



Our Lady of Joy Council 12219

Newsletter

January 2019



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Don Jackson

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers, it's January 27th but we need to get focused on the upcoming Election of Officers for the new Fraternal Year. It seems like July is far away but it's really not. We have organized a Nominating Committee of 3 Brothers (**Don Jackson, Ken Wyland & Rob Cecchetti**) who will recommend candidates for Officers positions. You are also free to contact me to express your interest in any of our Officer positions. All Brothers who have attained their 3rd Degree are eligible to hold office. Please feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions regarding Candidates or Officer responsibilities. Each of these elected positions is a one year term.

We need to have two rounds of Submittals/Nominations for these positions, therefore we would like to have these open nominations in April and May for the offices. At our May Business Meeting we will present the slate of candidates that have been nominated or volunteered to run for each office. Again at that time any 3rd Degree Brother can put themselves into contention for whatever office they feel they can provide the best direction for Council #12219. The official Election of Officers will take place at our June 20th Business Meeting.

I am encouraging all of our 3rd Degree Brothers to consider putting your hat into the ring for these offices. Without your personal commitment and resolve our Council will be weakened, but with your fresh ideas and new recommendations we can grow larger and stronger. We need a strong and fair Grand Knight, who needs additional support from all of us to enable our Council to attain Star Council, The Colombian Award, the Father McGivney Award or even the Founder's Award. These are not easy goals but with renewed spirit and hard work we can reach higher levels.

The Nominating Committee would greatly appreciate your deepest consideration for running for one of these offices. As a reminder, the following are the elective officers positions; Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Outside Guard and Inside Guards (2 may be elected).

I hope to hear from you personally or via email. I will only discuss our conversation and your preference for office with the other three Nominating Committee members. We need to share this information in order to make a strong slate of candidates. We will become stronger through you and your ideas.

Vivat Jesus,
Duane- GK



MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Joy Parish, Knights of Columbus Council #12219, is a brotherhood of Catholic gentlemen. The Council provides an opportunity for fellowship with men who hold the same beliefs, values and priorities in life and in God. We are dedicated to the support of our brothers, their families, our parish, the community, our country and the Catholic Faith. Our charitable work, worship and devotion are unified as we focus on the four principles of our Order; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

NITE @ THE RACES



Save the date! Our Council's 18th Annual Nite @ the Races will be on Friday, February 22, 2019 beginning at 6:00p in the church hall. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 for two, and includes admission to the races, food, beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks), snacks, 50/50 raffles, door prizes and auction race. Horse naming rights is \$10 per horse and they have sold out 5 years in a row! Food is served at 6:30p and Races start at 7:35p. Tickets will be on sale after all masses on February 2-3 and 9-10.

The Races are part of our on-going effort to raise funds for the charitable endeavors our Council does by contributing gifts of money and/or labor in areas to help people and charities. We contribute to many areas thanks to our parish, community friends and business sponsors for their help in supporting the event. Come with a group or by yourself and enjoy an evening of food and fun. Contact **Mark Tierno** at 412.793.8995 to purchase tickets or reserve a horse.

Brothers, we need 30 more volunteers to make it a success!!!

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2019

Financial Secretary **Sal Altomare** has sent notices to all Brothers for the 2019 Calendar Year Dues. Dues is \$2 per month, or \$24 yearly and is to be paid in full by the January Business Meeting (Jan. 17). As of the meeting, **54 members have NOT PAID their dues**. If not paid by the due date, a second notice will be sent. After that, you will be contacted by the Trustees.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Annual Dues

BLOOD DRIVE



**BE A HERO...
SAVE 3 LIVES!**

JUST 1 PINT MAY
SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!!

Our Council is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive in Father Marchukonis Hall on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 8:00a-2:00p. Please give the gift of life. Your single donation helps as many as 3 patients. To donate whole blood, you must be at least 18 years old (16-17 years old with signed parental consent form) and weigh at least 110 pounds. You can schedule an appointment by logging onto www.centralbloodbank.org and entering group code **G0040018**, or by contacting **Bob Parker** at 412.795.9247, or email at rparker173@verizon.net. A donor sign up sheet will be available in back of church after all masses the weekends of February 9-10 and 16-17.

