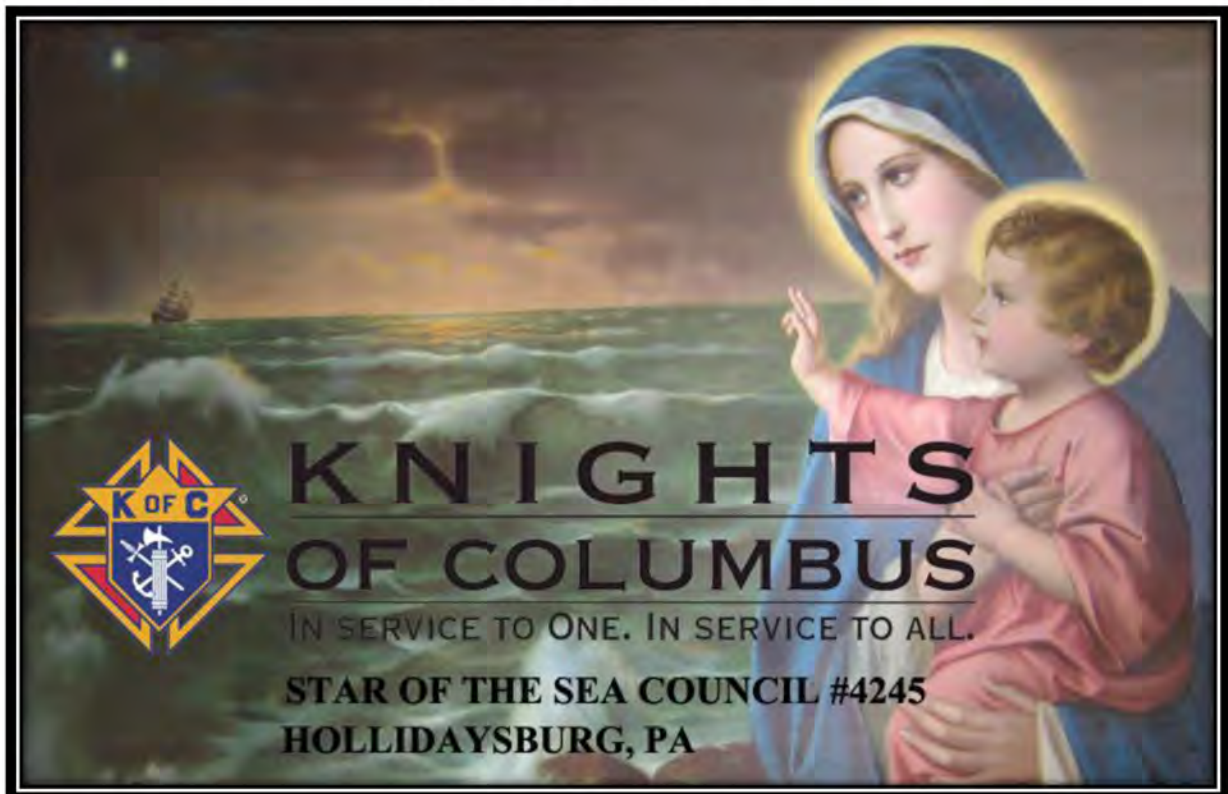


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Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

Delivery Date: Friday, January 17, 2020

Name	Phone #	# of Sandwiches		Total	Paid
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Orders on this sheet will be delivered by _____
Member Name

Contact Brother Paul Detwiler with the total number of sandwiches ordered by 12pm on Monday January 13th Cell: 935-3501

Look for us again in March!

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January 2020 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights

Merry Christmas! "Wise men still seek him." This was one of Father Tony's favorite sayings. It seems like many forget the true meaning of Christmas. As we celebrate Christmas and give gifts, let us take a moment and celebrate the greatest gift that was given to us, Christ the Lord. Peace on earth and good will towards all!

At this time, I would like to welcome as our new Chaplin, Fr. Alan E Thomas. We are very pleased he has agreed to join us. He's a very, very busy man and we greatly appreciate his gift of time for us.

With our sustainability campaign underway, I would hope that everyone is on board, and willing to help out in any way they can. This is a huge project and needs the support of all in order to be successful.

Fun Fact: The Catholic Fraternal order has led the "Keep Christ In Christmas" program since the early 1960's. It was organized by Christian Mothers of Milwaukee, which later became the Council of Catholic Women.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Ray

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Gun Raffle

Father Tony's. Family donated a shotgun to use in memory of him to raffle off to benefit the council. It is an Ithaca 20ga, lever action, commemorative gold plated number #12 of 25. At this time we are planning to printing tickets to sale. We have reserved a table at the Jaffa Sports Show, and looking to do some more. The fundraising committee is looking for help.

December 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

Minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Reminder, the chicken BBQ tickets are due on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Chaplains Report- Fr. Alan Thomas

Consecrate your family (consecrate means to take out of common use and set aside for something important – such as for God's use). The Holy Family was not perfect and our families are not perfect. As we celebrate the Christmas season, remember that our families are not perfect but they are Holy.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:

Beginning Balance as of November 1, 2019: \$8,695.62

Deposits: \$714

Disbursements: \$1,912.71

New Balance as of November 30, 2019: \$7,496.91

All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Thank you note received from Fr. Legarski's family

Thank you note received from Jacobs Way for the donation

Thank you note received from Ganister Station for the donation toward the Thanksgiving meal.

Request for donation received from Sons of the American Legion, Squad 516. Lou Endress presented a motion to donate \$100; Gary Ellis provided the second; motion passed.

