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**FOOD
DRIVE**

Non perishable foods should be delivered to the council home on or before December 18th. On December 18th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM we will be loading trucks to deliver the food to the American Rescue Worker's.



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**Winter Chicken BBQ December 13th
11 AM - 1 PM Take Out Only \$10**

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December 2020
From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

With Thanksgiving already behind us and the Advent season starting Sunday, November 29th, we should all begin to prepare for the most wonderful time of the year! Father Tony and I had a favorite expression for Christmas "The Wise Still Seek Him." A good reminder of what this season is all about and to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our chicken BBQ on December 13th is to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Needs Department. We will be needing some volunteers for this event.

We are going to hold an Advent Food Drive. Donations will be going to American Rescue Workers. Non perishable foods should be delivered to the council home on or before December 18th. On December 18th from 8:00

AM to 10:00 AM we will be loading trucks to deliver the food to the American Rescue Worker’s. Donations can still be brought to the hall during that time.

I would like to wish all my brother Knights and their families a “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

Fun fact: Keeping Christ in Christmas is an opportunity of reminding people that Christmas isn’t about the frenzied commercialization of the holiday, but rather it’s about spreading the light of Christ and the spirit of giving within the family, council, parish, and community.

Fraternally yours,

Ray

PS: As a part of our Advent Food Drive I encourage you to pray the Prayer to Obtain Favors to help those that are in need of our help this Advent Season.



Prayer to Obtain Favors

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew, on November 30th, until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)



November 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

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

Application for membership:

Application presented from Joseph Harteis (1st Reading) from St. Michaels; sponsored by Dan Moringello. Rich Moyer presented a motion to approve the application; Paul Detwiler provided the second; motion passed.

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



Blessing held to recognize the 4 members from our Council, who passed away within the last year. Fr. Alan Thomas presented a blessing in honor of our fallen brother Knights: Fr. Tony Legarski, Jean Bettwy, Paul Plummer, Dick Gildea. The Ham and Cheese sale will be held in November and sales are down (Covid). Orders are due on November 16; Assembly on November 19th; Delivery on November 20th. Proceeds will benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Chaplains Report from Fr. Alan Thomas:



Fr. Alan read a reflection about a woman from France who died when she was 132 years old. When she was 131, her future looked short. Her Dr. had advised her to give up red wine for years, to no avail. At the Wedding Feast at Cana, Mary understood that running out of wine would impact the wedding since wine was a common denominator and symbol to pull people together. Jesus was the new "wine" of the Kingdom. Spot the "new wine" around us with Mary's help to see Jesus in others around us.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



- Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2020: \$14285.74
- Deposits: \$3575
- Disbursements: \$9045.11

- New Balance as of October 31, 2020: \$8815.63
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

We received a thank you note from St. Catherine of Siena, Msgr. Saly for the donation (chicken BBQ).

We received a thank you note from ELM – Every Life Matters for our support of the 8th annual fundraiser.

We received a thank you note from Central PA Community Foundation – Brian Morden Foundation, for the recent donation.

We received a request for donation from the Garvey Manor 500+ club. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Ed Zang presented the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from the 31st Waly Warmth 2020. Jim Zimmerman presented a motion to donate \$100; Paul Detwiler presented the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from the Giorgio Children's Foundation for NF1; the foundation created to fund research for a cure for NF1 – a type of Neurofibromatosis. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Paul Detwiler presented the second; motion passed.

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



Tim apologized for his inability to attend the meeting.

Respective members have been sent an Intent to Retain letter.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer.

Copies of the November 2, 2020 meeting minutes were distributed to members at the October council meeting.

Bob Hazenstab reported that Tim Surkovich has been continuing efforts to obtain grants for our Council. His latest grants will be used for the Council Home repairs and will include new siding around the front of the home, gutters and boxing. The next workday is November 20 and 21st at 8:00 AM at the Council Home. Please volunteer your time and help improve our home.

