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*July 2021 Edition*

# STAR NEWS

Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month  
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**Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale**

**Delivery Date: Friday, July 23, 2021**

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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 July 19<sup>th</sup> Cell: 931-4401**

*Look for us again in September!*

	<p><b>Knights of Columbus Family Picnic</b>  <b>August 1, 2021</b>  <b>Pavilion 8</b>  <b>11-?</b>  <b>\$5 per Person</b></p>	
<p>Bring your spouse, girlfriend, kids, grandkids, your kid's friends, your friends and potential members!          The Council is providing the meal and soft drinks.          Everyone please bring your drinks and favorite dessert to share!          Meal is at 1:30</p>		
<p><b>To sign up Call Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich, 696-1209 or email KOFC4245@GMAIL.COM</b>          Entrance to the park and parking are FREE! Rides are individually priced.          All day Fun Day Pass which includes the rides and Laguna Splash Zone is \$31.95 a person. If we have 20 or more the discounted price is \$21.95 a person.</p>		

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## July 2021 Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

I would like to take the time and thank everyone involved with our 42nd annual Hand In Hand BBQ. Everything seemed to go smoothly. Also a big thank you to Tim Surkovich for all the ordering, scheduling, and everything else involved with this event. We will be having another BBQ on June 27th for St. John's Parish. Cooking starts at 6:00 AM and help will be needed.

Some questions were brought up about the new meeting format. The changes were made by Supreme. Why were the changes made?

- \*Improve meeting experience, respect members' time
  - \*Implement 2018 update to the CCL charter, constitution, laws.
  - \* Promote virtual engagement practices.
  - \* Reflect the survey response of 55,000 members
- Why was the council chamber setup changed?

\* The prior setup facilitates exemplification ceremonies during the meetings. Now they are no longer a part of the meeting's agenda so the new setup is more appropriate. The officers who will be giving most of the presentations are all seated in front of the members.

The opening and closing odes and the prayers were supposed to be eliminated. But it was decided that was not something our brother Knights wanted, so they will still be in our format. We are just adding one new prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGinvey. If anyone has any comments on the new format please let me know. Some things we are required to do but I am open to suggestions.

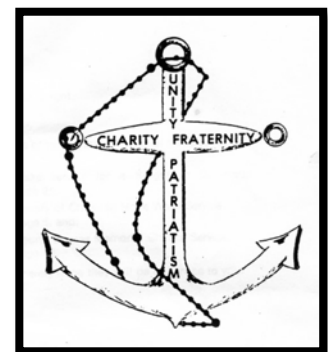
Fun fact,  
With the 4th of July approaching, did you know Patriotism has been one of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus since the Fourth Degree was established in 1900. It began with a ceremony on George Washington's Birthday, February 22. Each of the major jurisdictions of the order has its own version of the fourth degree ceremony, with each focusing on the distinctive history of Catholicism in that particular country.

*Fraternally yours,*

*Ray*



**Worthy Grand Knight  
SK Raymond J Gregorchik**



## June 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

The May 6, 2021 meeting minutes were distributed by email and posted on our website. Jerry Kovach presented a motion to accept the minutes as posted; Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed.

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



This meeting and future meetings will be conducted, using the new format. Please be understanding with the new changes.

### **Chaplains Report from Fr. Alan Thomas:**



Thank you for welcoming me back; it is good to be back. We have good news...Deacon Brian Norris is with us tonight. Please pray for our new priests Mark Groeger and Michael Pleva and for all of our priests.

Thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corp at the recent ordination. It would be helpful if the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree leadership could identify a point of contact to notify members of the Color Corp, when the need arises in the future.

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



- Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2021: \$10,238.25
- Deposits: \$1,021
- Disbursements: \$2,398.12
- New Balance as of May 31, 2021: \$8,861.13

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

We received a request for donation from Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Jim Zimmerman presented the second; motion passed.

We received a request for donation from Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to purchase a raffle ticket at a cost of \$25. Jerry Kovach presented a motion to donate \$25; Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed.

We received a thank you letter from the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home for the recent donation of \$100.

We received a thank you letter from Precious Life Inc. for the recent donation of \$300.

We received a thank you letter from American Rescue Workers for the recent donation of \$250.

We received a thank you letter from the Habitat for Humanity of Blair County for the recent donation of \$300.

### **Membership Director – Information presented by Tim Surkovich:**

The fiscal year runs from July 1, thru June 30.

We have 197 members at the 4245 Council.

We have one new prospective member.

We will schedule a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, to be held in August.

Retention – 5 members are past due, and we will mail an “Intent to Retain” in July (4<sup>th</sup> notice).

