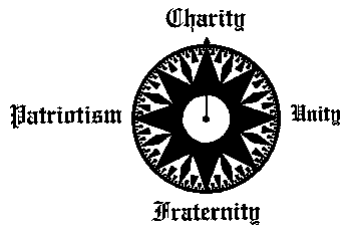


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# The Compass

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## DEACON'S GALAXY



Deacon's Galaxy – January 2023

A New Year has begun. It seems that regardless of what is happening, this time of year is full of hope. The human spirit continues to look for the better. Maybe that is why we have the courage to put one foot in front of the other.

Were we to take everything at face value there are times that we would not be able to move ahead. But we have hope. We hope that things will get better. We hope that the worst is behind us. Most importantly, we hope that God will be true to His word.

Is that not our purpose as an organization based on faith? We draw hope from the message of the Gospel. The promise made to us by God are what allow us to act with love and kindness toward our fellow man. It is surely not for any personal material gain.

Let us continue our mission of bringing hope to those around us. We must never waver in our conviction that things can be better. But we must be active agents of making them better.

Happy New Year to all!

## GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY



Worthy Brothers All  
The holidays are now behind us and I hope that you all had a joyous and blessed Christmas. Our Council had a busy month in

December. I would first like to thank brothers Brian Zeik and Pete Bobich for their work on the S-G-H drive in conjunction with the Ladies of Charity coat drive. Last year we donated 25 bags of clothing to the Light of Life Mission, and this year we donated approximately 80 bags of clothing to the mission. Thank you, brothers, for your generosity for this worthy project. I would also like to thank brothers Ross Zappa and Steve Meredith for all their work in chairing the Christmas meal baskets. I would also like to thank all the fellow brothers who donated their time in assembling the boxes and filling the baskets with all of the food and other necessities. This year we fed just under 50 families.

It's January which means Knight at the Races time. This year it's on Friday January 27th. Brother Tim Jacob is looking for volunteers to help at the betting windows, buffet service and cleanup. Please contact brother Tim if you are able. Also, we are in need of donations of liquor, wine or beer for the Chinese auction baskets. You are also more than welcome to donate a basket yourself. Tim will be accepting the basket donations at both the January 9th and January 23rd meetings. This year, as last year, all reservations will be handled online at our Council website. When making your reservations please read the entire page of instructions before pressing send.

I have been informed that the monument to the unborn that was donated by our Council is being moved to the St. Bernadette campus near the grotto. The Council extends a sincere thank you to brother SK Fr. Mike for keeping it in the Parish.

Don't forget that your Council dues for 2023 are now due. Please see brother Ross Zappa at the meetings in

January or send your check made payable to K of C Council 4925 to Ross Zappa, 386 Willow Hedge Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.

Carol and I hope that you all have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus

## SK Ron Morra GK TREASURER'S GALAXY



Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, submits the following report for the month of December 2022: \$17,214.74 prior bank balance, \$176.00 income, \$3,708.13 expenses, \$13,682.61 balance, \$7,443.10 committed funds, \$6,239.51 available balance.

The Bishop's Project balance in our treasury stands at \$4,643.10.10, the seminarian funds stand at \$1,800.00, and the rent stands at \$1,000.00. That represents our committed funds at \$7,443.10.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations: \$580.72 – Christmas Baskets; \$443.42 – Fr. Gargotta Funeral; \$38.96 – Western Dist. Food; \$707.00 – Produce for Christmas Baskets. Our total for the 2022-23 fiscal year stands at \$22,630.55. This does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

## THE BISHOP'S PROJECT

The current amount in our treasury for the Project is \$4,643.10. There should be more funds coming from the Seals Project. Also, many people send their Seals donations directly to the Project. If they send the correct envelope with our Council number on it, we will receive credit for those donations.

If you would like to make a personal donation to the project, brothers may go to the web site at <http://www.bishopsprojectkofc.org/donate> to make a financial donation and note that you are from Council

4925. You may also send your donation directly to Gary L. Williard, BP Treasurer, 54 Florence Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220. All funds in our treasury will be forwarded to the Project treasurer prior to the Feb. 28, 2023, closure date for the Project.

## KNIGHT AT THE RACES

The biggest and most profitable activity of our social calendar is set for Friday January 27, 2023, at the Lourdes Center at St. Bernadette Church. The evening begins at 6:00 pm and the food will be available around 6:30 pm. The races are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.

