



Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All
Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937
Monthly Meeting Minutes – 11 July, 2020

I. General

- The Council was called to order at 8:04AM by GK Mike Burkett.
- Opening Prayers were offered by the DGK Ken Balcerzak.
- The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Grand Knight then called for the role-call of officers; the results are as follows (P = Present; A = Absence; E = excused)

Title		Title	Status	Title	Status
Chaplain	E	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	P
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	P	Outside Guard	P
Dep. Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 rd Year	E
Chancellor	P	Advocate	E	Trustee 2 nd Year	E
Recorder	P	Warden	E	Trustee 1 st Year	E

- The June business meeting minutes were read-in for approval by GK Mike Burkett. Mike then called for a motion to accept the minutes as read. John Alfeld made a motion to accept. Dave Martz provided a second. After no further discussion a vote was then taken and it was unanimous. The business meeting minutes were approved as read.

II. Applications for Approval – Joe Regnery/Ryan Fesker

- No hard copy Form 100s or on-line applications received.

III. Grand Knight Report – Mike Burkett

- Correspondence:
 - Thank You note from John Starke (see attachment pg.12).
 - Thank You letter from Supreme for the council’s participation in the ‘Food for Families’ Faith-in-Action program, along with a \$500 refund check (see attachment pg.13).
- Events/activities/general information:
 - The GK’s Thank-you and e-gratis corner. With special shout-out thanks going to:
 - The council membership, with support from the Lady Knights, for raising over \$1400 in support of Father Krol’s move to his new parish in Woodland Park.
 - The council membership for your service to Parish, Community and council, and for praying for all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Please let us know of any distressed or sick Knight or Family member.
 - Steve Froseth for three years of outstanding work done as council Financial Secretary.
 - Congratulations to Deacon Chris Kennedy. His Deaconate Ordination was held on Saturday June 20th. On the weekend of 20/21 June, Deacon Kennedy preached his first homily at all the Masses. His first assignment will be at St Mark parish in Highlands Ranch.
 - Officer and Director Training – schedule for Saturday 1 August, starting at 9am. At present the plan is to hold it via Zoom, more to follow.
 - State Organizational Meeting is scheduled for July 10-12 in Colorado Springs, attendance is limited.
 - Mike Burkett will attend for the Grand Knights Training; Leonard Martinez for Program training.

- Unfortunately, the Financial Secretary Training was cancelled. Therefore, Ryan Fesker will not be attending.
- Awards Ceremony on Sunday via Zoom.
- The August Planning Meeting is scheduled for Weds, July 29 via Zoom. Regardless, the start time is 7pm, more to follow.
- Child Safe Environment training will be done at the Parish. We need to have Knights trained in Child Safety Environment. Please note this training is mandatory for all Knights who help at Parish events involving Family and any youth participation. Please contact either Joanne Lafond or Wendy Balcerzak in the front office to get signed up.
- Other:
 - Knight(s) of the Month – Deacon Chris Kennedy
 - Family of the Month – The Scieras, Paul and Jenny
 - Pennies from Heaven or Bucks from the ‘KOC Bucksarooskies.’

V. Chaplain’s Report – Father Andrzej Szczesnowicz

- No report.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Matt Bahnemann

- Report was handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.9).
 - Bank Balance – \$24,628.69.
 - Outstanding Funds – (\$1,861.80).
 - Hailey Fund – \$246.41.
 - Lady Knights – \$4,385.39.
 - Available Funds – \$18,135.09.
 - For other additional information (see attachment pg.9).

VI. Financial Secretary’s Report – Steve Froseth/Ryan Fesker

- Report(s) handed out at meeting (see attachment pgs.10-11). Figures for the month have been reconciled and are in balance with the Treasurers report.
 - Receipts/Actual Income – \$1,517.
 - Expenditures – \$1,862.
 - Expected Bank balance – \$24,692.
 - Due to recent activity there is a net negative cash flow of (\$345) for this period.
 - For other additional information see attachment pgs.10-11.

VII. Auditor and Trustees - Joe Musso/Gary Mayfield/William Hensen.

- No report.

