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**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING MAY 13, 2021 – 8P\*\*\*  
Note: THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:30PM**



## Knights of Columbus – Council 551

### Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

Thanks for the great attendance at our first couple meetings! Please continue keep our council meetings on your agenda and make time attend and be active in our upcoming activities. We have much going on over the next few months.

First, and most important, our May council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, **NOT MAY 6<sup>th</sup>**. This move is necessitated as we have several officers not available for the original meeting but have important motions and activities to be discussed and voted on. So, please make the adjustment and attend if able. We'll again have some food and snacks available during our social gathering after the meeting.

At our May meeting, we will be making the formal nomination establish a new agreement with our Home Association, per the mandate from Supreme Council. Please make every attempt to be at this meeting to vote.

We will also hold Council Officer Nominations at the May meeting. For those new members, consider seeking a nomination for a council position. Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Warden are great starting officer positions for new council members looking for an opportunity join Council leadership without having extra responsibilities during meetings. If you are not interested in a Council Officer position, it would be wise to attend this meeting, as absence is not a guarantee you won't be nominated! LOL!

I hope you and all your families enjoy a Wonderful Easter Season!

Fraternally,  
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### District/State/Supreme News

#### District Deputy News

The PA State Council is hosting an online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss, "Building Intergenerational Wealth", including how to plan for your financial future and secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly, "Live a Significant Life." This presentation will be beneficial for you to learn more about benefits and financial protection. You can register for this event at <http://www.pakofc.us/fbn/index.html>.

### Council News

#### "Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Scholarships"

The JDT Memorial Scholarships are available on the website at

<https://www.kofc551.org/programs-1>.

Students starting their 1<sup>st</sup> year at Bishop Guilfoyle in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade or are graduating from BG and going to attend Saint Francis University are eligible for a scholarship up to \$1,000.

Applications are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or have trouble accessing the application, contact Terry Anderson at (814) 932-0465 or e-mail [kofc551@gmail.com](mailto:kofc551@gmail.com).

#### Council Officers

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Shawn Kelly

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 13<sup>th</sup> –7pm**  
Exemplification Degree for  
New Members  
**May 13<sup>th</sup> – 8pm**  
Monthly Council Meeting  
8pm (Rosary 7:30)

### ***About Our Organization...***

### COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D)

#### "Membership"

A council is only as active and effective as its members. So, if you know someone who would be a great addition, please have them sign up at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). Right now, The State Council has issued a Lenten Challenge to all councils. If a council recruits 5 new members during Lent (2/17 to 4/1) they will receive \$250!

#### "March Madness Membership Drive"

In March, Council 551 held a membership drive centered around the Sweet 16 basketball games. The event proved to be a great success as four potentially new members filled out applications and joined as online council members. These members will be scheduled to attend the Exemplification Degree held just prior to our May council meeting at 7pm. Current council members are encouraged to attend as witnesses. A big "Thank You" to Brother Knight, Bob Kasun, who came up with the idea for the event and helped market it, and to all my Brother Knights who attended and helped out! Thank You!

### COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

#### "Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament"

Planning is underway for our annual JDT Memorial Golf Tourney, which benefits our scholarship program. Sponsors are sought for Tee/Green Sponsorships (\$100), Hole-in-One Holes (\$200), and our "Guaranteed" Prize packages (\$500). The event will be held on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at King Valley Golf Course with an 8am shotgun start. We are also seeking donations of money, gift certificates, prizes (apparel, hats, golf items, etc) for our prize table. Consider donating or reach out to your contacts to consider a donation. Volunteers are needed to help setup, witness holes, drive beverages and snacks around, and cleanup. More info, including how to register, donate, or sponsor can be found on the tournament website at <https://joseph-d-tomlinson.perfectgolfevent.com/>.

#### "Nite at the Races"

We will hold our next Nite at the Races event in the Fall of 2021. Stay tuned for future information.

#### Home Association Update

At our March meeting we discussed pending changes to the structure of our Home Association and how it relates to the Council. At our May Meeting we will be voting on the recommended changes, specifically:

At our next business meeting on May 13, 2021, at 8 PM, Council #551 will hold a vote to adopt a written motion that authorizes its grand knight/deputy grand knight to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement with the Home Association. Your attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

Please bring any questions you may have to the May meeting on May 13, 2021 @ 8 PM.