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December 2021 Edition

STAR NEWS

Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month
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Council 4245 Hollidaysburg

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December 2021 Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

First, I would like to thank you all once again for keeping my family and me in your thoughts and prayers. My family would also like to say thanks to the Knights for all the help they have given our family.

With the beginning of Advent, Sunday November 28th, we will begin our 2nd Advent food drive. Ending on December 17th. I invited the Catholic Daughters to help out with this event. All non-perishable foods will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

Tickets are now available to sell for the December Cash Raffle. I have plenty of tickets available. Let me know if anyone needs any to sell or purchase. The drawing will be held on December 30th, 2021. Tickets are \$10.00. The winner will receive \$1000.00 and the number above and below the winning number will receive \$100.00 each. Also, our 1st online auction will be from December 2nd to December 7th. We will need everyone to be on board with this event if we want it to be profitable. Help out anyway you can by promoting this event. We also are having a chicken BBQ on December 12th to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Needs Office. We will need help for this event.

Let's all try to sell the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets to help pay for the

billboards. There is a lot going on in the month of December. Let's all help out any way we can.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year "to all my Brothers and their families.

Fun fact:

The Knights of Columbus has long championed the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message to remind the public that the Holiday Season is really about the birth of our Savior. Each year, the more than 14,000 local Knights of Columbus councils promote the message with car magnets, billboards, yard signs, tv and radio ads.

Fraternally yours,

Ray

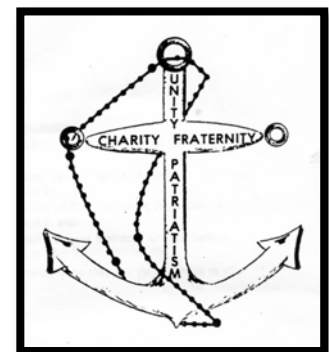
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During the Advent Season let us say the Prayers To Obtain Favors. Hail Mary blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayers and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and his Blessed Mother. Amen.

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



**Worthy Grand Knight
Raymond J Gregorchik**



November 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The October 7, 2021 meeting minutes were distributed by email and posted on our website. Paul Detwiler presented a motion to accept the minutes as posted; John Longenecker presented the second; motion passed.

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



Tickets are on sale for the cash raffle. Winner receives \$1000 and the tickets numbered consecutively before and after the winning number, will each receive \$100. \$10/ticket; drawing December 30, 2021.

Ray provided the following: I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and gifts during my time of grieving. I thought this world was full of evil and greed but during this time I have discovered it is full of great and loving people. At times I get discouraged with some of the things involved with being Grand Knight and the Council but going through my situation, I have found out what a great organization this and I am proud to be a part of it. I also want to offer a special thank you for everyone involved with helping me with my firewood.

Chaplains Report from Fr. Alan Thomas:



Please remember that November is the month where we offer our prayers for those souls who have died and especially for our loved ones. Tonight, we remember our 3 brother knights who have passed during the last year – Gary Selwitz, Lou Endress, Joe Gallagher and Father offered a prayer for their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



- Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2021: 7,864.45
- Deposits: \$,2814
- Disbursements: \$3,228.10

- New Balance as of October 31, 2021: \$7,450.35

Reading of Bills and Communications:

We received a \$500 donation from Jackie Frew (Kovach) in memory of her parents (Dennis and Florence Kovach); \$250 to the Council; \$250 of the Home Association. The Kovach's always thought highly of our KofC Council and the good works.

We received a thank you note from St. Catherine of Siena for the funds received from the Chicken BBQ

We received a thank you note from St. Patrick's for the funds received from the Chicken BBQ

We received a thank you note from The Shriners Hospital for Children of Philadelphia for the \$4000 donation received from the Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ

We received a request for donation from Service Paws of Central PA – we donated earlier this year. No action was taken.

We received a request for donation from Waly Warmth 2021. Jim Zimmerman 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:



There is a new Facebook page where we are posting various Council information, including our donations, charities, fund raising information, etc. in an effort to help promote and inform others of our mission; ref. [Facebook.com/StarSea4245](https://www.facebook.com/StarSea4245)
Dues notices will be issued next month. Please contribute to the distressed members fund

Membership Director – Information presented by Ray Gregorchik on behalf of Tim Surkovich:

Our membership has decreased by 2 members within the last month:
Tom Catalono – transferred
Gary Selwitz - Passed

Program Director – Information presented by Ray Gregorchik on behalf of Tim Surkovich:

Ham and Cheese orders are due November 15th; Assembly on November 18th; Delivery on November 19th benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Gun raffle winner profit was \$191.20 and the winner was Justin Spessard.

