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# The Compass

SEPTEMBER 2022 ISSUE

## DEACON'S GALAXY



Deacon's Galaxy – September 2022

Deacon Mike did not have the time to write an article for this month's newsletter. Look for his wisdom in next month's letter.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY



Worthy Brothers All.

Where has the summer gone? It seems like yesterday that we were talking about just missing that birdie putt at the Rege Reinersmann Memorial golf outing, spending time with family and friends at the annual Knights family picnic at Overlook Park in Monroeville or just reflecting back on all of the blessings that the Lord has bestowed on us and our families.

Well, September is here, and it is back to work for our Council. We are back to two meetings per month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Brother Kurt Kmetz will be distributing the Football Sweeps shortly and Brother Bernie Alfer will be distributing the Christmas Seals before we know it. Remember, the more Sweeps tickets our Council sells, the more

rebate monies our Council receives, and this enables us to have funds available to distribute to our various charities which, by the way, is the primary tenet of the Knights of Columbus. Please keep this in mind when we will be asking for volunteers in filling the meal baskets at Christmas, supplying socks, gloves and hats for the homeless this winter and any other challenges that may come our way.

Don't forget that Christ the Divine Shephard Parish is having its annual Oktoberfest on Saturday October 1st at the Lourdes Center on the St. Bernadette campus. Many Brother Knights volunteer for this event, however, volunteers are still needed and, if you are ready, willing, and able to help, please give Brother Matt Valentine a call. The annual Knights' Memorial Mass will be coming up in November. Additional details will be forthcoming in next month's Compass. Stay warm and healthy.

Vivat Jesus  
SK Ron Morra GK

## TREASURER'S GALAXY



Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, submits the following report for the month of August 2022: \$22,621.57 prior bank balance, \$592.00 income, \$2,694.16 expenses, \$20,519.41 balance, \$9,482.85 committed funds, \$11,036.56.

The Bishop's Project balance in our treasury stands at \$3,882.85, the seminarian funds stand at \$3,600.00, and the rent stands at \$2,000.00. That represents our committed funds at \$9,482.85.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations: \$500.00 – Ukraine youth tuition help; \$100.00 – People Concerned for the Unborn Child; \$100.00 – Greater Pgh. Community Food Bank; \$500.00 – TAP at DMA; \$750.00 – Security Deposit for a Birthright Mother. Our total for the 2022-23 fiscal year stands at \$14,800.00. This does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

The Council also made a donation to Fr. Anthony Gargotta to help with his medical bills following a motion which passed at the meeting on Aug. 8, 2022. However, Fr. Tony returned the check with a note that the Diocese of Pgh. was paying for his medicine. Donations made to the Go Fund Me Page that was set up were refunded to the donors.

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

Bro. Greg Blake has set Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, as our next drive at the Shop & Save in Wilkins. Once again, we will need volunteers to man the doors for three two-hour shifts starting at 10:00 am. If you are able to help, and if you have any questions, please contact Bro. Blake at [melgregjoell700@verizon.net](mailto:melgregjoell700@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.

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.

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP SCHOLARSHIPS)**

Gabriella Morgano, who was one of the 10 students selected to receive a TAP scholarship, decided not to remain in Catholic School. Thus, she forfeited the scholarship. Alexis Cocchi, daughter of Bro. Tom Cocchi, Jr. was awarded the scholarship as the first alternate. The \$500 check has been sent to Divine Mercy Academy.

Selected or not, daughters, granddaughters, sons, and grandsons of K of C members can reapply next year and every year they are enrolled in a Catholic School. Those selected can participate again in the future, but only one member of a family may be selected each year.

Call Brother John Prazenica at 724-814-6816 if you have questions or require additional information.

### **COUNCIL DUES**

If you have paid your 2022 dues, we thank you very much. If not, 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



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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**

As noted in our Grand Knight's section above, there will be an Officers meeting on Sept. 12, 2022, at 7 pm in Biedenbach Hall and a Council meeting on Sept. 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Brothers are encouraged to attend all meetings.

The Council has received a thank you note from Cross Catholic Outreach and the Greater Pgh. Community Food Bank for our recent donations. We received a very nice thank you from Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish for covering the cost of the parking lot repair. We received a thank you from Mallory Prazenica for our TAP scholarship.

The Council received a request from Sacred Heart Elementary School for help in paying tuition for a Ukrainian Child Refugee. A motion was made and passed at the meeting on Aug. 8, 2022, to donate \$500. The check has been sent to Sacred Heart.

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:jf050847@gmail.com)

This year's Columbus Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2023, at the Doubletree in Monroeville. The cost is \$40 a person. If you are interested in attending, please contact our Grand Knight, Bro. Ron Morra to make a reservation.

Our new District Deputy, Bro. Eric Johnson, held an organizational meeting on Aug. 13, 2022, at St. Irenaeus Church in Oakmont. Our grand Knight, Bro. Ron Morra and our Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Fennessy represented the Council.

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.

The Gathering of Catholic Men returns this year. It will be held on Sep. 24, 2022, at Gateway High School. The cost is \$25 a person or \$20 a person with a group of 10 or more. See your church bulletin for the list of activities.

The Council welcomes a transfer, Bro. Richard Mishler.

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.

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.

Council 4925 will be the host of the fall meeting of the Western District on Oct. 1, 2022.

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 Council is hoping to schedule its Annual Memorial Mass on either Oct. 23, 2022, or Oct. 30, 2022. Look to next month's letter for details.

Bro. Joe Balcik has arranged for next year's picnic to be on July 23, 2023 at Overlook Park.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing on Aug. 8, 2022, was Bro. Paul Fabrizio. He took home \$42.



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## NECROLOGY FOR SEPTEMBER

### Remembering Our Deceased Brothers

September 1, 1969 Joseph P. Bianchi  
September 3, 2001 William F. Blose  
September 4, 2019 Orelia Vecchio  
September 7, 2018 Edward C. St Andre  
September 9, 2020 Burley V. Hartin  
September 15, 1990 George Laver  
September 16, 1982 Frank DeBone  
September 21, 1996 John G. Gill, Sr.  
September 21, 2013 James S. Bertera  
September 26, 2008 James T. Alfer  
September 27, 2002 James W. Whelan  
September 27, 2007 William E. Litzinger

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, Millicent Bozic, Scott Rankin, Jason Salvatore, Melissa Blake, Melissa Blake, Joan Syrek, Carol Morra, Jim Marshall, Karen McDermott, Andrew Tovick, Alyson Baker, Noreen Finley, Bob Finley, Harry Schaab, Rich Varlotta, John Prazenica, Diane Campbell, William Fabrizio, Mary Ann Fisher, Melissa Caprino, Joe Hohman, and Olive Reese.

**DECEASED:** Josephine Balcik, Joellen Luncher, Honora Schmider, Dr. Angelo DiPiazza, Bill Kietgen, Steven Kluska, Loren Winslow, Carolyn Gray, Lonnie Silver, and Margaret Gasbarro.

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Brothers, please plan on attending our officer's meeting on Sept. 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm and our general council meeting on Sept. 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Brothers, keep safe and keep praying! Hope you are all enjoyed a wonderful Labor

Day Holiday and welcome to Fall!

Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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