



Knights of Columbus / Sacred Heart Council 2842

# NEWSLETTER FROM THE HEART



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brother's All,

I want to first welcome our two newest members who joined our council on January 31<sup>st</sup> at our exemplification ceremony at Sacred Heart, Brothers Robert Hickey and Matthew O'Brien. They were joined by Brother Ray Lancaster who completed his journey to full Knighthood. These new brothers have shown tremendous interest in

getting as active as possible in our council. Brother Robert Hickey wasn't even a member yet and was already helping us out with decorating and un-decorating the church for Christmas. Brother Matthew O'Brien holds a new record for the fastest candidate to become a full Knight. I received a phone call that he was interested in joining our council on Monday, our Chancellor Nelson along with DGK Vince Sicari and PGK Brian Cronin met with him on Thursday and he took part in the exemplification ceremony on Sunday. He too has shown his eagerness and willingness to get active as he was helping out at mass even before becoming a member. Job well done men and welcome!

Thank you to our Worthy Warden Gil Duke along with our Treasurer Keith Hopkins in running our drive-up fish fry fundraiser on February 27. At the time of this writing the event hasn't yet happened but they have done a great job along with Vince and Nelson in getting the word out and selling tickets that I know it's going to be a great event.

This month we have our annual 20 Week Club event starting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Brother Bill Rendine along with PGK Bill Courtney and PGK Jon Kennedy have already sent out tickets to most of the brothers. If you have not received your

tickets or need more tickets, please contact either of the two Bills or PGK Kennedy. The 20 Week Club is a major fundraiser for the council as money brought in from the event goes to the Paramus Veteran's Home as well as allows us to award two scholarships to 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduating in the summer and going to a catholic high school in September. Please when you get your tickets, try selling as many as you can. Remember that not only does the winning ticket get a cash prize each week but so does the seller. More information about the 20 Week Club can be found in this newsletter.

As always, I thank all the brothers for their continued dedication to the council and encourage more brothers to get active in the council where they can.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gerard Sorrentino  
Grand Knight

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Membership dues are now due! Members should have received their dues by now. Please send your \$35 in check or money order ASAP to avoid a delinquency notice. Checks should be made out to "Sacred Heart Council 2842"

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



My Brother's All,

My message this month is going to focus on looking ahead. This upcoming October our council will be celebrating 80 years since its establishment in Rochelle Park. This is a huge deal and in my opinion a cause for celebration. Now because it is a cause for celebration doesn't mean that a celebration will necessarily happen on the large scale that we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many factors such as the state of the country as far as the pandemic is concerned at that point, can we have a large indoor gathering, as well as the financial state of the council to afford the cost of such an elaborate event all play a factor. As was brought up and discussed at our February Officers Meeting, if a gala is not in the cards, I do have an alternative idea that the officers seemed to like. Regardless of the way we go about acknowledging and celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is a task too large to be done by one person but also too important to be ignored. This is why I am putting the word out now regarding this. I would like to put together an "80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee". The committee can be made up of any member of our council from officers to PGK's to just regular members both long time and new. The more

members on the committee the more ideas and the easier the execution will go. If you are interested and able to be part of this committee I ask that you please contact me at (201)655-1625 or [vincsicari@yahoo.com](mailto:vincsicari@yahoo.com).

Also looking into the future and already planning an event for October, brings me to planning the rest of the calendar of events for 2021. I know it is hard to plan things now during a pandemic where things can and have changed last minute. What planning out the calendar would allow us to do is have an idea of what's coming up in certain months and allow us to prepare for it in advance as far as getting the word out, possibly selling tickets and so on. It allows us to be prepared in that if we know that we usually have our blood drive in the summer, we start planning for it by April, same thing with the golf outing and Christmas events, perennial events that we know come up at a certain time each year. The dates for the events do not have to be set in stone and can be written in the calendar as "October: Golf Outing" just so that we are prepared. Dave and I would like to sit down to do the events calendar as soon as possible so what we would like from past event chairs (as well as any brother thinking of having an event in 2021) to submit their events and tentative dates to us ASAP. The best way to have a great year is to be prepared for things that you know are coming up and this is a good start. I thank everyone for their cooperation.

Vivat Jesus!  
Vince Sicari  
Deputy Grand Knight

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Sunday March 14.  
Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour**

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## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**



Worthy Brothers,

Welcome Brothers Robert Hickey and Matthew O'Brien! These two candidates joined our council at our exemplification ceremony on January 31<sup>st</sup> along with Brother Ray Lancaster (who finished his journey to full Knighthood) and we are so happy to have them all as they have already proven to be great additions to our council.

