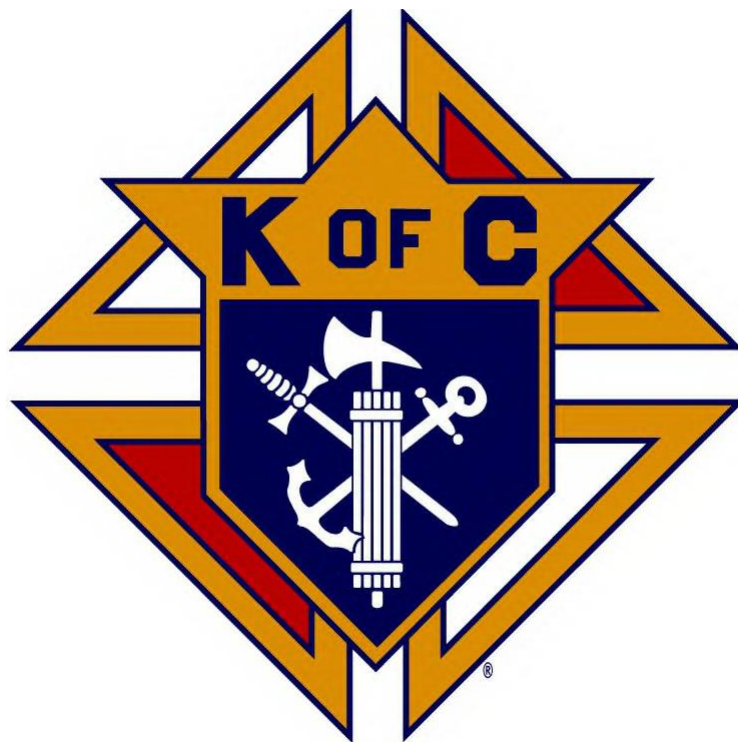


**Fiftieth Anniversary  
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Star Of The Sea Council  
No. 4245  
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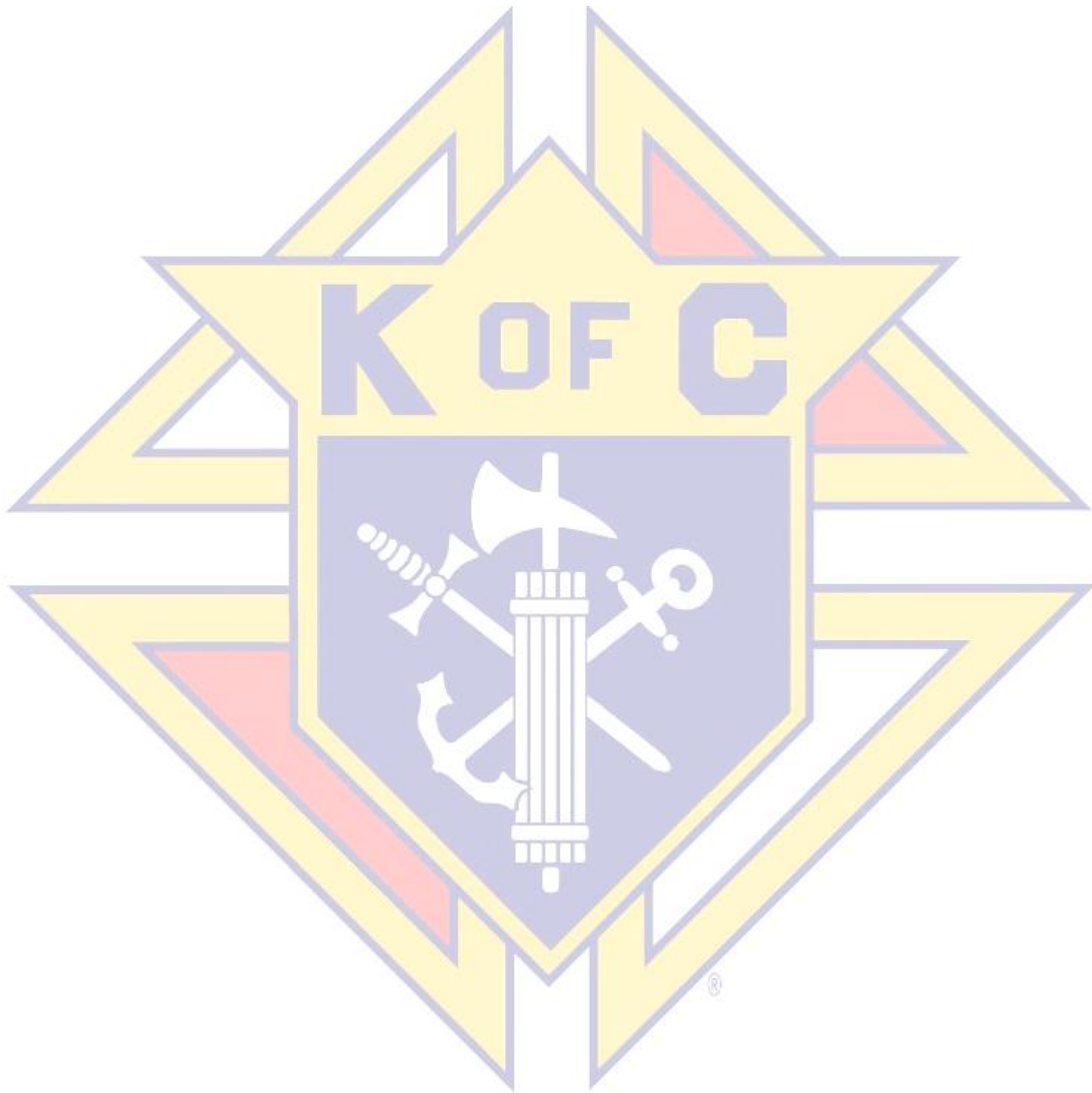
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Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - Members Social  
Council Home, Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg -  
7:00 pm