VIII. Chancellor’s Update – Leonard Martinez.

- **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP):**
 - At present the council is supporting three seminarians (Matthew Kane, Kolbe Kirst, and Will Dwyer).
- The ‘Prayer for Vocations’ was not read.

IX. Program, Category, and Committee Reports – Facilitated by DGK Ken Balcerzak.

- Other:
 - None.

a. **Membership Report – Joe Regnery**

- Form 100's.
 - New candidate(s):
 - No new hardcopy Form 100s.
 - No on-line applications.
 - Transfers:
- 'Charity, Unity, and Fraternity' Exemplification Team:
 - The council team is now certified.
- Exemplifications:
 - None are currently planned.
- Membership Retention committee:
- Retention/Membership Drive related events and activities.
 - The 'Top Golf' event.
 - The course is now open. Therefore, Joe is looking to schedule this event sometime in August, either the 21st or 28th, starting at 7pm.
 - The cost is \$535 for two bays, six in each, for a total of 12 people. This includes two hours of playtime along with \$175 dollars of food and beverage credits.
 - Due to the cost and limited number of participants, Joe is planning on reaching out to folks to see what the interest level may be before committing to it, more to follow.
 - Joe also mentioned that Bill Hensen, working with Leonard Martinez, has been organizing an ad-hoc weekly 9 holes golf outing at the Links Golf Course, and would like to extend an invite out for others to join them, more to follow.
- Other:
 - Refer interested Catholic Men to this website – www.kofc.org/joinus.

b. **Faith-in-Action Top-level Program Report – Dan Donaldson**

- None.

c. **Family Category Activity report – Brennan Mendus/Leonard Martinez**

- Required program(s):
 - Consecration to the Holy Family:
- Featured programs(s):
 - Food for Families: Our council received a Thank You note from Supreme for our participation in this program (see attachment pg.13).
- Recommended program(s):
 - Family of the Month/Year:
 - Family of the month for May are the Scieras, Paul and Jenny.
 - Family of the Year is announced at the annual council Christmas Party
 - Keep Christ in Christmas event(s):
- Council sponsored program(s):
 - Sunday donuts - on permanent hold until further notice.
 - Lenten Fish Tacos:
 - 10937 Breakfast Burrito Brigade operations report:
 - On permanent hold until further notice.
 - Yet Brennan has some ideas for possibly doing a take-out only event after Sunday Masses, more to follow.
 - Spaghetti Dinners:

- TBD.
- Other:
 - Council monthly socials:
 - TBD
 - The council sponsored team-building golf outing is currently scheduled for 26 September at the Links Golf course, more to follow.
 - Diocesan sponsored Youth Protection Training program – contact Wendy Balcerzak at the front office.
 - Summer camping trip to Boyd Lake, Loveland, 17-19 July is a go.
 - 10 sites were reserved, nine families are participating. A combination of KOC and non-KOC families.
 - One family, however, had to cancel out, which means a ten-dollar cancellation fee will need to be paid to the camp ground.
 - Based on how it plays out, Brennan is looking at making this an annual event.

d. **Community Category Activity report – Ken Balcerzak for Ford Fay**

- Required program(s):
 - Helping Hands:
 - Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive:
 - Forty Cans for Lent campaign, cancelled.
- Featured programs(s)
- Recommended program(s):
 - Free Throw Championship: suspended until further notice.
 - Soccer Challenge: suspended until further notice.
- Council sponsored program(s):
 - Peach Sales – suspended due to crop failure.
 - ARP/Special Olympics Tootsie Roll Drive.
 - A present, King Soopers is not allowing the scheduling of any charitable type of events at their stores. Therefore, this activity has been cancelled.
 - Nevertheless, Special Olympics Colorado is hosting a first-ever Ford Pickup Raffle from now until November 2nd.
 - Participants who purchase raffle tickets will be entered to win a NEW 2019 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew, MSRP of \$54,180!
 - Ticket prices are as follows:
 - 1 Ticket - \$25
 - 2 Tickets - \$50
 - 7 Tickets - \$100
 - All proceeds go to supporting Special Olympics Colorado athletes and programs!
 - To learn more about this event go to <https://specialolympicsco.org/fordraffle/>
 - As an alternative fundraiser, the council, therefore, is looking at supporting this effort by soliciting support from the parish membership. An announcement will be doing into the Pax Parish bulletin, more to follow.
 - Football Fund Craze.
 - Beer and Brats: suspended until further notice.
 - Highway Cleanup: TBD
- Other:
 - Dave Henley is the action officer for a project to address the water drainage problem at the Rectory.
 - Dave originally looking at doing this project sometime in last August.
 - He has a meeting scheduled with Father Andrzej to discuss.

