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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights, and to your families,

The official beginning of summer: the family barbeques, the beaches, the one of many sunburns, and don't forget the bees that seem to find your nice cold drink, especially when you're trying to BBQ those great steaks that you have marinated for hours, but seriously let us remember Memorial day. This is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. In 1865, Henry C. Wells, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, NY mentioned at a social gathering that honor should be known to the patriotic dead of the Civil War by decorating their graves. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5th 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30th 1868.

Memorial Day is commemorated each year in Waterloo. The parade, speeches, and observances keep the meaning of Memorial Day as it was originally intended to be in 1915, inspired by the poem *In Flanders Fields*

*We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.*

Our April meeting we discussed many things for the good of the order when it was my turn for my report I mentioned again there were only a few of you that yet have to pay your dues. We have collected over \$2300.00 and that is really terrific I thank you for getting it in, this is still the main source of revenue of our council and I really appreciate your keeping your dues current.

We also discussed at the April meeting the intent to suspend which I am in the process of doing, Supreme really frowns on this but it is very unfortunate. If you have any financial problems please write to me personally.

I thank the Lord for all His blessings!

Fraternally yours,

Bill Breidenbach, F.S.

Memorial Day

Throughout the years many have died, So we would be able to live in the most free country in the world. The ultimate price was paid for us to do many of the things we take for granted.

Take a moment on this day of tribute to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of those who gave their lives for U. S.

KNOWING YOUR RELIGION

How many of us remember the definition for a sacrament? If you attended a parochial school it is probably instilled into your minds because of the repetition process used by the teachers.

A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by God, to give grace.

It is through the sacraments the Catholic religion guides us. The seven sacraments are *Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders.*

Our faith begins with *Baptism* and is only received one time in our life. As we attain a better knowledge of our faith we move on to *Penance* and *Holy Communion*. We all know that you cannot receive Holy Communion unless we are in the state of grace, thus the requirement of Penance (sometimes called Reconciliation or Confession). Both of these sacraments can be received over and over again throughout our lives; as a matter of fact, they are encouraged to be received as frequently as possible. *Confirmation* is another sacrament that is only received one time in our life. It represents the strength to stay in the state of grace through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The *Anointing of the Sick* is to religiously prepare us for the possibility of our termination on earth and the possible separation of our body and soul. *Matrimony* is the uniting of our love with a person of the opposite sex by joining two people as one in a life together until the death of one of the two partners. *Holy Orders* is the only sacrament that was instituted for men only. It is the total commitment of a man to devote his life to Christ and his teachings. Ordination of a priest prevents his ever being married, it demands that his life be lived in the service of God according to the rules of the Catholic Church. Essentially, dedication of his life to his faith.

These outward signs enable us to follow our religion in an orderly fashion, and to be aware of the formulation of our duties as Catholics.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

The election of your council's officers is one of the most significant actions taken to determine what direction our council will be heading. The current nominees were selected by a nominating committee which consists of council Past Grand Knights. Each candidate was asked if they are willing to accept the position before their name was presented to the membership. It is important that those serving have a willingness to do so, and that they are aware of what is expected of them in the next year. They are expected to attend business meetings and they are expected to present ideas for the advancement of council business, as well as heading up their charge for the betterment of the council with the support of its membership.

At the May meeting, our choices will be affirmed during the election process. There will be an opportunity for other nominations to be presented; it is expected that others nominated have an equal willingness to accept their responsibilities and have the determination to be active leaders. Before the vote is taken, each voting member should have a clear understanding of the leadership capabilities of the person nominated. This is not a popularity contest, it is serious council business and should be looked upon that way.

Each of these newly elected officers will need assistance in upholding their office. If you have talents which might be advantageous to a particular officer make him aware of it and offer to assist him. The new Grand Knight will be appointing Directors of different programs. If he selects you, there is a reason for his choice. It is usually because he has confidence in your ability to take charge of the program.

It is a very simple, democratic, system that will work once set into place and followed.

Attend the May meeting and help Msgr. Mc Hugh Council 7141 move forward by casting your vote.

\$\$\$ ATLANTIC CITY HERE WE COME! \$\$\$

\$27 will reserve a seat for you on our Atlantic City bus trip departing from the church parking lot (209 side) on Wednesday, May 17th at 8:30 a.m. That is, if there are any left. We will be heading to *The Showboat* and you will receive an \$18 rebate with a \$5 coupon for food at *The Showboat*.

As always, our council will have a random drawing for all those on the bus awarding one lucky passenger their \$27 back if your number is picked.