The profit we are able to generate from this event helps to provide funding for all of our various charitable activities including our seminarian support, TAP, parish support, and numerous non-profit agency donations. So, get your group together and plan on attending the Knight at the Races. All reservations are being taken online this year through our web site which is noted in the letterhead. The cost for the event is still a mere \$15 a person (plus a small Eventbrite fee) which covers your food and drink (beer and wine) and mixers for your BYOB of liquor. The menu will consist of hot & sweet sausage with peppers & onions, pulled pork, green bean casserole, tri-color pasta salad, and dessert. You will also be able to buy a horse or jockey for a \$10 fee. You will also be able to sponsor an ad in the program booklet.

## FOOTBALL SWEEPS

Through the first eight weeks of the program, our Council has had one winner. Sandy Palmieri won \$110 in week 7 of the Sweeps.

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Ross Zappa and Bro. Steve Meredith for being the co-chairmen for our Annual Christmas Basket Project. A special thank you is also extended to all those brothers who helped in the stuffing of the boxes and the delivery process. I do not have all the names of the volunteers, but you know who you are. This year we were able to donate close to 50 baskets to needy



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families. The cost for this year's project amounted to \$3,776.87.

### **SOCKS, GLOVES AND HATS PROJECT**

As noted in the Grand Knight section, this year's drive was a great success. Our SGH Project combined with the Ladies of Charity coat drive resulted in 80 bags of goods being delivered to the Light of Light Mission on Saturday Dec. 10, 2022. A huge Knights thank you is extended to all who donated to the drive. A special Knight's thank you is extended to Bro. Brian Zeik, our chairman of the project, and to Bro. Pete Bobich, Bro. Tim Jacob and Bro. Ron Morra who helped with the delivery.

### **COUNCIL DUES**

Dues for 2023 are now being collected. If you have received a notice, please submit your dues in the amount of \$24 to Bro. Ross Zappa, 386 Willow Hedge Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. Also, if you have outstanding dues owed from prior years, please consider paying them.

### **THE BROTHERHOOD ETERNAL**

*Fr. SK Anthony Gargotta* passed from this life into the next on Dec. 11, 2022, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Loving son of Mary Ann "Dee" (Dzeba) Gargotta and the late Joseph Gargotta. He is also survived by numerous cousins, their spouses, and children. Fr. Tony was called by God, in life, to serve as a priest who served and taught through his actions of impenetrable faith and unwavering love for God and everyone with whom he interacted. His positive impact was and is immeasurable. He was even grateful during his illness as he felt Blessed to serve willingly and actively in his parish. He now joins his father, Joseph, and his brother. Council 4925 will forever remember him as our pastor at St. Bernadette and the chaplain for our Council. He was loved by all and his impact on us is everlasting. Viewing was held on Dec. 14, 2022, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Dec. 15, 2022, at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Interment was private for the family. Our Council helped physically and financially with the luncheon held after the mass.

The family encourages friends to make donations to The Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pgh., PA 15212.

*Bro. James "Jim" Sandala* passed from this life into the next on Dec. 12, 2022, at the young age of 95 years. He was a charter member of Pius XII Council 4925 in 1960. He is survived by his children Mike, Dennis, Tom and John Sandala, Sue Jacobs and Beth Walsh and their spouses, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, a brother, Richard and a sister, Loretta Platos. Bro. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years "Billie" and his eldest son, Jimmy. He served his country during WWII and attained the rank of Sergeant. He earned a B.S. in Pharmacy from Duquesne University. He worked at West Penn Hospital for 30 years and was the Director of Pharmacy until his retirement in 1985. He also worked for Thrift Drug, Peoples Drug and Grane Supply during his career. Viewing was held on Dec. 16, 2022, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Dec. 17, 2022 at St. Bernadette Church. Interment followed at Good Shepherd Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul.

### **OUR INSURANCE AGENT**

David McIntosh, FIC, Assistance General Agent, can be reached at 724-373-8881 or email [david.mcintosh@kofc.org](mailto:david.mcintosh@kofc.org). Remember our agents are here to serve us. The Knights of Columbus enjoy the highest rating from A.M. Best.

