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## Basket of Cheer Report 2020

<b>Income:</b>		<b>Winners</b>	
• Sales	<b>\$1,688</b>	<b>1. Tim Sleeth</b>	<b>\$125</b>
• Donations	<b>\$ 490</b>	<b>2. Joe Daus</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
• Total	<b>\$2,178</b>	<b>3. Paul Yakymac</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		<b>4. Randy Brown</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
• Prizes	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>5. Frank Farabaugh</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
• Postage	<b>\$ 75</b>	<b>6 Dick Aiken</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
• Printing	<b>\$ 180</b>		
• Total	<b>\$ 555</b>		
• Profit	<b>\$1,623</b>		
• <b>85 Members Participated</b>			



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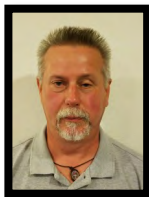
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**February 2021**  
**From the Grand Knight**



Brother Knights,

Now that we are in the New Year, I hope this letter finds all healthy and well. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in our Christmas food drive. We collected 376 pounds of food. This was a great start for our first year and hopefully next year will be even better.

Our 40 cans for 40 days food drive will start on February 17th. We will need a new chairman to take on these duties. Anyone willing to take this position, please let me know.

Our first rifle raffle will be happening on February 28th. Anyone needing tickets can contact me at 814-232-6557. I will have them for distribution. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

February 17th is the start of the Lenten season. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works, in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Let us focus on repentance of sin, renewal of faith, and preparation to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Last month I wrote my fun fact but somehow through modern technology it got lost, so I will repeat it this month.

John Paul II wrote a handwritten letter to the Knights of Columbus in 2002 that read “As long as I have breath within me I shall cry out: peace, in the name of God “ It was included in a 2003 display at the Knights of Columbus Museum titled “John Paul II : A Passion for Peace“



*Fraternally yours,*

*Ray*





## January 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

The December 3, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



The December food drive yielded 376 lbs. thank you to all who participated.

### **Chaplains Report from Deacon Allan Duman:**



On Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and with this celebration, we will transition from the Christmas Season, to Ordinary time and with this change in the Liturgical Calendar, we will not follow Jesus, as he will begin his public ministry. We must remember that we need to keep learning and be part of the public ministry, to serve our Lord. A blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all and thank you for the Christmas cards and cookies.

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



- Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2020: \$8,281.07
- Deposits: \$5082.50
- Disbursements: \$4,324.43
- New Balance as of December 31, 2020: \$9,039.14
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

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

We received a thank you note from Sr. Joachim Anne at Garvey Manor, Our Lady of the Alleghenies for our donation to support the Benevolent Care Fund.

We received a thank you note from Lisa Hann at Family Services in acknowledgement for our recent donation.

We received a thank you note from Joseph Reed at the Miracle League of Blair

County in acknowledgement for our recent donation.

We received a thank you note from Cathy and Ben Stapelfeld at the Giorgio Foundation in acknowledgement for our recent donation.

We received a thank you note from Sandra Lear at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in acknowledgement for our recent donation.

We received a thank you note from Terry Diamond at the Shriners Hospital for Children in acknowledgement for our recent donation of \$5,500 (chicken BBQ).

We received a donation of \$1,000 from the Allegheny Club.

We received an anonymous donation of \$30.

We received a donation of \$100 for the General Fund and a \$100 donation for the Distressed Member fund from Br. Steve Kovach.

We received a donation of \$50 from Pauly the Clown.

### **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. Please mail or drop off your dues, as soon as possible.

The annual survey has been sent and Tim has requested that the survey be returned by January 22, 2021.

Please consider donating to the Distressed Member fund.

The audit is due. Action was taken to schedule the audit for January 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

### **Standing Committee Reports: Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer.**

A raffle is in process; see Ray Gregorchik to purchase chances for a Benelli Nova 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun; 28" barrel; Chambered 3-1/2" and 3 chokes or you may redeem for in-store credit at Campbell's Sporting Goods. Only 50 tickets will be sold, at \$20/ticket. The tickets directly numbered consecutively before and after the winning number, will be receive \$50 cash. Drawing will be held on February 28, 2021.

The Keep Christ in Christmas billboard was sponsored by Lamar (George Foster). Rich Moyer will Contact Ron Harella and they will coordinate a gift basket for the Fosters, in appreciation.