Presentation of awards and certificates - presented by GK Ray Gregorchik:

1st Degree Certificate presented to Christopher Ringkamp

Financial Secretary's Report – Information presented by Tim Surkovich:

The Ham and Cheese Sale generated a profit of ~\$500. Tim Surkovich presented a motion to donate this to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; second presented by Mike Metzgar; motion passed. Annual dues for 2020 are now due. Please donate to the distressed members fund.

The Fraternal Survey will soon arrive via US Mail; please fill out and return by January 15, 2020. This is important for our report to Supreme.

We have 2 advertising spots open for the Star News at a cost of \$36/year.

At the March 2019 meeting, we passed a motion to sponsor a diocesan seminarian at a cost of \$500/year for the next 4 years.

Then in November 2019, there was a motion passed to sponsor seminarian, Brian Norris for \$600 for this current year. After research with the diocese, we have decided to eliminate our \$500/yr general donation and replace it with a \$600 donation specifically for Brian Norris for this year and \$500/yr. for Brian Norris, for the next 3 years. This motion was presented by Ed Zang; second by John Brown; 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 10th. Be here at 6:00 AM to cook the chicken. Tickets are due by December 10, 2019.

Jim Zimmerman presented the following information – Altoona School District would like to hold a Ham & Cheese sandwich sale fund raiser and have the KofC make the sandwiches. We would benefit with a profit of ~\$.37/sandwich with expected sales of >1000 sandwiches. Arrive at the Council Home at 9:00 am on December 18, 2019 to make the sandwiches.

The Cash Bash will be held on March 28, 2020 and tickets will be available at the next meeting. We will also be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle to be pulled at the Cash Bash; we must record the ticket numbers.

We will be given a gift (collectors shotgun) from Fr. Legarski's estate and tickets will also be sold for this item.

New Business:

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Tim Surkovich presented an overview of a new fund-raising proposal-a "Sustainability Campaign". The general idea behind the campaign is approach businesses and individuals selling our story of charitable acts in the community and how it affects them. In turn we would then ask for contributions over a 5 year period so we can sustain our building, which sustains our council, which in turn sustains our charitable acts in the community. The general plan for the phases were presented, as well as, the general timeline.

The KEY to success is that all members need to be supportive and positive of the Sustainability Campaign, as well as, all being on the same page when presenting it or talking about it. Materials are available for review. At the January 2020 meeting, the Council membership shall vote on the Sustainability Campaign program. Further data will be provided in the Star News.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Hollidaysburg Council #4245 home on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00PM.

On Sunday, January 19, 2020 the Walk for Life will be held in Tyrone at 12:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

4th Degree dues are now due – see George Husick.



Please Pray For:

**Dennis McGeehan
Ed Zang's – Mother-in-law
Lee Zimmerman's - Father**



2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

January– Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik
 May– Phil Claar
 August– Bob Hazenstab
 October– Gary Nocek



Happy Birthday *January Birthdays*

Jeffrey A Muriceak	1/1
Adam R Hazenstab	1/2
Dee J Bragonier	1/5
Walter C Bloom	1/7
Raymond J Gregorchik	1/10
Earl G Hite	1/12
Joseph F McGeehan	1/17
Richard M Moyer	1/17
Merle A Manning	1/20
Paul R Detwiler	1/21
Lee R Zimmerman	1/24
Edward E Zang	1/25
Gary B Vassalotti	1/28
Matthew J Becker	1/30
Charles A Baker	1/31



In memory of all our Brother Knights that passed away throughout our councils history.



Upcoming Events:

- 1/19/20 March for Life, St Matthew's Tyrone PA 12 PM
- 2/21/20-2/23/20 Jaffa Sports Show for Father Tony's Gun
- 3/5/20 Exemplification of the 1st Degree
- 3/28/20 Spring Cash Bash

For the latest information visit our website:

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2020 Dues are now Due!!

2019 Fraternal Survey due back to the Financial Secretary by January 19, 2020

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



At the January Council Meeting, the council will vote whether or not to approve the Fundraising Committee's proposal for a "Sustainability Campaign".

Sustainability-means that a process or state can be maintained at a certain level for as long as is wanted. ... For Council 4245 it is to sustain our council, by sustaining the council's building so the council can sustain its charitable ways.

The general concept behind the campaign is to go to local businesses and community members and sell our story. Who are the Knights of Columbus? How do our acts of charity impact the community? What would happen if our acts of charity were to cease to exist? (Good example of the latter would be no longer having "The Measure Up Campaign", we were their largest donor and it put a large void in their services).

In general terms our council supports a minimum of 30 charities a year currently by averaging \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in donations, while also averaging 20,000 hours of service to the community.

This campaign is NOT a building campaign, it is a sustainability campaign! Yes we are making much needed improvements to the building in order to sustain the council so we can sustain our charitable ways. Although it is NOT a building campaign without our building our council ceases to exist eliminating our charitable ways.

At our January Council Meeting materials will be available for review and any and all questions will be answered.

The key to success for this campaign is for all members to have a **POSITIVE** outlook and approach.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 1/2/20**
Hospitality Provided by:
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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

1/13/20 Ham & Cheese Orders Due

1/16/20 Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4:00 PM

1/19/20 March for Life, St Matthew's Tyrone 12 PM

1/23/20 Meeting of the 4th Degree 7:00 PM

2/3/20 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

2/6/20 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

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

2/6/20 Regular Council Meeting 7 PM



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We seem to say it ever year, "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts, but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren't so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember "Say it with flowers," the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back at 2019, I can't help but think of all of the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are "Knights of Charity." And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter,

clothing and a new 140 unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All of these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family...and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

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