



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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WE WILL NOT HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY

At this point we have not yet made a decision on the annual **Spring Cookout** on June 16. If we find it necessary to cancel the June meeting, then we will move the Cookout to a Fall meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Due to the pandemic, we have deferred election of officers until the Fall. All current officers will remain in their positions. Grand Knight, Joseph Rzepka has appointed the following two nominating committees:

#1 Charles Lange, PGK , Chair; Charles McNeil, PGK; Ronald Sperry, PGK

#2 Leonard Montana, PGK, Chair; Mark Murphy, PGK; Thomas Luley, PGK

OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE ILL

John F. Pryor, PGK [1985], Samuel L. Russo [1972], Michael J. Fitzgerald [1973], Donald C. Cieri, Sr. [2001], Joseph Gacek [1940], George J. Amendore [1986], Mark Montano [1945]

SENIOR KNIGHTS MEETING

MAY MEETING IS **CANCELLED**.

4TH DEGREE MEETING

May Fourth Degree Meeting has been **CANCELLED**.

IN YOUR CHARITY

In your charity you are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of our late brothers.

William R. Schmalz [1967]

John H. Fitzsimmons [1962]

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Sean W. Burton [2019] on him being named head men's basketball coach for Ithaca College. While playing at Ithaca, Sean became the Bombers only three-time All American. He ranks first in program record books in career free-throw percentage [.900], second in career assists [556], third in career points [1736], third in career 3-pointers [261] and sixth in career steals [163]. Upon graduation, he joined the Iceland Express – a team in Iceland's top men's professional basketball league – and in two seasons he led his team to a league title, while earning two all-star nods and won the Powerade Cup MVP trophy. Sean is the son of PGK Richard, [1975] and Karen Burton.

SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS

We can still practice social distancing and still continue to support Our council programs. Evelyn's House, Mother Maryanne's Kitchen and The Veterans Outreach Center by bringing your donations of non-perishable food, disposal diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, sippy cups, binkies, toilet paper, wipes, cleaning products, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, bath towels, sheets, kitchen towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Also cans and bottles (rinsed). Leave these items in plastic bags outside the door of the Council Office if you don't see my van parked out front. I'm at the Council office every day and will bring your items inside.

Len Montana, FS

VETERAN'S OUTREACH THANK YOU

Our 4th Degree has received another thank you letter acknowledging the continued support of Veteran's Outreach Center. Appreciation was expressed for the recent \$330 donation, which "was put toward their food pantry to help during this difficult time with the Covid-19 pandemic."

NEWSLETTER/EMAILS

Please let us know if you change your e-mail address or if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Also, let us know if you want to receive the newsletter by both regular mail and e-mail....we'll send it both ways if you want.

Year in Advance Club

Thank you to the following members, who have paid their 2020 dues. If you have not yet paid your dues, please save the Council additional expense and send in your dues today. [If you have financial problems, which makes it difficult to pay this year's dues, please call the Council and tell us. We believe charity begins at home, especially during this stressful time of COVID 19. All calls and information will be kept confidential.]

We apologize to the following members who were inadvertently omitted from the Year in Advance Club in the April Newsletter:

Sean W Burton, Dr. Alistair Campbell, Robin P Countryman, Jeffery D. Hudson, Mathew B Leslie, David M Lupia, Nicholas D Mallozzi, Robert N Mineo, Rev Donald J Moskal, Dominick A Timpano III, Fernando V Solomon Jr., David J Wlock, Timothy M Welchons, Andrew Voce

KNIGHTS OFFER SECURED CREDIT LINE FOR US DIOCESES

\$100 Million line of credit will help dioceses weather impact of the pandemic

The Knights of Columbus has announced a new program to assist dioceses with short-term financing as many dioceses and their parishes reel from the effects of the pandemic.

The Knights has established a \$100 million fund, with up to a \$1 million secured line of credit per Catholic diocese. The program will be available for 60 days beginning on Monday, March 30.

KNIGHTS SUPPORT VATICAN'S BROADCASTS AND HOSPITAL

Knights of Columbus To Sponsor Pope's Holy Week and Easter Broadcasts and Supports Pandemic Response at Vatican's Bambino Gesù Hospital

In the midst of the global pandemic, the Knights of Columbus will financially support two timely Vatican initiatives: the global broadcasts of Pope Francis' Good Friday prayer service and Easter Mass, and Vatican medical efforts in Rome related to COVID-19.

The Knights will underwrite costs related to the broadcasts for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross on April 10 led by Pope Francis, and for the pope's Easter Sunday Mass and *Urbi et Orbi* (to the city and the world) blessing on April 12. The Knights' funding covers costs related to the satellite transmission of the events. Last month, the organization also funded these costs for the Holy Father's March 27 extraordinary Moment of Prayer and *Urbi et Orbi* blessing movingly delivered – and broadcast live – from an empty St. Peter's Square.

In addition, the K of C is donating \$100,000 to the Vatican's Bambino Gesù pediatric hospital in Rome, for the care of children infected by the coronavirus. The hospital will use the funds to transform a space in its neonatology department into a high-intensity treatment room for infants and newborns with COVID-19 infections.

The unit will be named for the Knights' founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. It will feature ventilators and other specialized equipment essential for the care of the respiratory symptoms associated with the virus.

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New Members/Virtual Degrees

Joining the Knights of Columbus has never been easier. The online application is very simple. If you know of a prospective member, send an e-mail to Len Montana, FS at kofc189@roadrunner.com Len will give you, or the new member, the link – it's that easy. Also, membership degrees are also offered in a virtual format online. [Recently over 4,000 new members took their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees online together.] So, contact us for new member information. NOTE: if you are a 1st or 2nd degree member yourself and never took your 2nd or 3rd degree, contact Len and he will invite you to the next Supreme Council virtual degree.

Congratulations to the members who participated in the Supreme Online virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternally on April 16, 2020 and now are 3rd Degree Members in the Knights of Columbus.

Michael Damiano Jr.

Alan J. Akins

Dr. Alistair E. Campbell

Richard C. Delahunt Jr.

Andrew Voce