

#6353 Council Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Location: Divine Mercy Chapel  
Rosary 6:30PM-Council Meeting-7:00PM  
Home Association Meeting to Follow-Conference Call at 8:30PM

**Call to Order**-Guards Check Id. Cards-Warden Present Sign-in/Prayer Intention logs to Recorder.

**Opening Prayer**-Lord's Prayer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Grand Knight's Report**

- Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly to replace Carl Anderson, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop McDevitt Assembly #920 looking for a Faithful Friar
- Bishop Gainer-Camp Kirchenwald-\$350 requested from each council
- Regional & State Free Throw Challenge-Call into State Community Director on location, date and time.
- Kyle Olinger will go to 11 year old Regional Free Throw Challenge Competition. Probably on our own and just submit results. Information detailed in State Newsletter for January 2021.
- Avalanche Express February 4<sup>th</sup>, 4PM to 10PM-Very well attended.
- Virtual Central East Region Caucus Meeting-April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. Grand Knights & Financial Secretaries expected to attend.
- Pennsylvania State Convention May 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details on page 19 of January 2021 State Newsletter. Grand Knight & one delegate to attend.
- Checks received from two Golf Tournament Sponsors. Suggested we make Misericordia pledge of \$11,000 whole or \$2,000.
- Request from Fishers of Men for donation-\$1,000 Silver Sponsor-Suggested we pledge \$1,000.
- \$500 donation received from Jeff and Jean Merritt-GK to send a thank you card signed by attendees.
- RSVP Program-Two college seminarians in need of financial assistance identified by Father Tom Betz. Charles Cascino and Timothy Rubeling. Make \$500 checks payable to each seminarian and mail to Formation Director:

Father Michael Joyce, OFM Cap  
Borromeo Seminary  
28700 Euclid Ave  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

**Proposals:**

- \$350 donation to Camp Kirchenwald-Give written request to Frank Kibler
- \$2,000 to Misericordia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- \$1,000 donation to the Fishers of Men organization-Give form to Frank Kibler
- \$500 RSVP donation to seminarian Charles Cascino.
- \$500 RSVP donation to Timothy Rubeling. GK will handle reimbursement of \$100 for each submission.

Do we have a motion to donate \$350 to Camp Kirchenwald, \$2,000 to Misericordia, \$1,000 to Fishers of Men, \$500 to seminarian Charles Cascino, \$500 to seminarian Timothy Rubeling? Do we have a second motion? Any discussion? Those in favor? Opposed?

**Financial Secretary Report**-Kirk Wright-**Update on dues mailing.**  
**Treasurer Report**-Frank Kibler  
**Membership Report**-Jim Werth  
**Program Director**-Anthony Gaito  
**Faith Director**-Father James Menkhus  
**Community Director**-Michael Jahn  
**Family Director**-Pat Nelson  
**Life Director**-Nick Smith  
**Recruitment Committee**-Frank Kibler-(**Y to Y**) Antonio Apetrior, Pat Nelson  
**Retention Chairman**-Wayne Kurek  
**Insurance Promotion**-Kirk Wright  
**Vocations Chairman**-Kelly Brown  
**Health Services**-Dr. Paul Shellenberger  
**Public Relations**-Kirk Wright

**Fund Raisers:** Chance of a Lifetime Drawing **Update**-Promotion signing installed along Kingston Road. 200 tickets picked up from marquee in lobby area. Restocked. Sold ticket stubs & payment due to Fran O'Hara by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Drawing date is April 30<sup>th</sup>. 16 Cash Prizes: \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7,500, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,500, \$2,500, \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000.

**Baptisms-Bill Schreiber & Jim Werth-Volunteer Coordinators**

**Adoration:** Pat Workinger update.

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report**

February 20th Archdiocese of Washington, D. C.-**Robby Smith has signed up.**  
March 13th Maryland-Location-TBA  
May 15th White Haven, PA  
June 6th Doubletree by Hilton, Cranberry, PA  
August 28th Sacred Heart Parish, St. Mary's, PA

Sir Knight Nick Smith has purchased a uniform.

Call out for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, Saturday night, March 20<sup>th</sup> 4:45PM report time. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. Assemble in chapel.

**Insurance Agent Report:** Fraternal Benefits Night-April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM-Via Zoom Call-More information to come.

**District Deputy Report:**

**District Deputy Report for February 2021**

Worthy Grand Knights:

I bring you greetings from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and our State Deputy Ken Grugel.

Harrisburg Diocesan Chapter meeting will be on 3/24/2021 @ 7:00 PM by Zoom. Anyone is encouraged to attend. Pass the invitation on to your members. Volunteers are needed for Cross Catholic

Organization [CCO] Bishop Gainer is behind these projects.

Camp Kirchenwald: The Diocese of Harrisburg holds an annual one week residential summer camp for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon County. The program is for adults (ages 18 and older) with a primary diagnosis of mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities who have no severe behavioral problems. Campers must be ambulatory and the camp is open to adults of all faiths.

The dates are August 15-20, 2021.

Activities at the camp are all adapted to the needs and abilities of adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The activities include: swimming canoeing hiking and nature study sports games arts and crafts fishing. In addition, campers will participate in evening activities in a beautiful multi-acre wooded setting.

Cross Catholic Outreach: Cross Catholic Outreach's priority is to help "the poorest of the poor." Our efforts reach those suffering extreme poverty in countries throughout the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Projects include relief for earthquake, flood and tsunami victims, care and education for orphans and other vulnerable children, housing for the homeless, medicines and health care for the indigent, food for families suffering extreme malnutrition, and clean water for communities that have none, as well as micro-enterprise programs and other long-term development efforts to break the cycle of poverty. In every case, our method of outreach is the same:

Cross Catholic locates needy Catholic-based ministries serving the poor and distributes material aid through their existing programs.

In this way, we can supply meaningful help where it is needed most. In all our work we remain dedicated in our service to the Lord as good stewards of His resources in every challenge we seek to overcome.

Homes for the poor

Help feed the poor

Child education programs

Medical aid projects

Orphans and vulnerable children assistance

Clean water projects Elderly care programs

The fraternal activity report verifies that the K of C is a charitable organization. The Special Olympics report is used by supreme to allocate funds to State Special Olympics based on the number of reports submitted. It is important that both of these reports are submitted as soon as you have the data to complete them.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity [1728] due 1/31/2021.

Special Olympics: All councils put on your agenda to raise donations for the Special Olympics. Special Olympic reports due to Supreme by 1/31/2021.

Free Throw Challenges will be held again this year. As soon as dates are available they will be forwarded to you. Start making preparation and advise me if your council plans on entering the competition. Supporting personal are also needed to execute these 1/31/2021 events. The State Free Throw competition is still scheduled for 20 March. If you plan to participate, your district competition should be completed by 28 February. COVID restrictions on these competitions will still apply, so if you have

competitions, set up appropriate procedures. I anticipate additional guidance on the free throw competitions at the DD meeting that will be conducted virtually on 11 and 12 December.

Visit the State website for requirements for the 2021 Grants for K-12. Applications accepted from 1/1/2021- 1/31/2021. Follow the directions for application acceptance.

Any interested members contact Pat Workerpatworker@earthlink.net or FN Joe Valenti jvalenti@oatkamilk.com.

It is a new year - a new decade as a matter of fact. Now more than ever is the time to recruit a new member online for FREE.

The free dues for a year offer that began last year has been extended until June. This offer is to honor our beloved founder, Blessed Michael J McGivney. Please have a new member join online using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

Do you have 50% of your Membership Quota yet?????????????????

Be Bold. Be Strong. Be Not Afraid for grow our Order.

Let's make this Quarter a month to remember. Challenge your members to invite someone they know to become a Knight.

