



# Knights of Columbus

Father Jacob W. Post Council #14464

Council Newsletter

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## Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

We continue the work of our Parish, Council, and Church. How can we recognize and utilize every Brothers talent? Be active and concerned. Peace to All Brothers in Christ.

**Fraternal Report** – Kindly remember in your prayers those Brother Knights and their family members who are ill and/or recuperating at home or in the hospital. Also, please continue to remember and pray for the souls of the deceased. Remember that one of the most important ways Knights support each other is through prayer, especially at times of illness or death. Anyone that knows of a member of this council or a council member's family who is sick or in need of assistance should contact Grand Knight Marty Hopper at 610-837-6370

**March 12, 2012 Council Meeting** - The following items of business were discussed:

### Grand Knight Report:

GK Marty Hopper read the following Thank You correspondence:

1. From Father Jason Stokes sends his thanks and his prayers to his Brother Knights for the financial gift at Christmas
2. Catholic Charities of Allentown send their thanks to Council #14464 for our gift sent back in December

In addition GK Hopper read a letter from Bishop John O. Barres giving Brother Knights encouraging words on our considering the formation of Allentown Diocese Chapter on the Knights of Columbus. How would this be different from our Council? Basically in order for Bishop Barres (who as we all know is an avid Knight of Columbus) to coordinate with all the Knights of Columbus in the Archdiocese, he needs to work through 2 different Knights of Columbus regions. The Allentown Diocese Chapter that he is trying to form would consist of 1 to 2 members of each council in the Diocese and would meet quarterly. The idea behind this Chapter would, that by bringing representatives of councils from Councils in both Regions, the coordination of our "united in a common purpose in support of our Catholic faith and values" would be greatly facilitated. It is Bishop Barres desire to have this Chapter formed before the K of C State Convention in late June this year. GK Hopper urged us to do some research on line as the plan is to discuss our intentions and then voting on this subject at the April meeting.

GK Hopper asked us all to pray for Vocations.

**Membership Report:**

BK Frank Kostecky reminds us that the membership Blitz is scheduled for the weekend of 3/17 – 3/18. BK Kostecky will be sending out an e-mail looking for volunteers to hand out to hand out information on the Knights of Columbus at each exit after masses. BK Paul Bunting also suggested we target regular mass goers at Lenten Dinners and the Church breakfast.

**District Deputy:**

DD Jeff Joyce report is included in the discussion above regarding the formation of an Allentown Diocese Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

**Chaplain Report:**

None

**Treasurer Report:**

BK James Wettstein reported a Starting balance for March of \$2,745, period income of \$4,329, period expenses of \$765, outstanding invoices to be paid of \$2,670 for a current net balance of \$3,637.

**Financial Secretary Report:**

BK Paul Bunting reports that since the last meeting he has received \$60 in dues leaving 6 member's unpaid.

**Trustees Report:**

BK Rick Gower advised that the Trustees have reviewed and approved the semi-annual audit.

**Chancellor Report:**

None

**Old Business:**

BK Rick Gower reported through the halfway point of the Lenten dinners attendance was up from 228 to 433 between 2011 and 2012. BK Gower also reported that profit is at \$1,650 which is very good. Finally BK Gower requests that one adult volunteer in the dining room be dedicated to supervising the youth volunteers to insure that they do not become a distraction to the diners.

BK Rick Gower also asks for volunteers working the dinners to start taking some pictures for the website.

BK Carl Niedzwicki reported on the planning progress for the Sock Hop scheduled for Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets have been printed and a Poster has been made. The cost will be \$10 per person. BK Niedzwicki also noted that several main courses have been lined up (attendees are to bring table food) but he still is looking for someone to bring chili.

**New Business:**

BK Glenn Derhammer reported that Monsignor Nave is looking for the Knights to step up more at the Church Picnic this year as the Director is stepping down. Areas we should focus on are places where we can improve results with limited manpower.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community** – BK Tony Sulpizio reported on a public seminar he attended at DeSales regarding religious freedom and the HHS mandate. The seminar stressed that this mandate is really a question of religious freedom. BK Sulpizio backed this up further by reading a letter dated March 2, 2012 from Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to his fellow Bishops on the subject of the mandate versus religious freedom. As I cannot due justice summarizing the letter, the letter itself will be distributed with this newsletter.

**Council** – There will be a Blood Drive May 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This drive’s goal is 16 pints. This is the same day as the Council Flea Market.

**Good of the Order:**

The Good of the Order was canceled due to the length of the meeting.

**Rose and Rosary:**

There were (2) Rose and Rosary ceremonies following Baptisms, including BK Rick Gower’s first Grandchild (a girl). Robert Quartararo performed both with GK Hopper’s assistance on one.

**Intentions:**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

BK Jack Dilli

Art Mulligan’s wife, who is very ill.

Karen Sulpizio for recovery from skin cancer

Jeanne Bill as she begins treatment for a brain tumor.

**Upcoming Birthdays** – Congratulations and Happy Birthday greetings to the following Brother Knights:

<b>April</b>	
4 - John P. McGuiness	25 – Michael J. Kolessar
15 – Jim Meyers	21 – Christopher A. Young
19 – Jerry E. Castoral	

<b>May</b>	
2 – Kenneth J. Boyce	12 – Joseph E. Sulpizio
2 – Edward J. Saukulak	14 – Glenn L. Derhammer
4 – Harvey D. Beers, Jr.	28 – Paul W. Bunting

**K of C on the Web** – Additional formation on the Knights can be found on the Supreme Council web-site, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and the PA State Council web-site, [www.pakofc.us](http://www.pakofc.us).

**K of C Clothing** – One way to stand out as Knights when doing fundraising or community service projects is to wear clothing with the Order's insignia. *We have golf shirts with our council's logo and personalized with your name. These can be ordered for \$20. Just e-mail me at [kenboyce@ptd.net](mailto:kenboyce@ptd.net) with your shirt size and the name you would like on the shirt*

**Coming Events**

See the K of C Council 14464 Yearly Activity Planner

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Charles A. Bill

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