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**Fraternity**



**Patriotism**

**May 2026 Edition**

# STAR NEWS

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

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## May 2026 Grand Knights Message



Brother Knights:

The feast day for the Knights of Columbus priests killed in Mexico is May 21st. Pope John Paul II canonized 25 Mexican martyrs on May 21, 2000, which includes 22 priests and 3 laymen. Among the 25, there were six priests who were members of the Knights of Columbus. They are Saint Miguel de la Mora, Saint Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero, Saint Jose' Maria Robles Hurtado, Saint Rodrigo Mateo Correa Magallanes. These martyrs were killed between 1915 and 1937, with the majority falling during the Cristero War (1926-1929), a response to

strict anti clerical laws, by President Plutarco Elias Lalles. These saints are recognized for choosing to remain with their parishioners despite the persecution often operating underground. The Sanctuary of the Martyrs of Christ the King in Tlaguepague, Guadalajara is dedicated to these six martyrs along with 19 others canonized by Pope John Paul II. It is the largest worship space in Mexico and one of the largest in Latin America. Their story is depicted in the 2012 movie For Greater Glory: The true Story of Cristiada. These six holy martyrs show us heroic faith. They preferred to die rather than renounce their faith or the Church. As our fellow Knights, they are shining examples and powerful intercessors for us in prayer.

During the month of May Catholics have a tradition where an image or statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned with flowers to honor her as "Queen of the May" and a symbol of spring and new life. The May crowning tradition has its origins in Italy, where specific prayers for May devotions were promulgated in Rome in 1838. The tradition involves a procession, often with children carry-

ing a flower crown to an image or statue of Mary, followed by hymns, prayers, and the crowning of the statues with the flower crown. It is a way to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to recognize her role in our Christian faith. The may crowning can be celebrated in our parishes, schools and also in our homes. As "Star of the Sea Council" members we should always look to participate in such traditions which venerate the Blessed Mother. This is a great tradition we can do in our homes with our children and grand children.

Fraternally Yours

**Worthy Grand Knight**

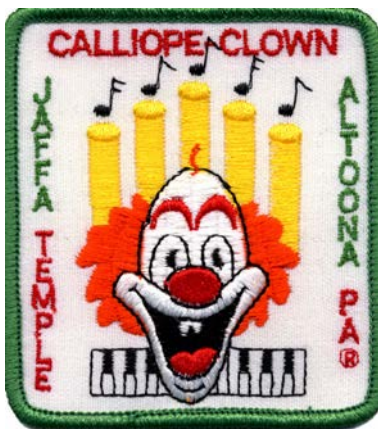
*Daniel A Norris*





**47TH ANNUAL  
HAND IN HAND  
CHICKEN BBQ**

**FOR THE SHRINER'S HOSPITAL**



**SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2026 11 AM TO 1 PM**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

**324 BEDFORD STREET HOLLIDAYSBURG**

**DONATION \$12**

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY**

## Prayer Request Mondays



This service is available through our email system.

“Prayer Request Mondays”

All requests for prayers received throughout the week up until 6 PM on Sunday will be sent every Monday. If you are in need of prayers use the power of prayer and have your Brother Knights pray for you.



August 2, 2026  
Delgrosso Park  
12 PM - ?

Happy   
*Mother's*  
Day



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visit our website:  
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Knights of Columbus Council 4245

**April 2026  
Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting:**

There were no changes to the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes as posted on our website. Minutes were accepted as posted on the website and published in the newsletter. Dan Casey presented a motion to accept the minutes; Rich Moyer presented the second; motion passed.

**Application for membership:**

Second reading of the application for Jerome Strittmatter, a member at St. Catherine, proposed by Jerry Kovach. Rich Moyer presented the motion to accept the application; Bill Hiergeist presented the second; motion passed.

**Grand Knights Report presented by GK Dan Norris:**

NA

**Treasurers Report: Information presented by Dan Weaver:**

- Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2026: \$11,458.09
- Deposits: \$320
- Disbursements: \$11,86.82
- New Balance as of March 31, 2026: \$10,591.27

**Membership Director – position vacant; update provided by Tim Surkovich:**

We have 181 members in our council; this included 2 recent transfers.

**Financial Secretary presented by Tim Surkovich:**

The 2026 dues are currently due. 3rd notice will be mailed on April 15, 2026; we have 10 delinquent members and some of those are brothers in distress; please donate to the distressed members' fund.

**Program Director – Information presented by Rich Moyer:**

- Please sign up for our hospitality meals in 2026.
- Please participate in the Lenten food drive; 40 cans for 40 days and pray each day for those less fortunate. Deliver your food donation on April 2, 2026, from 8:00-10:00 AM at the council home.
- The spaghetti dinner with the Shriners will be held on April 7, 2026, at a cost of \$12/dinner. 5:00 PM for social hour; dinner at 6:00 PM

**Fund Raising Committee: Chairman position is vacant – please volunteer:**

Cash Bash planning is well under way with the date set for April 11, 2026, at East Freedom Fire Hall. Please sign up tonight and volunteer for this worthy cause. Matt Gromiller is managing the ticket sales. Please donate lottery tickets & gift cards to restaurant, as these will be used as part of the fundraising at the event. You must have a ticket to enter the event; 200 tickets will be sold. Please help to sell tickets! Doors open at 5:30 PM; volunteers should arrive at ~5:00 PM.