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - Member/Spouse (guest)  
Banquet  
Heidleburg Country Club, Frankstown Road -  
7:00 pm

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Mass  
St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg - 3:00 pm  
Members, Families and Widows Social - after  
Mass

Council Home, 324 Bedford Street,  
Hollidaysburg



# **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL**

## **Knights of Columbus**

**Chartered July 15, 1956**

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**“In days of old these Knights were Bold....”**

### **The FIRST Decade**

Referencing the **SILVER ANNIVERSARY EDITION** of the *Star News*, acting District Deputy 12, **RICHARD K. ENGLISH** of Cresson presented the Charter for this Council 4245, signed by the **SUPREME KNIGHT Luke E. Hart**.

This **FIRST** official Council business meeting took place on **October 4, 1956**. District Deputy **Patsy DelBlaggio** of Tyrone - Council St. Gregory 1218, installed the following Men as Officers. The first elected **GRAND KNIGHT** was **JOHN H. GALBRAITH**. John later was appointed **DISTRICT DEPUTY** for the Altoona area providing leadership to the few Councils in the region. Deputy Grand Knight **Carl Albright**; Chancellor **Welfley Keister** Recorder **Paul McAfee**; Financial Secretary **Harold Dodson**; Treasurer **A. Robert Stirk**; Lecturer **Dan Kennedy**; Advocate **John Evans**; Warden **Ralph Frank**; Inside Guard **William Rush** and Outside Guard **Bernard Vogel**. **TRUSTEES 3 Yrs. Robert Wood**; **2 Yr. Dan Kennedy** and **1 Yr. James Madden**.

The Members of this Council were very active Catholic Gentlemen. Many Degrees were exemplified during 1956 as many new Members joined the Order in this Council. Many social events were held for the Wives and Ladies of the Members-Dinners and Dancing.

On **April 28, 1957**, these active young Catholic men organized the **Columbian Squires Circle 1008** and named it **FATHER BRADLEY Circle** after the first Priest of St Patrick's Church in Newry. The first Counselors were **John J. Hazenstab, Sr.** as **CHIEF COUNSELOR**, **Richard Dennis**, **James Singel** and **James Burke** as Counselors. **Father Ray Crosser** was the **CHAPLAIN** who later was succeeded by **Father Martin Brady, T.O.R.** The first **SQUIRES** officers were **HARRY GILDEA**, Chief Squire, **JOHN ISENBERG**, Deputy Chief Squire and **PAUL HITE** as **NOTARY**.