Dan Weaver presented information on the next chicken BBQ which will be held on December 13th and will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Needs Office. Please volunteer your time to help. The Needs Office has run out of cash in Oct and there are many needy families in our area – please help in any way that you can. Dan Weaver presented a fund-raising idea of holding a gun raffle(s), on the off months from the H&C sale. Limited number of tickets to be sold and the winner will receive a check which will be used at Campbell's Sporting Goods for a gun or other store merchandise. The first raffle will be held in February 2021.

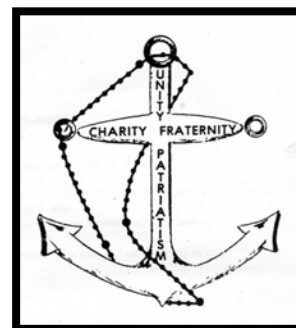
Fr. Legarski's shotgun remains in our "possession" since the previous winner, elected to take the cash. Ed Zang presented a motion to hold another raffle in the future (date TBD); Jerry Kovach presented the second; motion passed.

New Business:

Dave Karl is the new Controller of the 4th Degree. There is considerable printing required as part of that job function and therefore, Dave Karl presented an idea to use the Council's printer, paper and ink, in exchange for a \$75 annual donation to the Council. Paul Detwiler presented a motion to allow the 4th Degree Controller to use the Council's printer as outlined above; Dan Casey provided the second; motion passed.

GK Ray Gregorchik presented an idea for an Advent Food Drive. Rich Moyer presented a motion to hold a food drive; Paul Detwiler presented the second; motion passed. Ed Zang presented a motion to donate the food to the American Rescue Workers; Dan Casey provided the second; motion passed.

Food shall be delivered to the Council Home on December 18th.



New Business Cont.:

Phil Claar has resigned as Deputy Grand Knight due to family health issues. GK Ray Gregorchik provided a suggestion to have Matt Becker serve as the interim Deputy GK, until the summer election is held. Rich Moyer presented a motion to nominate Matt Becker to serve in the role of Deputy Grand Knight until the current term has ended; Dan Moringello provided the second; motion passed. Welcome to our new DGK – Matt Becker.

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



There will not be a Memorial Mass this year (Covid). Next meeting will be held on December 10th at 7:00 PM at the Council Home.

Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mike McAndrew:



Mike identified a family in need (Tyrone KofC is also helping to fund raise); mother has colon cancer; 2 kids and they need help. Jim Zimmerman presented a motion to donate \$100; Paul Detwiler presented the second; motion passed. Mike wished us a Happy Thanksgiving!

2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List



December-Brian Drum



In memory of all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history, especially John M. Davis, Sr.



**Happy Birthday
December Birthdays**

Scott A Gottshall	12/1
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
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Joseph F Daus	12/17
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Timothy J Surkovich	12/20
Lucas A Harella	12/21
David T Karl	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



Please pray for the following:

Phil Claar – wife
 Jeff Muriceak
 Bill Hiergeist – wife’s cousin
 Bill Hiergeist - brother-in-law
 Rich Moyer – Mother (and thank you for the prayers for his Father-in-law)
 Scott Zimmerman
 For our new President
 For our diocesan priests who are impacted by Covid
 Dan Norris – Father-in-law



Upcoming Events:

**BBQ for the St. Vincent DePaul Needs Department
December 13th.**

**Advent Food Drive. Food to be delivered to the council home by
December 18th.**

For the latest information visit our website:

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- Thank you to the Council for the Hospitality meal at the November meeting. 2021 volunteers are needed, see Ed Dunning to volunteer.
- The Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are on sale for \$5/each.





Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 12/3/20**
Hospitality Provided by:
Brian Drum

11/30/20 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

12/3/20 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

12/3/20 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

12/3/20 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Brian Drum

12/13/20 December Chicken BBQ 11 AM—2 PM, Benefits the St Vincent DePaul Needs Department

12/18/21 Advent Food Drive
Deadline by 10 AM

1/4/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

1/7/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

1/7/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

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



“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause, was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It’s been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael

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