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*****NEXT DECEMBER 7, 2023 – 8PM*****
THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:45PM

THE ANCHOR

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

Supreme Council has created a new faith formation program that aims to help Catholic men proactively invest in their on-going faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church. The mission of *Cor* is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each *Cor* gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.

The program is structured with pre-set lessons, discussions, video, and talking points to encourage men to be more active in living and encouraging their faith. The hope is that each council will begin using *Cor* with their parishes. The program requires a member to take on the role of **Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director**, and along with help from the Grand Knight, lead *Cor* in his parish (and ultimately in encourage additional members to lead *Cor* each parish of the Council). Training is offered both in live webinars online and online training materials. More information can be found online at www.kofc.org/cor. Additionally, two live webinars will be offered on Monday, Nov. 6th at 7:30pm (register online at <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/cor-meeting-1>) and Wednesday Nov. 8th at 7:30pm (register online at <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/cor-meeting-2>). If members are interested, I would be happy to open the club on those two nights and stream the webinars for us to watch.

Anyone that has an interest to lead this new faith formation program, please reach out to me and I will assist you with getting started. As always, I appreciate your support.

Vivat Jesus!

TA
Grand Knight

1492 Home Association News 1492 Home Association

Improvements continue to our council home. Rick has finished reinstalling the floor in the library room and several members have begun to patch the walls. In the coming weeks it would be great to get another day or two of work in to get that room painted and maybe get the drop ceiling in. If you have a few hours to spare, coordinate with Rick Tomlinson and we'll schedule a few days of working on further improvements.

We are still waiting on the City of Altoona to execute the contract for our Grant. Hopefully, they'll get it to us before the end of the year so we can schedule work to be done in the spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18th – Felix & the Hurricanes 6pm

November 23rd – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 7th – Monthly Council Meeting 8pm (Rosary at 7pm)

December 8th – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of Obligation)

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COUNCIL NEWS

Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Tournament Donation



Our Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Touney generated \$8,500 for our Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition to making scholarships available for two students entering Bishop Guilfoyle, we donated the majority of the proceeds, \$7,500, to Saint Francis University to be placed in our Endowed Financial Award established in Joe's memory. We now have \$17,500 in total donated to the fund, with over \$35,000 donated in total scholarships since renaming the tourney after Joe.

Council 551 Nite at the Races – Our most recent Nite at the Races event generated approximately \$3500. The event was slightly less attended due to some regulars that were unable to attend. Our next one will be scheduled for late Spring 2024. As our biggest fundraisers of the year, the Nite at the Races events fund our donations and building expenses. Mark your calendars for next Spring's event and start letting your contacts know.

Felix & the Hurricanes Event – We will be hosting an event featuring Felix & the Hurricanes on Saturday, November 18th. Doors will open at 6pm with the band playing from 7pm-10pm. Cost for entry is \$25 per person and includes entry to event, food, and beverages. Tickets are now available. Please reach out to your contacts and let's make this a great social event. If you're a Facebook

Council 551 Gear – Continue to check our Council website for new options of Council 551 gear including polos, t-shirts, hats, hoodies, and crewnecks. More seasonal apparel will be coming soon. You can view and order items at <https://www.kofc551.org/council-551-gear>.

Membership

Adding more Knights strengthens our manpower for events and increases our pool of talent. New perspectives and skills give us greater capacity to serve our community. With your help inviting Catholic men you know to join us, we can grow our ranks and maximally live out our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

I ask you to consider sponsoring a candidate for our next Exemplification Degree Ceremony. By inviting other Catholic men to join our Order, we strengthen our ability to carry out our mission in ever greater numbers. Do you have a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner who shares our values of charity and unity? Sponsor them to become a Knight and expand our power for good.

I'd like to hold another Exemplification Degree just before our December meeting at 7pm.

About Our Organization...

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.