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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers –

We survived another month, and here we are, starting November, an exciting month that will have the most significant election in our country's history - selecting how we will go forward as a nation. I hope you were all able to place your vote. ...And, if you haven't reset all of the clocks in your house, remember we're on Standard time now!



Bingo is back! The crowds have been small, but growing. It will take some time to get back to the large crowds we had in the past, dependent on the governor, therapeutics and vaccines. If you want to have something to do Monday nights, why not come to the SCBC for an evening of fun. All healthy requirements are in-place, so it's worth a look.

We'll try to get our in-person Business Meetings rolling again and start this month by having a dual in-person/Zoom meeting November 4th. Again, we'll follow all of the guidelines – facemasks, social distance, and temperature checks, and I suspect that we'll have less than 20 knights attending at the SCBC (Which has room for 120!). We won't be serving any food, so if you're planning of coming to the SCBC, eat first. If you've been out of your house, to a store, or voted in-person, our in-person meeting will be just as safe.

Our annual Turkey Drive is underway. We usually spend about \$4,000 on food to distribute, so we're really dependent on your support this year. Please send your contribution, (suggested at \$40+ made payable to KofC Council 10852) to our Treasurer, Tom Larkin, at 7829 Lamington Drive, Indian Land, 29707.

We will donate \$500 to St. Matthew Christian Responders who perform outreach services beyond our parish. Together with our Turkey Drive and our donation to the Men's Shelter, these will be the remaining contributions we'll make as we approach the end of the year.

Our 50/50 raffle was a success, with more than \$1200 going to the winner. Thank you to all of our brothers and friends who supported our fund raiser. All of our proceeds will go to supporting our charitable giving this year.

We still have our eye on having a golf tournament next Spring. We need a Knight to step forward and run this activity. If you know about golf and would volunteer to head-up this activity, please let me know (Rwall@tivasoftware.com). We can get you as much help as you'll need to make it a success.

You have been getting quite a few notices from our National and State organizations keeping you abreast of their activities and I won't repeat them here, except to remind you that you have the support, prayers and encouragement of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. Stay healthy and keep safe!

Vivat Jesus!

Rory Wall, GK

COUNCIL NEWS

Raffle #2 – 50/50 Drawing - This Halloween it's Ghosts, Goblins or CASH!!! - Results!

The winner of our 50/50 raffle is Fred Scheltz of Grove City, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. Fred's prize is \$1,365.00! A Knight for over 44 years, Fred is originally from Waterloo, New York. He has moved several times but has always been active in five different councils! An avid raffle participant, especially those for the Knights of Columbus, he learned of our raffle from an email forwarded to him.

Congratulations to Fred and Thank You to all those who participated. Our Council will donate **\$1,465.00** to the charities we support so they can continue to provide the services so needed in these trying times!

Council's 2020 Thanksgiving Turkey Drive!

Our Council's annual Turkey Drive is scheduled for the third week of November. Our Council will purchase 100 Thanksgiving Turkey dinners for families in East Charlotte. The Council provides frozen turkeys and other food items to the Sisters of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity who will distribute the food. Brothers, your donation of \$40.00 will help cover the cost of one Thanksgiving meal for a family.

Checks should be made payable to KofC Council 10852 and mailed to our Treasurer, Tom Larkin, at 7829 Lamington Drive, Indian Land, 29707.

Golf Tournament – We need a Program Chairman for a Golf Tournament in the Spring. If you can organize this activity and would like to volunteer to run it, let me know.

South Charlotte Banquet Center - Ongoing Maintenance – We are always in need for help maintaining the Banquet Center. If you can volunteer a few hours, please let Chuck Elgin know. (Celgin01@earthlink.net).

Bingo Chairman - Joe Corso, Mike Harper, Bill LoPresti and Ron Schumacher have done a terrific job managing Bingo in the past, but Ron moved to Texas and we would like to get some new blood on the committee. If you would like to help with Bingo, let Joe, Mike, Bill or Gil Borrero know.

Operation Exodus: Handicap Access Ramp for Linda Wood

On September 11th and 12th, Operation Exodus built a new Handicap Access Ramp for Linda Wood, a patient of Novant Health. Olga Jones, Case Manager for Novant Health contacted Chuck Elgin, President of Operation Exodus to ask if Operation Exodus would build a Handicap Access Ramp for Linda Wood. Linda Wood could not be released from the Hospital until Linda had a Handicap Access Ramp to enter her home in Newton, NC. Novant Health agreed to fund Linda Wood's Ramp since Linda did not have the necessary funds.