**Bills and Communications:**

**We received thank you notes from the following:**

NA

**Request for Donations:**

- We received a request for donation from Scouting America, Juniata Valley Council. Rich Moyer presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Moringello presented the second; motion passed.
- We received a request for donation from Carmelite Community of the Word. Dan Casey presented a motion to donate \$100; Vic Ballash presented the second; motion passed.
- We received a request for donation from the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 516. George Husick presented

a motion to donate \$100; Vic Ballash presented the second; motion passed.

- We received a request for donation from the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown to sponsor a camper via the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus this summer. Tim Surkovich presented a motion to sponsor a camper with the cost not to exceed \$400; Rich Moyer presented the second; motion passed.

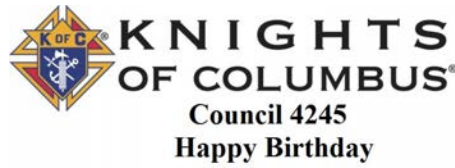
**Report of the 4th Degree - Information presented by Lee Zimmerman:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on April 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Council Home.
- The 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will be celebrated on May 31, 2026, and the bishop has invited the Color Corp. Mass will be held at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral.

**New Business:**

- St. Patrick's will be holding a sportsman's banquet on May 9, 2026, at the Bavarian Hall at a cost of \$25/ticket and this includes a raffle, gun give aways, tear offs, dinner, etc.
- St. Catherine's will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12, 2026. Food, masses and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM, basket raffle, etc. Come and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Rich Moyer presented a motion to hold a First -Third Degree ceremony at the June meeting; Dan Moringello presented the second; motion passed.
- The Hand-in Hand Chicken BBQ will be held on June 7, 2026; please volunteer.
- The chicken BBQ for St. Johns will be held on June 14, 2026; please volunteer.
- The Catholic Daughters are coordinating a Blood Drive to be held at the Council Home on 8/4/26. KofC volunteers are needed to help with the drive.





We continue to pray the rosary at 6:30 PM, prior to each meeting. If you would like to provide the name of someone that you would like us to pray for, please notify a member, prior to the meeting. The April intentions were as follows: Tim Surkovich wife and Mother-in-law health; Michelle Hazenstab – health; Don Kling; Rick Pulcino; Jim Zimmerman wife – health; Jim Hodge and his wife – health. Thank you to Matt Becker for providing the March meal.



### May Birthdays

John Donely II	5/2
David Stein	5/3
Dan Turcovsky	5/5
Clark Liebegott	5/7
Phil Claar	5/12
Robert Moyer	5/16
Ron Harella	5/17
Joe Fox Jr	5/18
Josh Link	5/19
Steve Kovach	5/20
Ed Dunning III	5/25
Shawn Sullivan	5/26
Bill Reintgen	5/29
Jami Prosser	5/30



### 2026 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

Jan	Ray Gregorchik
Feb	Tim Surkovich
Mar	Matthew Gromiller
Apr	Matt Becker
May	
Jun	
July	
Aug	
Sep	Bob Hazenstab
Oct	Gary Nocek
Nov	Matthew Gromiller
Dec	

### Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

**Next meeting: 5/7/26**

Hospitality Provided by:  
Volunteer Needed

**5/4/26** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**5/7/26** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**5/7/26** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**5/7/26** Council Meeting 7 PM

Nomination of Officers  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed

**5/11/26** Ham & Cheese Orders Sandwich Orders Due 12 PM

**5/14/26** Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 3 PM

**5/14/26** Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

**6/1/26** Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

**6/4/26** Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

**6/4/26** Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

**6/4/26** Council Meeting 7 PM  
Nomination and Election of Officers  
Hospitality Provided By:  
Volunteer Needed

**6/7/26** 47th Annual Hand in Hand Chicken BBQ 11-1

**COUNCIL 4245  
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS CHARITABLE WORKS AND GIVING FOR 2025:**

Our Brothers Donated 22,335 HOURS of their time to Charitable Works

350 Visits to the Sick

174 Visits to the Bereaved

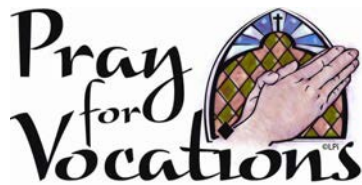
Donated 23 Pints of Blood

Donated 100 Hours in Fraternal Service to Sick or Disabled Members and their Families

Donated 1,800 Pounds of Food to the local Food Banks



**Donated \$10,945 to Charity**



With 1.9 million members around the world the Knights of Columbus has been investing its time, effort and resources into its values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

**Recruit a New Member  
Form 100's available in  
the office!**

**SERRAN PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labors for your Church, fellow labors with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever, Amen.

**Please Pray For:**

- Michelle Hazenstab
- Tim Surkovich's Mother-in-Law (Sissy)
- Jim Hodge and his wife
- Steve Riley's dad (Herman)
- Lee Zimmerman's dad (Ron)



*Please pray for all the members who have passed away in our councils history especially Ed Garland.*

