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Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

Delivery Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021

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 March 15th Cell: 931-4401

Look for us again in May!

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March 2021
From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and well. It's hard to believe we are entering the month of March already! Time just goes by so quickly anymore.

Speaking of time, it is the time of the year when we spring ahead. Don't forget to set your clocks forward on March 14th for Daylight Savings Time. It will be nice to have the extra one hour of daylight in the evening.

We are also now in the Lenten season which means it's time to prepare for the Easter season. I invite everyone to participate in the Forty Cans for Forty Days food drive. If anyone has a wife in the Catholic Daughters please let them know they are invited to

join us in this food collection.. Non -perishable items are to be collected and weighed in on Holy Thursday, April 1st.

I'm happy to announce that all the rifle raffle tickets sold quickly. We will be holding another raffle in April.

Fun fact:

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, reminds us that Fr. McGivney and many founding fathers of the Knights of Columbus were of Irish origin. So why did Fr. McGivney choose Christopher Columbus as the Knights' patron? This would prompt some to think the Knights were an Italian organization. He chose Columbus because the explorer was a Catholic who was loved and respected by the wider American public. He represented the idea that Catholics had a place in the new world.

Fraternally yours,

Ray



February 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The January 7, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



All of the gun raffle tickets have been sold and the drawing will be held on Feb. 28th. We anticipate that another raffle will be held in the future.

Chaplains Report from Father Alan Thomas:



The political climate has influenced the US Bishops' opinions and debate among the bishops has entered the mainstream media. Please pray for unity and that we can respect each other's views. Pray that the Bishops may value the spirit of "quiet" that they may take the time to think and reflect before publicly responding.

Please pray for Transfiguration parish – our Bishop recently held a Mass of Reparation due to a recent desecration at their church.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

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



- Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2021: \$9,039.14
- Deposits: \$3,134
- Disbursements: \$1,737.24
- New Balance as of January 31, 2020: \$10,435.90

Reading of Bills and Communications: N/A

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. 32

members are outstanding, and the second notices will be sent on February 13, 2021. The 2020 tax data has been prepared and sent for processing.

The annual survey has been sent to Supreme.

Please consider donating to the Distressed Member fund.

Congratulations to our members and council for raising and donating \$17,230 to charity in 2020; 23,788 hours were donated; 345 visits to sick were completed; 144 units of blood were donated.

The COAL tickets are now available at \$5 each and are due back by March 22, 2021. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Trustees Report by Rich Moyer:

The audit is due was completed without issue.

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

We presume that another gun raffle will be held this spring.

40 Cans for 40 Days – Report by Ray Gregorchik:

Please participate in the food collection. Food will be collected on Holy Thursday – at the Council Home.

Ham and Cheese will benefit the Council. Orders are due by February 15th; assembly will take place on February 17th with delivery on the Thursday the 18th due to Lent. Proceeds benefit the Council.

New Business:

Dan Turcovsky informed us that the Seminarian Endowment Fund was started in 1995 to support our diocesan seminarians with the cost of their education. The tickets are now available for sale at a cost of \$20/ticket and our Council was issued 70 tickets for sale; please support this worthy cause; we need to support our future priests. Currently, we are supporting 6 seminarians in our diocese. The fund is independent from the Diocese.

Rich Moyer presented a motion to support the Annual Convention by placing a ¼ page add in the program at a cost of \$60. Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed. Ed Zang discussed the passing of Fred Immler and presented a motion to table the discussion of presenting a donation in Fred's memorial, until additional members can

attend the meeting; Dan Casey presented the second; motion passed.

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



Next meeting will be held on February 25th at 7:00 PM at the Council Home. Dave will send an email reminder.

District Deputy Report – presented by Mike Mc Andrew on behalf of Mel McConnell:



Mel apologized for his absence. The State Convention packet was delivered.

Please consider supporting the program for the State Convention.

Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mike McAndrew:



Pray for good health, we are all tired of the COVID restrictions; work to keep up your spirit in a positive light. February 14th is Valentines Day. Please remember to appreciate your spouse and all that they do, they are remarkable, and we need to show our appreciation. 4245 is a great Council – keep up the good work. We do need more members to attend the meetings.

Chaplains Summation:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. As a reminder, we are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are to abstain from meat on all other Fridays within lent.

Rome has required the parishes to avoid direct placement of ashes on the forehead (COVID) and therefore, we will be "dropping" ashes on the head of our faithful.

In the past, both St. Mary's and St. Michael's hosted Soup Saturday during lent but due to complications from COVID, Father asked if the Knights would be willing to hold a drive through event, to distribute soup (parish members would make the soup). The Knights are willing to help....more info to come.



Please Pray For:

- Tim Surkovich
- Lou Endress
- Gary Ellis
- Phil Claar and his wife
- Bob Hazenstab's granddaughter

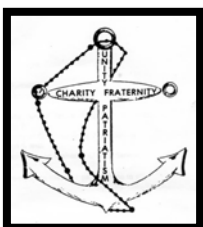


2021 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

January—Ed Zan & Ray Gregorchik
 February—Ray Gregorchik
 March—Rich Moyer
 October—Gary Nocek
 December—Brian Drum



In memory of all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history especially Patty Endress wife of Brother Lou Endress.



**Happy Birthday
March Birthdays**

William F Gildea	3/1
Timothy S Sleeth	3/3
Robert J Stubler	3/4
David C Shrift	3/7
Dr David J Montrella	3/8
Michael J Kelleher	3/9
Richard W Raber	3/13
Thomas L Matthews	3/16
Dr Joseph L Kaczor	3/22
Joseph N Fagnani Jr	3/23
Allan Scott Kelly	3/24
Wilbur K Henry	3/25
Larry D Lashinsky	3/27
Raymond J Hipp	3/29
Charles T Smith	3/30



- 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.
- 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. Second Notices will be mailed February 13th.



Upcoming Events:

For the latest information visit our website:



**Begins Ash Wednesday
February 17th—Holy Thursday
April 1st**

**February 28th
Gun Raffle**

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Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 3/4/21**
Hospitality Provided by:
Rich Moyer

2/17/28 40 Cans for 40 Day Food Collection 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:
Rich Moyer

3/15/21 Ham & Cheese Orders Due

3/17/21 Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

3/18/21 Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

3/29/21 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

4/1/21 40 Cans for 40 Days Food Collection Concludes. 7AM to 10AM

4/1/21 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

4/1/21 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

4/1/21 Council Meeting 7 PM
Hospitality Provided By:
Volunteer Needed



By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope and pray you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles, but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and still manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!



So don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. In the back of your mind though, take stock of where you are with your life insurance, disability insurance, estate planning, retirements, long term care coverage and asset protection. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating. If you find yourself questioning..... Do I really have my family protected the way I should?..... Get ahold of myself and we will come up with a plan of action.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the phone or computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael

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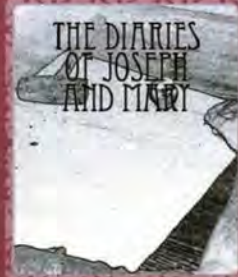
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