We are still in need of 7 more members by the end of June. A recruitment committee of myself, DGK Vince Sicari, PGK Brian Cronin, Warden Gil Duke, Jose Ramos and TJ Churchill has already been established. We have set a tentative date as sometime after Easter to hold a recruitment drive outside of church at Sacred Heart to get more members and Vince and myself

have put together a "wish list" of potential candidates that we know from church who we would like have join the council. In addition to that though, every brother of the council can also recruit members to join. I am sure each of us knows at least one worthy candidate, all you have to do is ask. 7 is not a hard number to reach and I know we can do it together. We are also in the process of meeting with our transfer candidates from Trinity Council and elsewhere. Lots of guys want to join our council, they just have not been asked yet, it is up to us to find those worthy candidates and be fishers of men.

Vivat Jesus!  
Nelson Cupeles  
Chancellor

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We are pleased to announce the return of the Columbiettes to Sacred Heart council, the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Let your wife, girlfriend, daughter or granddaughter know and have them contact [lisacupeles@gmail.com](mailto:lisacupeles@gmail.com)

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers,

We are starting to see rentals of our facility for parties again. Right now we are taking it slow and mostly booking our upper hall for social distancing purposes. At the February officers meeting we decided that for the time being, our bar will remain closed for these rentals. We are allowing for a BYO for events taking place to reduce people crowding the bar area for a drink.

We have begun some house keeping / maintenance projects around the council including installing new color cameras on the outside of the building (facing the post office), installing a motion detector light by the back door used for deliveries and putting up new shelving in the liquor room. These projects should be completed by the summer.

After more than 50 years of teaching generations of kids how to dance, our longtime tenant Bonnie Blue is hanging up the ballet slippers and calling it a career. We wish Bonnie all the best in the future.

As always, all members of the council are also members of the Columbian Club and as such are invited to attend our virtual monthly Columbian Club meetings held on the second Monday of the month following the council officers meeting (usually around 8pm). The next Columbian Club meeting is scheduled for Monday March 8.

Frank Del Re  
Columbian Club Chairman



Greetings Brothers,

With a new year comes a new 20 Week Club! The purpose of the 20 Week Club is to award two, \$2,500 scholarships to eight-grade students graduating in June 2021 and continuing their education at a Catholic high school. Eighth-grade Catholic students, who are residents of Rochelle Park or Saddle Brook, or the child, grandchild, brother or sister of a member or a deceased member of Council 2842, are eligible. *We are also looking to donate any additional money to the Paramus Veterans Home.*

The 20 Week Club is a rolling raffle. Every Friday beginning March 19, a \$150 winner will be drawn. Tickets will remain in the raffle box until the event is completed on July 30. ***An additional \$25 will be awarded to the seller of the weekly winning ticket.*** At the July 30<sup>th</sup> finale, we will draw the final \$150 winner plus three grand prize winners; \$1,250, \$900 and \$600. Every ticket holder is welcome to attend the finale where food and fun will be provided (COVID-19 restrictions may alter the finale).

Tickets are \$25 each. This year our goal is to break 900, but we need your help to sell the tickets you have received. This is a great way for all members to contribute to the council.

*So, for \$1.25 (cost of a 20-week ticket is 25) the owner of a ticket has a chance to win \$150 each week. And then on the 20<sup>th</sup> week has the chance to win one of 3 grand prizes as well as enjoy a buffet dinner, all for the price of one ticket! (COVID-19 restrictions may alter)*

If you have any questions or need more tickets, please contact Bill Rendine at 973-476-8989 or [brendine99@gmail.com](mailto:brendine99@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Bill Rendine – Chairman

PGK Jon Kennedy – Co-Chairman

PGK Bill Courtney – Co-Chairman

## PARISH NEWS



**Sunday March 28, 2021**

**Saturday March 27, 2021 – 4PM and 5:30PM**

**Sunday March 28, 2021 – 10AM and 12PM**

Dear Brothers,

Happy Lent! Just a few notes regarding Palm Sunday services at Sacred Heart. Masses are 4 and 5:30PM on Saturday and 10AM and 12PM on Sunday. All are welcome to attend, as we often say "There are no strangers at Sacred Heart, just friends we have not yet met". Masks must be worn by all throughout the mass NO EXCEPTIONS.

Unlike what we did for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we will not be doing preregistration for Palm Sunday or Easter, it will be first come first serve. We are allowed 135 in our worship space (120 in the main body and an additional 15 in the choir loft). Ushers will escort you to your seats upon arriving at mass. Ushers have been instructed to close all doors to the church either once we have reached our 135 capacity or once I begin to proclaim the Gospel (whichever comes first). Due to our limited capacity and the fact that we will only be utilizing every

other pew, space will be limited, may I suggest arriving to mass a little early, for as we know as with Christmas, pews will fill up quickly.

To maximize space, we kindly ask that if you will be attending alone or with at least one other person to try to sit in the front of the church in the smaller pews as to save the larger pews in the back of the church for our larger families.