These **SQUIRES** were an active group of Young Catholic Men. They promoted a **RED CROSS Blood Drive** each year. One year they conducted a **“Spelling Bee”** with Attorney **John Sullivan** as the **“Quiz Master”**. Five Circles from around this area participated and the first prize winner was **Christine Miller** from **St. Mary's Catholic School Hollidaysburg**. Second Prize went to **Cynthia Lynch** of **Assumption School, Conemaugh**. **Jacqueline Math**, **St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg** won the **Third Place prize**.

Early In 1957, a Home Association investigating Committee was formed to find a site to be this new Council's HOME. On November 17, 1957, the current site of this Council Home was rented for \$50 a month 'including heat and water'. On November 3, 1960, a motion was made and approved to obtain a Mortgage to acquire the site - 324 Bedford Street to be the COUNCIL HOME.

Over these next 46 years, the dedication of the Members has turned this location Into a very comfortable and functional place for Monthly Council meetings, banquets, dances and rentals. The *Catholic Daughters of America*, founded by a *Knights of Columbus Council* in Utica, New York in 1903, have held their local monthly meetings here for many years as Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies 1755.

### The SECOND Decade

During fraternal year 1959-1960, under the guidance of Grand Knight Joe Bardell, the Shrine to Our Lady Star of the Sea was erected on the Council grounds. In 1963 Grand Knight Joseph Fiore, had Shrubbery planted around this Shrine and established a Fund to provide for its care and upkeep. Until Joe's death In 2001 he and Brothers Fred Moyer, Pete Keirn, and Jim Dodson maintained this site. Pete Keirn and his Wife purchased and planted flowers at the Shrine every Spring for well over 28 years.

During the 1960's, under the leadership of Paul Murray, Joe Fiore, "Turk" Zimmerman, Dick Gildea, Dr. Bob Hill, Bob Hoover many events took place thanks to the Brother Knights. On UNION Avenue alongside the Cemetery during the Summer months of either 1960 or 1961 the Knights of Columbus installed a complete concrete sidewalk, In the years 1961-1962 while Father Paul Panza was Pastor at IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH in Dudley, the Brother Knights remodeled the rooms of his Church RECTORY.

In 1963, SQUIRES Circle 1008 won the "CIRCLE OF THE YEAR" award, the best of 800 Circles in PA They also were recognized as "INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE OF THE YEAW" from the Supreme Council.

William L. Piedmont Director of the Columbian Squires presented the INTERNATIONAL TROPHY from the Supreme Council in New Haven Connecticut. In attendance for this CIRCLE recognition were:

