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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245 HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

September 2020 Edition



Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month Tel. 814-695-4752 HTTP://www.kofc4245.org

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Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

Delivery Date: Friday, September 18, 2020

Name	Phone #	# o f 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 September 14th Cell: 931-4401

Look for us again in November!

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September 2020 <u>From the Grand Knight</u>



Brother Knights:

Here we are in the middle of August already wondering where summer has gone. With the start of a new school year upon us, let us pray for all the children, students, teachers, bus drivers ,and everyone else involved in the educational system. Let us also pray for all our national and world leaders that they may make thoughtful, wise, decisions.

We voted at the meeting to reschedule the hand in hand BBQ for September 20, 2020 as long as it is fine with the Shriners. Take out only. We also voted on a BBQ to benefit our parishes. This is scheduled for October 4, 2020.

The council now has all six members needed for the new degree team. Hopefully we can get everything together soon so we can start the new procedures. The Fundraising Committee is currently in limbo with no chairman. Please consider stepping up to take on this important position. We also welcome any new ideas from members as to how we can continue to raise money for the charities we support.

Fraternally yours,

Ray

Fun fact

Our Great President and Knight, John F Kennedy, once said "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." Let us all carry on Fr. McGivney's dream and continue to support this vital organization.







41st Annual Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ

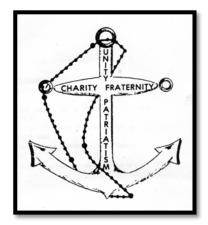
September 20, 2020

11 AM—2 PM

\$10 Donation

Take Out Only!

*Proceeds benefit Shriners' Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



August 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

Minutes from the July 2, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

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



All materials for the new degree have arrived and we will need 6 members to assist with the new degree program; 4 Knights have volunteered thus far; please see Ray if you are interested in volunteering.

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



- Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2020: \$8,277.25
- Deposits: \$4,392.75
- Disbursements: \$1,782.94
- New Balance as of July 31, 2020: \$10,887.06
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

We received a thank you note from the Borough of Hollidaysburg Mayor for the donation towards the memorial for Fr. Tony, which will be installed at Patriots Park, later this summer.

We received a thank you note from the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Altoona/ Johnstown Diocese for the support towards the Youth Ministry Golf Outing. The event has been rescheduled for Sept. 4, 2020.

We received a note from KofC State College Council #4678; Dennis Marince PGK. The procurement of a second ultrasound machine by ELM of Tyrone, is on hold and is assumed to resume in 2021. Future donations to this cause can be presented when ELM is ready to acquire the second machine. We received a thank you note from Toys for Tots. John Brown presented a motion to donate \$200; Dick Aiken presented 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.

3rd notices for past dues, have been sent to 6 members in July.

Notice – we will be donating \$500 to support Brian Norris (Seminarian and member of our Council); motion was approved last year.

Trustees Report – Information presented by Dave Karl:

Audit was completed and approved.

New Business:

The Hand-in-Hand chicken BBQ has been re-scheduled. Ed Zang presented a motion to hold the chicken BBQ on September 20, 2020; Jerry Kovach presented the second; motion passed. (Lou Endress will confirm date with the Shriners). Take out only.

Discussion was held to consider holding a chicken BBQ with the proceeds to benefit the local parishes (take out only); tentative date is October 4, 2020. 200 tickets will be provided to each of the 5 parishes and will need to be sold by the respective parish members and the Knights will cook the meal. Jerry Kovach volunteered to provide an informational letter for each parish.

Seminarian Brian Norris participated in our meeting and thanked us for our support to the Seminarian Endowment Fund as well as the direct financial support to him. He is very appreciative.

Dan Turcovsky provided an update on the Seminarian Endowment Fund – 701 tickets were sold, and the net proceeds were \$7850 which will help to fund our diocesan seminarians. (The October dinner has been cancelled due to Covid).



Dan Turcovsky provided the following announcement: per Bob Nagle, the Shriners are selling BBQ dinners at the Jaffa Shrine on August 16, starting at 11:00 am with tickets available on the day of the sale, on a first come, first serve basis, until sold out.

District Deputy Report – presented by Mel McConnel:

Mel reported that his is glad to be here!

On-line degrees are on-going; call Tim for details.

Thank you to our Council for forming a "degree" team.

We need new members, for our Order to grow.

Fr. McGivney will be beatified on October 31, 2020 in New Haven, CT.

Thank you to Tim Surkovich for doing a great job in preparing all of the necessary documentation to support the District Deputy in his duties. This is a timeconsuming task and Tim does a great job.



Please pray for :

- Ed Zang requested prayers for the soul of Shannon's mother
- Please pray for the soul of Gene Bettwy
- Please pray for the soul of Fr. Crosser
- all our first responders, medical personnel, government officials, and all being affected by this pandemic in any way.



2020 Hospitality <u>Meal Volunteer List</u>

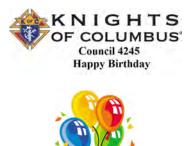
October-Gary Nocek

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 Eugene "Gene" Bettwy and all our Brother Knights who passed away in our councils history





Happy Birthday September Birthdays

9/1 Jerry B Martini Ralph T Bodgett 9/5 Edward G Garlena 9/7 Lawrence F Harker 9/13 Gerald J Kovach 9/13 John K Longenecker 9/13 Eugene F Polmueller 9/14 Joseph V Gallegher 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



Upcoming Events:

Ham & Cheese Sale Make Sep 17, 4PM

41st Annual Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBQ, September 20th.

BBQ for the Parishes, Tentative Date: October 4th.

For the latest information visit our website:

HTTP://www.kofc4245.org



- 2020 Dues are now Due!!
- Knight Alert Notices have been mailed.
- Intent to Retain Notices will be sent the beginning of September
- Regular Monthly Meetings have resumed.
- The hospitality sign-up sheet was provided at the meeting, we do NOT have volunteers for the September, November and 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: 9/3/20** Hospitality Provided by: Volunteer Needed

8/31/20 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

9/3/20 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

9/3/20 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

9/3/20 Council Meeting 7 PM Hospitality Provided By: Volunteer Needed

9/14/20 Ham & Cheese Orders Due 12 PM

9/17/20 Make Ham & Cheese Orders Due 4 PM

9/18/20 Deliver Ham & Cheese Orders Due

9/20/20 Hand-Hand Chicken BBQ 11 AM—2 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



Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like Go-FundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000 -\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

This month is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

For us Knights, the answer is easy.

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael





