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FR. GARGOTTA'S GALAXY

No article was submitted for this issue. I am sure he would want to remind us that "Christ has no hands or feet on Earth but mine."

GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY

Dear Brothers,

I hope all are well. Summer is getting closer. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday and let us never forget all of those brave men and women who have given their lives so that we can live in freedom.

A second degree was held on May 21, 2018 at our meeting place in Biedenbach Hall. Five brothers from our Council took advantage of this degree as well as 4 brothers from other councils. Our hope is that these fine gentlemen will receive the Knighthood (3rd) degree on Sept. 15, 2018 at the Lourdes Center (more in future letters).

As most of you know, I continue to be quite busy taking care of my wife since her sudden illness. Jane is now in Allegheny General Hospital where many more tests are being done. Many brothers and friends continue to send healing masses and get well wishes for Jane's recovery and I can-not begin to tell you how much they are appreciated. You provide much comfort during this very difficult time.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Mon. 6/11 reg. mtg. @ 7:30 p.m.
Mon. 6/18 officer meeting @ 7:00 pm
Mon. 6/25 reg. mtg. @ 7:30 pm

Please attend our meetings. We need your input and help! Please recruit and have a form 100 with you at all times!!!

Vivat Jesus
Pete

TREASURER'S GALAXY

Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, will present the following report at the June 11, 2018 meeting: \$31,747.33 prior bank balance, \$992.50 income, \$1,848.08 expenses, \$30,891.75 balance, \$15,366.55 committed funds, \$15,525.20 funds available.

The Bishop's Project fund stands at \$4,712.01. This includes the \$660.50 raised at the recent Tootsie Roll Drive at the Monroeville Giant Eagle. The Council also raised \$3,985.51 in the Annual Penny Drive. There was \$66.00 in member donations left over from last year's Project that was carried over to this year's drive. The new year began on March 1, 2018. I do not know our goal total at this time.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations to our charities: \$500.00 – St. Bernadette's heating unit repair (final installment of a \$2,000 donation for this cause); 450.00 – Greater Pgh. Food Bank; \$50 – Guest House; \$200.00 – Special Olympics. This makes our total for the 2017-18 fiscal year \$13,340.03. This total does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

It is that time of the year. Nominations for any office may be made up to and including at the June 11, 2018 meeting when the elections will be held. The following nominations were presented at the May 14,

2018 meeting: Bro. Pete Bobich – Grand Knight; Bro. Ron Morra – Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Dave Fennessey – Chancellor; Bro. Robert Schnelbach – Recorder; Bro. Paul Fabrizio – Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Cocchi – Adjutant; Bro. Joseph Balcik and Bro. Chris O’Malley – Warden; Bro. William White – Inside Guard; Bro. Robert Condrac – Outside Guard; Bro. Denis Marney – 3 year Trustee; Bro. Pete Bobich and Bro. William Syrek – delegates to the State Convention; Bro. Ron Morra – alternate delegate; Bro. John Prazenica – 2nd alternate; Bro. Pete Bobich, Bro. Ron Morra, Bro. Mark DeFabio, Bro. Clay Bossart, Bro. William Syrek and Bro. John Prazenica – Pgh. Chapter delegates. If you would like to run for an office, please contact Bro. Leo Hadjukiewicz, Bro. William Syrek, or Bro. Clay Bossart to place your name in nomination.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

As noted above, our first drive of the current campaign was able to raise \$660.50 at the Monroeville Giant Eagle on Apr. 28, 2018. The second drive just occurred on June 8, 2018 at the Wilkins Shop & Save. Of course, I do not have the totals for that drive as it just ended about 30 minutes ago as I type this issue. A special Knights thank you is extended to all those brothers who took time out of their busy schedules to stand in the doorways collecting the funds.

The next drive will most likely be in September, 2018. Please consider volunteering some of your precious time to this fund- raising event. Bro. Blake will have sign-up sheets available when he schedules the event. If you are able to help, please contact Bro. Greg at 412-609-4211 or email toMelgregjoell700@verizon.net

GOLF OUTING

The 3rd Annual Rege Reinersmann golf tourney has been scheduled for June 30, 2018 at the Murrysville Golf Course. The co-chairman for the event are Bro. Ron Morra and Bro. Mark DeFabio. These Brothers have done a fantastic job over the past three years with the golf outing and our profits have

increased each year to support our charities.

Please refer to the attachments that are included with this newsletter for all details to make reservations and to be a sponsor or solicit sponsors for the event.

Brothers Ron and Mark are getting a bit antsy as reservations have been coming in quite slowly. Please consider playing in this year’s outing where the proceeds benefit our charities. Also, if you can sponsor a hole or make a donation of a gift card for our raffle, it would be greatly appreciated.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES

Bro. Tim Jacob has already set the date for next year’s event as Jan. 25, 2019. Mark your calendars!

COLOR CORPS

If you are a 4th degree Knight, please give consideration to becoming a member of the color corps. The leader of the corps is our own Bro. Joe Burke III and he wanted to make sure that all of you are aware that the corps is available for the wake and funeral of all brothers who have reached the Knighthood (old 3rd) degree and the Patriotism (old 4th) degree as well as their spouses. The corps is looking for members to join the corps. The date for the change-over to the new color corps uniform has been extended to June 30, 2019. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Burke 412-736-3673 or email jpburkeIII@verizon.net

Upcoming Color Corps events include: July 29, 2018 at St. Paul’s Cathedral for the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; Sep. 22, 2018 at the Sheraton Station Square for the Ladies of Charity National Assembly; Oct. 6, 2018 at the All Saints Council #6118 in Swissvale for their 50th Anniversary Mass & Dinner Dance; and, Oct. 14, 2018 at 10:30 am at Madonna Del Castello Church in Swissvale for the St. Simeone Mass & Italian Festival. WOW! These brothers are busy!