Pictured at left is the new handicap access ramp built off the Back Deck of the Wood home. Pictured at right is the mini-ramp Operation Exodus built from the Wood home to the deck.

Many thanks to the Brother Knights/Operation Exodus team members who helped build the Linda Woods Ramp. The Operation Exodus team built the Ramp Frames on Friday, September 11th at the Operation Exodus Wesley Chapel Offsite Storage location and then loaded up the ramp's materials into the two Operation Exodus trailers. Many thanks to the Friday Ramp Build Team including PGK Chuck Elgin, Jim Gilsdorf, John Trojan, Joe Corso, Tom Libhardt, DGK Ray Misiunas, Ron Marchetti and PGK Bill McKenna

The Saturday, Ramp build at the Wood home in Newton, NC was challenging. The Operation Exodus team endured two rain delays totaling 3 hours when building the ramp. Although the Operation Exodus team had to deal with all the mud and over an inch of rain as well as the 3 hour delay, the Team was able to complete the ramp by late afternoon in time for Linda Wood to arrive home from the hospital and be able to use the new Handicap Access Ramp to enter her home!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Saturday Build team of PGK Chuck Elgin, John Trojan, Joe Corso, Randy Mazur, and Pete Luksas.

Operation Exodus could really use some younger Brother Knights to join the Operation Exodus team. Operation Exodus recently lost two of our key Team Members. The Operation Exodus build process is to let Brother Knights know two weeks in advance of the upcoming Ramp Build. The Operation Exodus team completes the Ramp Frames on a Friday at the Operation Exodus Wesley Chapel Offsite Storage location. We then load up the trailers for the Ramp Build on Saturday, the next day. If some of our

younger Brother Knights (teenagers are welcome too!) could join the team for the Saturday build, it would be greatly appreciated.

You do not need construction experience, just a willingness to help. Operation Exodus provides all the tools and expertise needed to complete the Design and Construction of the Handicap Access ramps. **If interested in joining the Operation Exodus team, please contact Past Grand Knight Chuck Elgin at 704-614-0504 or celgin01@earthlink.net.**

Operation Exodus is a 501©3 Charity and accepts Tax Deductible, Charitable Contributions. Make Check payable to "Operation Exodus" and mail to: Charles Elgin, President, Operation Exodus, Inc., 1204 Churchill Downs Drive, Waxhaw. NC 28173. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

VIVAT JESUS! Chuck Elgin, Past Grand Knight & President of Operation Exodus



2020 Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive Results

Connected in Christ! Moved by the Spirit!

The goal was to raise \$220,000, with the hopes of buying and shipping over 240,000 pounds of food and needed good, and provide funds for education and sustainable projects. With the grace of God and through the extraordinary generosity of parishioners and friends of the parish, the St Matthew World Hunger Drive raised over \$251,000. The 2020 effort has been one of the most successful drives in the 18 year history of the event. Based on projections, we expect to ship an estimated 320,000 pounds of food, for an 18 year total of over 3.5 million pounds of food.

As Debbie Kane, co-leader of the Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive with Steve Favory stated; "The parishioners of St. Matthew take our connection to each other very seriously. They opened their hearts and generously gave to support our family in Haiti. Our parish is truly '*Connected in Christ! Moved by the Spirit!*'."

We are incredibly grateful for each level of financial support from so many individuals and families. As Father John stated, "The Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive is one of the many impressive works of mercy that St. Matthew parishioners undertake each year. We are blessed to share the communion of prayer, solidarity and friendship with our family in Haiti and the Missionaries of the Poor. I am so grateful to all who have shown such remarkable support for our virtual food drive and for the incredible impact it is providing in the wake of the pandemic and so much conflict in Haiti.

We are all brothers and sisters, moved by the Spirit. Please check the website for additional information and regular updates. <https://stmatthewcatholic.org/world-hunger-drive>. Thank you and God bless.



Council Awards and Recognition

This month, the **Knight of the Month is Bill LoPresti**, who has been doing a lot volunteering at the Banquet Center, setting-up for meetings, weddings and conferences.

The **Family of the Month is Joe and Marilyn George**, who have been very active in supporting many of the outreach programs of St. Matthew, including the St. Matthew Christian Responders.

Culture of Life Corner



Sidewalk Advocates and prayer partners needed at the Hebron Abortion Facility

The Hebron Abortion facility performs abortions from 9 AM to 1 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. The defenseless unborn babies need us there. Email me at ngemignani@gmail.com if you need directions. The Sidewalk Advocates training course for Sidewalk Advocates will be available on-line. To get started, fill out an application at www.sidewalkadvocates.org/trainingapp. For questions contact our Charlotte chapter at: Prolifesignup@gmail.com

Norman Gemignani, 803-415-2979, ngemigani@gmail.com.