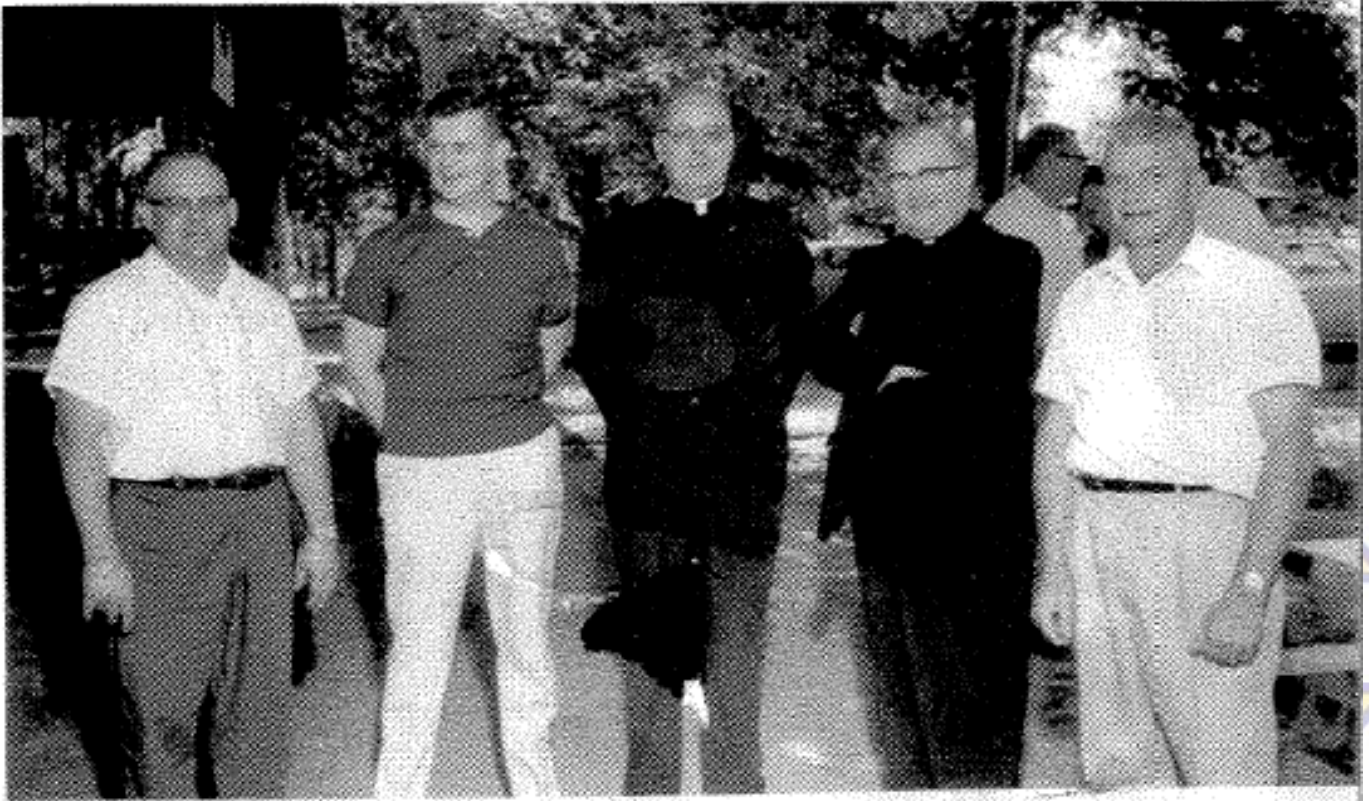
DR. WILLIAM COSTELLO, PA State Deputy  
A, PAUL PLUMMER, State Youth Chairman  
RICHARD DENNIS, Chief Counselor  
JOHNHAZENSTAB, Jr., Chief Squire

BISHOP J. CARROL MCCORMICK Dio. of Altoona-Johnstown  
REV. MARTIN BRADY, TOR State Father Prior  
JAMES SINGEL, Counselor  
LAWRENCE ADAMS, Notary

Also held at this time of the SQUIRES recognition was LADIES NIGHT dinner and dance attended by the STATE DEPUTY COSTELLO, other State Officers, Council Officers and Brother Knights with all of their Wives. It was close to 200 in attendance.

At the March 1964 Council meeting, a letter from *Bishop J. Carroll McCormick* was read thanking the Council for their donation for the ORPHANAGE COLLECTION.

During this decade, the upstairs rooms of the Council Home were opened to the Laret Family who were victims of a major house fire so that they could have a safe place to live until a new home became available.



Another wonderful event was the 1966 Council Chicken Barbeque held at LEGION PARK.

Attending in this photograph by Jim Lusardi, Jr. were (L-R Herman Beyer, GK Dick Gildea, Chaplain Msgr. James Kirkpatrick, our newly appointed BISHOP JAMES HOGAN and Elvin Costlow.

On November 19, 1964, Brother John Sullivan introduced *JUDGE SAMUEL JUBELIER* to the Members present and heard his talk about JUVENILE COURT and its importance for their proper care and supervision to reduce JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

Council representatives to the STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION In Pittsburgh May 1-4 1965 were ROBERT DRASS and PGK John Galbraith and Alternates Pete Keirn and Paul Murray.