- Once he has an okay to proceed from Father, he will set a more date and ask for volunteer manpower help.
- The DGK recommended that Dave put together a design plan and present that when asking for volunteers.
- Dave also asked if the council could help with covering some of the cost of the project, about \$500.
- After some discussion, Roger made a motion to provide \$500 dollars to help cover some of the cost of the project, predicated on Father approving. Alan Brown seconded the motion. After no further discussion the DGK called for vote, it was unanimous.

e. **Faith Category Activity report – Alan Brown**

- Required program(s):
 - Spiritual Reflection:
 - Alan said that he is planning on talking to Father Andrezej about this program.
- Featured program(s):
 - Refund for Support Vocations Program (RSVP):
 - The council is currently sponsoring three seminarians.
 - See Chancellor’s report
- Recommended program(s)
 - Marian Icon Prayer Program:
 - Rosary:
 - Holy Hours:
 - Into the Breach:
 - This program is currently being promoted by Supreme
 - Associated literature tied to it can be found on ‘Formed.’
- Council sponsored program(s)
 - KOC Senior Stewardship Scholarship Award program:
 - The scholarship checks to both the current recipients, and new winner Darby Brown, will need to go out by the end of July.
 - Alan plans on getting with the Treasurer to get the checks cut and sent out.
 - The council’s annual retreat is scheduled for 12 September at the ‘Jesus is Our Hope’ retreat house in Littleton. Alan needs to discuss with Father Andrezej to see if either he or Deacon Tom will lead. Deacon Chris Kennedy has also volunteered to help. More to follow.
- Other:
 - Point Men and the KOC’s Saturday morning Faith Seminars
 - The group is looking to resume these sessions in September.
 - The organizers are looking, however, to hold one session sometime in August.
 - The planned topic will address fatherhood.
 - Sean Dalton, guest speaker, is scheduled to help facilitate the event by giving a talk on ‘What Makes a Good Father?’

f. **Life Category Activity report – Ken Balcerzak for Mike McGinnis**

- Required program(s):
 - Novena for Life’ campaign/devotionals:
- Featured program(s):
 - Special Olympics:
 - The Tootsie Roll campaign for the intellectually disabled has been cancelled.
 - Special Olympics Colorado is hosting a first ever car raffle:

- Vehicle is a 2019 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew.
- Fund raiser ends on 2 November.
- Marches for Life:
- Recommended program(s):
 - The ‘Silver Rose’ initiative:
 - The prayer service was held on 7 July at 7pm in the Sacristy.
 - A very worthwhile event, with 18 attendees.
 - Thanks to all who came to help and/or participate.
- Respect Life Committee activities and initiatives:
 - ‘Initiative 120’ update.
 - Enough signatures were received. Therefore, the initiative will be on the November ballot.
- Council sponsored program(s):
 - The ‘Rose and Poem for Parenthood’ initiative has been suspended until further notice.
- Other.
 - None.

X. Newsletter

- To fill this requirement, Mike Burkett will continue to send the monthly meeting agenda into State.

XI. Advocate’s Report – Jim Egan

- No report.

XII. Unfinished Business

- Roger’s suggestion for purchasing council shirts for Father and Deacon Kennedy.