Our schedule for Eater Sunday worship will be the same as Palm Sunday. We thank you very much for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you at worship.

In a personal note, I am on the mend, praise God! I went to Holy Name Hospital on February 13 and had what is called a monoclonal antibody infusion, the best known and latest treatment for the COVID virus.

I want to thank everyone for all your thoughts, prayers and food! I have been overwhelmed by your love and I am truly blessed to be your Pastor and Chaplain. Little did I know last March when I was preaching with no congregation about hope and trust during this pandemic that I would be placing my trust in God's hands with my own health, but this is what faith is really all about. You, this community have helped me grow in my faith and trust of God, and I thank you for that.

Continue your prayers for me and I'll continue my prayers for you! Let's have a beautiful Lent together!

Peace & Blessings  
Fr. Rich Kelly – Chaplain

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## SYMPATHY

It is with sympathy that we inform you of the passing of State Deputy Vinny Tavormina. Please keep his soul and his family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*



Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Sunday April 18, 2021

Sheraton Parsippany Hotel

Parsippany, NJ.

RSVP must be in by April 5, 2021

\$70.00 per candidate

If interested in making your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Patriotic Degree) please contact Dave Torebka

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This October will mark 80 years since our charter in 1941. An accomplishment such as this deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated. I am looking to put together a committee of members, officers and PGK's to create an event worthy of 80 years of outstanding service to God and the community. If interested in being part of the committee please contact DGK Vince Sicari 201-655-1625

[vincsicari@yahoo.com](mailto:vincsicari@yahoo.com)

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## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 1: Michael Cronin

March 3: John Morgan and William Schneider

March 4: PGK Patrick Sheehan

March 6: Eugene Glennon

March 7: Daniel Kurek

March 9: Rev. Charles Pinyan

March 10: Dennis La Vella

March 11: Robert Hanrahan and Brian Smith

March 13: Dominic Fittizzi

March 15: Louis Ficarra

March 16: Philip Loruggo

March 18: Joseph Mola

March 19: Karl Patterman, David Caulfield, Kevin Morris, Mark Bergonzi and Jorge Ramos

March 20: Paul Meli, Brian Galvin and Joseph Marolda

March 21: Albert Parciasepe

March 22: John Wojciechowski Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

March 24: Tom Tomesco

March 25: Thomas Schwelzer

March 26: Michael Ferrara

March 29: Perrin Mosca





## Help Secure Your Future — With Long Term Care Planning Now

Achieving financial security and living life the way you want, that's what independence is all about. But achieving independence requires sound financial planning, including taking into account how the future need for long term care can impact your assets, your quality of life, and your family's well-being.

For more than 125 years, the Knights of Columbus a trusted and highly rated fraternal organization has been serving you in the local communities. The Knights of Columbus Long Term Care insurance can help you cope with the cost of long-term custodial care – while maintaining your dignity and choice of care options. The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.

### What is your plan for Long Term Care?

Long term care (LTC) insurance can play an important role in the overall financial planning process, providing a variety of important benefits:

- It can be one of the most realistic means in this market for covering the costs associated with long term care and helping you protect your retirement assets for their intended purpose.
- It can help to reduce the worry of care that often falls on the spouse or other family members.
- It may enable you to manage where you receive your care, via a nursing home, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or at home — where most people prefer to reside.
- The cost of coverage is based on your age when you apply. It may be less expensive than you might think. So the younger you are when you apply, the lower your premiums.

Many of us can expect to live a long life. In fact, the life expectancy of people has never been longer than today! While we can expect to live longer lives, the quality of that life can be another matter. You've worked hard to create the kind of lifestyle you enjoy. By thinking ahead now about how you would want to manage your future long term care needs — and putting a proper plan in place today — you can feel confident that you've taken the necessary steps to secure your future.

To learn more how the Knights of Columbus could fit your personal needs and help secure your financial future, please contact me today at 201-245-2187 or email [Michael.fischer@kofc.org](mailto:Michael.fischer@kofc.org) with no obligation to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Michael Fischer FIC Field Agent

## MARCH 2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	1. ZOOM General Council Meeting 8PM	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8. ZOOM Officers / Columbian Club Meeting 7PM	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour	15. ZOOM General Council Meeting 8PM	16.	17. St. Patrick's Day	18.	19. Feast of St. Joseph  2021 20 Week Club Kick-off	20. First Day of Spring
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. 20 Week Club Week 2	27.
28. Palm Sunday	29. Holy Monday	30. Holy Tuesday	31. Holy Wednesday			

## GET THE PICTURE



### Welcome!

On January 31 we welcomed 2 new Brothers to our council with an exemplification ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. Brother Matthew O'Brien and Brother Robert Hickey joined by Brother Ray Lancaster who completed his journey to full knighthood. (Candidates are pictured in the front row from left to right with members of the exemplification team in the back).