### **Program Director – Information presented by Tim Surkovich:**

The annual Hand-in-Hand BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021; please volunteer (chicken cookers will start at 6:00AM).

The gun raffle will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Legarski Shotgun).

The Ham & Cheese sale will be held in July; orders due July 19<sup>th</sup>; Assemble July 22<sup>nd</sup>; Deliver July 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit the Council.

More information will be forthcoming for the Family Picnic.

### **Trustees Report by Rich Moyer:**

Trustee meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

### **New Business:**

Election of officers was held, and all current officers were re-elected to another term.

Rich Moyer is the new First Year Trustee; Dave Karl is the new Second Year Trustee; Bill Hiergeist is the new Third Year Trustee.

### **Report of the 4th Degree - presented by Dave Karl on behalf of Lee Zimmerman:**



There are no meetings in July and August for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Next meeting will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> and elections will take place during that meeting.

Thank you to the Color Corp for the participating at the recent ordination.

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

Welcome to all brothers. Please recruit new members and grow our Council. Election of new officers is due by the end of June and the report, along with other reports are due as well.

### **Chaplains Summation by Fr. Alan Thomas:**

Change is nearly always difficult, and we must remember to find our roots. The Eucharist is the Center of our Faith and our Lives. At Baptism, we start at the “door” of the Church, and we end up at the Altar. We always end up at the Altar. Remember the importance of the Eucharist and that we are privileged to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Please remember to pray for those who have fallen away; you can invite them back.



### **Please Pray For:**

- Gary Ellis was present and thanked us for all of the prayers and support.
- Wilber Henry
- Dennis McGeehan
- Gary Selwitz



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



## 2021 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

January—Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik  
 February—Ray Gregorchik  
 March—Rich Moyer  
 May—Bill Hiergeist  
 June—Jim Hodge  
 July—Jim Zimmerman  
 August—\*  
 September—\*  
 October—Gary Nocek  
 November—\*  
 December—Brian Drum

\* Volunteers Needed



## **Happy Birthday** *July Birthdays*

Ken Greene	7/2
William Gildea II	7/3
Corey Ray	7/4
Martin Kooman	7/8
Steven Sorbera	7/8
Chris Ringkamp	7/11
Deacon Charles Ahearn	7/17
Anthony Labriola	7/18
Paul Gargon	7/20
Ed Hazenstab	7/23
Gary Selwitz	7/24
Tom Catalano	7/26
Dave Mason	7/28
Devon McGeehan	7/29
Robert Kelly	7/30



- 2021 volunteers are needed, for Hospitality meals at our council meetings see Ed Dunning to volunteer.
- 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. 3rd Notices have been mailed. Intent to Retain Notices will be mailed in July.
- 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 May rosary were as follows: Intentions for the June rosary were as follows: Wilbur Henry; Brother John Moore (Grandbaby) – good health; Deceased Veterans – Memorial Day; Newly ordained priests; all of our Knights and their families.
- Dan Turcovsky provided this update on the Seminarian Endowment Fund – through the ticket sales and proceeds, the Fund will provide a onetime grant of \$5k to both Mark Groeger and Michael Pleva our new diocesan priests. Additionally, the Fund management representatives will

meet with the bishop in the near future, to discuss further ways to help our seminarians.

- Ed Zang reported that we will hold a Chicken BBQ on June 19<sup>th</sup> for Gary Ellis (Son’s wedding); cooking starts at 10:00AM – help is needed.
- Mark Salt reported that we will hold a Chicken BBQ on June 27<sup>th</sup> for St. Johns parish; cooking starts at 6:00AM – help is needed.
- We received a letter from Joey Moyer – thanking us for the card and prayers. He looks forward to attending meetings in the future, when able.



## Upcoming Events:

For the latest information visit our website:

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

**June 30th  
Gun Raffle**

### **Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale**



7/19—Orders Due  
 7/22—Make Sandwiches  
 7/23—Delivery



**Knights of Columbus  
 Family Picnic  
 August 1, 2021  
 Pavilion 8  
 11-?  
 \$5 per person**



## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 7/3/21**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Jim Zimmerman

**6/24/21** 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM

**6/28/21** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**7/3/21** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**7/3/21** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**7/3/21** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Jim Zimmerman

**7/19/21** Ham & Cheese Orders Due 12 PM

**7/22/21** Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

**7/23/21** Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

**8/1/21** Family Picnic, Delgrosso Park, Pavilion 8, 11 AM—?

**8/2/21** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**8/5/21** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**8/5/21** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**8/5/21** Exemplification of the 3rd Degree 7 PM

**8/5/21** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed



Warmer weather is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather, I've started work on my honey-do list that takes me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny as I continue to get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.



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Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael

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