XIII. New Business

- Roger made a motion that the council provide \$500 dollars to help cover some of the cost for the Rectory drainage project. It was seconded by Alan Brown. After some discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimous.
- Roger suggested that the council consider buying a Roman Collar council shirt, embroidered, for both Deacon Kennedy and Father Andrezej. Roger thinks about \$150 dollars will be enough to cover the cost. Nevertheless, he will research all this and get back to the council on what the actually cost will be, more to follow.

XIV. 4th Degree Report – Paul Sciera

- Assembly programs and initiatives:
 - Ushering and presentation of the gifts has been suspended until further notice.
 - The Fisher House outreach initiative has been suspended until further notice.
 - Special Olympics events:
 - The next one scheduled for November 2020 is TBD.
- 4th Degree Exemplifications:
 - The one scheduled for 8 August at St Francis Cabrini in Littleton is still on, limited to 30 candidates.
 - Others are currently TBD.
- The Assembly un-social committee:
- Honor Guard requirements/responsibilities:
 - All suspended until further notice.
- Financial Report:
 - John Alfeld gave a status report concerning the assembly’s financials, see attachment (pg.14).

- Other Assembly business:
 - August 1st an audit is due. Paul and Roger will work together on this activity.
 - Paul thanked Roger for his outstanding leadership and support as Faithful Navigator.

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XV. Field Agent Report – Rylee Nelson

- No report.
- Members have asked about contract information for Rylee. Phone number, address, and email are as follows: 719.255.9397; PO Box 305, Simla, CO 80835; Rylee.Nelson@kofc.org.

XVI. District Deputy Report – Roger Giudici for George Demetron

- Nothing to report, except a reminder about the State’s organizational meeting scheduled for this weekend.

XVII. Good of the Order

- **Lecturer/The Rev Robert F. Houlihan S.J. Educator Series – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati.**
 - Alan discussion centered on an article that appeared in the 7/3/20 edition of the ‘Knightline’ newsletter. The article highlighted eight ways the KOC organization has defended the faith (see attachment pgs.15-17). These are as follows: 1.) Fighting legal threats to Catholic Education; 2.) Confronting the Ku Klux Klan’s anti-Catholic initiatives; 3.) Supporting Catholics in Mexico during a period of violent anti-Catholicism; 4.) Advocating to protect persecuted American and European Jews; 5.) Promoting patriotism and religious freedom during Ike’s administration, at the height of the Cold War; 6.) Being on the frontlines of religious liberty issues; 7.) Defending the Little Sisters of the Poor in their legal battles; and finally, 8.) Continuing to be an advocate for Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East.
 - Please check-out the latest edition of *Columbia* magazine.
- **Council Prayer list:** Lauren Hensen, George Hensen, Ned Tueve (Vicky Hensen’s father), The King Family and Kyle’s family, Michelle Cullen, Neil Pugh and family Calista, Dave Herskovits, Ron Gerber, Katie Martindale(Gerber’s granddaughter), Joan Mayfield, Kathy Spence, Vonnie and Herb Engler, Bob Ehle, Joe Musso, Jacob Donaldson, Lucas Donaldson (for coming home), Gary & Inez Ewing, Lesley Kessler, Lanya Leyba, Leonard Leyba, Larry Jensen (prostate cancer), James B. Egan, Larry Camden, Bobby Dellos, Ben Williams, Shawn Connelly, Becky Bahnemann, Emma Eldridge, Ben Stancati, Lisa Fuller, Pat Martinez (Leonard’s sister), Guy Whitaker (Wendy Balcerzak’s father), Michelina Stancati (Ben’s mom), Steve Waters (grandchild), Lane Delnorte, Harry Coleman (Joe Regnery’s friend), Jeremie Gonzales and family for (recovery from traffic accident), George Demetron Sr. (health), Kari Crane (Joshua’s wife), Lucy Nelson (daughter of Rylee Nelson and recover from fever), Sheila DeFazio (Ryan Fesker’s mother-in-law), Clare Fesker (Ryan’s daughter), Gary Mayfield (recovery from knee surgery), Pat Campbell, Wendy Balcerzak, Jay Calvarese, Mindy Martz Baumer (recovery from recent surgery, Shultz Family – Carter (for healing from heart surgery) and Brock (for healing from Covid-19); Everi Regnery (Joe’s mom); Gordon East. Mike McGinnis (recovery from surgery); John Starke (recovery from 7.5 hour surgery); Seminarians (Will Dwyer, Yunion Gonzalez, Matthew Kane, Kolbe Kirst), Soul of Kendrick Costilla, Soul of Seminarian Jason Paul Marshall, Soul of Alan Casey, Soul of Aunt Margarita, Soul of Carl Musso; Soul of the daughter of Gina DeRose, Soul of Ray Otstott, Soul of Patty Williams; Soul of Members of our Council and their wives that have passed including Bill Miller, Janice Jensen (wife of Larry); and all those in our hearts that need our prayers.

