



Fr. McNelis Council No. 1481

April-May-June 2021

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Grand Knight Bob Dalecki • Deputy Grand Knight Tom Bresnahan • Financial Secretary Mike Shero • Treasurer Jeff Bacha

Grand Knight's Message

As Grand Knight I'm gratified to see our members working to help our church, family and town communities.

We've helped to fund the activities of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Citizens' Ambulance, Indiana Fire Association, ICCAP and more. But most importantly, we've donated our time.



Our record-breaking food bank collection in January has been publicized on the front page of the Indiana Gazette and the K of C Greensburg Chapter newsletter. We have helped with the St. Bernard School Lenten meals. The brothers have been there every Friday directing traffic as customers arrive at the church and delivering meals as they're prepared. I've witnessed what it means to come together as a brotherhood, sharing stories and having fun

together. It's obvious that we enjoy each other's company and have a need for companionship.

Some upcoming events have returned after last year's hiatus. We've scheduled another Hoss's "Cash Cow" fundraiser.

Get your "Cash Cow" Card found in the narthex of either St. Bernard or St. Thomas More or by downloading from www.kofc1481.org/hosss-fundraiser. The carnation sale will be held again during Mother's Day weekend. And the golf outing is back to be held on Friday, June 18, at Meadow Lane Golf Course. The yearly picnic will not be held during our last council meeting but will be held for our first council meeting in September if there's enough interest (and a chairman). Look for upcoming information on all these events through email, church bulletins, cantor announcements and subsequent newsletters.

The annual C.O.A.L. ticket sales have exceeded our projections. To date our council has sold over 270 tickets. We will be sending in our first batch of ticket to the state chapter prior to April 1. Sales will continue through April 23 though. The drawing is set for April 30. Good luck to those who've bought tickets from our members!

Our last two hybrid meetings have been hugely successful with more than 30 members joining in each month. Half of those attending are in person and half virtual. The large monitor that we purchased two years ago has been perfect.

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2021 Calendar

APRIL

7 Officers' meeting, 7 p.m.
14 Regular meeting, 7 p.m.
19 Greensburg Chapter, 7 p.m.
24 Special Olympics training begins
25 Hoss's Community Day
28 Fourth Degree Assembly, 7 p.m.

MAY

5 Officers' meeting, 7 p.m.
12 Regular meeting/officers election, 7 p.m.
17 Greensburg Chapter, 7 p.m.
26 Fourth Degree Assembly, 7 p.m.

JUNE

2 Officers' meeting, 7 p.m.
9 Regular meeting, 7 p.m.
18 Golf outing at Meadow Lane, 1 p.m.
21 Greensburg Chapter, 7 p.m.
23 Fourth Degree Assembly, 7 p.m.
30 Deadline for free online membership

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Get hungry and go to Hoss's!



Dine with brother Knights on Sunday, April 25, at Hoss's Steak & Sea House on Wayne Avenue, White Township, and help our council raise funds for our programs.

You can help in two ways:

- Present a community night fundraiser "Cash Cow Card" when you pay your guest check. Hoss's will donate up to 25 percent of your money back to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1481. Think of it as enjoying a hearty meal and generously supporting our council for one price.

- Contact Br. Jeff Bacha, the Hoss's fundraising chairman, to help distribute the "Cash Cow Cards" to your family, friends and coworkers. Every card

we distribute is another chance to raise money to support our causes.

Clip the cash cow card shown here, or download and print it, for presentation at Hoss's on April 25. The cards will be accepted all day for dine-in or take-out meals.

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"If we say less than we should it is easy to add, but having said too much it is hard to take it back."

— St. Francis de Sales (1567 — 1622)

More of the Grand Knight's Message

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Virtual members can see and hear presenters and in-person members can see and hear virtual members. If you haven't attended a meeting lately, consider doing so. We keep it fun, lively and under one hour. At the end of the meetings, we've been showing the "Into the Breach" videos. This is a series of 10-minute inspirational videos produced by Supreme. You can watch even if online!

Hope to see you soon (virtually or in person).

— GK Bob Dalecki

Don't miss Knights of Columbus monthly council meetings

Our council leaders have worked hard to keep our members safe in our return to actual meetings in the St. Bernard Lodge hall.

At the same time, brothers with busy schedules may also attend virtual meetings using the Zoom app online.

No brother Knight who wishes to take part in council activities should be left out. Please call for help.

