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*****NEXT SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – 8PM*****
Note: EXEMPLIFICATION DEGREE AT 7PM
THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:45PM

THE ANCHOR

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

As we embark on a new fraternal year, I want to thank you for your dedication and service to our council and community. We have much to be proud of from this past year. Our fundraising efforts put a new roof on the building, we're well under way on our remodeling, we helped kids continue their Catholic education, and we supported several worthy charities and those in need. We established a financial award at Saint Francis University in memory of Joe Tomlinson. And we brought in new members eager to put their faith into action alongside their brothers.

Though we can look back with satisfaction on a job well done, our work is never truly finished. This upcoming year brings new challenges and opportunities to make a difference in people's lives. I encourage each of you to reflect on how you can increase your involvement with the council. Consider taking on a leadership role in an event, fundraiser, or charitable service that really interests you...we will support you. Or, lend a hand with our current events and drives. And keep an eye out for Catholic men who would make fine additions to our ranks. Share with them the benefits of knighthood and brotherhood in service to others.

If we all commit to making this fraternal year one of unity, charity, and growth, just imagine what we will accomplish. I am honored to lead you, my brothers. Here's to a great new fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

TA
Grand Knight

1492 Home Association News

1492 Home Association – We received a grant of \$11,000 through the Altoona Business Revitalization grant program. The grant will be used to begin repairing the lintels and brickwork around the windows, further preventing water from damaging any more of the building. More details will come once we've gotten the contract for the grant and scheduled the work to be done.

If you haven't had the chance to check out the improvements to our Council home, please come to a meeting and check them out. Led by Brother Rick Tomlinson, many brothers have contributed to renovating areas of the council building including patching and painting the ballroom, painting the upstairs bar area, bathrooms, and lounge areas, cleaning out and organizing the attic area, and most recently work began on restoring the library room off the council meeting room. Work on the interior will continue in September. Many hands make light work – please consider dedicating some time to helping us continue our restorations. Thanks to all those that have contributed so far! Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7th– Exemplification Degree – 7pm (followed by reciting of the Blessed Rosary)
September 7th –Monthly Council Meeting, 8pm
October 7th – Nite at the Races event 6pm
November 18th – Felix & the Hurricanes 6pm

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COUNCIL NEWS

Membership – We again have a goal of adding 12 new members this fraternal year. Consider bringing someone you know into the council. We will be holding an Exemplification Degree on Sept. 7th at 7pm before our regular monthly council meeting. If you know someone that would make a great addition to our council, have them join online at www.kofc.org/joinus and use the online code MMCANDREW to join for free.

Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Scholarships – We awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Mary Haigh and Brianna Clossin. Both girls are entering Bishop Guilfoyle as 9th graders this fall. Additionally, we donated \$7,500 to Saint Francis University to be added to our Joseph D Tomlinson Endowed Award set up last year. The award will be presented annually at the Presidential Convocation Awards ceremony held in April and be given to a freshman student in the School of Business. Once our donations to the award total \$50,000, it will be converted to an annual Scholarship and become part of an incoming student's financial aid package. If you would like to donate personally to the endowment, you can make checks payable to Saint Francis University and write Joseph D Tomlinson Award on the memo line.



Pictured: Andrew Myers hitting the winni putt in the Longest Putt contest.

Council 551 Nite at the Races – Our next Council 551 Nite at the Races is Saturday, October 7th. Tickets are \$50 and include entrance for 2, your named horse in program, food and drinks. Always a great time, so invite your friends. Call Frank Goss (814) 329-6094 or email kofc551@gmail.com to reserve your tix. We had a great turnout for helpers at our last one, so let's keep it up – we need at least 8 people to help with selling rip tickets and 50/50. Let Bill Crawford know if you can help again. Great opportunity for new members to get involved.

Chicken BBQ Dinner for St. Jude Children's Hospital – Our joint Chicken BBQ with the Star of the Sea Council raised \$2,300 which was donated to the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Both councils were well represented at the event. We look forward to continuing this new tradition next year!

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. More details will follow in the coming months. Mark your calendars now!

PA Knights Football Ticket Fundraiser – PA Knights Football Tickets will be available at our next council meeting Sept.7th. Tix are \$10 and can be purchased up to the week of Oct.20th

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>.

About Our Organization...

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