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September 2019 Edition

Knights of Columbus

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Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

Delivery Date: Friday, September 20, 2019

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Orders on this sheet will be delivered by _____
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Contact Brother Paul Detwiler with the total number of sandwiches ordered by 12pm on Monday September 16th Cell: 935-3501

Look for us again in November!

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September 2019 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights

I hope you are all enjoying the last bits of summer. After returning from the Knight's wonderful family picnic at DelGrosso Park, I thought about how important it is to enjoy spending time with family and friends. We had beautiful weather and a fun filled day. Over 50 attended the picnic and had a great time. Everyone enjoyed the meal and it was a relaxing day since all you had to do is show up and enjoy the catered food from DelGrosso. We also had lots of delicious desserts provided by our wonderful Knight's wives. A big thank you to Tim Surkovich who did all the arranging for the picnic.

We are now coming to the end of August. Children will be going back to school and college. I pray they all have a blessed and safe school year. Please keep all of our children and teachers in your prayers throughout the school year

Since, I have become Grand Knight, I have received a lot of emails and webinars about recruitment. I would like to challenge our council members to try and recruit. Let's each Knight try and bring in one recruitment. Let us stand proud for our incredible Knight's organization and give other men the opportunity to become members.

Fun fact: football season is upon us. Did you know that Vince Lombardi was a 4th Degree Knight.?

Fraternally yours,
Ray



Chaplain's Message

“Exalted with Christ”

By
*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

Traditionally, when we think of the cross, sacrifice, etc. we do so with greatest focus during the Season of Lent, as indeed we should. However, we soon realize that our faith as it is lived out each day in our lives is not that easily “compartmentalized.” No, we can identify with the cross and the sorrows of this life each day in one way or another. Some of those times are rather minor; a disappointment, an unkind remark, a failure to be recognized, etc. Others are much more serious or even traumatic; the suffering of a friend, the death of a loved one, the loss of employment, etc. We see it on the news, we hear about it on the street, we experience it in our own lives—however great or small—the Cross.

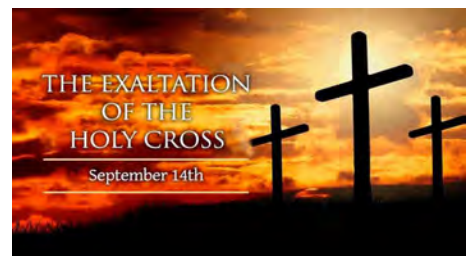
This month celebrates a very special and important Feast in the liturgical year of the Church: The Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Cross. This is observed each year on September 14th. The miraculous discovery of the relic of the

True Cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating this Feast on this date.

It is most appropriate that as we celebrate this feast and the message it conveys, we remind ourselves of the fact that our human suffering has redemptive value. Our sufferings in this life can and do take us toward the exaltation of the cross. Through them and with them we are united with suffering of Christ. Consequently, we share that same exaltation.

The work that we do as Knights, the message that we seek to live every day as Knights is in many respects an acknowledgment of that triumph over life's challenges, disappointments, and sorrows. If we see the exaltation of Christ as our own, then it is much easier to understand why our sufferings and those to whom we minister are a share in His.

May we who share Christ's sufferings in the daily living of our calling also share in his exaltation; and may we be guided in our journey as Knights by our Mother and Patroness: Mary, Star of the Sea.



August 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The minutes were available for reading in advance of the meeting and the minutes are approved as posted.

Application for membership:

Michael Burr. Motion to accept – Ed Zang, seconded by Rich Moyer. Passed unanimously.

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



Apologized for not bringing the donuts for the Blind Association Chicken Bar-B-Que. (He's still learning the duties of the GK)

Chaplain's Report:



Fr. Legarski spoke about the upcoming Chicken Bar-B-Que for the parishes. He asked that the members from the various parishes please coordinate with their pastors to be sure that they understand the responsibility required by the parish as outlined in the letters that they received and to offer their cooperation as Knights. He himself misunderstood the encouragement for the solicitation for provisions (charcoal, baked beans, applesauce, etc.) which was meant to increase the realized profit for the individual parishes until it was explained that goods could be requested from businesses or individuals. Overall, he felt that it was a commendable undertaking by our council and extended his thanks on behalf of all of the pastors involved.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2019:
\$10,501.81

Deposits: \$2,268.00

Disbursements: \$93.05

New Balance as of July 31, 2019:
\$11,836.76

All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Thank you received from Saint Vincent DePaul for the 40 cans for 40 days donation of food and cash.