On November 18, 1965, Brother Harold Dodson moved for the Council to sponsor the Fourth Degree Exemplification of our Chaplain Father Kirkpatrick. Motion approved - Candidate \$42. Candidate with Wife \$49.



**You've Done IT - Paid off the Mortgage on the Home. There were many who said you would not support the purchase of a Home. The 'doubting Thomas's' have been shown that you are still very interested in the Knights of Columbus STAR OF THE SEA Council [Fall 1968]**

**At the February 1973 Council Meeting Bro. Patsy Labriola introduced *JOHN EBERSOLE* of the NT JETS who spoke to the Members about 'Professional Football', John later was elected a BLAIR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**

**On May 30, 1973, Council co-sponsored with the Altoona Council 'The CIRCUS KIRK' at the Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. At the July Council Business meeting, the report was "Not a Success". We had a net loss of \$223.27 that will be made up for by the Brothers of Altoona. In October meeting, a letter was read from the Altoona Council offering us \$100 to cover the loss from Circus Kirk and they will give - along with us - \$200 to support Johnstown FLOOD RELIEF. A motion to accept this 'deal' was made and passed by the members present.**

**The November '73 MEMORIAL MASS for our deceased Brothers was 'very poorly attended' according to the report of the Church Activities Chairman.**

**On April 6, 1975, the Members of the Council took a chartered Bus Trip to Washington D.C. to visit the SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. It reportedly was well attended.**

**The installation of the 1975-76 fraternal year Officers - at the recommendation of Grand knight George Finnin - was held at Saint Mary's Church Hollidaysburg. District Deputy Paul Brannon conducted the ceremony followed with Mass by our Chaplain Msgr. Jim Kirkpatrick. A Social Hour was held after this at the Council Home.**

**At the January 1976 Council Meeting it was reported that the Chaplain Msgr. Jim Kirkpatrick was critically ill and hospitalized at the Altoona Hospital.**

**The 1975 Council Christmas Party was attended and enjoyed by Ninety three. The entertainment was the 'Shrine Clowns' and Ted and Ruth Reinhart with wit, jokes and songs. To climax the entertainment, the Clowns presented the Home Association with a check for \$100 for the Building fund from the SHRINERS. At the January '76 Council Meeting the following letter, written by the GK George Finnin, was read... "To the Calliope Clowns; Your surprise gift to our building fund tendered at our Christmas Party, is greatly appreciated and will be recorded in our Council Minutes to be long remembered. Such gestures like this go a long way in restoring our faith in our fellowman, especially at this time when our Country is fraught with uncertainties for its future course. May the Clowns, their families and our Masonic friends enjoy much success and happiness in all their future endeavors. Sincerely, Geo. Finnin, Grand Knight of Council 4245."**

At the April '76 meeting, a report on the building plan for the proposed Chaplains Pavilion was given by Carl Zimmerman.

A thank you letter to the Council in May from Excellency Bishop James Hogan was received for the \$100 contribution we made to the BISHOP'S SEMINARIAN FUND.

At the July' 76 meeting a report by PGK Finnin was that the PAVILION area construction was nearly finished and now is the time for Brothers with Brushes to show up to do some Painting.

Grand Knight J. Stuart Lord expressed much 'thanks' to the many Brothers who attended the Rosary Wake Service for our deceased Chaplain Msgr. Kirkpatrick. His death occurred in October '76.

A GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION of the CHAPLAINS PAVILION would be held in August 1977.

A meeting in 1977, this question was raised "Why are the Jaffa Clowns attending almost all our Social occasions these past few years? This is raising some concerns among the Brothers since ours is a Catholic Organization." The response by PGK Carl Zimmerman - "They are invited because of the lack of support and attendance by the Members of the K of C. Under the Good of the Order, GK Schneider stated, "these Men were in attendance because they had been invited in the past as our means of expressing appreciation for the Clowns Charitable Works and to promote our fraternalism with non-Catholics".