HE'S NOT HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER



Brother **Jim Morris** requests that some Brothers visit him at the Southwestern Veteran's Center on Highland Drive. His address is Southwestern Veterans Center, 7060 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. His phone number is 412.665.6706. Brother **Jim** welcomes visitors and cards and letters. Please let him know we are thinking of him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02.02,03: Nite @ Races Ticket Sales after all OLOJ Masses
- 02.07: Officer/Agenda Meeting, 7:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 02.09: Men's Faith Sharing Group, 9:30a, OLOJ Hall
- 02.09,10: Nite @ Races Ticket Sales after all OLOJ Masses
- 02.09-10: Solicit Blood Donors after all OLOJ Masses
- 02.10: Combined Mass, 10:00a, OLOJ
- 02.16,17: Biscotti Sale **CANCELLED**
- 02.16-17: Solicit Blood Donors after all OLOJ Masses
- 02.21: Council Business Meeting, 7:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 02.22: Annual Nite @ Races, 6:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 02.23: Officer Training
- 02.24: Community Blood Drive, 8:00a-2:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.02: FIRE Mass Dinner, 7:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.06: Ash Wednesday, Fish Bake, 4:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.07: Officer/Agenda Meeting, 7:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.08: Fish Bake, 4:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.09: Men's Faith Sharing Group, 9:30a, OLOJ Hall
- 03.10: Combined Mass, 10:00a, OLOJ
- 03.15: Fish Bake, 4:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.21: Council Business Meeting, 7:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.22: Fish Bake, 4:00p, OLOJ Hall
- 03.29: Fish Bake, 4:00p, OLOJ Hall

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep these Brothers in your prayers:

- **Larry Howard, Jr.**
- **Lou & Rose Hribik**
- **Joe Joyce**
- **Lou MaFrice**
- **Jim Morris**
- **Joe Olszewski**
- **Don Smith**
- **Ken Tronsberg**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Matthews	02.03
Greg Callaghan	02.06
Tony Manka	02.07
John St. Leger Sr	02.16
John St. Leger Jr	02.19
Jim Morris	02.20
Jeff Hagmaier	02.24
Lou DeFabio	02.25

COMBINED MASS

Brother Knights joined the Holy Name Society and Ladies Guild for the Combined Mass on January 13. The Combined Mass takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the 10:00am Mass. Please join our Council brothers and their families sitting in the left-front pews.

JANUARY 17 BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Chaplain's Report:

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GK Report:

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Membership:

- The Council has 143 members; 98 Associate, 41 Insurance and 4 Inactive. Goals: 9 Members/5 Actual; 3 Insurance/0 Actual.
- We lost one member, Fr. McGinnis, who transferred to another council.
- The FS reported that 54 members have still not paid their 2019 dues.
- The FS reported that approximately one-third of the membership responded to the Survey of Fraternal Activity. A total of 6,074 volunteer hours and 585 visitations were reported.
- The Football Sweeps rebate amounted to \$75.
- The semi-annual Audit is due by mid-February.

Chancellor Report:

- The next Men's Faith Sharing Group will meet on February 9 at 9:30a in the church hall.

Church:

- Chairman Len DiGirolamo thanked all the members who volunteered to decorate and undecorate the Church for Christmas.

Community:

- The Annual Nite @ the Races is scheduled for February 22, 2019 in the church hall. Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekends of February 2-3 and 9-10. Admission is \$15/person or \$25/couple and horses are \$10 each.
- The Community Blood Drive was rescheduled to February 24, 2019 because of the Catholic Schools Week Program on January 27. Solicitation for donors will take place after all masses the weekends of February 9-10 and 16-17.
- The 2019 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Collections are scheduled for April 20, June 21, August 16 and October 19.

Council:

- The next Combined Mass is scheduled for February 10, 2019 at 10:00am.
- The next Biscotti/Pizzelle Sale is scheduled after all masses the weekend of February 16-17. **NOTE: THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**
- Our Council will again be hosting the weekly Fish Bake/Fry during Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and continues every Friday up to and including Good Friday, April 19. We will also collect canned goods for the 40 Cans for 40 Days Program. Volunteers are needed for this important Council fund raising program. A discussion about the Health Department Permit resulted in the decision to pay for a single event permit for \$40 instead of a yearly permit for \$100.
- A Men's Nite Out is being planned for some time in April.

Family:

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Youth:

- Scholarship applications are due by April 30.

Respect for Life:

- The 2019 Tootsie Roll Drives are scheduled for May 25, June 29, August 31 and November 23.
- The dates for the next Penny Collection have not been determined.

Unfinished Business:

- Wally Barton reported on the request from Fr. Gruber to contribute towards a mobile cart for the Our Lady of Fatima statue at the Concordia Nursing Home in Renton. An email was sent to Fr. Gruber, but he has not replied.
- A suggestion was made to place a notice in the monthly Newsletter for disposal of the ping pong table stored in the back of the Council meeting room.
- The request for contributions to replace the tables in the vestibule with literature racks has been placed on hold.

