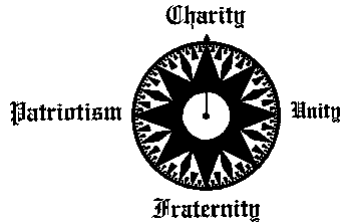


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# The Compass

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## DEACON'S GALAXY

Deacon's Galaxy November 2022



This is the time for Thanksgiving. By the time you are reading this, maybe one thing we can be thankful for is that the election is over. There has been so much

rancor on both sides it is hard for a good person to know what to do.

It is sad that we only set aside one day to express our thankfulness. Really, we should be thankful all the time. Just relax and breathe in. Were you thankful for that breath?

Things can get very crazy around us, but we must not allow that to make us forget to be thankful for what we have. We are always ready to approach God with new requests. But do we spend any time thanking Him for all that He has given us?

If you had a friend who was always coming and asking for something more without ever saying thank you, would that not upset you? While the breadth of God's mercy and love is far greater than ours, does the same principle not apply? We are getting upset with our friend because he or she lacks simple courtesy. But we owe that same courtesy to God.

As you gather with family and friends, remember to say thank you for all your blessings to the Source of those blessings. But do not limit it to this one special day. Make it a habit. Make it part of your life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY



Worthy Brothers All November is upon us. The days are short and the nights long which means that our Holiday work is commencing.

Brother John Prazenica is again handling the Thanksgiving meals for those that have nowhere to go and needs volunteers to assist him in this task. Please consider taking a few hours out your day to help him in this wonderful ministry of providing meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Brothers Ross Zappa and Steve Meredith are ramping up their efforts for the Christmas baskets. If you know of anyone who needs a Christmas meal, please contact Brother Steve with details.

Brother Bernie Alfer has received the Christmas seals for upcoming holiday season, and we will be preparing the envelopes at our November 14th meeting.

Our annual Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday November 20th at 11:00 am at St. Bernadette Church of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish. Please plan on attending. Also, any 4th degree Knights are requested to wear their social baldricks.

Save the date for our annual Advent (Christmas) party on Friday December 9th at Pugliano's Restaurant in Plum. I'm sure that Brother Pete Bobich is planning an eventful evening.

The clothes bins have been placed at our two churches for the S-G-H drive. Thanks to Brother Brian Zeik.

Please remember that our primary tenet as Knights of Columbus is Charity. This is the perfect time for us as Knights to demonstrate that. Carol and I wish all of you and your families a joyous and bountiful Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus  
SK Ron Morra GK

### **TREASURER'S GALAXY**



Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, submits the following report for the month of October 2022: \$17,786.50 prior bank balance, \$3,670.00 income, \$4,067.01 expenses, \$17,389.49 balance, \$6,682.85 committed funds, \$10,706.64 available balance.

The Bishop's Project balance in our treasury stands at \$3,882.85, the seminarian funds stand at \$1,800.00, and the rent stands at \$1,000.00. That represents our committed funds at \$6,682.85.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations: \$500.00 – Christmas Baskets; \$500.00 – Christmas Baskets; \$90.45 – Western District meeting food; \$60.00 – Ad for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree; \$250.00 – John Paul II Research Institute. Our total for the 2022-23 fiscal year stands at \$19,660.45. This does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

### **THE BISHOP'S PROJECT**

Bro. Greg Blake ran another successful Tootsie Roll Project on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the Shop & Save in Wilkins. Through his efforts and those of the brothers who volunteered their time and energy to collect the funds, we were able to raise \$672.25 towards our Bishop's Project Fund. A very large Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Blake and to all the volunteers (I do not have the names, but you know who you are, and your efforts are



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appreciated). If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Blake at [melgregjoel1700@verizon.net](mailto:melgregjoel1700@verizon.net)

We also hope to raise substantial sums through the Christmas Seals Drive. In the past, some of our members have made direct donations to the project or have donated through our treasury. Hopefully that practice will continue. Bro. Bernie Alfer has secured our seals and they will hopefully be distributed at our masses on November 19-20, 2022.

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.

### **FOOTBALL SWEEPS**

The first week of the 10-week Football Sweeps ticket began with the games on Nov. 6, 2022. Bro. Kurt Kmetz, our chairman of the event, along with the assistance of many brothers who sold/purchased tickets were able to turn in 315 tickets to the PA State Council. Thus, the Council took in \$3,150.00 while our cost to the State Council was \$2,060. That left us with a current profit of \$1,090.00. When the sweeps are over, the Council generally receives another check from the State Council from any funds left after all winners have been paid. A very special Knights thank you are extended to Bro. Kmetz and to all those brothers who sold/purchased tickets. It is an easy and fun way for us to help fund our Christmas Baskets Project.