Thank you received from the Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia for the donation of the proceeds of the Hand-In-Hand Chicken Bar-B-Que

A donation of \$250 was received on behalf of Brad Nocek, son of Gary Nocek. Brad is a Financial Planner for Northwestern Mutual in Sarasota, Florida (and Brother Knight). He was awarded at their National Sales meeting for his success in sales the past year. The commendation carried with it a contribution to his charity of choice so he chose our Council as the beneficiary. Thank you Brad!

Request received from the Birth of Mary Committee for a donation to support the Mary's day celebration held at St. Catherine's. Motion by Rich Moyer to donate \$100, seconded by Vic Ballash and unanimously approved by the council.

Request received from Cyrus Simmons, an Eagle Scout candidate from Williamsburg working on a project at Fort Roberdeau. Motion by Vic Ballash to donate \$100, seconded by Dick Aiken and unanimously approved by the council.

Request received from The Giorgio Children's Foundation for NF1, a nonprofit created to fund research for a cure for NF1. Visit <https://endnfl.org/> for more information. Motion by Bob Hazenstab II to donate \$100, seconded by Jim Zimmerman and unanimously approved by the council.

Presentation of awards and certificates - presented by GK Ray Gregorchik:

Certificates were presented to Jerry Martini and William Reintgen who received the honor of the First Degree at last month's meeting.

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.

Reported that the Chicken Bar-B-Que for the Blind Association that was held on July 21st raised \$940. Tim made a motion to round the amount up to \$1,000, seconded by Vic Ballash and unanimously approved by council.

Reminder of the Family Picnic at DelGrosso's this Sunday – meal at 1:30PM.

Trustees Report – Information presented by Rich Moyer:

Audit was held and all finances were found to be in order. The report was provided to Supreme.

New Business:

Tim presented an update on the situation of the stream bank. It has been seven years in the making, but it looks like the river wall will finally be repaired. A grant last year of \$25,000 afforded the resources for obtaining the design work and necessary permits for the project. When put out for bid, the lowest proposal came in at \$150,000 – well beyond our means and halting the process.

Following up with former and new contacts this year, and with new flood/conservation factors in place, Tim was able to obtain a bid of \$60,000 – a much more reasonable figure. Because the river is a “native trout stream”, the timeframe for the work effort is limited to the months of August and September which meant immediate action from the Home Association Board.

With the reserve funds from the Shelby fundraiser (which has already enabled multiple charitable contributions as well as a new roof and other repairs to our home) and reserve funds from the Home Association (which are held for emergency repairs), the Home Association Board has voted to approve the bid to proceed with the work. Once started, the project should progress quickly and should be completed by early fall.

A round of applause for Tim and the effort that he has put into this project.

Field agent Mike McAndrew gave an update on Habitat for Humanity, of which he and several members of our council are heavily involved. A recent change has made it a requirement that the local organization must have a minimum of \$100,000 on hand before beginning a new project. They currently have deposits of around \$80,000 and he is approaching all of the councils that he covers to consider holding a fundraising effort specific to Habitat for Humanity.

Mike also communicated the struggles of a Brother Knight from council #551 who is out of work that Mike was able to provide assistance to for covering his Knights insurance premiums. A motion was made by Bob Hazenstab I to donate \$200 to our brother, seconded by Rich Moyer and was passed unanimously by council.

**Standing Committee Reports:
Fund Raising Committee - Information presented by Bob Hazenstab:**

Reported on the success of the July Chicken Bar-B-Que for the Blind Association and for the MS Society's Keystone Country Ride 2019.

This fundraising is what allows us to fulfill the various contribution requests received by our council and also to maintain our property which is essential to continue these efforts.

This fundraising is what allows us to fulfill the various contribution requests received by our council and also to maintain our property which is essential to continue these efforts. The cooperation of every member of this council is necessary to continue our charitable contributions to our local communities. Please don't become complacent and stop participating. We realize that everyone cannot be involved in everything – just do as much as you can in regard to the first degree of our order.

Reiterated that the Chicken Bar-B-Que in support our local parishes will be held on Sept. 22 and the one to support the St. Vincent DePaul needs office will be held on Dec. 8.

Report of the 4th Degree - presented by Dan Turcovsky:

Lee Zimmerman and Ron Harella are attending the viewing for Chris Gurekovich, a member of the Bishop Garvey Assembly #916.

Encouraged 4th Degree and ALL members of the Knights to participate in the Mary's day celebration on Sunday, September 8th.

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

District Deputy Report – presented by Mel McConnell:

Welcomed the newest members in attendance and stressed the need for recruitment by them and ALL brother Knights.

