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**Knights of Columbus
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NEXT MEETING TBD

Note: Meetings Suspended During Covid-19

The Anchor



Knights of Columbus – Council 551

Grand Knight’s Message

My Brother Knights,
Well, we have made it through a month of “quarantine”! While I am sure there are challenges, I hope that you will continue to focus on the positives – connecting with family (even though virtually) more than you had previously, or learning a new hobby, or even donating your time to something new help those in need. It is times like this that we must take advantage of the opportunity to “deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity.”
So, with that, the Supreme Council has issued its response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative. They have provided councils with a guidebook to use as a resource for how to put our principles to work during this pandemic. The guidebook is posted to our website as well as the Knights of Columbus general website www.kofc.org.
The guide offers five areas where councils can participate to help during the pandemic. As a Council, we have chosen to start with helping our local food bank, The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Across the country, food banks have struggled to meet the needs of their families due to this pandemic – with many going through a year’s worth of distributions in the last month alone. So, we are asking Council 551 members to contribute any amount possible to help our local food pantry. Donations of any amount will be accepted and donated to St. Vincent DePaul to help maintain their operations during this time. Please send any contributions to Knights of Columbus 551, Attn: Food Drive, PO Box 711, Altoona, PA 16603. This will be an ongoing effort during the Covid-19 pandemic.
Additionally, I am asking you to check in with your brother Knights and make sure they are doing ok. If you know a brother Knight who is elderly, sick or in distress, please reach out to them or let us know so we may check in on him/his family. We want to make sure you are all doing ok throughout this situation.
Thank you all and continue to do good work! And stay safe!

Faternally yours,

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District/State News **ONLINE EXEMPLIFICATION DEGREE**

Congratulations to our newest members of Council 551 and those 1st and 2nd Degree members who all advanced to 3rd Degree through our first ever Online Exemplification Degree held on Thursday, April 16th. Our new members are Bob Kasun, Kevin Roesch, Bill Settle, Mark Sinisi, Justin McCaulley, Kraig Kiesewetter, and George Sinisi. Current members who advanced to 3rd Degree are Stephen Patrick Dumm, Mike Billotte, Ben Dumm, Joe Franks, Craig Andros, Denny Meyers, Mike Miller, & Tony Gibbons.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7 – MONTHLY MEETING CANCELED
June 20 – JDT Memorial Golf Tournament
(Tentative)

Council News

MEMBERSHIP

If you know someone who would make a great addition to our Council, please have them sign up online at www.kofc.org/joinus. Once they join online, we can vote on their application via e-mail and they can participate in the next Online Exemplification Degree Ceremony. With the success of the last degree ceremony several others will be scheduled during the Covid-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

“Monthly Meetings”

At this time, Council 551 will not be meeting monthly. We have also determined that conducting the recommended “virtual meetings” will be difficult for most of our membership. Therefore, our Council officers will continue to conduct virtual meetings, and will email members on any action items that need voting. We will continue post communications via the website, Remind, and email. If you haven’t already done so, please make sure we have your current email by emailing kofc551@gmail.com and sign up for Remind (see below on how to do that).

“Nite at the Races”

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this event has been postponed until a date to be determined in the Fall. Please keep posted by continuing to visit our council website at www.kofc551.org.

“Joseph D. Tomlinson Memorial Golf Tournament”

We will decide on this event after the Governor’s next announcement on April 30th on state mandated actions during the Covid-19 pandemic. Until then, please continue to register your teams, sponsorships, and or make your donations for the event at www.JosephDTomlinsonMemorialGolf.com. You can register for everything and choose “Invoice”. This way we will have your contact information if we reschedule and can keep you informed. Contact Terry Anderson at (814) 932-0465 or Billy Crawford at (814) 502-7413 with questions.

“Event Reminders”

To receive reminders of Council events, on your mobile phone, go to your app store (Apple App Store, Google Play Store, etc.) and download the Remind: School Communication app. Create an account using your mobile phone, email, or Gmail account. Once logged in send a txt with the message @**kofc551** to **81010**. You will get notified of being registered. Or, email your mobile phone # or email to kofc551@gmail.com with the subject “Remind” and I can add you manually.

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About Our Organization...

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.