### **New Business:**

Ham and Cheese will benefit the Home Association. Orders are due by January 18<sup>th</sup>; assembly will take place on January 21, 2021.

Lou Endress reported that the 2020 fundraising tickets have yielded a profit to the Home Association of \$2,178. Prizes were paid out for \$355. 87 members participated in the Basket of Cheer.

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



Next meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Council Home. 2021 dues are now due.

If anyone knows the address of George Kimberly, please see Dave.

### **District Deputy Report – presented by Mel McConnell:**



The recruitment goal for our district is 30 new Brothers.

Please "advertise" and send photos and information of our events to the Keystone Knight Newsletter.

On-Line members are welcome at our meetings, they do not have voting rights, until they select a home council.

Please wear your KofC clothing to help with advertising; use the KofC return address labels; be active.

COAL tickets – each council must sell a minimum of 75 tickets to enable eligibility for scholarships.

Please continue to participate in our insurance programs.

With 2021, change is happening, and new programming is available. There will be new formats for our monthly meetings (1 meeting for the Officers; 1 meeting for the general membership). Spouses or significant others are welcome to attend the general members, monthly meeting. Guards will record their attendance and the Grand Knight will welcome them. In general – meetings will be shorter in length.

On behalf of the State and Supreme - Happy New Year to all.

**Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mel McConnel on behalf of Mike McAndrew:**  
 Mike apologized for the inability to attend.  
 Happy New Year to all Brothers.



**Please Pray For:**

Our deceased brother Knight Phil Baker and Tim Surkovich.



**2021 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List**

January—Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik  
 December—Brian Drum



In memory of all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history, especially Phil Baker.



**Happy Birthday  
 February Birthdays**

Arthur Chamberlain	2/4
Anthony Frye	2/4
William Nelson	2/4
John Elder	2/8
Ronald Gottshall	2/13
George Toth	2/16
Raymond Baker	2/18
Donald Crider	2/21
Chancelor Little	2/21
Thomas Jandora	2/22
David Lanzel	2/22
Paul Davis Sr	2/26
James Farrell	2/28
Jason Larkin	2/28
Dennis Mills	2/28



- 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 February meeting.
- Thank you to Ed Zang and Ray Gregorchik for the Hospitality meal at the January 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.

- We are looking for the winning ticket from the November and December Meetings. Nov 231, Dec 330. Contact Lou Endress
- We have a space available for advertisement on the Star News. A spot is \$36 for the year. Contact Tim Surkovich if you know someone that is interested.



**Upcoming Events:**

For the latest information visit our website:

**February 17th**



**Begins**

**February 28th  
 Gun Raffle**

**See Ray Gregorchik for tickets**

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## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 2/4/21**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Volunteer Needed

**2/1/21** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**2/4/21** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**2/4/21** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**2/4/21** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed

**2/17/21** 40 Cans for 40 Days Food Drive Begins

**2/28/21** Gun Raffle Drawing

**3/1/21** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**3/4/21** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**3/4/21** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**3/4/21** Council Meeting 7 PM  
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



Happy New Year! Welcome 2021!

Could we be any prouder of our nurses, doctors, aides, respiratory therapists, EMTs, and all those at the tip of the spear in this fight against the corona virus? Thanks to all of them. How about teachers? They retooled and kept their students learning in a virtual world! How about you members that pitched in in local communities and made sure that you would Leave No Neighbor Behind? Thanks for all you are doing to make this world a better place where we take care of our brothers and sisters.

Of course the New Year brings us to... making resolutions. That is a good thing! But being cooped up and working from home for the better part of the year have given all of us plenty of time to think about the things we need to change. All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others may resolve to stop smoking or using tobacco products. If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often for those who feel comfortable attending Mass. Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? We have a brand new tool to use to help analyze your financial needs; Profiles Professional. With this tool you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance, estate planning, ROTH accounts, IRA accounts, and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. And with the pandemic, many are taking stock of what they have to protect those they love. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all your savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, a company investment strategy based on Catholic teaching and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses...and we can meet virtually over the computer...to first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and develop a strategy to get you where you want to go. All done with a virtual appointment over your computer and at your convenience.

As your field agent I'm a brother taking care of brothers. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your will be closer to your goals.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael



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