Everyone knows someone who will be a "GR8" Knight.

All Councils should have a degree team in Place. Provide me with dates for degrees. [2 per Council]  
There is also the "On Demand" Degree.

Plan your Coats for Kids Drive: Arrange to drop at Parish or neighboring school.

Plan a Virtual Spiritual Reflection program for Lent.

Have the Chaplain's Challenge at your meeting.

Don' forget to run the Family of the Month.

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Feed the Hungry

Many individuals and families have already stocked their personal pantries in preparation for quarantine. This has resulted in reduced donations to local food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens. Councils are encouraged to reach out and support local food banks through donations of food and especially funds.

Action Steps

1. Contact a local food bank or food pantry to ask their immediate needs. Build on existing relationships from past programs.
2. Tell your pastor about the needs of local food banks and pantries. Ask for his permission to share this initiative with the entire parish through parish communication channels.
3. Prioritize giving cash or gift cards directly to local food banks and pantries so they can purchase items they need most.
4. If collecting food, make sure to take appropriate precautions and minimize contact with those driving up and dropping off.

5. Coordinate with the partner food bank or food pantry concerning their desired method of delivery for food or funds. Adhere to all relevant coronavirus precautions and guidelines.
6. Report your activities with the Leave No Neighbor Behind Survey at: [www.kofc.org/neighbor](http://www.kofc.org/neighbor)  
Please Note: participating in the Food for Families program may be counted towards both categories (Family and community) and should be reported for both. To ensure your council's refund, please also submit the Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application (#10057). The Food for Families program is a Featured program and counts as two credits towards the Columbian Award. To obtain one credit for Leave No Neighbor Behind, completion of one additional service activity is required, in addition to 4. Feed the hungry.

**TO: Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in the United States, Canada and Philippines**

CC: Fraternal Mission Staff & Office of Youth Protection Staff

Dear Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Financial Secretaries:

Please be aware of the following critical changes to the Order's safe environment program, which are effective immediately.

EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS HOLDING SAFE ENVIRONMENT ROLES  
(grand knight, program, family and community directors, and all squires' counselors)

- Email addresses are mandatory for every member to retain access to, and be counted towards, a council's safe environment compliance for Fraternal Year End 2020-21
- Please check the Safe Environment Member Status Report in Officers Online and reach out to any members who don't have an email listed and assist them in adding a valid email address, unique, and personal to him, to his membership profile with the Knights of Columbus
- PLEASE NOTE: generic emails will no longer work, e.g., gkcouncil1@gmail.com will no longer work; personal emails are required as user ids to ensure that members retain credit for completing their training and background checks

**GRAND KNIGHTS BARRED FROM HOLDING FOUR (4) ROLES**

- Councils in which a grand knight also holds the program, community, and family director roles will NOT be considered compliant with the Knights of Columbus safe environment program
- This practice has never met the standard of having at least two fully compliant members at all events where youth or other vulnerable persons may be present
- This standard is in effect for the current 2020-21 Fraternal Year

Grand knights of councils who fall into this category must appoint AT LEAST one more member into either the program, community, or family director role immediately for their council to become compliant.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1 - A council's community director has no computer and he completed his safe environment training using the hard copy self-study guide. With the new requirement that all members holding safe environment roles must have a personal email, what happens to members in these roles who don't have

computers?

- If this member completed the training via the self-study guide, and sent in the acknowledgement form, it's recorded in the Office of Youth Protection
- We understand that some of our members don't have computers, but can still have a personal email created for them so that the training and background check records will be retained in the new system
- Perhaps a son or daughter can help?
- Use a smart phone or tablet to access the internet
- Such members can also visit the library in their town to access the internet to set up a personal email
- Maybe a brother Knight can help?
- As requirements are valid for THREE YEARS, we want to ensure that members retain their compliant status for all three years

2 - Must a council fill all FOUR required positions (grand knight, program, family, and community director) with different council members or are two members permitted to each hold two positions? For example, would a council be compliant if a compliant grand knight also held the program director position and another fully compliant member held the community and family director positions? Some councils are small and find it difficult to find four members to fill the four positions.

