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October 2019 Edition



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4245
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA**

*Ladies
night*

Saturday November 9, 2019

Cocktail Hour H'ordeuvres: 6-7 PM

Dinner 7 PM

**Choice of Chicken Florentine or Bistro Filet, Oven Roasted Potatoes,
Green Beans, Rolls and Butter, Tossed Salad with Creamy Vinaigrette,
Dessert, Drinks**

\$22.50 per person

**Payable by November 1st. Please also indicate entrée choice.*

**Entertainment Provided By:
Comedian David Beck**



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October 2019 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights

It is such a great time of year as September comes to an end and we begin October. The season is changing, and all the beautiful fall colors are appearing. All of us as Knights of Columbus members can also promise to make a change and become more involved with our council.

We will shortly be having our first fund raising BBQ for the parishes. Hopefully it will be a great success and we can continue to be supportive to all our parishes.

Some big news is that the river wall project is behind us. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this happen. A big thanks again to Tim Surkovich for all the time and energy he has put into the project including the planning and the grant writing. We can now focus on what other improvements need to be done at our council home. News of additional projects and fund raisers will be coming soon.

There has been some discussion about giving out candy on trick or treat night. More information will follow.

Ladies Night will be held on November 9th. The cost is \$22.50 per person and includes: Dinner of chicken or beef, appetizers, dessert, and entertainment by a professional comedian. Money is due by November 1st.

Fun fact: Star of Sea Council 4245 held its first meeting on October 4, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
Ray



Chaplain's Message

Respecting Life and Praying the Rosary

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

October is a month of focus; students focus on another year of school, governments focus on budgets and elections, society focuses on the upcoming holidays, and many athletic teams in various sports focus on successful seasons. During this month the Church finds herself focusing as well. This focus is on two basic facets of our faith as we live it in our day and age: respect for life and the Rosary.

Some years ago the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) designated October as a month of heightened awareness of the things that threaten the reverence and the sanctity of human life such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicides, embryonic stem cell research, etc. In doing so the Bishops exhort all of us as members of the Church and disciples of Christ to stand and speak for Christ against these tragic offences that degrade and cheapen God's most precious gift. The ways in which we can and should be actively involved in pro-life activities and education are varied and numerous. We should be open to all the possi-

bilities of doing so that the Holy Spirit shows us.

Among the ways in which we respond to the call to promote a respect for life, prayer must be first and foremost; and the most effective prayer to defeat such tragic sins is the daily praying of the Rosary to end abortion and other sins against human life. This too is part of our focus during the month of October. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Since the Rosary has been revealed to us by the Blessed Mother it has proven time and again to be a most effective weapon against the most horrific of sins, such as those against human life.

In whatever way the Holy Spirit moves us to stand and speak for Christ by promoting a respect for human life, we are greatly advantaged by a devotion to the Rosary. Praying the Rosary for God's help through Mary's intercession in this regard is something all of us must include in our pro-life activities as Catholics in general and as Knights in particular. It is Mary who is the model of respect for life, it is Mary who intercedes for us as we seek her help, it is Mary who crushes the head of the serpent, and it is Mary who can lead us back to a culture of life. If we go to her she will most certainly come to us with a fervent desire to help.

As Knights of Columbus, may we be on the front line of promoting a respect for life and may we arm ourselves with a most powerful weapon against sin: the Holy Rosary. In doing so, may we continue to find ourselves guided on our journey as Knights by Mary, Star of the Sea.

September 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

Application for membership:

Second reading for Michael Burr. Motion to accept – George Husick; second by Lee Zimmerman; Motion passed.

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



Our Council was listed in the Shriners Magazine to acknowledge the 40th anniversary of the Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ events and it was stated the we have raised >\$170k from this 40-year effort. Thank you to all who have participated in any way over the years.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



- Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2019: \$11,836.76
- Deposits: \$550
- Disbursements: \$3,179.56
- New Balance as of August 31, 2019: \$9,207.20
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Thank you note received from the Birth of Mary Committee at St. Catherine's for the gift of \$100.

Thank you note received from Cyrus Simmons for the donation towards his Eagle Scout project at Ft. Roberdeau.

Thank you note received from ELM – Every Lift Matters for the gift of \$700 (Mother's Day Dinner proceeds) and this will be used for baby supplies.

Thank you note received from Pam Walls (step daughter of Russell Irwin) in acknowledgement of the 2 masses that were offered for Russell.

