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November 2019 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights

November is approaching. It is a time to set our clocks back and a time to look forward to Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for this year? I am thankful for my family and all my brother Knights.

Our parish chicken bbq was a great success. Hopefully we can provide for them again in the near future. Keep in mind our next chicken bbq will be held in December. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul society. Think about donating some of your time for this worthy cause.

We are going to have trick or treat at our council home this year. We will be joining the Mattern House for this event to be held from 6 to 8, October 31st, at the council home. We are still looking for donations or some type of treat to hand out. Drop all donations off at the council home.

Paul Detwiler has informed me his worked schedule has changed and he will no longer be able to provide his time to pick up ham and cheese orders. We need another volunteer to take over these duties. Contact either Ray Gregorchik or Tim Surkovich for further details.

Fun Fact:

George Herman Ruth better known as Babe Ruth was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He joined the order in 1919. He often visited orphanages, schools, and hospitals.

Fraternally yours,
Ray

Chaplain's Message



Who Is Your Saint?

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

On my first active duty assignment as a U.S. Navy Chaplain I was stationed at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Part of my collateral duties was to help cover the Catholic Program in nearby Navy Housing. The Catholic Priest assigned to base chapel was on leave and that put me in charge.

A couple of weeks prior to Halloween, some service member families approached me for a Halloween Party in the chapel social hall. They wanted the children to be able to dress up, go Trick or Treating in Housing, and return to the hall for a party. I would not allow demonical figures (real or mythical) and the dark side of Halloween to be celebrated as such in the confines of the Chapel area. When I conveyed this to the families, one of the wives contacted me and asked if they could have it there if the children dressed up like saints—each of them. What a marvelous idea, I thought! I allowed the function to continue under those conditions and it was a very creative and theologically filled event. It took place on Halloween Night (the eve of All Saints Day). We started with a

Mass for All Saints Day, they went trick or treating, and then they had their party.

That is precisely what the month of November is all about, beginning with Halloween. It is for the Church a time to contemplate, venerate and celebrate the Communion of Saints. It is a time to reflect upon the life to come in a good a positive way. To build an awareness within ourselves of Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory. It is a time to offer prayers for the souls of the faithful departed.

Perhaps in doing so, we can ask ourselves what saint we would like to model, research the person, pray for his/her intercession. Perhaps it is our namesake. Perhaps it the Saint whose name we chose at Confirmation; or perhaps, it is time to look even further at the Communion of Saints as adults and as Knights of Columbus to still another saint that embodies what we would like to become on our pilgrimage to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The children I mentioned in this article dressed up as saints on the outside. We are called to do so on the inside, in the depths of our souls. Who is your saint at this point in your life? Who is it that calls us to follow Christ as they did in their earthly life? Perhaps a good place to start would be the Queen of Saints and our patroness—Mary, Star of the Sea.



October 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

Minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting were accepted as distributed by email and posted on our website.

Application for membership:

Dan Casey presented a motion to accept the application from Dr. Steve Sorbera; Mike Metzgar presented the second; motion passed.

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



The chicken BBQ held in September, to benefit our local parishes was a great success; thank you to all who helped in any way. St. Mary's sold the largest quantity of tickets.

Chaplains Report:



October is Respect for Life month and Dedication to the Rosary. November 3-9 is the National Vocations Awareness week.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



- Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2019: \$9,207.20
- Deposits: \$4,379
- Disbursements: \$556.76
- New Balance as of September 30, 2019: \$13,029.44
- All details of deposits and disbursements given with no questions raised.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Request for donation received from Garvey Manor, 500+ Club, to support the fall fund raising event. Motion to donate \$100 was presented by Gary Ellis; second by Dan Casey; 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.

The "parish" chicken BBQ event resulted in revenue of \$3,725. \$5 for each ticket sold, will be returned to each respective parish.

We have received notice that the Skill grant will be awarded to our Council in the amount of \$2,500 and these funds will be presented to the Home Association and will be used for the Council home, building renovations.

The river bank project has been completed. Tim presented a video record of the construction.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fund Raising Committee - Information presented by Bob Hazenstab:

Chicken BBQ will be held on October 6, 2019. 1250 chickens will be provided to the Shriners; KofC will receive \$1/chicken. Please volunteer to help cook the chicken; start time 6:00AM.

Cash Bash is tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2020 at the National Guard Armory, Duncansville, PA. Details are pending.

We will hold a chicken BBQ in December 2019 with the proceeds to benefit St. Vincent De Paul Needs Department.

We will hold a work day at the Council home on November 2, 2019 at 7:30 AM; please help if you are able.