OUR INSURANCE AGENT

Geoffrey Crowe is our insurance agent. Geoff



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is a member of Council 4242. He is well versed in fraternal affairs having served as a District Deputy and all of the chairs on the Council level. He can be reached at 412-915-5217 or email to Geoffrey.Crowe@kofc.org Bro. Crowe is readily available to help brothers fill their insurance and financial needs. The only thing that keeps the Council from being a Star Council is the fact that we do not have enough members purchasing insurance and/or annuity products from Supreme.

WEB SITE

WWW.KofC4925.ORG is our new website.

Take a look at what's available on-line to see what's available to help with communication and for reference use by the general public and Brothers of Council #4925. Add your *Prayer Requests* at any time; have access to the *Compass*, our newsletter, including past editions; have access to our past – the legacy that is our foundation; have access to a list of the chairmen of our various projects; link to sites of interest. The *News & Announcements* and the *Events Calendar* will be updated and changed regularly so bookmark this site so you may visit it regularly. You can pull up copies of past issues of *The Compass* dating back to 2006. The site will continue to evolve into a volunteer scheduling and, perhaps even to allow dues payment on-line. More to come! A very big Knights thank you is extended to our Financial Secretary, Bro. John Prazenica for all of his hard work and time spent in maintaining the site.

TAP SCHOLARSHIPS

At prior meetings, the Council voted to raise the amount of our scholarships from \$250 to \$500 and we are also taking applications from brothers of the 3rd degree (or 4th) who are fathers or grandfathers of children attending Catholic Grade or High Schools. The deadline for the applications is June 30, 2018. Please refer to the attachment section of this letter for a letter and form from our Financial Secretary.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Our Grand Knight, Bro. Pete Bobich, Past Grand Knight, Bro. William Syrek, and Deputy

Grand Knight, Bro. Ron Morra represented our Council at the recent State Convention. Special emphasis was made at the Convention regarding funds available for college through the Education Fund as well as funds that can be made by councils through the sale of the Football Sweeps Tickets.

The Council received two thank you notes from the Ladies of Charity for our most recent donations to their worthy causes.

A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Clay Bossart who took it upon himself to produce larger name tags for brothers to use while attending meetings as well as when volunteering. They are real nice!

Bro. Jim Marshall reported at the last meeting that the Council provides about 1,000 booklets a year to our churches at a cost of about \$850 to the Council. These booklets cover a multitude of topics and they are very well received by the parish members. A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Marshall for taking the time to fill the racks at our churches.

Our chaplain, Fr. Anthony Gargotta, has asked that the brothers consider attending Mass on Mondays prior to our meetings now that they are being held in Biedenbach Hall. That is a wonderful idea Father and I believe that many of the brothers will take you up on the offer.

A Patriotism (4th) degree was held on June 3, 2018 at the Meadowlands Hotel. I do not know what brothers from our Council were present for the exemplification. I hope to have a report in next month's *Compass*.

A Pro-Life Rosary session is being held at St. Bernadette's on Oct. 7, 2018. This is a National event and rosaries will be said at numerous locations all over the country. Look for more complete details in future newsletters.

If you would like to purchase a He Is Risen Magnet,



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please contact our chairman, Bro. Robert Schnelbach at 412-915-9075 or email to schnels0827@gmail.com

The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers has been scheduled for Nov. 18, 2018 at St. Bernadette.

A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Al Vento, Bro. Craig Wilmotte, and Bro. Ross Zappa as they have volunteered to help our chairman, Bro. Robert Condrac, with our Christmas Basket Project. The campaign was kicked off at the Apr. 28, 2018 meeting and the Council has written its first \$500 check to purchase goods.

Supreme has a Facebook site and they are currently running a nine-part series called "Everyday Heroes." If you do Facebook, log on and pull the videos.

Our Chaplain, Bro. Fr. Anthony Gargotta has requested that his fellow brothers say prayers for the Diocese of Pittsburgh as it embarks on The Church Alive Movement.

Bro. Mike Hawthorne won the 50/50 at the May 14, 2018 meeting. He won \$83.

The following Council Brothers passed away during the month of June: John Gill, Jr. – 6/5/85; Edmond Rossetti – 6/7/01; Robert Reed – 6/7/10; John Molchan – 6/20/85; and John Tokar – 6/27/82. Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them! May their souls and the souls of all of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.

SICK LIST: Steve Prazenica, Lyndsey Wengrzyn, Linda Tuminello, Joe Nese, Jane Bobich, Marilyn Hart, Dom DiNinno, Joe Gurski, Ned Cash, Camille Cash, Dr. Angelo DiPiazza, Charles Garland, Melanie Bozic, Larry Monarc, Debbie Pitts, Mary Ann Vecchio, Gene Popson, Ginney Daly, Cindy Hawthorne, Ron Humberson, and Frances Myler.

DECEASED: Parris Westbrook, Ruth Curl, Mary Papso, John Papso, Jeff Otte, Bruno Sammartino, William May, John Yanniruberto, Doug Gurski, Ruth Hayden, Nick Fortuna, Francis Bonadio, Joseph Scioscia, Tess Waligura, Joe Weber, Ed Jagr, and Carol Marney.

So, that is it for this month brothers! Don't forget to attend the meeting on June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018. Remember that there will only be one meeting per month in July and August. These will be on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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