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*****NEXT MEETING JANUARY 6TH – 8P*****
Note: THE BLESSED ROSARY RECITED AT 7:45PM



Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our Council throughout this year – whether it's been through attending our monthly meetings, supporting our events by attending, working, or donating, helping with repairs and maintenance, or bringing in new members, our Council has survived through the last 2 difficult years due to your support, help, donations, and prayers. And for that, I thank you!

As you are aware, we have been raising money to offset the cost of replacing the roof on our Council home. To date, we've raised about \$4,500. We've reached out to each member asking for a \$200 donation. Please consider making this gift. We recognize that not everyone is in the position to make this contribution, so any amount is welcome and appreciated.

As you celebrate the glory of this miraculous season, may your home be filled with love, peace, and joy, and may these blessings follow you throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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District/State/Supreme News

District Deputy News

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

The Educational Foundation is providing up to fifty (50) \$1,000.00 Knights of Columbus Student Grants paid to the Catholic School Grades 1 – 12 where a **Third Degree** member's child is enrolled. Applications will be accepted, if postmarked beginning January 1, 2022. The Educational Foundation members will hold a drawing and the winners will be notified by the Secretary and also posted on the state web site. **Only applications post marked between January 1, and January 31, 2022 will be eligible for the drawing.** Details can be found at <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/news/student-grant-info-now-available>.

Gallitzin Knights of Columbus Council #3899 will be holding an in person 4th Degree March 26th 2022 in Gallitzin. They need 30 members interested in this ceremony before they can proceed. This should not be hard to achieve due to the overwhelming response when we hosted one a few years ago. If you are a current 1st or 2nd Degree, please plan to take the Exemplification Degree before March, I highly encourage you to participate. If interested please let me know at kofc551@gmail.com or call/txt me at (814) 932-0465 **before Jan. 28th**.

Already a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus? Consider joining the McGivney Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization. May Father McGivney intercede for you! The Guild publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers a weekly Mass for the intentions of members. You can read more details and join online at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 6—Monthly Meeting (8pm)
Rosary 7:45pm

Upcoming Holy Days

Dec. 25 – Christmas

(Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord)

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

About Our Organization...

COUNCIL NEWS

“Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament” - Please mark your calendars for our Annual Joseph D Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at King Valley Golf Club! This past tournament was our best ever with 33 teams and raising \$10,000 for our Scholarship Fund. Further details will be coming in the new year.

“KofC Nite at the Races” -Our KofC Nite at the Races, held on November 20th, was a great success. We raised \$4,000, of which 40% will go towards the Council building fund for upkeep and maintenance. Part of the proceeds were used to provide donations to Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Look for details in the coming months for our next Race to be held in late April/Early May.

“C.O.A.L. Tickets Available” -The Chance of a Lifetime Sweepstakes (COAL) is the fundraiser that enables the College Scholarships and other charitable programs provided through our State Supreme Council. This year's drawing will be held on May 13th. Tickets are \$5/each and we are asking each member to sell two (2) tickets, but more can be obtained by calling the council at (814) 942-6262 or email kofc551@gmail.com and indicate the # of extra tickets you'd like. Tickets will be sent out in next month's Anchor. Sold ticket stubs with the money need to be returned to the Council no later than April 13th.

“Membership” - Our membership quota this year is 10 new members by June 30th. If you know someone who would be a great addition to our council, have them join online at www.kofc.org/joinus. Once they register, I'll reach out to them to schedule the Degree Ceremony. We currently have 3 members waiting to take their degree, so we still need 7 more. If you are a 1st or 2nd Degree member, please consider taking our next Exemplification Degree to become a 3rd Degree. A schedule of upcoming degree ceremonies will be in the next Anchor.

Our Membership Director, Bob Kasun, is planning a membership drive around the NCAA Final Four games in April 2nd. Mark your calendars and look for more details in the next Anchor.

“News from our Field Agent, Mike McAndrew” - What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son! Vivat Jesus!