



Knights of Columbus / Sacred Heart Council 2842

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GRANDKNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brothers All,

With our council temporarily closed and all activities and events postponed, I really don't have much to report. This is certainly a different time for our world and for our council and with that comes a change in the way normal activities take place.

On April 6th we were scheduled to have our first General Council Meeting for

the month of April. Due to the Coronavirus, we were unable to meet together at the council to have this meeting. The meeting was held instead via a ZOOM conference call, a first for our council. Not your typical council meeting given the circumstances, but it went quite well. I would like to thank DGK Vince Sicari, Chancellor Nelson Cupeles and Financial Secretary Dave Torebka for getting our ZOOM account all set up and for getting the meeting set up. We will continue to hold monthly General Council Meetings as well as Council Officers/Columbian Club Meetings via ZOOM until we are allowed to hold normal council meetings. The ZOOM account was also used on Holy Thursday for a special rosary prayer hour led by Deacon Nick and is a great tool to have in our back pocket in the event a meeting is canceled due to snow.

While it has been a very quiet time all over, it has been a busy time for the council. Again, I would like to thank Chancellor Nelson Cupeles and DGK Vince Sicari for their work on updating our council website, they did a fantastic job. Go check it out www.kofc2842.org

A thank you also goes out to Tom Tomesco. Tom has been organizing different giving back events through the council for our police and for our Frontline Hero's at the local hospitals. A few weeks ago, Tom purchased pizzas that were sent to the Rochelle Park PD as a token of our appreciation for all they have done and continue to do to keep us safe, especially now during this pandemic. Tom also created a GoFundMe account for the council to give back to first responders (doctors, nurses, respiratory technicians, etc.) The purpose of the GoFundMe was to create community involvement. People donated what they could to the GoFundMe, that money was then collected to purchase food at local business that are hurting during this crisis, and sent to the first responders/frontline hero's as a sign of our and the communities thanks for all that they have been doing. The GoFundMe was launched on April 9th and as of April 23RD \$2.270 had been raised. Thank you very much Brother Tom!

Brothers, there is not much we can do right now but hope and pray. If we band together, we will make it through.

Vivat Jesus!

Gerard Sorrentino
Grand Knight

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



My Brothers All,

Hope this month's newsletter finds all my brothers well. I have been doing a lot of praying during this time, praying for all of you.

What are you doing to "flatten the curve"? Truthful answer is that doing nothing is doing everything we can to end this pandemic as quickly as we can. Now I have been trying to do my part, staying indoors and not going out much, but I am someone who has to be doing something, I have to be busy, and I have.

The quarantine and down time have allowed for the completion of our social media venture. The final phase of that project was updating our council website and that was completed on April 3RD. The site looks amazing, lots of great stuff on there including a photo gallery with pictures of past Grand Knights of our council and some of the fun events of yesteryear. Thank you to PGK Pete Crespo for the pictures and to our Chancellor Nelson Cupeles for working tirelessly into the night in getting it complete.

The other phases of the “social media campaign” included an Instagram account that was launched in October and a Facebook Group that was created shortly after. To date, the Instagram account has grown to 93 followers with 66 posts, each post averaging 20 or so likes! If you have not already done so, please go follow our Instagram account “kofc_sacredheart2842”.

The Facebook Group was created to complement our already existing Facebook Page. Recently the group has converted to a site just for members of our council as a way to get more council relevant information and activities out to everyone. In the Facebook Group we will post topics for discussion and engagement as well as post about upcoming council specific events. The group is set to private and all individuals wishing to join the group must be approved by an administrator. You can find the group on Facebook by searching “Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus 2842” under Facebook Groups.

Our Facebook Page was recently updated to serve as our unofficial council billboard/advertisement page. Nelson and I would like to thank PGK Jon Kennedy for recently adding us as administrators to the page. In one month of revamping the Facebook Page we have gained 50 new “likes” and followers! Our reach on the page has also increased. On average we reach anywhere between 30 – 40 people per day on any given post, we reach upwards of 300 people per a week’s span

on any boosted (paid for) post on the page. We are reaching people as far as Brazil with our scope. As mentioned, the purpose of the page is to act as our lure as we continue to be fishers of men in recruiting new members to our council by greatly promoting all the amazing things our council does year-round. Please go “Like” our council Facebook Page by searching for “Knights of Columbus 2842” under Facebook Pages. We have been streaming the Saturday evening/Sunday worship’s at Sacred Heart Parish and on the last two Fridays during Lent we held a “Facebook Watch Party” where we streamed a beautiful and prayerful “Way of the Cross”, all part of our continued promises to bring Jesus and the word of God to everyone.