This is a fun day and once you get to Atlantic City you are on your own to go and enjoy whatever and wherever you like best, as long as you are back to the designated pick up location on time. We should be back home before 8:30 P.M. Call PGK Tom Whitehead (570-646-8174) for reservations which are on a first paid first seated basis.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jose Mendoza	May 6
Joe Falotico	May 8
Dennis Gwozdz, PGK	May 15
Ralph Luccese, Jr.	May 15
Joseph Antonelli	May 16
Steve Signorello, PGK	May 18
Nick Caprioli	May 22
Jim Matsko, Sr.	May 23
Raymond Fitzpatrick	May 26
Mike Adams	May 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Eileen & PGK Bill Carduck	May 8
Joanne & Deacon Bob O'Connor	May 14
Anne & PGK Tom Whitehead	May 24
Theresa & John Livia	May 28

APRIL

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Tom Whitehead, PGK

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Larry Decker Family

PA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS ANNUAL COLLECTION

The collections for the ARC campaign are still going on. Please contact PGK Steve Signorello to work a shift, or in some cases another shift. It is only a few hours of your time but many of the time slots have not been filled. Get another Brother Knight to do it with you. A few hours of quality time together in a project such as this builds a stronger Unity amongst council members. There is probably someone who would welcome the opportunity to work a shift but feels more secure when doing it with someone else. Give it a try!



The 38th Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Tournament is a little over a month away (week of June 11th). This week of hosting our Brother Knights from all around the world will be here before we know it.

The week's events includes five bus tours, a welcoming party, a bar-b-que, an awards banquet, two Masses, ladies tea, ladies golf, a golf scramble, and two days of the tournament itself. Add these things with the registration process, awards, advertising, publicity, and all other arrangements to see how much work has to be taken care of. Your help as a volunteer is very much needed for one of the different committees.

We need people to help with registrations, others will be needed to help with tours or parties as hosts, if you like to outdoors and can work the scramble or the golf tournament on Wed., Thurs., or Friday please let us know. We will need people for helping the computer people in compiling scores and so forth. There are many jobs to do and the more people we have the easier it will be for everyone. Please contact either Walter Machalick, Mark Tichy, or Tom Whitehead and let them know that you are available to help out, let them know what day or days you are available.



Since we have a few new faces in our council and, also, for some of the more familiar faces, I would like to remind everyone to please forward your anniversary date and e-mail address to *The Explorer*. We will then be able to publish the date of your anniversary in the appropriate month of our newsletter. I have already had a few members tell me that I had not mentioned their anniversary in the newsletter, unfortunately they did not supply the date to me. Your e-mail address will not be used for spamming you, nor will it be published to anyone other than yourself. When an important message is forwarded it is done through a blind copy of your e-mail address. If your e-mail address has been changed please provide the new address for announcements to be forwarded concerning your council. Anyone who wants e-mail address information from me, sorry I cannot provide this information without the member letting me know that it is okay to share it.

If you would like to e-mail the above to me forward it to easter@epix.net, along with any articles of interest that might be used in *The Explorer*. I do my best to get each article in but allow me the time to do so. Poor planning or late planning could be the difference in the success or failure of an event. *Tom Whitehead, PGK, Editor*

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

You are requested to remember in your prayers: Bill Breidenbach's mom and dad, Bob and Mickey Caffrey, Andy Chizmadia, John Joseph Flannery, Ralph Giandomenico, Michael Guercio, Tom Haggerty, Marilyn Haggerty Blohm, Joanne Harraka, Eric Hoffman's mom, Arthur Velma and Bonnie Jenkins, Theresa Johnstone, Jane Kayser and children, Mercedes Machalick, Jenny Menzalla, Charles and Patricia Middaugh, Al Namer, Peter Norton, John Peterson, PGK Vince Sansone, Margaret Tichy, Claire Weite, all the members of the U. S. Armed Forces, as well as any member or unassisted brother who is sick or in distress.

BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his booze.

A SENIOR MOMENT?

An elderly couple were celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired.

Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally".

While walking back home a bag of money fell from an armored car and Sally picked it up and took it home. There she counted the money, \$50,000.

Andy said, "We've got to give it back", but Sally said "Finders keepers", and hid it in the attic.

The following day, the FBI was canvassing the neighborhood and stopped by their house and ask if they knew anything about a bag of money that had dropped out of an armored car yesterday. Sally said, "No!".

Andy said, "She is lying, She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he is getting senile".

The agents started questioning Andy, saying "tell us the story from the beginning".

Andy started, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday."

At this point, the first FBI agent says to his partner, "We're outta here!".