Request for donation from Patty Davis, US Armed Forces Mothers. Gary Ellis presented a motion to donate \$100; Lou

Endress provided the second; motion passed.

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



Reminder that Football Sweepstakes tickets are available for sale at \$10/ticket and must be sold and returned by the October 2019 meeting.

As of this meeting, we have 6 members in jeopardy of losing their membership due to lack of payment for their annual dues.

The river bank project is nearing completion and Tim will provide a presentation with photos and a summary, in the near future.

Standing Committee Reports: Fund Raising Committee - Information presented by Ed Zang on behalf of Bob Hazenstab:

Reiterated that the Chicken Bar-B-Que, in support of our local parishes will be held on Sept. 22, 2019. Please help with the preparation starting at 6:00 AM and bring desserts as well. Tickets are being sold at each of our local parishes and the turn in date is September 16th.

Additional chicken BBQ's will be held through the remainder of 2019.

Saturday, September 7, 2019 is a work day at the Council home. Please arrive at 7:00 am if you can help.

Ham and Cheese orders are due on September 16th.

Ladies Night will be held on November 9, 2019 at the Council Home at a cost of \$22.50/person. Dinner will be served (Beef and Chicken) and entertainment will be in the form of a clean comedian. Money is due by November 1, 2019.

New Business:

Dan Turcovsky stated that the Annual KofC Mass and Dinner with Bishop Mark will be held on October 13, 2019 at St. Michaels Basilica in Loretto, PA. Mass will begin at 2:00 PM and dinner will follow at a cost of \$15/person. Money is due ahead of the celebration – See Tim to sign up.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Hollidaysburg Council #4245 home on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00PM.

Rich Moyer presented a motion to pay for a ½ page add as part of the Seminarian Endowment Fund Dinner; George Husick presented the second; motion passed.

Lee read a letter from Michael Lynch – Master – PA West District outlining regulations and exceptions for wearing the new uniform vs. dark suits.

Good of the Order:

- Please pray for Victor Ballash and thank Vic for the pizza/salad at the September meeting
- Please pray for Dennis McGeehan
- Please pray for Dick Aiken's sister
- Please pray for George Husick's Brother-in-law

Announcements:

The Birth of Mary celebration will be held on September 8, 2019 at St. Catherine's. The 4th degree Color Corps should report at 4:30PM and Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 PM.

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2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

10/1 Tim Surkovich
 11/7 Jeff Muriceak
 12/5 Brian Drum



Happy Birthday *October Birthdays*

Donald L Filby	10/1
Dr. Joh A Joseph	10/5
Mark W Nelson	10/6
Javier A Cantos	10/12
Michael A Metzgar	10/12
Gary C Nocek	10/13
Daniel J Casey	10/15
John V Moore III	10/15
Frank J Shoaf	10/16
Gary E Ellis	10/17
Clark A Buskey Jr	10/20
Dennis P McGeehan	10/21
Robert E Hazenstab	10/22
Joseph F Lechman	10/22
Robert V Hazenstab	10/23
Bruno J Felus	10/24
Michael M Johnston	10/24
Louis F Kelly	10/27
Stephen H Hess	10/31



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



Please Pray For:

Victor Ballash
 Dennis McGeehan
 Dick Aiken's Sister
 George Husick's Brother-In-Law



Upcoming Events:

11/9/19 Ladies Night
 November Ham and Cheese Sale to benefit St. Jude's Hospital
 December Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Needs Office
 For the latest information visit our website:

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Riverbank Stabilization Project

Start of the Project



Progress



Final Touches



Finished Product





Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 10/3/19**
Hospitality Provided by:
Tim Surkovich

9/26/19 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM

9/30/19 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

10/3/19 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

10/3/19 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

10/3/19 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By:
Tim Surkovich

10/13/19 Columbus Day Mass and Dinner with the Bishop Loretto PA 2 PM

11/4/19 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

11/7/19 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

11/7/19 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

11/7/19 First Degree Followed by Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By:
Jeff Muriceak

11/9/19 Ladies Night 6 PM



September was Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book written on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "Fr. McGivney was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Also on page 35, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on insurance was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

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Give me a call, message me with a text, send me an email, or even better yet ask fellow Knights in our council that have met with me already..... My ultimate goal is to have your family more financially safeguarded than you were before we met.

Vivat Jesus!



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