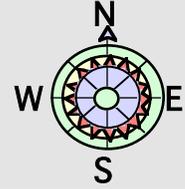


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

On March 6, Monday, the council will be 46 years old. This is a major accomplishment for any organization. How many couples make it to 46 years? How many priests, how many businesses and how many of us can expect to work for the same employer for that amount of time. In the past it was quite a common experience, but times have changed. The average worker will have 10 to 15 jobs in his or her life time, changing jobs on average every 2 to 5 years. Companies that stay in business for the long term are becoming fewer and fewer every day. We all can list businesses that were seemingly around forever and are now gone. (So much for job security) The likelihood of a marriage making it past the first few years is a stretch. It is just too easy to get out of commitments, or more accurately too easy to avoid commitment. If the road becomes too hard, just quit. If situations and expectations change just quit. Just blame the other party for the problems and move on. What ever happened to working through problems, to talking and discussing and listening to another's point of view and reaching a compromise or at least agreeing to disagree? It is too easy to walk away. We are too quick to forget why we started things, why we got married, why we went to work for an employer, why we joined an organization or why we do anything that is truly worth doing.

Forty six years is a tremendous accomplishment, especially for a successful volunteer organization. It is a true testament to those men who put forth the effort, who made the sacrifices and continue to do so. Of the many who began the journey only a handful remain. They haven't forgotten why they first got involved or what it takes to make a commitment and to follow it through to its conclusion. I'm sure there were many times in their journey (as in life) when the road was rough and they had doubts. They found a way to re-invent themselves and recommit to the organization, to its cause and to each other. If you would, take this time to consider why you became a Knight of Columbus and consider spending some time getting reacquainted with the council you helped build. I think you will find that what you were looking for is still here. The faces may have changed and the hair may be thinner but the commitment to doing God's work, the work of charity, continues through the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. We look forward to seeing you and sharing thoughts and ideas,

Vivat Jesus,

Don

CHAPLAIN'S LOG



Dear Brother Knights,

As we prepare to begin our Lenten Journey, let us re-commit ourselves to a genuine spirit of prayer and penance this Lent, helping us to more fully appreciate the great gift of the Risen Christ.

May this Lent be, for each of us, a call to conversion and renewal and may the Risen Christ fill each of us with His endless and unconditional love.

Peace,

Fr. Michael

Calendar of Events

Mar 6	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 13	Officer's Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 20	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 27	Open meeting - 8pm Garden City Fire Hall guest speaker Dr. Edmundowicz of UPMC

We will be having a small celebration at the March 20 Meeting to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the founding of our council on March 6, 1960. We would like to invite any and all brothers to attend and join in celebrating the birthday of Pius XII.

Guest Speaker Program

Dr. Edmundowicz of UPMC will be our guest speaker on Monday, March 27 at 8 PM. This is an open meeting - anyone can attend. Further details are forthcoming. RSVP with Tom Behrmann at BehrmannW@juno.com or leave a message at 724-697-1331.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Ankenbrandt*, Nellie Jane Ankenbrandt*
 Meredith Behrmann, Jim Caufield,
 Doug Comment, Stanley Czerniewski
 Len Damratowski
 Bob Fedarko, Felicia Gurski
 Mark Janczewski
 Amil Jurica, Mike Kiss
 Ed Kuntz, Sr., Kathryn Lafleur
 Rita Liberto, Father Luteri*
 Claudine Matesa, Frank McIntyre, Jim McIntyre*
 George Milne, Lou Renda, Gerry Ruetz*, Eva Singel
 Bill Syrek, Joe Weber, Genevieve Wolfe*
 and for all other sick and deceased*
 members of K of C families.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS

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| MARCH | BIRTHDAYS - |
| 1 | Christopher DelSignore |
| 2 | James E. Bour |
| 2 | Burliegh V. Hartin |
| 2 | Joseph T. Sobester |
| 10 | Donald A. Torma |
| 11 | Edward J. Kuntz, Sr. |
| 11 | Frank J. Pugliano |
| 14 | Richard L. Varlotto, Jr. |
| 18 | Joseph Balcik |
| 23 | John G. Aiken |
| 23 | William L. Petrone |
| 25 | Michael M. Czyzewski |
| 25 | William L. May |
| 27 | James T. Ferchak |
| 27 | Nick Vaskov |
| 28 | Angelo A. Butera |
| 29 | John Dorcak, Jr. |
| 29 | Lawrence Robinson |



NEW FIELD AGENT

Stephen C. Baker is our new insurance agent. He will be contacting all brother knights in the near future. If you wish to speak to him his phone number is 724-325-3335 and e-mail is scbkofc@adelphia.net

Fiftieth Anniversary of Pius XII Council 4925

It was suggested at the last meeting that brother Knights start thinking of ways to celebrate our council's 50th anniversary. While it won't occur until 2010, we all know it takes a lot of planning and time to do a good job for such a milestone celebration. Please submit your ideas to the Grand Knight. Better yet, come to the meetings and present your ideas.

GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL!

Below is the email that was sent more than 3 months ago when we first tried the on-line Compass. Now it's time to ask you the 64 dollar question. Can we stop sending you the mailed version of the Compass and send only the email version? Please respond yes or no to claybossart@adelphia.net. Pass the word to your brother knights.

Thus far (2/10/06), 20 of our Brother Knights have elected to receive the Compass by email only. For those of us who are on the computer as a normal routine, this is very convenient. Just create an electronic folder to store all the copies and, in time, you will have your own historical file. You won't have to search all over the house to find the most recent issue to see when the next meeting or special event is scheduled. Just go to your computer. An added bonus is that pictures and images are in color! If you would like to try this, this just send an email to claybossart@adelphia.net. He will send the most recent issue in pdf format, so you can see the convenience for yourself. You can also call Clay at 412-373-6672 if you want to talk about it first.

Steelers Fans in Rome



Above is a photo of our seminarian brother Nick Vaskov (center) with Bishop Wuerl and others in Rome, rooting for the Steelers. Nick is doing well in his studies, getting excellent grades and has been elected chairman by his classmates for the orientation of the incoming class next year. He appreciates the support he receives from us and sends his regards to us all. Please pray for his success in his vocation to the priesthood.

VIVAT JESUS!