TRANSPORTATION: Brother Knights are available to car pool and help you to attend meetings at the lodge.

TECHNOLOGY: Our leaders also can help you, in the safety of your home, to learn how view the meetings on your computer or smartphone.

Contact GK Bob Dalecki at 724.840.2829 or rdalecki@comcast.net to arrange for help.

Brother Knight leads parish technology upgrade

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church will soon broadcast Masses and other church programs on the internet for viewing by homebound parishioners and distant relatives and friends of our church community.

The installation of cameras, a control system and big-screen monitors will soon be under way.

Inspired by the online streaming video of Masses since the start of the coronavirus pandemic by Bishops Edward Malesic and Larry Kulick and by pastors of other Catholic churches, Br. Doug Steve and fellow parishioner C.J. Spadafora raised \$30,000 in December and January to finance the needed upgrades.

St. Bernard parishioners will be able to worship from anywhere within reach of the internet. Masses may be recorded for playback on the YouTube web video center. Potentially the technology would allow private viewing or recording of weddings, baptisms, first communions, funeral Masses and other programs for parish families unable to personally attend the sacraments.

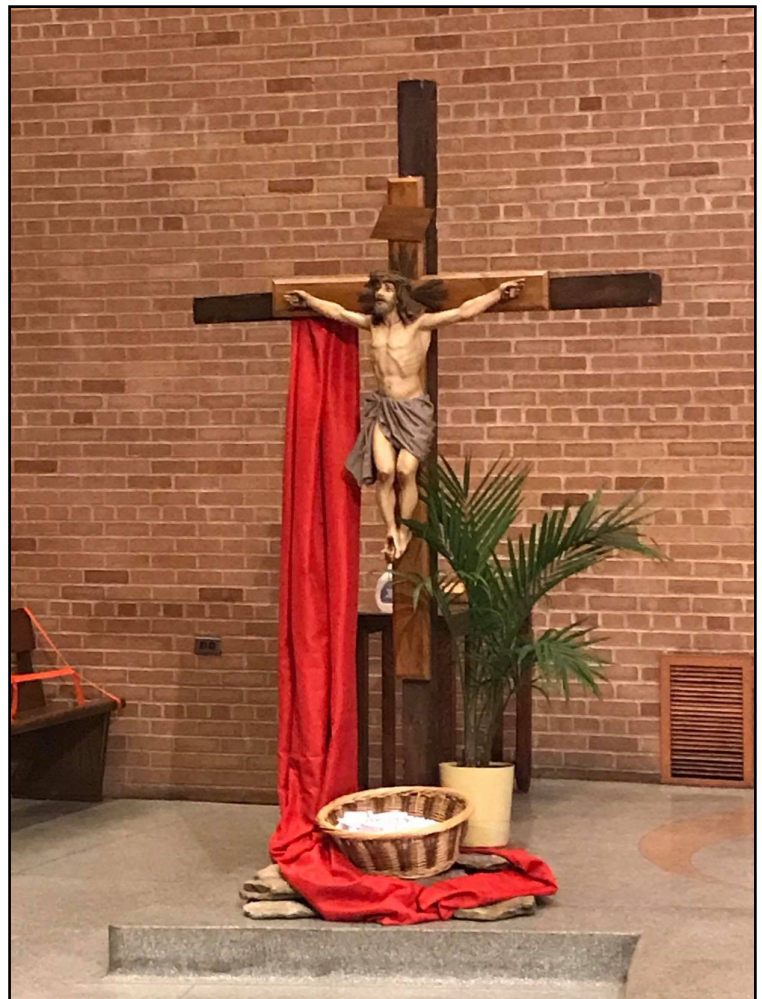
Br. Steve said the equipment and capabilities also could provide opportunities for parish youth group members to develop technology skills while serving their church.