XVIII. Chaplain’s Summation – Father Andrzej Szczesnowicz

- None.

XIX. Closing Prayer – Deputy Grand Knight.

- Additional prayers were given by Roger Giudici.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18AM. *Minutes recorded and reported by Bernard Stancati.*

---- Attachments/Correspondence/Other Documents----

**Treasurer Report
Knights of Columbus / Council 10937
June 2020**



Date: Saturday July 11, 2020

Period: June 1-30, 2020

Prepared by: Matt Bahnemann

Summary

Description	May 2020 Report	June 2020 Report
Period	May 1-31, 2020	June 1-30, 2020
Bank Balance (Main & Deposit)	\$23,111.89	\$24,628.69
Outstanding Funds (Expenses & Deposits)	\$0.00	(\$1,861.80)
Hailey Fund	\$246.41	\$246.41
Lady Knights	\$4,385.39	\$4,385.39
Available Funds	\$18,480.09	\$18,135.09

Outstanding Funds (Expenses & Deposits)

Payee / Payer	Description / Memo	Bank Account	Amount	Type	Account	Check #	Comment
Two Men & A Truck	Father Marek Moving / Council Portion	Checking Main	\$ (200.00)	Expense	N/A	DEBIT	Transaction Date: 06/30/2020
Two Men & A Truck	Father Marek Moving / Lady Knights Portion	Checking Main	\$ (200.00)	Expense	N/A	DEBIT	Transaction Date: 06/30/2020
Two Men & A Truck	Father Marek Moving / Individual Contribution Portion	Checking Main	\$ (1,252.50)	Expense	N/A	DEBIT	Transaction Date: 06/30/2020
Father Marek Krol	Father Marek Moving / Individual Contribution Portion Rem	Checking Main	\$ (209.30)	Expense		3571	Check Date: 06/28/2020

Highlights

- Council members/families donations totaling \$1,461.80 to Fr. Marek move. Thank you! Payment accounted for in outstanding balance.
- Council donation of \$200.00 to Fr. Marek move. Accounted for in outstanding balance.
- Hailey Fund: no items of interest in June.
- Lady Knights: \$200.00 donation to Fr. Marek moving. Accounted for in outstanding balance.
- Onboarding Financial Secretary Ryan Fesker
 - Add Ryan to, remove Steve from FirstBank Accounts on Friday July 10 at 3:00pm
 - Order/Transfer Debit card from FirstBank/Steve Froseth
- Reminder: Council can send/receive payment/reimbursement via Square, Zelle, Venmo, and PayPal for quicker turn around. Note that Treasurer requires e-mail approval for payment from Grand Knight (or delegate) in lieu of dual signature on check. No fee is incurred with Zelle, Venmo, and PayPal when paying/receiving with checking account.
 - Venmo: kofccouncil10937@gmail.com / Phone: 303-521-1720
 - PayPal: kofccouncil10937@gmail.com
 - Zelle: E-Mail: kofccouncil10937@gmail.com, Name: Matthew Bahnemann, Phone: 303-521-1720

Actions

- No outstanding action items.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937
Reconciliation Financial Secretary to Treasurer
July 2020

Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 23,112
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	-
Plus Current Month deposits	1,517
Less Current Month Checks	1,862
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	1,862
Expected Bank Balance	24,629
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	24,629
Difference	\$ -

Membership Status

Awards Progress				Year to Date			
Month to Date	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net
Members	11	0	1	-1	2	1	1
Insurance	4	0	0	0	3	1	2

Council Membership

11/8/2018	Change
Members	168
Inactive	13
Delinquent (2020)	21
Drops In Process	10
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937 MONTHLY
FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT
June 2020 Activity

Directorate	Acct name	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Community	Beer & Brats	\$275	
Lady Knight	Lady Knights		200
Faith	Pax Christi Donation	1,242	1,662
Grand Total		\$1,517	\$1,862

Net Activity \$ (345)

- Beer and Brats activity is the sale of the kegurator
- Expense is the donations to cover the cost of Fr Marek's move
- The donation receipts are the moneys collected from the brother knights to cover Fr Marek's move

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937 MONTHLY FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT
Full Year Budget July 2019 / June 2020 vs. June 2020 YTD Actual

Directorate	Acct name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense	
Council	Dues	\$4,591	\$0	\$4,012		
	Assessments	-	1,992		2,090	
	Major Degree	-	100	40	45	
	Recruiting Expense	-	50			
	Shirts and Hats	200	200	1,159	1,089	
	Supplies	-	900	385	1,471	
	Insurance	-	500		475	
	Grand Knight Fund	-	250	193	179	
	State Meetings	-	100			
	Bank Charges	-	50		186	
Council Total		\$4,791	\$4,142	\$5,790	\$5,534	
Family	Adopt-a-Highway	-	200		81	
	Spaghetti Dinners	450	350	496	239	
	Christmas Party	-	150		81	
	Football Raffle	500	400	470	480	
	Scholarship	-	3,150		3,000	
	Support Parish Youth Events	-	100		206	
	Golf Tournament	-	-	2,465	2,102	
	Fish Tacos	900	939	426	240	
	Family Total		\$1,850	\$5,289	\$3,857	\$6,429
	Donations	Donations	-	720	200	500
Halley Fund		-	500		500	
Donations Total		\$-	\$1,220	\$200	\$1,000	
Lady Knights Total		\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,174	\$2,716	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supreme and state assessments were paid for the year Scholarships awards were distributed to the 4 students @ \$750 each The golf tournament netted about \$300 with 24 golfers The Thanksgiving basket drive has been completed Peaches were delivered August 17th and we netted \$4,171 vs. budget of \$4,590 Burrito breakfast continue their success The knights proved meat, buns and beer for the parish picnic and donations covered the cost Pax Food Pantry is new acct, with a \$800 donation and a chk from last yrs. Thanksgiving balance 						
Community	Pennies From Heaven	250	250	248		
	Thanksgiving	16,500	16,500	16,021	14,897	
	VA Support	-	100	250	350	
	Fr. Woody's Support	-	200	250	250	
	Peaches	9,240	4,650	8,398	4,227	
	Burritos	6,120	2,700	3,786	2,198	
	Beer & Bats	800	600	555	211	
	Donuts	2,160	1,560	1,664	1,311	
	Parish Picnic	-	-	447	432	
	Pax Food Pantry	-	-	900	800	
Other Community Events				635	755	
Community Total		\$35,070	\$26,560	\$33,154	\$25,433	
Life	Toolzie Roll Drive	2,500	2,500	2,613	2,613	
	Other Right to Life Events	-	250		600	
	Right to Life Donation	-	500		500	
	Ultrasound Machine Donr	-	500			
	Life Total		\$2,500	\$3,750	\$2,613	\$3,713
Faith	Keep Christ in Christmas	-	100	787	533	
	Clergy Dinners	-	200		89	
	Seminarian Support	300	1,500		2,500	
	Diocesan Donation	-	750		750	
	Pax Christi Donation	-	1,000	1,242	3,162	
Council Retreat				161		
Faith Total		\$300	\$3,550	\$2,029	\$7,196	
Grand Total		\$49,011	\$49,011	\$53,817	\$52,021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other community events was bowling night The toolzie roll drive check to charities was sent in Nov We have paid \$500 ea. for 5 seminarians Pax Christi donation was \$1,000 at Christmas 						

