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June 2021 Edition

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June 2021 Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

As my term as Grand Knight comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to hold this position. It was a true learning experience for me and I enjoyed getting better acquainted with everyone. Now it is time for someone else to step up and take over this position. Elections are scheduled for our next council meeting. All officers are up for election except for the Financial Secretary.

Our June meeting is going to be held using the new meeting format. It's new for me so please be patient with me. Along with a lot of you I don't like change either. But everything is always changing, hopefully for the good.

As we prepare for the Hand in Hand BBQ we are thinking of Lou Endress, who for years took care of everything for this big event. He is surely missed.

Congratulations to Dick Aiken, winner of the April rifle raffle. Tickets are now available for the next raffle. See Dick Aiken for tickets.

I would like to take the time to wish all the fathers in the council a Blessed and Happy Father's Day.

Fun fact.

Just a few sports icons who were Knights:

Lou Albano- professional wrestler and actor.

James J. Braddock- "The Cinderella Man" heavyweight boxer.

James Connolly- 1st Olympic gold medal champion in modern times.

Chris Godfrey-former right guard for the New York Giants.

Connie Mack- baseball player manager, and owner.

Bob O'Neil- former NFL Pittsburgh Steelers, and New York Titans.

Floyd Patterson- former heavy-weight boxing champion.

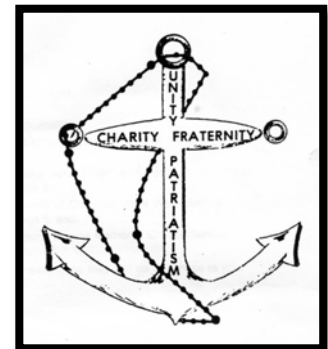
Larry Wilkens- National Basketball Association's 2nd winningest coach.

Fraternally yours,

Ray



**Worthy Grand Knight
SK Raymond J Gregorchik**



May 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The April 8, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



Tickets are now available for sale at a cost of \$20/each for a chance to win Fr. Tony's Shotgun
The Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ tickets are now available for sale
There will be a blood drive at the Council Home, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, from 1:00-7:00PM on May 11, 2021

The new carts for the tables and chairs are here and need to be assembled – please consider volunteering to help

**Treasurer's Report –
Information presented by Ray
Gregorchik on behalf of Dan
Weaver:**



- Beginning Balance as of April 1, 2021: \$14,214.03
- Deposits: \$386
- Disbursements: \$4,361.78
- New Balance as of April 30, 2021: \$10,238.25

Reading of Bills and Communications:

The Carmelite Community of the Word is seeking support for their annual golf tournament. You can pick your own dates from May 17th thru Sept 17th, 2021.

Contact Kelli Murphy – Development Director with any questions at 814-475-4435. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$250; Dan Moringello presented the second; motion passed.

BG students and varsity baseball players, Owen Dombrosky and Mitchell

Swineford have volunteered to lead the rejuvenation of the flagpole at Veterans Memorial Field. Rich Moyer presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed.

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



The 2021 annual membership dues notice of \$38 has been sent to all Brothers. There are a few members outstanding. Please consider donating to the Distressed Member fund.

The new tables and chairs were purchased, in Memory of Lou and Patty Endress.

Tim apologized for his inability to attend the meeting.

The Ham and Cheese orders are due on May 17th; assembly on May 20th; Delivery May 21. Proceeds benefit the Home Association.

New Business:

Elections will be held at the June meeting and all positions are available (Except the Financial Secretary)

Ed Zang presented a motion to keep the same slate of officers unless someone wishes to step down; Mark Salt presented the second; motion passed.

Scott Manganella, Executive Director from Precious Life Inc, a crisis pregnancy center in Altoona joined us, prior to the meeting start and provided an overview of the ministry. Precious Life provides free and confidential pregnancy services including free pregnancy testing, counseling, 24 hr support, clothing, education - both short and longer term. They also have limited living arrangements with low rent options.

In addition to the Blair, Bedford and Cambria County locations they also have an office in Romania. Romania has a very high abortion rate and their center has helped many women and babies. They have experienced a major impact in that country. Precious Life does not receive any government funding and relies totally on donors. One of their main sources of income is the Baby Bottle Campaign as well as the Food Vending. Any support is appreciated.

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



Next meeting will be held on May 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Council Home.

14 knights attended the last meeting
13 members are past due and the Final Notices have been sent

There are no meetings in June and July for the 4th Degree

The Color Corp is requested on May 15th, May 29th and on June 5th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – please contact Lee Zimmerman for details

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

The new, meeting agenda/format was discussed and highlighted that meetings shall be held to a maximum of 1 hour in duration and the agenda topics were presented.

Reminder, Guest speakers are welcome
All monthly meetings should end with socialization time; we must support each other

Please pray for the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney

**Field Insurance Agent Report –
presented by Mike McAndrew:**



The Altoona Council is holding their annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 19th to benefit the scholarship fund in support of Catholic education
The Bellwood Council will hold their 1st golf tournament on October 2nd at Scotch Valley



Please Pray For:

In Memory of Joe Gallagher
Rich Moyer – Mother-in-law
Jim Zimmerman
Dennis McGeehan

Good of the Order:

Our bother knight Joey Moyer is transforming at Marine Corp Boot Camp – we will send a card. Graduation is on June 25th and we will discuss providing a gift at that time. He will move on to Electrical Maintenance Training – post boot camp.



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 June Birthdays

Gregory W Michelone	6/1
Justin A Detwiler	6/3
Deacon James L Woomer	6/7
Brian F Drum	6/12
Philip V DeVecchis Jr,	6/15
Timothy A Hatajik	6/15
Mark S Sault	6/20
Richard H Pielmeier	6/26
Earl A Eger	6/30



- 2021 volunteers are needed, for Hospitality meals at our council meetings see Ed Dunning to volunteer. We need of a volunteers for the August, September and November meetings.
- 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.
- 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: Joe Gallagher, Tim Surkovich, Jim Zimmerman, Rich Moyer – Mother-in-law, Gary Ellis
- Dick Aiken was the winner of April gun raffle



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



Upcoming Events:

For the latest information visit our website:

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42nd Annual Hand in Hand Chicken BBQ

June 6

11 AM—2 PM

\$10

Drive thru service only!

June 30th Gun Raffle



Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

7/19—Orders Due

7/22—Make Sandwiches

7/23—Delivery





Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 6/3/21**
Hospitality Provided by:
Jim Hodge

5/27/21 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM

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

6/3/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

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

6/3/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Jim Hodge

6/6/21 42nd Annual Hand in Hand Chicken BBQ 11 AM—2 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



Spring 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 the break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I 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.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two separate acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, one gentleman end up with two broken arms and the other a broken back. Both out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years....if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something like the gents above...some broken bones. One of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

Disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries...make sure the basics are covered.

Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael



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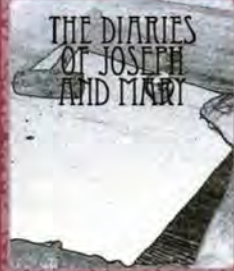
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