Reminded that the next 1st degree ceremony would be held in Tyrone on Monday, August 05, 2019.

Stated that the 1st degree rotation appears to be working well – there is little wait time between applying to become a member and receiving the 1st degree.

Passed on an appeal from the Bellwood council Grand Knight who volunteers at the VA that toiletries for the residents are a constant need. He suggested coordinating a drive to collect toiletry items to then donate or to make a donation for the purchase of necessary items. Motion by Jim Zimmerman to donate \$100, seconded by Ed Zang, passed unanimously by council. Presented a report on the status of the Columbus Chapel and the Boal Mansion Museum in Boalsburg, PA, <http://www.boalmuseum.com/>. Many impressive projects have been recently completed without the benefit of local, state or federal financial aid. (Climate control and security in the Chapel, digitization of manuscripts and archival storage of artifacts from Christopher Columbus, etc.)

The next projects include many landscaping, and constructions repairs that they are reaching out to interested organizations for manpower. Mel suggested that as a council, we consider providing assistance if possible.

Applications are available for K of C scholarships. There are ten \$3000 scholarships awarded each year to children of members from our district.

Reminded that the next 1st degree held in our council home will be at the November meeting.

Thanked our council for all of our endeavors.

Field Insurance Agent Report – presented by Mike McAndrew:

Commented that at one point, the Altoona area had no local coverage. Now there are four agents covering the various areas of Central PA. Our Agency for Central PA is the Hutek Agency and for the first time in its history is on the front page of the Lancer that ranks all agencies in the entire company globally. This is a huge testament to not only the hardworking

agents in the area but truly to the councils in the area that support their agents and the mission of Father McGivney.

Chaplains Summation presented by Fr. Legarski:

Father commented on the work that we do as Knight and the statements made by Bob Hazenstab about “burn-out” and read a reflection on “Pushing the rock” <https://luminexusa.org/pushing-against-the-rock/>. Push to your limits - exercise your faith!

Announcements:

Lou announced (in absentia) that the monthly ticket sales based on the Pick 3 numbers from the subsequent meeting night are back. See Jerry tonight for your tickets which will coincide with the numbers drawn on the night of our meeting in September.

Jim announced that hospitality was still unassigned for next month's meeting. Vic Ballash stepped forward and offered to provide.



Good of the Order:

John Longenecker reported that his Brother-in-Law was able to move to a chalet with his wife in Hillview to live out his days. He was able to walk at the time but has been bed-ridden for the last couple of weeks. Thank the council for prayers to make this happen and asked for continued prayers for Gods compassionate mercy. Dan Turcovsky proposed sending a condolence card Ron and Darlene Harella on the passing of Darlene's mother.

Rich Moyer asked if anyone had an update on the condition of Dennis McGeehan but no one present had any current inform. Rich suggested keeping him in our prayers.

Fr. Legarski requested prayers for his sister Dottie who has undergone treatment for uterine cancer and is recovering well.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 9/5/19**
Hospitality Provided by:
Vic Ballash

9/5/19 Home Association Meeting
5:45 PM

9/5/19 Praying of the Rosary
6:30 PM

9/5/19 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By:
Vic Ballash

9/16/19 Ham & Cheese Orders
Due 12 PM

9/19/19 Make Ham & Cheese
Sandwiches 4 PM

9/20/19 Deliver Ham & Cheese
Sandwiches

9/22/19 Chicken BBQ to support
our parishes.

9/26/19 4th Degree Meeting.
Hollidaysburg Council Home
7 PM

10/1/19 Home Association Meet-
ing 5:45 PM

10/1/19 Praying of the Rosary
6:30 PM

10/1/19 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By:
Tim Surkovich



2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

9/5 Vic Ballash
10/1 Tim Surkovich
11/7 Jeff Muriceak
12/5 Brian Drum



Upcoming Events:

9/22/19 Chicken BBQ to support
our parishes.

For the latest information visit our
website:

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



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



Happy Birthday September Birthdays

Jerry B Martini	9/1
Ralph T Blodgett	9/5
Edward G Garlena	9/7
Lawrence F Harker	9/13
Gerald J Kovach	9/13
John J Longenecker	9/13
Eugene F Polmueller	9/14
Joseph V Gallagher	9/16
Joshua A Kelly	9/17
John A Frank	9/21
James H Zimmerman	9/23
Robert A Lonero	9/24
Timothy M Sullivan	9/24
Salvatore A Ganino	9/26
William C Lersch Jr	9/27
Stephen A McGeehan	9/30





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