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Council 15821

2019-2020 Officers

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In This Issue

Welcome Brothers! Topics addressed in this issue of the *Knighly News Limited* include the Grand Knight's Message, Faith in Action (FIA), Spiritual Reflection, Budget Update, Membership, Let's Gather, News from Supreme and Our District Deputy, Council 15821 in Action, In Remembrance, and The Long Pole in the Tent.



Grand Knight's Message



Here's a recap of events for August and September: We had eight volunteers (the Kelley's, the Silva's, the Crisman's, Stan Anthony and me) sign up for Special Olympics Bowling. The Crisman's couldn't make it but the Kelley's brought an additional couple so we still had eight helping out. Two councils provide the help for this event and we had eight out the 24 that volunteered. Next year I would like to have closer to 50% of the total volunteer group.

We had three members who attended the Luncheon4life. We had a very nice lunch and there was a very interesting presentation by Dr. James Coon, Regional Culture of Life Director. He talked about the Knights Right to Life and other charities. It would be nice to see more of you at the next one.

Our Worthy Financial Secretary presented our new Dashboard (budget spreadsheet) that details the financial status of our council. If you are interested in this document contact FS Tom McDermitt and he will provide you with a link to the document in Dropbox.

There are a number of activities coming up in the final three months of the year beginning on Oct 4th, the First Friday Rosary at 7:30 am prior to the Mass. For a number of activities a Sign up sheet will be circulated at the monthly meeting and we are asking for your support consideration.

Calendar of Events October - December

Council Meeting

First Thursday of the Month
7:00pm at the Hall

Officer Meeting

Last Tuesday of the Month
4:00pm at the Hall

Coffee & Doughnuts

1st & 3rd Sundays
After Sunday Masses

Monthly Food Drive

Oct 12 & 13
Nov 9 & 10
Dec 14 & 15
Before All Masses

Pancake Breakfast

Oct 13
Nov 3
Dec 8
After Sunday Masses

First Friday Mass & Rosary

October 4
Nov 1
Dec 6
Meet at 7:30 am, Mass to follow

Recruitment Drive

October 19 & 20
After all Masses

Fall Reunion

Sunday, October 20
at 4:00pm

Giving Tree

November - December 2019
Before and after all Masses

Keep Christ in Christmas

Nov 14 & 21
Nov 15 & 22
Before and After all Masses

Fraternal Communion Mass

Dec 29
8:30 am Mass

Mass for Departed Brothers

Sunday, December 1
8:30 Mass

Our next pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 13th. As always we can use help for setup and at the breakfast.

The Immokalee Food Drive will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. Please show up early for mass and see if you are needed to help load the transport vehicle. Please let Br Dave Erb or me know the weight of the food you donate. Only two people gave me their information last month. We need this information to qualify for \$100 rebate from Supreme if we meet the minimum requirements. We just received the rebate from last year.

As part of our FIA Program we will be presenting Certificates of Appreciation and checks for \$25 to our three young altar servers and lecturers. This will take place during the weekend of our recruitment drive. The recruitment drive will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 after all the masses. Br Larry Kocen is chairing the drive and will be asking all of you for help.

Faith In Action (FIA) Update

Our Council has embraced the Supreme's program of FIA. As we know, it consist of four categories: Faith, championed by Deacon Tom; Community, championed by Dennis O'Leary; and Family, championed by Stanley Anthony. Until recently the category of Life was without a champion. Brother Tom Marko has agreed to champion this category.

Spiritual Reflection: A Reflection on 'Faith in Action' by Deacon Tom

Faith should always be followed with actions that are consistent with what one truly believes. While Faith is a noun - Believe is a verb. Faith is the ability to believe, but that ability must be used and acted upon for faith to come alive and work. Believing is the action side of faith - believing is 'acting in faith.' Just having faith is not enough. Having the ability to believe is not enough. We need to act on that ability by acting consistent with what is believed. Faith without corresponding actions is empty.



Our faith should inspire us not to wait for God to bring about the perfection of His plans in our lives and those of others. We are called to step up the game and do all we can to fulfill His plan. God is not going to provide bread for the poor. God uses us to do so. God is not going to enter the lab and work with elements to provide suitable vaccines and medicine to improve health care.

Looking Ahead at Some of Our Future Events in 2020

Tootsie Roll Drive

February 2020
TBA

Recruitment Drive

March 2020
After all Masses

Spring Golf Tournament

April 2020
TBA

Baseball Trip

Spring 2019
TBA

Mother's Day Flowers

May 9 & 10, 2020
After All Masses

Novena for Life

TBA

Habitat for Humanity

TBA

Sugar Bowl

TBA

He expects us to do so.