Unfinished Business:

Halloween candy will be distributed on October 31, 2019 at the Council home parking lot from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please donate candy or goods and join us for a night of fun. Mattern House will be joining us.

New Business:

The November 2019 Ham and Cheese sale will benefit St. Jude's. Paul Detwiler needs help to order supplies.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Hollidaysburg Council #4245 home on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00PM.

New Uniform – Information has been received to address procurement of the INDIVIDUAL uniform pieces.

Lee received information regarding a new contract with a US based company.

October 13, 2019 Mass will be held at St. Michaels Basilica in Loretto, PA. The rosary will be prayed starting at 1:30 PM and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 2:00 PM. This is the Mass for ALL Knights and their families. Dinner will follow mass (cost to be paid in advance).

District Deputy Report – presented by Mel McConnell:

Recruitment of new Knights is needed (4245 goal = 14 new members; insurance goal = 5 new members).

1st Degree will be held on October 14th at St. Josephs in Bellwood.

1st Degree will be held at the November meeting, at the Hollidaysburg Council. Council 551 would like to combine efforts for the Hoop Shoot and hold a common event. Dennis Dombrosky will contact Frank Goss to discuss details. Please promote the efforts to Keep Christ in Christmas.

Mel discussed the Faith in Action and Family of the Month programs.

The Silver Rose program has been sponsored by KofC to Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. The Silver Rose will arrive in Mexico on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest this year, will promote the Meaning of Virtues and how you can live your life to embody Charity.

Chaplains Summation presented by Fr. Legarski:

Fr. Legarski shared an article from a priest psychologist who studied the spiritual benefits of praying the rosary, from data collected from his patients. The benefits were many. Pray the Rosary daily.

Announcements:

Ladies Night will be held on November 9, 2019 at a cost of \$22.50/person. Reservations must be in by November 1. Contact Tim Surkovich.



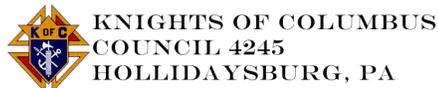
2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

11/7 Jeff Muriceak
12/5 Brian Drum



Happy Birthday *November Birthdays*

Michael J Ercole	11/1
Joseph M Fernicola	11/1
Richard G Fleege	11/1
Donald M Servella	11/5
Edward J Shrift	11/6
Rev John J Slovikovski Jr	11/6
Deacon Allan F Duman	11/7
Charles F Ormsby	11/7
David P Lozinak	11/9
David P Smithmyer	11/9
Scott A Zimmerman	11/9
Gary C Ray	11/11
Carl E Lear Jr	11/14
Edward W Vaniel	11/15
Joseph R Dodson	11/19
David C Gehret	11/23
Dale T Frank	11/26
Jim L Hodge	11/27



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



Please Pray For:

Jim Hodge' - sister
Phil and Charlie Baker
Rich McIntyre' - wife
Dennis McGeehan



Upcoming Events:

11/9/19 Ladies Night
11/22/19 Ham and Cheese Sale to benefit St. Jude's Hospital
12/15/19 Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Needs Office
3/28/20 Spring Cash Bash

For the latest information visit our website:

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We will be working at the hall on some projects to repair and update our facilities Saturday November 2, from 7 am to approximately 12 pm. If you can swing a hammer, read a tape, or volunteer as a grunt we need your help. You don't have to be there the entire day. Any time you can give us is much appreciated.



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: Comedian David Beck



TICKETS

\$8

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

11 AM TO 1 PM



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting: 11/4/19**
Hospitality Provided by:
Jeff Muriceak

10/24/19 4th Degree Meeting 7PM

10/31/19 Hand out Candy with Mattern House at the Hall 6-8PM

11/2/19 Work Day at the Hall 7AM-12PM

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

11/18/19 Ham and Cheese Orders Due 12PM

11/21/19 Make Ham and Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

12/2/19 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

12/5/19 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

12/5/19 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

12/5/19 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By:
Brian Drum

The theme for October is “Real Life Stories.”

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I’d like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children’s activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn’t the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He’s done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him.

For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer”... Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven’t done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.”

The other story is not similar at all. It’s about a member of the Knights of Columbus in our local area. He passed away recently and like in Boomer’s family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home though. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. Their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? You don’t know, because the council didn’t have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. You don’t know his name because he planned.

Let’s sit down, do some planning, put your mind at ease, and make sure your loved ones won’t feel the brunt of your mistakes.

Vivat Jesus!

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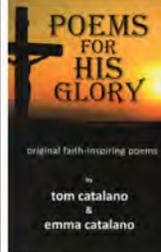


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