2/20** Regular Council Meeting 7 PM Hospitality Provided By: Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik



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As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for.

It's easy to say family and friends, those are blessings; and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning, it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding. Maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home.

The website: <https://longtermcare.acl.gov/costs-how-to-pay/costs-of-care.html> says that Home Health Care costs about \$22/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$4,245 per month and Nursing Home average \$85,000 per year. More expensive areas of the country are more than that. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger. I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need and where you want it.

Let's talk and see how you can protect your assets.

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