The availability of Masses for viewing and celebration on devices of convenience such as smartphones may also enable St. Bernard of Clairvaux to reach young or strayed parishioners and bring them back to

Knights' anniversaries

These brothers celebrate the anniversary of their induction as First Degree members in April of years past:

- 60 Joseph Luscia
- 30 Andrzej Adamowski,
- 30 John Angelo
- 30 Joseph Angelo
- 30 Timothy Petro
- 25 Kevin Buggey, Michael Lawer, Mark Staron
- 24 James Mill, James Bicego, Thomas Kopczyk, Nicholas Hoffman and Roberto Turnbull
- 23 Thomas Klunk and Charles Nace
- 21 David Lishinsky and David Zimmerman
- 19 Matthew Budash
- 18 Robert Dalecki, Matthew Denver, Richard Hornfeck, Thomas Ott and Germain Kline
- 16 Brian Carpenter and Charles Chiplis
- 15 Joseph Lamantia and Ronald Nocco
- 14 Albert Knapik
- 13 William Sands
- 10 Michael Carnovale, Andrew Cash, Joseph Macchiaroli and Michael Morris
- 5 Richard Ackerson, Joseph Ambrose, Thomas Bresnahan, Scott Cook, Garold Russell, Douglas Russell and James Smith
- 1 Christopher Adams, Normand Boyd, Michael Chuhran, Adam Marshall, William Simmons and Donald Woolslayer.



The crucifixion of Christ portrayed during Holy Week at St. Thomas More University Parish.

Bring a friend! Gain a brother!

Becoming a member of Knights of Columbus never was easier. The Supreme Council has extended until June 30 the opportunity for eligible Catholic men to become members of the order without the payment of a membership fee or first-year dues.

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who 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.

Today, qualified men may complete an application online at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>, to become Knights and then take part in a brief exemplification program, conducted on a video recording, to enlist in Fr. McNelis Council No. 1481.

Share this news with family members and friends who have considered joining our order. Never has it been easier to become a Knight. Never has it been more meaningful to be a Knight.

Contact Br. Tom Pearson, the chapter membership chairman, for more information at 724.467.2991 or trpearson1@gmail.com.

Duffers' day on links returns

Our Golf Outing is back! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 18 at Meadow Lane Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$60 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, prizes, skills competition and refreshments with dogs and burgers before and during. Look for the traditional pictures of your foursome and winners to be published in The Indiana Gazette and in The de Sales.

We'll also have the usual putting contest to win money. No entry fee is needed.

Contact Bob Dalecki at rdalecki@comcast.net or 724.840.2829, or Don Hogan by email at dhogan7@verizon.net with your foursome before June 11.

Join us for one of the best outings you'll experience this year!

— Bob Dalecki and Don Hogan



The 4th Degree
Fr. McNelis Assembly # 968



Be a part of this time-honored tradition of the Knights of Columbus. Contact Br. Bernard Liscik to learn about advancing to the Fourth Degree.



Special Olympics games emerge from lockdown

After a year of lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Special Olympics of Armstrong and Indiana (SOAI) counties has been cleared to begin in-person training and games for athletes with intellectual and physical disabilities.

As the philanthropy adopted in 2019 for service by Fr. McNelis Council No. 1481, the Special Olympics program provides opportunities for the Knights to serve, both in volunteer work at programs and events and financially to help sustain the operations.

Their next group activity will be a training session Saturday, April 24, on Hoodlebug Trail near Old Route 119 at Wayne Avenue.

Under Manager Michelle Jordan, the SOAI has worked hard during the past year to contact athletes at their homes, to encourage them to stay healthy and to provide at-home training programs to help them stay in condition.

The burdens of the lockdown and virus outbreak have been much more difficult for Special Olympians to bear. The concept of being kept in their long-term care homes without visits from friends and family has been difficult for some athletes to understand. The very nature of the disabilities they suffer also have made them more susceptible to illness and death from COVID-19 infection.

Please pray for the safe and happy return of these individuals to the activities they enjoy and consider service as valuable volunteer coached and mentors to Special Olympics athletes.



The sanctuary of St. Thomas More University Parish provided a peaceful, candlelit atmosphere for the poignant Lectio Divina with Contemplative Music service on Tuesday evening of Holy Week.



Into the Breach: Men's Christian values in 10 minutes a month

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

Join your brothers following each regular council meeting this year for our online sharing of each of the videos in this series. Topics include Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare, Evangelization and The Cornerstone. Each of the programs runs 10 to 13 minutes. We'll share our observations and reflections of the messages of each episode in "Into the Breach." Learn more online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>



Knights mark anniversaries of service to Council No. 1481

These brothers celebrate the anniversary of their induction as First Degree members in May of past years this spring. Thank you and congratulations on your many years of service!