- For this fraternal year 2020-21 ONLY, having two different members appointed into the four required roles of grand knight, program, family, and community director roles will be allowed – but ONLY for the remainder of this fraternal year (June 30, 2021)
- If the grand knight is also going to hold a director role, it should be either the family or community director role (but not both) so that there will then be two fully trained and background checked members in each council
- It is common that a council's deputy grand knight also serves as the program director

3 - The Order's safe environment standard is for a minimum of two fully compliant members to be at all events where minors and other vulnerable persons may be present. Do both members have to have the training and background check or is it permitted to have one with training and one with training and background check?

- At a MINIMUM, there must be at least 2 trained members, at least 1 of whom has also been background checked, present at all events where minors or other vulnerable persons may be present
- The Order's expectation is that, over time, more and more members will have served in key leadership roles that include background checks and training, and that there will be more than two fully trained and background checked members at events, programs, and activities where minors and other vulnerable persons may be present

4 - What is a valid email address for the positions requiring safe environment training? Some members wish to have an email for K of C business and a separate one for their personal business. What are some examples of valid email addresses? Does the email address have to be the same as what the member has in his membership profile?

- The member management system only holds ONE email
- A member may create one that can then be used for all of his K of C business, but instead of gkcouncil1@gmail.com which is associated with the council ROLE of grand knight, one should be created like johnj.doe@gmail.com to ensure that the member's training and background check credentials remain with HIM personally for 3 years, and not with the grand knight ROLE

5 - Here is some basic information on how to set up a personal email

- <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/56256?hl=en>

- Google: <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp>
- Microsoft: <https://signup.live.com/signup>
- Apple: <https://www.icloud.com>

Please note, information presented about personal emails is for illustration purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement or requirement by the Knights of Columbus for its members to use any of these companies when setting up their personal email; members are free and encouraged to select any company they wish.

All questions and concerns regarding these updated safe environment program requirements should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection at either [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org) or 203.800.4940.

Fraternally,

Office of Youth Protection

Member Helpline  
203.800.4940 (p)  
855.845.3502 (fax)  
[youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org)

Office of Youth Protection  
203.752.4458 (p)  
855.845.3502 (fax)  
[oyp@kofc.org](mailto:oyp@kofc.org)

Vivat Jesus!

Llewellyn Pat Workinger  
D/D 87

### **New Business**

-February 2021 Family of the Month-Christopher and Rebecca Olinger-Presentation Date and time pending.

-Offers from Parish Council & Columbiettes to assist with K of C Projects-GK sent a list of projects to both organizations.

-Special Olympics Commitment-Qualifier-Volunteer 200 man hours or raise \$2,000. GK following up with Bob & Jenny Laudeman.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **Upcoming Exemplifications**

March 2, 2021-6PM-Divine Mercy Chapel

April 6, 2021-6PM-Divine Mercy Chapel

May 4, 2021-6PM-Divine Mercy Chapel  
June 1, 2021-6PM-Divine Mercy Chapel

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Officer's Meeting: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6PM-Divine Mercy Chapel

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup> 7PM-**Virtual Meetings** until further notice

Council/General Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup> Rosary 6:30PM, General Meeting 7:00PM-**Narthex**

**Prayer Concerns:** Pat Workinger, Bill Schreiber, Wayne Kurek, Traci Gaito, Frederick & Prima Anthony, Ruth & Ray Brown, Hallie Hassett, Anthony Anzalone, Edward Andrews, Pat Workinger, Jeffrey Kurek, Fran Menkhus, Joan Wright, Andy Bria, Patricia Bria's soul, James Boyle, Jr's soul, and Randall Joseph's soul.

### **Closing Prayer**-Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present "**Sainthood**". Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Adjournment**