



Dear Brother Knight, Lovely Lady, and families

The past two years have presented many new challenges for all of us. Coping with sickness, lay-offs, job loss, isolation and an unknown future. The Council has experienced all of this as well. With the mandated shutdowns thrust upon us by the State and County, the bar and catering calendar have taken a beating. Our typical revenue stream dried up for much of the shutdown.

While some of you have seen the new and improved bar and Kitchen, most of these improvements were paid for with Government Covid grants (and the hard work of a few dedicated individuals). We solicited our members for much needed Kitchen supplies/equipment, and you stepped up to the task. As we went months with little to no income, the Building Corporation coffers took a hit. We have been barely surviving on Friday night dinners, Bar Bingo, and the occasional room rental (as we were not able to serve food). Our rainy day fund has all but dried up.

As we finally emerge from the pandemic, the Council is digging it's way out of the hole. We are again open Tuesday thru Saturday (and Sunday during football season). Our shuffleboard and dart leagues have picked back up, bar Bingo is going strong on Saturday nights, Friday night dinners always draw a crowd, and catering rentals are beginning to pick up again. But this does not make up for the lost revenue from Covid.

We are now looking for new fund raising ideas to help replenish our capital improvement account. This fund is needed now, more than ever. Over the past two years, we have had to replace a water heater, a fire alarm system, and a commercial refrigerator, among other things. The Council Hall is now in need of a new roof and the HVAC unit for the front of building needs to be replaced.

Our current fund raising plan is to resurface the bar tops in the clubhouse and Fernandez Room. The Building Corporation will be selling "plywood squares", engraved with your name, family name, or name of a deceased love one. These squares will be 7" x 7", installed over the existing bar top, and covered with a clear resin, for lasting durability.

We are selling these squares at a cost of \$150 each. We will be selling only 167 squares, so order your before they sell out. Be part of a lasting legacy at Prince George's Council 2809. You may submit your request per the attached order form. You may contact Marie Bohorfoush with any questions, at 301-345-4076.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support,

Jim Lintner
Building Corporation President

David Alessandrini
Grand Knight