### **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Bro. Ross Zappa and Bro. Steve Meredith will once again be our co-chairmen for our Annual Christmas Basket Project. On Dec. 14-15, 2022, we will be putting the boxes together and we will fill them with goods. On Dec. 17, 2022, the baskets will be distributed to the families. At this time, Bro. Meredith is requesting the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the families that will be receiving baskets. If you know of a family in need, please contact Bro. Meredith at

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412-372-4115 or 412-491-9697 or email to [steve.meredith@live.com](mailto:steve.meredith@live.com) Volunteers will be needed to help with the box making, box stuffing and box delivery. The more volunteers we have, the less work for each of us. Please consider volunteering!

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

The barrels have been placed at our churches as of Nov. 5, 2022. So, brothers, start collecting all those SGH's you may have to donate to this worthwhile cause. Last year we began our SGH Project, and we were able to donate over 25 bags of items to the homeless in our area. Bro. Brian Zeik once again our chairman for this event.

### **COUNCIL DUES**

If you have paid your 2022 dues, we thank you very much. Bro. Ross Zappa has mailed late dues notices to those who have still not paid their 2022 dues. 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.

### **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.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

A motion



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was made, seconded, and passed at the meeting of Oct. 10, 2022, to place a \$60 ad in the program booklet for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree held on Nov. 6, 2022, at St. Bruno's in Greensburg.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed at the Oct. 24, 2022, meeting to donate \$250 to John Paul II Research Institute.

There will be an Officers meeting on Nov. 14, 2022, at 7 pm in Biedenbach Hall and a Council meeting on Nov. 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Brothers are encouraged to attend all meetings.

The Council has received a thank you notes from all six seminarians Chris McMullen, Anthony Pampena, Xavier Engle, Steve Wetzel, Brian Mylar, and Nick Wytiaz for our financial support.

The Council hosted the Pgh. Chapter meeting on Oct. 4, 2022. We were able to fill the bellies of the hungry attendees with some great brats with sauerkraut and potatoes which were left over from the Octoberfest celebration. We received many compliments. A special thank you is extended to our Grand Knight, Bro. Ron Morra, for overseeing the event.

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 [jsf050847@gmail.com](mailto:jsf050847@gmail.com)

This year's Columbus Dinner was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at the Doubletree in Monroeville. Our Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder and Treasurer along with the better halves represented our Council. The Council also had placed a \$60 ad for the dinner program.

Bro. Ed McDermott has taken over the duties as our Program Director and he will be taking care of supplying books for our free material racks at each church. He reports that the booklets are being taken by many in the Parish.

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St. Bernadette Church at 11:00 am. Brothers are asked to wear a tuxedo or a dark suit for the event. Brothers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree are asked to wear their baldricks.

The Annual Advent Party is set for Dec. 9, 2022, at Pugliano's Restaurant. Complete details will appear in the December newsletter. For now, mark your calendar! Bro. Pete Bobich will chair the event.

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 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 Schnellbach at 412-915-9075 or email to [schnels@verizon.net](mailto:schnels@verizon.net). Magnets make a nice gift.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing on Ocxt. 24, 2022, was Bro. Greg Blake. He took home \$42.

## NECROLOGY FOR OCTOBER

### **Remembering Our Deceased Brothers**

November 1, 2017 William F. Petrone  
November 5, 2005 Frank T. Hines  
November 9, 2006 Paul R. Staropoli  
November 10, 2006 PGK Stephen J. Witko  
November 16, 2002 George L. Mason  
November 20, 2012 Patsy R. Cantola  
November 22, 1981 William J. Grills  
November 23, 2019 Vincent Ventresca  
November 24, 2012 James F. Currie  
November 26, 2002 Rev. James E. Somma  
November 26, 2005 Edward C. Bachorski  
November 26, 2005 Rev. Edward Borchik  
November 28, 2011 Thomas J. Lynch  
November 28, 1982 Felix K. Grunebach

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:** Fr. Anthony Gargotta, Thomas Cocchi, Sr., Craig Wilmotte, Charles Schreibeis, Diane Lambert, Joni Sabek, Melissa Blake, Larry Nee, Mary Nee, Olive Reese, Millicent Bozic, Scott Rankin, Jason Salvatore, and Joan Syrek.

**DECEASED:** Peter Rauso, Josephine Balcik, Joellen Lucher, Honora Schmider, and Dr. Angelo DiPiazza.

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Brothers, please plan on attending our officer's meeting on Nov. 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm and our general council meeting on Nov. 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Brothers, keep safe and keep praying! Happy Thanksgiving Day to all of our brothers!

Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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