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NEXT MEETING SEPT. 1st – 8PM
Note: THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:45PM



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

Welcome back! As summer comes to a close, we begin our new fiscal year (technically started in July 1st) and look forward to another productive year in our council. Let's get an early jump on building up our Council with some new members. Our goal for inducting new members this year is 12. So, please try to invite 1 person into our council this year. We will hold an Exemplification Degree before our October meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5th at 7pm. We are holding our next Nite at the Races event fundraiser on Sat.. Oct. 1st, and this would be an excellent opportunity to introduce prospective members to our Council. Invite them to attend and even help out a bit!

As you are aware, we have been raising money to help offset the cost of a new roof. To date we've raised \$9,000. We decided to have the roof replaced this month and I'm happy to say that the job has been done. However, to complete the job, we had to borrow the balance through a local city loan program. We would like to get this paid off and replenish our council accounts. Please consider making a donation to help continue to cover the cost of the roof. We are asking members to contribute \$200 towards the roof fund. If you can do more, we greatly appreciate your generosity. And, If you can only do less, we still appreciate you because every dollar helps. You can make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Home Association, and mail to KOFC 551, PO Box 711, Altoona, PA 16603 or drop of at the club at your convenience.

A special thanks to C-N-M Commercial Roofing for getting the job done so quickly and to Riley, Inc. who installed the new storm drain.

Vivat Jesu,

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District/State/Supreme News

The State Supreme Council has a new website. The new website is www.kofcpennsylvania.org.

For those that were not at our last meeting in June, Mel McConnell, our DD, announced his retirement and his move out of Altoona. For those that know Mel, know how dedicated he was, particularly to our Council. I wanted to express our thanks to Mel for all his work and all that he has contributed to our Council and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Ruthie, were always a big help in our fundraising events, including our JDT Memorial Golf Tournament, the Nite at the Races, and our Hoagie Sales. We wish Mel all the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys the time he is spending with his kids and grandkids. **Thank you, Mel!**

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held. This year, we are spreading the devotion to St. Joseph and praying for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The Icon will be on display at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception parish in Altoona on Saturday August 26th at 4:30 pm mass, and at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Sept. 3rd at the 8am, 10am, and 5pm masses. Prayers cards will be available to take home with you for continued prayers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1—Monthly Meeting (8pm)
Rosary 7:45pm

Sept 21 – Making Hoagies
(orders due Sept. 18th)

Oct. 1 – Nite at the Races 6pm

Oct. 9 – Bishop's Mass for
KofC (2pm) St. Michael's
Loretto, PA

About Our Organization...

COUNCIL NEWS

Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament – Our JDT Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 18th at King Valley Golf Course and was our largest yet, with 36 teams registered. The event netted \$8,500 for our JDT Memorial Scholarship Program. With the proceeds from this year, combined with monies from last year's tournament we Endowed a permanent scholarship in Joe Tomlinson's name at Saint Francis University. Future contributions can continue to be made to the scholarship enabling it to grow and continue to provide opportunities for future students. Donation information will be provided in a future Anchor the scholarship is completely set up.

Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship – Our JDT Memorial Scholarship provided \$3,500 in scholarships this year. Three Scholarships totaling \$2,000 went to 4 students entering Bishop Guilfoyle High School and two scholarships totaling \$1,500 went to 2 students entering Saint Francis University. To date, we've provided over \$35,000 in scholarships from our scholarship fund.

KofC Nite at the Races – Our KofC Nite at the Races will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Doors open at 6pm and races will begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$50/two people and include your horse, dinner, and beverages. The event includes 8 races, rip tickets, a 50/50, and dinner includes roast beef sandwiches, pasta fagioli, salad, rolls, and desserts and coffee. This is always a great event. Proceeds benefit our local charitable efforts and our roof fund.

KofC Hoagie Sale – We will hold a Hoagie sale in September. Orders are due Sunday, Sept. 18th. We will be making the hoagies on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Help is needed during Wednesday afternoon for bagging lettuce, tomatoes, and onions, and assembly of hoagies will begin around 4pm. Please help out as you can. Hoagies will be available for pickup the evening of the 21st or the next day. Order forms are at the club or you can email KofC551@gmail.com or call the club at (814) 942-6262 and leave a message.

Bishops Mass for Knights of Columbus – The annual Bishop's Mass celebrating the Knights of Columbus is Sunday, October 9th at 2pm at St. Michael's Basilica in Loretto, PA. Dinner will follow immediately after. Any member and their families can attend. The cost for the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids under 12. If anyone is interested in attending, please let GK Terry Anderson know before September 25th, as RSVP's and payment are due by that day.

"News from our Field Agent, Mike McAndrew" - As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized. All of you, the members of this council... can take great pride in playing a part of these successes. I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, Charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees. Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today. When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you volunteer at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raise money for a charitable cause...—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles. I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the convention. But even with a report of all that has been accomplished, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We have challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to this council and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.