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*October 2020 Edition*

# **STAR NEWS**

**Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month**

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**2nd Annual**

**Chicken BBQ to help our Council Parishes**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

**10 AM—1 PM**

**\$10**

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**October 2020**  
**From the Grand Knight**



Brother Knights:

I hope this newsletter finds you and all your family well. As we start the month of October it is nice to see the weather start to cool down. With summer ending, and autumn beginning, the change in seasons helps us believe things can change and we can get back to some kind of normality .

By the time you receive this letter, our 41st annual Hand in Hand BBQ should be over and our 2nd annual BBQ to benefit our churches will be underway. It is up to the parishes to sell the tickets, but if the

Knights can help out at each parish, that would be great.

October 12th is Columbus Day and with all the attacks and vandalism of his statues and other religious symbols, let us pray that all religious freedom will continue in our country. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

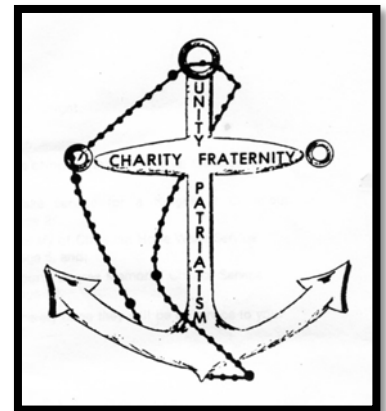
Fraternally yours,

*Ray*

Fun fact :

In the 1920's ,the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed statues simply because Columbus was Catholic. The Knights opposed the KKK then and have

continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.



## September 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Minutes from the September 3, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



The Ham and Cheese sale orders are due by September 14; assemble sandwiches on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Hand-in-Hand chicken BBQ will be held on September 20 (tickets have been mailed to all Knights)

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



It is nice to be here, in person. During these times, please be certain to be aware of your personal situations and make certain to take care of yourselves. Be aware of what our faith teaches and encourage other people to vote. Our religious liberty must be protected. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (pacatholic.org) provides voting records and other important information for your reference. You need to know the teachings of the Church. Please pray for all candidates and our country and be sure to exercise your right to vote. The welfare of our country depends on us.

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



- Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2020: \$10,887.06
- Deposits: \$177.50
- Disbursements: \$1,651.64

- New Balance as of August 31, 2020: \$9,412.92
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

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

We received a thank you note from the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our deceased Knights will be remembered in their next Novena of Masses in November.

We received a donation request from The Brian Morden Foundation (funds research for childhood cancer; supports patients, parents and staff of pediatric oncology units, awards higher education scholarships). Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Moringello provided the second; motion passed.

We received an invitation to attend the Birth of Mary Celebration on September 8, 2020 at St. Catherine of Siena in Duncansville (rosaries and masses will be held throughout the day). Gary Nocek presented a motion to donate \$100; Gary Ellis provided the second; motion passed.

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



Tim apologized for his inability to attend the meeting. Football tickets are available at a cost of \$10/each and funds should be returned to Tim by October 15th.

**Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer.** Copies of the August 31, 2020 meeting minutes were distributed to members at the September council meeting.

### **New Business:**

Dan Casey asked about obtaining the Voting Guide (prior to the general election); This will be available through the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference soon.

Funerals are being held in the respective Catholic churches.

Reminder – the chicken BBQ for the Council parishes will be held on October 11, 2020

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

Next meeting will be held on September 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Council Home.

We need a Controller – please consider volunteering for this important position.



Please pray for :

Charlie Baker  
Phil Baker  
Tom Baker  
Michael McAndrew's Son  
Tim Surkovich





## 2020 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

October-Gary Nocek  
December-Phil Claar

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

**Volunteers needed for: September, November and December.**

**Contact Ed Dunning.**



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



## **Happy Birthday** *October Birthdays*

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



## Upcoming Events:

**BBQ for the Parishes**

**Date: October 11th.**

For the latest information visit our website:

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- **Intent to Retain Notices are being sent the end of September**
- **Regular Monthly Meetings have resumed.**
- **Thank you to Matt Becker for the Hospitality meal at the September meeting.**
- **The hospitality sign-up sheet was provided at the meeting, we do NOT have volunteers for December meetings; please contact Ed Dunning if you are willing to volunteer for any future meetings.**



## Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 10/1/20**  
Hospitality Provided by:  
Gary Nocek

**9/24/20** 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM

**9/28/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**10/1/20** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**10/1/20** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**10/1/20** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Gary Nocek

**10/11/20** Parish Chicken BBQ 10AM-1 PM

**11/2/20** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**11/5/20** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**11/5/20** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**11/5/20** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed



Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent.

Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal,

it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael

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