Lastly, on Holy Thursday, our council entered the world of Twitter. Twitter is a rapidly growing social media platform that is used by thousands of followers a day and is a great tool to use to further spread your message. If you are on Twitter, please follow us @2842kofc

So, with not much to do and tons of down time, I invite you all to explore all our social media platforms, a great way of being updated and informed with things going on at council and continue that personal relationship with Jesus. God bless!

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Sicari
Deputy Grand Knight

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

The Coronavirus has defiantly changed the way we go about doing things. One of the many things it has changed, yet again, is the way candidates can become full Knights of Columbus.

As you are aware, the 3 different degree ceremonies have changed into one ceremony, referred to as "Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity". In short, the change would allow each council to set its own degree teams and conduct all 3 degrees in one public ceremony. Obviously due to what's going on in the world, conducting this new exemplification is not possible. This has forced Supreme Council to once again change the degree process by performing exemplifications online.

On April 16th, through a very unique and special online exemplification ceremony, our council welcomed 6 new candidates as full members of our order. The candidates logged on to a special exemplification webinar done by Supreme where they joined other worthy candidates from around the country. This process allowed for these candidates, many who have been waiting for close to a year, to

become full members of the Knights of Columbus.

The sixth candidate joined our council after discovering our council website, loved everything he saw and all the amazing things we've done and continue to do, took advantage of a special 50% off online membership offer Supreme was conducting and signed up! DGK Vince Sicari and I conducted his interview via ZOOM, he was voted upon during our April 13th ZOOM Officers/Columbian Club Meeting and became a full member 3 days later via an online exemplification, truly amazing.

Brothers, please welcome these 6 new full Knights of Columbus to our council

- Frank LaBoy
- Ed Kukalski
- Robert Heyrich
- Emmanuelle Reyes
- Ray Lancaster
- Nicholas Manzo (online member)

Vivat Jesus!

Nelson Cupeles

Chancellor



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COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers,

Just to keep everyone up to date of what's going on at the building during the quarantine.

The building is closed. No activities are taking place at the building; this includes Bonnie Blue Dance School on Thursday nights and the martial arts class that takes place on Wednesday nights. In addition, all private parties that were scheduled have also been canceled with deposits returning to the hosts. No one has been allowed to enter the building for any reason. These measures will remain in

place for as long as need be to comply with all quarantine rules.

We have been conducting our monthly meetings on ZOOM along with the monthly Officers Meeting, so business is still going on, just in a very limited way. As soon as the country is given the all clear, we plan to be back hosting parties, events and council functions. Until that time, remain safe.

Frank Del Re

Columbian Club Chairman

20 WEEK CLUB

My Brothers All,

With everything going on in the world and with our council being temporarily closed, the 20 Week Club drawings have been suspended.

Two scenarios were discussed and voted upon during our April 13th ZOOM Officers/Columbian Club Meeting. The first centers around us being back to normalcy before the scheduled June 19th "Grand Finale". In this event, on whatever Friday it is that we return, we will hold X number of drawing to make up for the weeks that we missed (the last drawing was for week 6 on March 6th)

The second option is if we are not back by June 19th. In that event then on whatever date we do return that will be our "Mega Grand Finale" where every missed week's drawing will be selected in

addition to the "Grand Finale" winners making for one huge night of winnings.

We thank the Brothers for their understanding and cooperation during this time. For a complete list of all the 2020 20 Week Club winners up until March 6th, please visit the council website

www.kofc2842.org

Thank You

Evans Lazzaro – Event Co-Chairman

PGK Jon Kennedy – Event Co-Chairman

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CITIZENS DRIVE

Worthy Brothers,

In light of the Bergen Bassmaster's canceling this year's fishing event, the Special Olympics also cancelling, and at the request of Supreme Council, the 2020 Developmentally Disabled Citizens Drive has been canceled.

Jason and I would like to thank all the Brothers who had volunteered to help collect this year at ShopRite and at the two parishes we serve. Hopefully we can count on your service next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Bransfield – Event Co-Chairman

Jason Abughusson – Event Co-Chairman

PARISH NEWS

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter and you were able to catch our Easter live stream of mass as well as the rest of our Holy Week worship on our Facebook page or via other means. Oh, how I wish we all could have been together for Holy Week and Easter, but we must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to fight this terrible pandemic. Let's continue to pray for an end to this sickness and death, after all isn't that what Easter and resurrection are all about? We know that after every Good Friday there is an Easter Sunday, and so we have hope, because we have faith, because we trust in a God whose love is unconditionally!