Least Among My Brethren



As everyone knows, this is a difficult year for charitable fund raising. Some of you have been generous and made personal donations to the LAMB Foundation and for that we are most grateful. We can only encourage anyone who can make a donation to do so. The needs of those helped by LAMB – such as Holy Angels, Special Olympics, St. Matthew SPRED Program – continue and likely have even increased. Your help is vital for LAMB to continue to support the organizations who serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Another way you might consider supporting LAMB is to buy Belk Charity Day Sale discount tickets. A \$5 ticket gives you a \$10 discount!! The dates are November 13, 14 15, yes, three days to shop to get your discount. You can buy in store or online.

We have tickets you can buy now. Simply email me at deschr@bellsouth.net. Get ready for Christmas and shop early – with discounts and, at the same time, helping LAMB.

A Message from our KofC Field Agent

Matthew J. McKinley PGK/SK

Dear Brothers,

First and foremost, I hope and pray that you and your families are safe and well! As we face these unprecedented times, the Knights of Columbus is in the forefront making sure that our members and their families are cared for. I want to continue to provide you with the service and the products available to you and the challenge is to do that in a way mindful of our duty to preserve the health and well-being of our members and their families.

The Supreme Office has developed a way for us to meet virtually over the internet to be able to continue to take care of all your insurance needs. I am now able to meet with you virtually using the Skype meeting application. This platform is familiar to many consumers and it is easy to connect to, even for those who have not used it before. It can be used with a variety of devices. In addition to being able to see each other, Skype allows me to share my screen with you so you can see forms and other graphics as needed.

While this way for us to meet may be new, my commitment to you and your family remains the same. My goal is to see Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting all Catholic families become a reality.

As always, I stand ready to help. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance of any kind during these trying times, please feel free to contact me at: 818-731-6387.

AMERICAN FLAGS FOR SALE

The George L. Gettier Assembly 780 is selling 3 ft. x 5 ft. American Flags for \$25. These flags are made in the good old United States of America. When flags are purchased by a St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 10852 member, \$5 of the proceeds is returned to Council 10852.



Past Faithful Navigator Chuck Elgin, will have the flags available for sale at Council 10852 and Assembly 780 Business Meetings. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted. If you cannot attend an Assembly 780 or Council 10852 Business meeting but are interested in a flag, please contact **Chuck at Email: celgin01@earthlink.net; Call/Text: 704-614-0504.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO: If you have questions or want to help please contact: **Joe Corso, Mike Harper, Bill Lo Presti or Gil Borrero.**

Mark your calendars!

November Calendar Events:

November 4 - Council Business Meeting at 6:30/7 pm

November 11 - SCBC Board Meeting at 7 pm

November 24 - Assembly 780 Meeting at 7:45 pm

November 25 - Council Officer's Meeting at 7 pm

(The Nov. 4th meeting will be at the SCBC and on Zoom)

Happy November Birthday!

The Grand Knight and Council Officers wish all Brother Knights with November birthdays a Very Happy Birthday! May God bless you with good health and much happiness for many more years!!!!

Rick	Vander Kaay	2	George	Efird	14
Joseph	Okoye	4	Robert	Pendleton	14
Gregory	Tayborn	4	James	Larose	15
Connor	Gilbride	4	Joshua	Peeples	16
Steven	Lawler	5	Mark	Zwieback	18
Robert	Young	6	Jerry	Helms	19
Edward	Cummings	6	Bob	Friedman	20
Mitch	Cox	7	Edward	Craig	23
Matthew	Mc Clellan	8	Stephen	Doscher	23
William	Kenney	9	John	Kenney	25
George	Banks	9	Frank	Mifsud	27
Edward	Hogan	9	Joseph	De Simone	27
Randy	Mazur	9	John	Rojas	28
Paul	Stewart	9	Larry	Britt	29
John	Greco	10	Roger	Morel	29
Chester	Miller	11	James	Collins	30
Jack	Evans	11			
John	Wasco	13			



For The Good of the Order:

Please pray for your Brother Knights, their families, and friends, those who have died, are sick, or in distress.

Especially remember:

Donna Hartenstine, wife of Earl Hartenstine

We ask that in His mercy God may bless them, watch over them, and fill them and their families with the presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Mary, Queen of Knights Pray for us



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