A Note From John

Mr. Berkett,

*Thank you for the nice card &
kind words.*

*My surgery was 7 1/2 hours & quite
complicated. In spite of that & my being
76, I'm recovering quite well.*

*I miss all my friends at LRMC and
do plan to visit Denver when the
virus pandemic abates.*

My best wishes to all, John



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

The Supreme Council wishes to thank your council for participating in the Food for Families program during the past fraternal year. This is one of the programs that defines the Knights of Columbus through the "charity that evangelizes."

Please find the enclosed adhesive date tag that should be affixed to your Food for Families plaque, which indicates your council's participation in the program. *Councils that have requested and been approved for a plaque should receive them shortly.*

Again, thank you for your council's support of this program.

Fraternally,

Fraternal Mission Department

Knights of Columbus

Assembly 3353
Monthly Financial Report

11 July 2020

ASSY 3353 MONTHLY PURSER REPORT			
DATE:	11 July 2020		
		31 May 2020	30 June 2020
BANK BALANCE		\$2,674.68	\$2,734.70
OUTSTANDING CHECKS		\$ 0	\$ 0
CHALICE FUND		\$1,605.53	\$ 1,605.53
AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$ 2,172.96	\$ 1,129.17

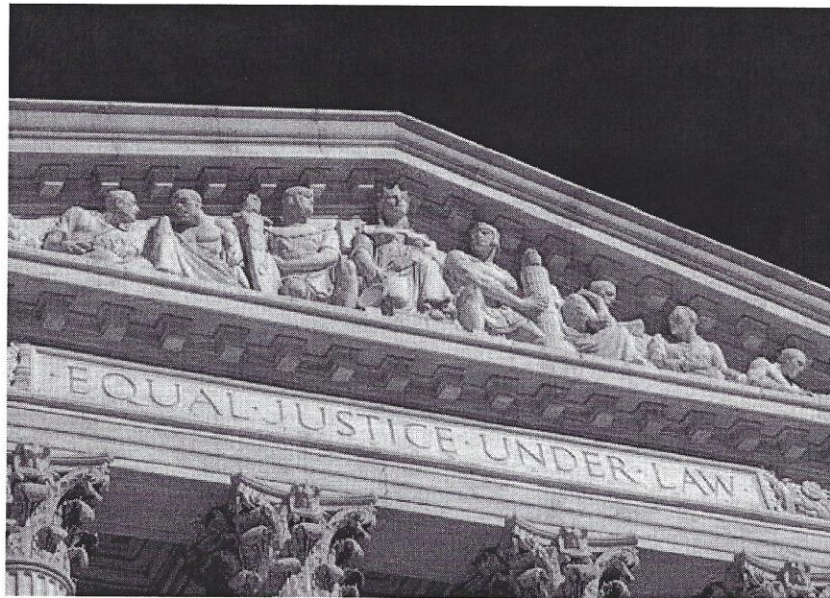
Reconciliation between Comptroller and Purser	
Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 2674.68
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 0
Plus Current Month deposits	\$ 60.02
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 0
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 0
Expected Bank Balance	\$2,734.70
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$ 2,734.70
Difference	\$ 0



8 WAYS THE K OF C DEFENDED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A look at some of the ways Knights of Columbus have defended religious freedom around the world

7/2/2020



Credit: Dan Brandenburg / Getty Images

The Knights of Columbus was founded at a time in U.S. history when Catholics faced harsh discrimination and were frequently looked down upon as morally and socially inferior. Throughout its history, the Knights has stood up for religious liberty as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Knight's fight for religious liberty has taken many forms – from 19th-century efforts to dispel suspicions that Catholics could not be faithful citizens due to their loyalty to the pope, to current support for Middle East Christians and other religious minorities.