New Business:

- The Council approved a motion to donate \$200 to the VA/VS to replace the door at the Heinz Chapel.
- The Council approved a motion to donate \$50 to the Nesbit's Scholarship Program.
- The Council will perform the preparations, cooking, serving and clean-up for the gathering after the 6:00p FIRE Mass on March 2.
- In accordance with the Supreme Council's new Faith in Action Program, two programs are required; the Novena for Life Program and the Consecration to the Holy Family Program. It was decided that Council 12219 and Council 4242 will each be responsible for one of the programs, and conduct the program for the OPV Church Group.

Fourth Degree Report:

- The 4th Degree Assembly picnic is scheduled for the July-August time frame at Jim Fisher's house.

Field Agent Report:

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District Deputy Report:

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The scholarship application for the school year 2019-20 has been sent to all members. The completed application **must be returned** to the GK no later than **April 30, 2019**. An incomplete application will not be considered. We have made a few changes as follows:

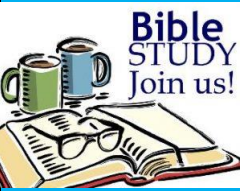
- 1) We now award two \$1,000 scholarships each year. One will go to a student pursuing a four year college education, and the other to a student pursuing a field of study at a technical or trade school. This includes nursing school and community college curriculums as well.
- 2) A copy of the students letter of acceptance to the school of his or her choice **MUST** be included with the application.

3) This is not new, but may not have been understood in the past. A student currently enrolled in a post high school course of study, assuming they are not a past winner, is also eligible to apply. High school academic records will apply.

If needed, additional copies of the application can be obtained from the GK. Feel free to contact **Bob Carozza** or any member of the scholarship committee with any questions.



KoC COUNCIL 12219 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP MEETING

The next Men's Faith Sharing Group meeting is February 9, 9:30am at OLOJ Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brother **Rob Cecchetti** at email cecchett@pitt.edu or phone 412.334.4163 (call or text), or Brother **Joe Dello Stritto** at email cjmellodello@comcast.net or phone 412.793.9567 (call only, no text). If you have any questions, please contact Joe or Rob. Hope to see you there. Great conversations, teachings and insight. The Men's Faith Sharing Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

BASED ON A TWEET BY @PANMIDWEST



BY BRIAN RUSSELL THEUNDERFOLD.COM

FREE PING PONG TABLE

A while back, the Council received a donated regulation size ping pong table with the intent to play some games during the Men's Nite Out events. However, the idea never caught on. The table has been in storage in the back of our meeting room for over a year. Now, we want to get rid of it. If anyone would like a ping pong table in excellent condition, it's yours for the hauling. Contact GK **Duane Cardamone** to make arrangements to pick it up.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS FOOD DRIVE : KNIGHTS PRACTICE VIRTUE OF CHARITY

As we begin the Lenten season, we have often heard that one of the things we are called to do during Lent is Alms giving. Alms giving does not have to be monetary. It can be done in many ways. The Can Goods Drive is one way to meet this calling.

For the fourth consecutive year, our Council will participate in the KoC "40 Cans For 40 Days" canned goods drive, a Supreme Council program during the Lenten Season. Last year, we donated 2,200 pounds of canned goods, along with 500 pounds of pretzels donated by **Mark Tierno**, to the Jubilee Kitchen on the North Side. For every 1,000 pounds of canned goods collected, Supreme gives us \$100, up to a maximum of \$500. Our Council donated the \$200 check from Supreme to the Plum Food Pantry.



Each member is requested to consider donating one can for each day of Lent. We are asking you to give what you can. It does not have to be 40 cans, but if you think about it, and do some smart shopping, 40 cans will not cost much and can do an awful lot of good. So lets load up Room 2 with cans, and remember to include your store receipt with your cans.

FISH FRY

FRIDAY



LENTEN FISH BAKE/FRY

Time for GOD and COD



Every Friday during Lent

Our Council's annual Fish Bake/Fry will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continue every Friday during Lent up to and including Good Friday, April 19. Meals will be available to dine-in or carry-out from 4:00p to 7:00p. This year's menu is ala carte only. Items include Fried or Baked Fish Sandwich for \$7, Grilled Cheese Sandwich for \$3, Haluski for \$3, and side dishes of Mac and Cheese, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Soda, Coffee and Water for \$1 each. Also, there will be free ice cream for children. As done last year, we will have an occasional special food offering. This event requires a lot of manpower, approximately 17-20 Brothers per shift. Shift times are 3:00-5:30p and 5:30-7:30p. So please, if you have not volunteered for an event recently, please consider stepping up to work one or more evenings for this very important fund raiser. We especially need volunteers for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If you cannot volunteer to work, you can still help out by bringing yourself and/or your family for dinner once or twice. The proceeds from this event enable us to continue to support all of the charities, seminarians, our scholarship fund, and our parish.