### **WEB SITE [WWW.KofC4925.ORG](http://WWW.KofC4925.ORG)**

Bro. John Prazenica does a fantastic job in keeping the site current. So, add prayer requests, read old issues of The Compass dating back to 2006, have access to the chairmen of our various projects and find links to various sites of interest. The *News & Announcements* and the *Events Calendar* are updated and changed regularly so bookmark this site so you may visit it regularly. Recently the minutes of our meeting and the treasurer report have been added to the site. A very big Knights thank you is extended to Bro. John Prazenica, for all his hard work and time spent in maintaining the site.



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## **GOOD & WELFARE**

The Annual Advent Party was held on Saturday Dec. 9, 2022, at Pugliano's Italian Grill. I was not able to attend due to covid. There were only 36

people who attended this year. That is our smallest number in many years. However, those who were able to attend had a great time enjoying some delicious food, potent potables, and great brotherhood. A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Pete Bobich for making all the arrangements for our Council.

The next Officers meeting is set for Jan. 9, 2023, and the general meeting is set for Jan. 24, 2023. Please plan on attending our meetings as your input is very valuable to us.

Bro. Robert Mikos has transferred into our Council, and he was present at the meeting on Dec. 19, 2022. A special welcome is extended to Bro. Miklos, and we look forward to your activity in our Council.

Our Church Program Chairman, Bro. Ed McDermott, informs that our book racks at our churches are stacked with booklets. He will soon be ordering more booklets covering different topics soon.

The Council still has many magnets. If you would like to purchase a He Is Risen Magnet or a Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet, please contact our chairman, Bro. Robert Schnelbach at 412-915-9075 or email to [schnels@verizon.net](mailto:schnels@verizon.net). Magnets make a nice gift. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sell our magnets at the masses at our two churches for \$2 apiece.

Requesting of the color guard for the funeral of a brother is now being handled by Bro. Jim Fisher. He can be reached at 412-704-7761 or email to [jfsf050847@gmail.com](mailto:jfsf050847@gmail.com)

Bro. Ed McDermott oversees sending get well wishes to brothers who may be experiencing sickness. If you know of anyone who is sick, please contact

him at 412-823-6393 or email at [edwardmcdermott70@gmail.com](mailto:edwardmcdermott70@gmail.com) and he will send get well wishes for our Council.

Bro. Matt Valentine, chairman of our Dollar Dreive, indicates that we will hold our 2023 drive on a date during Lent. Details will appear in future newsletters.

Our Annual Golf Tourney is set for June 11, 2023, at Murrysville Golf Course. Circle those calendars!

If you are a veteran of our military services or you know of a veteran who needs physical or mental health, please call the VA Help Line at 1-800-273-8255.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing on Dec. 19, 2022, was Bro. Ross Zappa. He took home \$34.

## **NECROLOGY FOR JANUARY**

### **Remembering Our Deceased Brothers**

January 7, 2008 Stanley J. Mazur  
January 7, 2009 Robert J. Clawson  
January 11, 1990 Richard H. Knee  
January 11, 1993 Joseph S. Cordasco  
January 16, 2007 John A. Byers  
January 16, 2019 William R. White, Sr.  
January 18, 1993 Rocco D. Ross  
January 21, 2010 Thomas A. Curran  
January 22, 2012 John Longazel  
January 25, 2008 Robert L. Houy  
January 26, 1991 Robert C Stirone  
January 27, 1992 Alfred A. Regotti  
January 27, 2011 Donald A. Torma  
January 1994 Gerald L. Troy  
January 2005 Alphonse Botti

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them! May their souls and the souls of all our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.

**SICK LIST:** Diane Lambert, Dee Wiederstein, Rich



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Varlotto, Marie Hernandez, Nick Jokola, Joni Sobek, Thomas Cocchi, Sr., Sharon Torek, Joe Tominello,

Craig Wilmotte, Charles Schreibeis, Melissa Blake, Larry Nee, Mary Nee, Olive Reese, Millicent Bozic, Scott Rankin, Jason Salvatore, and Joan Syrek.

**DECEASED:** Fr. Anthony Gargotta, James Sandala, Terry Wilmotte, Steven Kluska, Bill White, Charlie Schreibeis, John Richter, and Gerard Davidse.

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace.

Brothers, please plan on attending our Officers meeting on Jan. 9, 2023 and our general meeting on Jan. 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Brothers, keep safe and keep praying! Wishing all our brothers and their families a Happy, Healthy New Year. Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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