We will hold a chicken BBQ on Dec. 12th to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "needs office" which provides support to those in need, including rental assistance, utilities, etc. 400 tickets will be sold at \$10 per meal, see Dan Weaver for tickets.

We will hold an advent food drive from November 28 thru December 17th. The Catholic Daughters will also help us with this effort. Food will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

Standing Committee Reports: Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer; information presented by Bobby Hazenstab:

Copies of the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting were distributed at the Council meeting.

The committee will begin to use social media to aid in future fund raising. Additional information will be provided in the Star News and a separate mailing will be sent to all members.

Planning for the next Cash Bash event, including the Big One (50-50 drawing) are in process.

Fund raising meetings are held on the Monday, immediately preceding the monthly Council meeting, at 6:30 PM – all are welcome and encouraged to attend, we need new ideas.

There will be an online auction from December 2nd through December 7th, 2021. There will be a minimum of 120 items auctioned. We will be issued business cards, which we can give out to anyone that might be interested in participating. You can also donate any new item, to be auctioned as well. 30% of the proceeds will go to our selected charities; 35% to the Council; 35% to the Home Association. **Please share this information with your friends and ask them to participate.**

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



Next meeting will be held on December 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM ... we need 4th Degree members to attend these meetings.

November 2021 Council Meeting Minutes Cont

The Bellwood KofC Council will hold their annual memorial mass on November 14th, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Our Council will hold the annual memorial mass at St. Catherine of Sienna on December 12th, 2021.

Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mike McAndrew:



As a reminder, you need to review your insurance policies and Mike can help; policies can change over time and they do require review to ensure that you understand your coverage and assess your needs. Rates will increase as of January 1, 2022.

Please continue to pray for Mikes cousin (health issues)

Please remember that Estate Planning can help to provide asset protection. You work hard, all of your life and you need to protect your assets. The Federal government will begin to assess taxes on Life Insurance proceeds in the near future – see Mike to review your current situation and plan for the future.

Chaplains Summation by Fr. Alan Thomas:



Father lead us in the closing prayers
Father mounted the brass memorial plaque in honor Gary Selwitz



Please Pray For:

**Bill Moyer
Wilber Henry**



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



**Happy Birthday
December Birthdays**

Scott Gotshall	12/1
Rick Gallagher	12/4
Keith Natoli	12/4
John Pavlic	12/5
Francis Farabaugh	12/6
Rev. Michael Becker	12/9
Craig Swineford	12/9
Andrew Weyandt	12/10
Louis J Endress	12/16
Joe Daus	12/17
Patrick Podoletz	12/17
Matthew Smithmyer	12/17
William Moyer	12/20
Frank Scxhachtner	12/20
Tim Surkovich	12/20
Lucas Harella	12/21
Dave Karl	12/21
Dan Norris	12/22
Dan Moringello	12/23
John Burk	12/27
Robert Baker	12/28
Paul Detwiler Sr	12/28



**We continue to pray the rosary at 6:30pm, prior to each meeting. However, we have started a new tradition of offering up an intention for each decade. If you would like to provide the name of someone that you would like us to pray for, please notify us prior to the meeting. Intentions for the November Rosary were as follow: Bill Moyer, Jim Aiken,

All Souls in purgatory, Dan Turcovsky,
All Veterans – living and deceased.



We have a new Facebook page to promote our council’s charitable acts, for recruitment, fundraising activities and to spread the “Good News” about the Star of the Sea Council.
[Facebook.com/StarSea4245](https://www.facebook.com/StarSea4245)



**2021 Hospitality
Meal Volunteer List**

December—Brian Drum

**Please sign up to provide the Hospitality Meal for the 2022 calendar year.



For the latest information visit our website:

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

**1st Annual Chicken BBQ
To benefit St. Jude’s Hospital
4/3/22**

**Spring Cash Bash
Tentatively
3/12/22**



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 12/2/21**
Hospitality Provided by:
Brian Drum

11/28/21 Advent Food Drive Begins

11/29/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

12/2/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

12/2/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

12/2/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Brian Drum

12/2/21 Chicken BBQ for SVDP Needs Department 10 AM-1 PM

12/2/21 6 AM to 12/7/21 10 PM
Online Auction Fundraiser

12/9/21 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM

12/17/21 Advent Food Drive Ends

12/30/21 Cash Raffle

1/3/22 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

1/6/22 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

1/6/22 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

1/6/22 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:

1/27/22 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM



With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael





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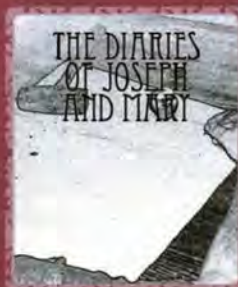
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