James 2 " What use is it, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

1st Quarter Budget Update by Tom McDermitt, Financial Secretary

How time flies! It's the end of September as this is written.

September was the third month of our fiscal year so we are 25% thru our year. We budgeted \$22534 for the year so, logically, you would think that we have received or spent 25% of our budget or \$5633). Right? Wrong!!

Lets go through our numbers to see "why". So far, we have received \$2475 in receipts. Most of that came from the Pancake Breakfasts (\$1060) and annual dues from members (\$780).

We have spent \$2218: Pancake Breakfast (\$776-includes extraordinary expense of \$207 for new pancake griddle), Per Capita to State (\$670), Coffee & Donut expenses (\$368).

So the good news is that we received more than we spent by \$257.

Why haven't we got anywhere near the prorata amounts of \$5633? SEASONALITY! Most of our receipts come in during the November to March timeframe and most of our expenses happen in the November to June timeframe.

FEARLESS PREDICTION: The numbers will soon get better!

Membership Update by Larry Kocen, Chancellor

Total Membership as of 9-1-2019 (per Supreme)	84
New Members voted into the Council in the 1 st Quarter	0
Brothers that advanced in Degree	0
Departed Brothers this Quarter	1
Inactive Brothers returning to Active Council Support (under consideration)	2
Honorary Life	17

Let's Gather

One of the "try something new" activities that we identified is having a gathering with some snacks and drinks after our Council meeting. We recently tried this and it looks like a keeper. So when you come to the next meeting, come with a little appetite along with your thoughts, ideas and questions.

Another “try something new” is a Fall Reunion planned for Sunday, October 20th @ 4:00pm. PGK Bruce Crisman has the baton and is off and running to make this a memorable event. Brother Denny Korinek and his wife Joyce have graciously agreed to be our hosts. This social event will give us a chance to meet our new members and their spouses, catch up with our returning snow birds, and hopefully reacquaint with some of our less active members. Burgers and dogs as well as soft drinks, beer and wine will be available. Attendees are requested to bring a covered dish.

News from Supreme and Our District Deputy

The Knights of Columbus held their annual convention this past August. The national theme adopted for the upcoming year was “Unity”. Three examples were offered: 1. Give more attention to our Native Americans. Did you know that one in four Native Americans are Catholic? Did you know that as a group, their number one problem is a “lack of hope”? 2. Give assistance to migrant workers and refugees. This is an area where our council already is taking an active part with “Food for Immokalee”. 3 In addition, the Supreme is urging that we as Knights take a “civility approach” in public discourse discussions.

Our District Deputy, Michael Costanza held a District Meeting at our parish on Saturday, September 12, 2019. Five brothers from our council attended. Our council is now with five other councils: Epiphany, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Francis, St Raphael, and St Pedro. Our District Deputy intends to hold monthly Admissions Degree ceremonies and he desires to rotate them among the six councils. He or his Warden are planning to attend all council meetings. He encouraged us to hold and attend council meetings in accordance with accepted meeting protocol, i.e., use of the gavel, etc.

Council 15821 in Action

Our council has a history of supporting the local Special Olympics which includes providing volunteers for basketball, football, bowling, Shark Tooth Festival, and softball. Brother Mike Seller was on the mound getting ready to do his thing at this year’s Special Olympics softball event. Mike recently completed his 3rd Degree and also became an Usher.



In Memoriam

A memorial Mass will be held for our recent departed Brother John Marshall on Saturday, Nov 23 rd at the 4:30 pm Mass. Brother John was known for his sausage cooking. At every Pancake Breakfast, there he was in the back room, unknown to many, cooking up a storm and serving his well known sausages. Please mark you calendar to attend in honor of Brother John.

The Long Pole in the Tent

A phrase often heard is “What is the Long Pole of the Tent?” for a tent only stands tall by the longest pole. As it applies to our council, the “Long Pole” is active membership. We have a number of poles supporting our council, but the longest pole that stands the tent is that of our membership. As an example, it takes 20 members to staff an activity before and after the Masses (five at each Mass). To support the Sunday Pancake Breakfast, it takes approximately 13 volunteers (not including set up and take down). However, if you look at the those brothers involved, you don’t see work. What you see is social interaction, what you hear is laughter, and what you feel is sense of pride. Then again...isn’t that what volunteering is all about, a Knight signature?

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