1) The Knights fought legal threats to Catholic education

The Compulsory Education Act of 1922 in Oregon required parents or guardians to send children between the ages of eight and sixteen to *only* public schools. The law was promoted by the Ku Klux

[kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/week-of-june-29/8-ways-kofc-defended-religious-freedom.html?utm_source=Aristotle&utm_medium=...](https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/week-of-june-29/8-ways-kofc-defended-religious-freedom.html?utm_source=Aristotle&utm_medium=...) 1/5

Klan against Catholic educators, such as the Society of Sisters. The Knights immediately pledged \$10,000 to fight the law, which was later found unanimously unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

2) The Knights stood up against the Ku Klux Klan's anti-Catholic initiatives

The Oregon case wasn't the only time the KKK tried to reduce Catholics to second-class citizens in public programs and government policies. They widely spread a "Bogus Oath" to discredit the Knights of Columbus. The Klan even physically attacked Knights and priests – one attack was against a priest who performed a marriage between a recent convert and a Puerto Rican. When the Klan took to such acts of violence, Knights responded by protecting priests, Catholics, Blacks and other Knights from the Klan's angry mob.

One of the Knights who fought against the Klan and for religious freedom was Msgr. Bernard Quinn, who helped found St. Peter Claver Church, the first parish established for Black Catholics in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

"It seems to me that no church can exclude any one and still keep its Christian ideals," Msgr. Quinn said. "The Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion and this, plus the fact that church property is tax exempt, ought to mean that anyone can go any place to worship."

Read Msgr. Quinn's story [here](#).

3) The Knights supported Catholics in Mexico during a period of violent anti-Catholicism

During the late 1920s, the Mexican government issued several anti-Catholic laws, which banned Catholic services, barred Catholic education and seized property belonging to the Catholic Church. Many priests were killed or expelled. This catapulted the country into the Cristero War. Knights sent resources to support Catholics facing persecution. Others took up arms. Six Knights were martyred for the faith – they are all now saints.

The film *For Greater Glory* explores the story of these Knights and other Catholics during the Cristero War. It's on [our list of the top 12 movies](#) that are must watches for every Catholic – check out our guide to the movie [here](#).

4) The Knights advocated to protect persecuted American and European Jews

The Knights of Columbus not only defended the religious rights of Jews as well. They produced books showcasing the contributions of Jewish people to American society during a period of nativism. The Knights also advocated for the protection of European Jews at the behest of the Jewish War Veterans in 1938. Supreme Knight Martin Camody wrote to President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the U.S. should "use its influence to preserve" the "now sadly persecuted" German Jews by "fanatical groups."

5) The Knights promoted patriotism and religious freedom during the height of the Cold War

The Knights saw “atheistic” communism as a threat to religious liberty. In response, the Knights of Columbus encouraged the U.S. Congress to pass a bill, signed by President Dwight Eisenhower on Flag Day 1954, adding the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

6) The Knights’ supreme chaplain is on the frontlines of religious liberty issues

Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore – the current supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – served as chairman of the Committee on Religious Liberty for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has emphasized the importance of integrating religious liberty into the public square because, even though religion is a “personal matter, it is not a private matter.”

7) The Knights defended the Little Sisters of the Poor in their legal battles

After the passing of the Affordable Care Act, the Knights wrote amicus briefs in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who opposed the government’s mandate on abortifacient and contraceptive coverage for employees in their homes for elderly poor people.

8) The Knights continue to advocate for Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East

Since the early 2010s, the Knights of Columbus has assisted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East persecuted by ISIS. After a concerted effort by the Knights, which included researching, compiling and submitting a detailed report to the U.S. government, the Department of State declared the victimization of Christians and other minorities in that region to be genocide, recognizing the ruthless and inhumane methods of ISIS to rid the land of Christianity and other minority religions.

The Knights of Columbus has also been a leader in providing lifesaving aid to the refugees driven from their homelands by ISIS. The Christian Refugee Relief Fund has raised tens of millions of dollars which has been disbursed through the bishops and clergy of the area to supply emergency food, clothing, temporary housing and schooling for the thousands of families left homeless.

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