### HAND IN HAND - HOW IT BEGAN - HOW IT RAN

In the late winter season of 1978-79, the Knights of Columbus STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245, IN Hollidaysburg, PA., was sponsoring a *WINE and CHEESE* Tasting event at their Council Home. Some of the Knights of Columbus invited several Masonic friends from the JAFFA TEMPLE - Altoona PA - Clown unit to attend.

During the course of the evening, Clowns (*PAPPY*) Ralph Rhule, (*DOC*) Donald Fauth, Glenn Gates, Ray Lambertson, Verl Perrin, Jim Eichelberger, and (*PINKY*) Ken Davis were discussing with the Knights, the efforts being mounted by the Masonic Order to financially benefit the Children of the Shrine Hospitals.

Past Grand Knight Cad D. "*TURK*" Zimmerman, Grand Knight James L. Dodson, Elvin J. Costlow, his brother Cletus P. Costlow and Dennis E. Kovach entered into the conversation that 'perhaps the Knights of Columbus and the Jaffa Clowns could pool

their manpower and hold a fund-raiser to benefit the Children with multiple disabilities.' It was agreed that come Springtime they would meet jointly and decide what, when and where they would have a fund-raiser.

In late April, they collectively met one evening at the K of C Home and decided to have a Chicken Barbeque for a fundraiser and call it the HAND-N-HAND. They settled on the first Sunday of June, In the pavilion behind the Home along the bank of the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River. That evening, there were about 12 Clowns and 8 Knights and the Clowns agreed to handle the publicity, "Pappy" Rhule volunteered to be the "Baked Beans Chef" and the Knights agreed to be the Chicken handlers. What became a ritual at these planning meeting was the 'time-spent debating' as to how many Chickens should or should not be cooked. For the first try, they collectively finally agreed to do 180 halves.

It was a beautiful day, the fires were started at 6 AM and the Knights and an equal number of Clowns, had the first round of 25 halves coming off the charcoal home-style grills, at about 9 A.M. By 11 A.M., the sales started as was promoted and by 2:30 P.M., the 180 halves were sold and there were still customers waiting to get some. Those 'profound baked Beans', rolls and butter, and *all* the applesauce were also gone. Nevertheless, more importantly, a FUN DAY was had by all. The profit, after all expenses, was \$200 and that was presented to the CLOWNS for the benefit of the Philadelphia Children's Hospital.

**The HAND-N-HAND was off and running!**

At Christmas-time 1979, the Knight's held their annual Children's Christmas Party and the JAFFA CWWNS volunteered to come over and entertain the children. "**PINKY**" Davis, unbeknownst to anyone, arrived with a 'case of MASON JARS'. About  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's through the CLOWN SHOW, "Pinky" called the Knights of Columbus out on the 'floor' and presented each one with a MASON JAR, proudly proclaiming to all those present, "We are now all MASON-KNIGHTS!"

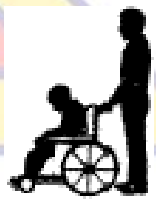
On the first Sunday of June 1985, the 7th HAND-IN-HAND was held. It was an outstanding success and the largest profit to date was presented as a 'dummy check' in the amount of \$2500 by Grand Knight Jack E. Becker to WORTHY POTENTATE FRED IMLER and Clown President "PAPPY" RHULE. At the end of the seventh year, the *Mason-Knights* had contributed \$7827 to help Crippled Children.

By June 1990, the HAND-N-HAND cumulative contributions had amounted to \$15,137. Each succeeding year the participation by all became greater and greater. The Knights and Clowns built twin concrete block barbeque pits where on they could cook 320 halves at a 'pass' and the average Sunday sales were 1600 Chicken Dinners. Adding to the festivities was the SHRINE ORIENTAL BAND entertaining for usually 45 minutes. The *CLOWN CALLIOPE* was always parked on the street In front of the Council Home and the 'whistle-pipes' alone entertained the lines of people waiting for

their Dinner- 'eating-in or taking-out'. At around 2:30 In the afternoon, the **SHRINE STRING BAND** arrived and played their outstanding 'foot-tapping' music that had young and old up and dancing in the pavilion while their 'chicken got cold'. Both musical units have generously participated in the Hand-in-Hand each year since.