Thank you for your texts, e-mails and letters of support and encouragement, they are so much appreciated. Let's continue to celebrate with great joy these 50 days of Easter and I can't wait to hear how loudly our ALLELUIA'S will ring when are together again at worship!

Peace and Blessings

Fr. Rich Kelly

Chaplain

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers the following
Brothers, friends and relatives who have
entered into eternal rest.

Brother Richard Grabusnik

Brother Daniel Collins

Julia Courtney – Mother of PGK Bill
Courtney, grandmother to Brother Michael
Courtney

Thomas King – Father of Brother James
King

Robert David

Brother Angelo Arimborgo's mother

Joseph Gyulay – Father of PGK Joe Gyulay

Fr. Ray Holmes

Marilyn Foelding – Wife of PGK Don
Foelding

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will
be comforted"*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1: William Betten, Frank Del Re and
Michael Breslin

May 4: Adam Gonzalez

May 6: Thomas Foschini and Vittorio Lapira

May 8: Walter Houghton

May 9: Ron Juliano

May 11: Michael Della Fave

May 14: Peter Monacchio

May 15: Devin Gonzalez

May 16: Michael Gillen Happy 70th Birthday

May 18: Anthony Seymour

May 20: Thomas McHale

May 28: Stephen Lazarus and Adib Abboud

May 30: Robert Rella

May 31: Anthony Talarico

CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN 2020

Celebrating 5 Years of Membership

Anthony Borsella * Mathew Bosi * Gil Duke
*John Gryctko * Ken Lenoci * Paul Meli *
Fulvio Pagliaro * Domenick Rizzo * Frank
Rizzo * Joseph Sicari * Vincent Sicari * Frank
Trapani * Peter Visconti * John
Wojciechowski

Celebrating 10 Years of Membership

Frank Del Re * George Latko * Karl
Pattermann * Mark Sileo

Celebrating 15 Years of Membership

Bradford Beyer * Michael Ferrara * Dean
Hardish * Felix Sergio * Michael Shortino

Celebrating 20 Years of Membership

John Abbattista * Richard Bosi * Robert
Marks * Kevin Morris * Anthony Picinich *
Michael Schneider * Brian Smith

Celebrating 25 Years of Membership

William Courtney * Von De Guzman * Brian
Mahon * Robert O'Grady

Celebrating 30 Years of Membership

Rev. Richard Kelly * Kevin Smith

[Celebrating 35 Years of Membership](#)

Henry Ballone * Kenneth Krautheim *
Thomas McHale * Thomas Smith

[Celebrating 40 Years of Membership](#)

John Doyle * Robert Martin

[Celebrating 45 Years of Membership](#)

Kevin Page

[Celebrating 50 Years of Membership](#)

Michael Holmes * Louis La Ragione

[Celebrating 55 Years of Membership](#)

Daniel Collins * Robert Hanrahan

[Celebrating 60 Years of Membership](#)

Raymond Curry * Joseph Marren



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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MAY 2020

| SUN. | MON. | TUES. | WED. | THURS. | FRI. | SAT. |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 ZOOM General Council Meeting 8PM | 5 Cinco De Mayo | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 ZOOM Officers/ Columbian Club Meeting 7PM | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 ZOOM General Council Meeting 8PM | 19 Cooking team meets at 5:45 to cook for "Meals With A Mission"* | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Pentecost | | | | | | |

*Subject to cancelation

GET THE PICTURE

On April 9th a GoFundMe was created by Tom Tomesco to thank all our Frontline Hero's and First Responders for their efforts in treating those affected with the Coronavirus. Money was collected through the fund and used to purchase food to be sent out to various hospitals throughout the local area. To date \$2,270 has been raised and more than 100 meals have been donated to well over 100 healthcare workers at HUMC Imaging Department, HUMC ER, Chilton Memorial ICU and Bergen Renal Care.

GoFundMe Link https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/fron-line-community-support1/thomas-tomesco?utm_campaign=oc&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=crowdrise

The council supports our Valley Hospital hero's

On April 17th sandwiches and wraps were delivered from Family Affair Deli in Fair Lawn to medical personnel at HUMC.



#valleystrong

On April 21st Ready-To-Go meals from Generations Comfort Food & Catering was sent to Chilton Medical Center in Pompton Plains, NJ.



On April 23rd 80 Ready-To-Go meals were sent to the ER at HUMC from Generations Comfort Food & Catering.