BISCOTTI SALE CANCELLED

Please note that the Biscotti Sale scheduled for February 16-17 has been cancelled. If you volunteered to sale biscotti/pizzelles after the masses that weekend, make note of the cancellation. Chairman **Mark Tierno** will advise when we can reschedule the next Biscotti Sale. Proceeds from this event enable us to continue to support all our charities, seminarians, scholarship fund and our parish.



ACTIVITY PLANNING SCHEDULE

We have a very active Council. When too many activities and events occur in the same month, it strains our manpower and resources. To better coordinate our events and minimize the impact of too many activities, we follow an Activity Planning Schedule. The chart below lists the events, the Chairman and target week of occurrence. Exact dates are indicated, but not required for planning purposes. The planning schedule is updated yearly at the Officer/Director meeting. Please provide any corrections, recommendations, comments, suggestions or concerns to the Deputy Grand Knight **Ken Wyland**.

2019 ACTIVITY PLANNING SCHEDULE

CODE	EVENT	Chairman	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
COM	Adopt A Highway	F. Papciak				04/20		06/21		08/16		10/19		
CH	Angel Tree	Grand Knight												WK1
COU	Biscotti Sales*	M. Tierno							WK2					
COU	Bishops Project Dinner	Grand Knight				WK2								
COM	Blood Drive	B. Parker		02/24										
COU	Business Meeting	Grand Knight	01/17	02/21	03/21	04/18	05/16	06/20	07/18	08/15	09/19	10/17	11/21	12/19
COU	Can Goods Drive	J. DelloStritto			WK1-4	WK1-3								
COU	Chapter Meeting	Grand Knight												
CH	Christmas Church Decoration	L. DiGirolamo												WK3
YOU	Christmas Lunch with Santa	B. Carozza												WK2
FAM	Christmas Party	J. DelloStritto												WK2
COU	COAL Tickets*	M. Tierno												
COM	Coat Drive	L. Manganello										WK3		
COU	Combined Communion Mass	Grand Knight	01/13	02/10	03/10	04/14	05/12	06/09	07/14	08/11	09/08	10/13	11/10	12/08
COU	Dues	S. Altomare	01/30											
YOU	Easter Bunny Lunch	B. Carozza				WK3								
CH	Easter Church Decoration	L. DiGirolamo				WK3								
COU	Election of Officers	Nominate Committee				Nominate	Nominate	Election						
CH	Faith Sharing	R. Cecchetti	01/12	02/09	03/09	04/13	05/11	06/08	07/13	08/10	09/14	10/12	11/09	12/14
COU	Fish Bake*	Winslow/DelloStritto			WK1-4	WK1-3								
COU	Football Sweeps*	M. Tierno												
COM	Golf Outing*	B. Pembrooke					WK2							
CH	Ground Maintenance OLOJ	M. Tierno				WK3								
COU	Installation of Officers/PGK Dinner	Grand Knight										WK2		
COU	Membership/Mens Nite Out	D. Stanczak/M. Diss				04/04					WK2			
COM	Night at the Races*	M. Tierno		02/22										
COU	Officer/Agenda Meeting	Grand Knight	01/03	02/07	03/07	04/04	05/02	06/06	07/03	08/01	09/05	10/03	11/07	12/05
CH	Parish Festival	DiGirolamo/Allman								WK2				
RFL	Penny Collection*	K. Wyland						WK1					WK1	
COU	Pirate Game/Tailgate	Grand Knight								WK4				
COM	Plum Community Days*	Winslow/Allman						WK4						
YOU	Scholarship Award	B. Carozza				04/30								
YOU	Seminarian Dinner	B. Carozza										WK3		
FAM	Soup Night	J. DelloStritto											WK2	
COU	Survey of Fraternal Activity	S. Altomare	01/12											
RFL	Tootsie Roll Drive*	C. Vitalbo					05/25	06/29		08/31			11/23	
FAM	Wives Appreciation Dinner	J. DelloStritto					WK1							

* Indicates Fund Raisers

Day/Week Code: 1-7 WK1 8-14 WK2 15-21 WK3 22-31 WK4

NEW ACTIVITY PLANNING SCHEDULE FORMAT

Check out the new format for the Council's Activity Planning Schedule for 2019. It lists all the Council Activities/Events and the Chairman. New features include:

- Calendar Year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) instead of Fraternal Year (Jul. 1-Jun. 30),
- The scheduled date or the target week for planning purposes,
- Facilitates tracking of upcoming events.

The Activity Planning Schedule will be updated as needed when scheduled dates become identified or revised.

Please forward any articles, corrections, comments or suggestions to the Editor **Carl Vitalbo** at 70flyer@gmail.com

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Knight? Contact our Council's Membership Director, **Don Stanczak** @ (724) 327-0067