- 42 William Onuscheck
- 42 William Tanner
- 37 Donald Ferra
- 37 Michael Minich
- 35 Salvatore Maugeri; 34 Robert Bowser; 33 Paul Farabaugh; 31 Angelo D'Amico
- 29 Michael Klimchak; 28 Anthony Sgro; 27 John Avolio; 27 Douglas Zolosik
- 26 Lawrence Miller, John Mitchell, Mark Plivelic and Gregory Rich
- 17 Frank Cignetti, Patrick Dougherty, Thomas Pearson, Joshua Rosenberger and Chauncey Ross
- 14 Eugene Boring; 12 Jeffrey Vargson
- 9 Richard Gallo and Dennis Della-Penna; 8 Laurence Miller; 5 Francis Cheerangaz
- Also Gregory Leone and Robert Snyder

Annual election of officers — Call for candidates

The Nominating Committee, composed of the council trustees, has presented a slate of current officers for re-election at the council meeting of Wednesday, May 12. Additional nominations will be accepted at that time. The nominees to complete the 2020-2022 term for Council No. 1481 are:

- ♣ • Grand Knight Bob Dalecki
- ♣ • Deputy Grand Knight Tom Bresnahan
- ♣ • Chancellor Ed O'Sullivan
- ♣ • Warden John Avolio
- ♣ • Treasurer Jeff Bacha
- ♣ • Recorder Chauncey Ross
- ♣ • Inside Guard — (No nominee)
- ♣ • Outside Guard Dan Minor
- ♣ • Advocate Joe Bobick
- ♣ • Trustees Mike Morris, Don Hogan, Tom Pearson.

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight on recommendation of Council No. 1481. The Historian and Lecturing Knight are appointed by the Grand Knight. The Chaplain is appointed by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees with approval of the Bishop of the Diocese.

In addition to the offices mandated for election by the Council No. 1481 bylaws, the members will also be asked to vote on nominees to represent our council at local, regional and state Knights of Columbus conferences:

Council Representatives to the Greensburg Chapter:

- Delegates - Bob Dalecki, Tom Pearson; Alternate Delegates - Pat Scanlon, Michael Morris

Council Representatives to the PA Western Section:

- Delegates - Bob Dalecki, Michael Morris; Alternate Delegates - Tom Pearson, Pat Scanlon

Council Representatives to the PA State Convention:

- Delegates - Bob Dalecki, Michael Morris; Alternate Delegated - Pat Scanlon, Tom Pearson

Knights of Columbus Council No. 1481 annually elects officers to lead our efforts and our service to church, family and community. Except for the trustees, those elected in even-numbered years, such as 2020, are committed to their positions for two years. In odd-numbered years, such as 2021, the officers commit to complete their terms or to have successors elected if they cannot continue in their positions.

Please plan to attend the May 12 meeting to vote for and support our council leaders. Please prayerfully consider whether you may one day also serve the knights as a local officer.

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- 68 Frank Zbignewich
- 63 Stephen Budinsky
- 43 Dennis Ragan
- 39 Donald Jonischek and Ivan Yankivich
- 38 Matthew Mutchka and William Hughes
- 35 Robert Padasak
- 26 Philip "P.J." Belin
- 14 Franklin Johns and Lawrence Rodack
- 13 Paul Lefko
- 5 Justin Sottile and Dean Coleman
- Also Frank Morganti

Br. Mike Shero named to receive council's top honor

By acclamation of Grand Knight Robert Dalecki, our Brother Mike Shero has been declared Knight of the Year for 2020-21.

Br. Mike's unparalleled dedication to his recent service as Financial Secretary, in light of his personal health limitations, stands as a prime example of the commitment to our order's goals and ideals.

A member since 2018, Br. Mike has volunteered to help with the annual carnation sales, the fish fry dinners sponsored by St. Bernard Regional Catholic School during Lent each year, the baby bottle campaign, the Hoss's Community Day fundraiser and the yearly calendar sale to benefit St. Anne's Home.

In our parishes, Br. Mike has served 10 years as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Please join our officers and Br. Tom Bresnahan, the recognition committee chairman, in our heartfelt salute and congratulations to our new Knight of the Year — Br. Mike Shero.



GIVE A SHOUT OUT!

What are your brother knights doing that make you proud of our order? Contact deSales Editor Chauncey Ross at 724.463.4262 or cbr4@usa.net with your ideas.

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The warden of Council No. 1481, Br. John Avolio, and his wife, Lisa, led the volunteers who decorated the altar of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church for Easter weekend Masses. The Knights of Columbus holds service to church, family and community as the core values of brother Knights.

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