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*****NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2ND – 8P*****
Note: THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:45PM



Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

Happy Summer all! Hard to believe it's August already! Please see the attached letter for my Grand Knight's message! I hope you all have had a Blessed and safe summer!

Fraternally,
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District/State/Supreme News

District Deputy News

“Membership Incentive”

For each new member brought into a council from July 1st through November 30th, the Recruiter will get a ticket entered into the SANTA SURPRISE raffle. The more members you recruit, the more chances to win. Drawing will be held at the DD Seminar in December and the lucky recruiter whose ticket is pulled will win \$1,000. Questions about the incentive drive can be directed to michaelkish1220@gmail.com.

Central East Region Training Event

Council 9109 Light of Christ Council is hosting a C.E. Region Training for Knight of Columbus members in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. This training will be an in-person event held on September 11, 2021 at Queen of Angels Parish, St. John's Chapel, 162 Wheeler St, Central City, PA. The training will open with mass at 12:30pm, with the sessions starting immediately afterward and last until 5:00pm. The training will be conducted by Eric Johnson and include the following topics:

- Assistance for Councils recovering from the Covid pandemic
- New Council meetings guidelines
- Changes in fraternal operations for the new fraternal year
- Questions and concerns any council officer may have (limited to district and council operations only).

These trainings are open to any council members, not just officers. Contact Joe Einginger 703-477-5424 with questions.

COUNCIL NEWS

“Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament”

Our JDT Memorial Golf Tournament was a huge success. Played on June 19th at King Valley Golf Course, it featured 33 teams, fantastic food, a phenomenal team of helpers, great golf and excellent prizes. And, with this year's tournament we surprised giving out a total of \$30,000 in scholarships since we named the tournament in memory Joe. We also managed to avoid the rain during the tournament – another sign of Joe smiling down on us! Mark your calendars for next year's tournament to be held on Saturday, June 18th at King Valley again!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2 - Monthly Council Meeting 8pm (Rosary 7:45)

Sept. 25 – KofC Nite at the Races (doors open at 6pm, races start at 7pm)

COUNCIL NEWS (Cont'd)

“Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Scholarships”

I'm pleased to announce that our Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship provided 11 scholarships to students going to Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic H.S. and Saint Francis. The Bishop Guilfoyle recipients were – Stephanie Bohn, Joshua Warmath, Sam Kauffman, Elle Wilson, Brianna Haun, Nicholas McCloskey, Kearsten Pham, Mara Kirkpatrick, Madeline Kling, and Emily Koller. The Saint Francis University award went to Jadie Litzinger.

COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

“Nite at the Races”

We are holding our KofC Nite at the Races on Saturday, September 25th. Doors will open at 6pm with races set to start at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 per horse and include entry for two people. Tix are available by contacting Frank Goss at (814) 329-6094 or emailing the council at KofC551@gmail.com with your name and number of tix requested and your name for your horse to be published in the racing program. You can also reach out through our KofC Remind and message me for tix or questions.

Community/Other Events and News

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament invites Council 551 Members to a Mass in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. The Mass will honor First Responders, Medical professionals, and Public Servants. It will be held on Saturday, September 11th, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the main Celebrant. Following Mass a reception will be held in the Cathedral Social Hall. Please RSVP to the Cathedral office by August 31st. Let them know you are from Council 551.

The Swiss Club is holding their Annual Bill J. Frank Golf Outing on September 11th at Park Hill Country Club, with an 8am shotgun start. Cost is \$85 per golfer, or you may sponsor a hole for \$125 which includes the round of golf for one person. Lunch immediately following the event at the Swiss Club. Payment and Sponsorships due by Sept. 1st at the club: 1219 Harrison Ave., Altoona, PA 16602. Contact the Swiss Club at (814) 943-0521 for more details.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 8075** will be holding a Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Scotch Valley CC Saturday, October 2nd. The cost is \$100 per player which includes green fees/carts, beer during the event and the meal - Plus, the chance to win door prizes and the 50/50 raffle. You can register online at <https://knights-of-columbus-council-8075-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com/> or contact Mike McAndrew at (814) 505-4971 or Todd Beiswenger (814) 934-6665.

The Bishops Mass for Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday Oct. 17th at 2pm at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, PA. Dinner will follow immediately afterwards. Families of Knights are welcome. Dinner tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Please RSVP to KofC551@gmail.com by September 30th so we can inform them of who will be attending from our Council.

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.