In 1994, 1950 Chickens were sold and the largest profit ever was **\$3850**, which brought the gross contribution for the benefit of crippled or burned children to **\$26,887**. Now, **Past Potentate Fred Imler** of the Jaffa Temple still is very active with the **MASON-KNIGHTS** as our strongest supporter, while also serving on the **SHRINERS** Advisory Board of Directors at the **NEW PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL**, caring for those with severe disabilities regardless of age or income.

Last year 2005, the 27th year of the **HAND-IN-HAND**, the cumulative contribution had reached **\$64,202**. This represents an annual growth on average of 160% each year. Isn't it just wonderful what can be done, when two **OUTSTANDING FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS** can work together **HAND IN HAND?!!**



In the fraternal year 1983-1984 the council under the leadership Of **GK Lou Endress**, was awarded the **STAR COUNCIL** plaque having achieved the **FOUNDERS, Fr. McGIVNEY** and **COLUMBIAN AWARDS**.



[L>R] District Deputy Robert A. Good    PGK Sal Ganino    PGK 'Turk' Zimmerman    Treasurer Clarence A. Becker    PGK Jim Dodson    Grand Knight Louis R. Endress

During the CHRISTMAS SEASON 1984, under the leadership of Grand Knight Jack Becker, after several years of discussion, the Council sponsored the first in this area "*Keep Christ in Christmas*" billboards and a K of C FLOAT entered in the ALTOONA ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE Advent Parade. Over the past 21 years, these two projects have continued to put the name of the Knights of Columbus and Star of the Sea Council Hollidaysburg in the eye of the public.

On January 22, 1985, this Council sponsored a Bus to Washington DC for the *pro-life* "**MARCH FOR LIFE**". Many knights, area Parishioners and Families participated In this display by the Country to save the lives of the UNBORN!

On August 9, 10 and 11, 1985 with the leadership of Grand Knight Sal Ganino, his Brother Knights and Ladies as well as the JAFFA CLOWNS and their Ladies, the **FIRST CHARITY FESTIVAL** for *The ARC* by this Council took place. There were games and rides for the 'kids', good food and entertainment by the Jaffa **STRING BAND**, **SPOON RIVER BAND** and two attractions - "**GENTLE GIANT**" **JIM DIXON** on Saturday afternoon and "**SMOKIN' JOE FRAIZIER**" on *Sunday* - both signing autographs and taking pictures with a genuinely enthusiastic crowd.

#### The FOURTH Decade

At the beginning of fraternal year 1986-1987, an Editorial appeared in the **STAR NEWS** relaying this -"at the first Council meeting in 1956 there were 28 Members in attendance. This current calendar year we now have 210 Men on our Roster. During the fraternal year '85-'86 we were lucky to have 18 of these 210 Members in attendance at our monthly Business Meeting. We are stagnant and inactive as a Fraternal Brotherhood! The elected Officers for this fraternal year must be ready to institute a resurgence of fraternal activities that will insure **ACTIVE** participation by at least 50% of the Membership. If 20% of the current Membership were interested enough to attend the meeting of the **BY-LAWS Amendment**, It would seem there is enough Interest in this Councils well being to insure a regular participation at the monthly meetings".

It is now our 50th Year and we can be proud that the participation of 20% of our Membership is attending each monthly business meeting. Proving that our Membership has increased appreciably since the 1980's and we are Indeed an **ACTIVE Catholic Men's Organization**. Thank You All Brothers!

In October 1986 the results of the State-wide '**MEASURE-UP CAMPAIGN**' for the **ARC** was announced. Of 86 participating Councils, \$132,535 was raised. In Blair County, **STAR OF THE SEA** raised \$1400. The state goal was \$4 per Council Member, and we raised \$7 which ranked us 44 of the 86 participating Councils in the State.

[STAR NEWS HEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1987]

BROTHER BECKER'S FREE FALL ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL

PGK Jack is now recovering at his home with six broken ribs and a hairline hip fracture after a thirty-five foot fall from a tree trimming expedition at home Brothers stop by and pay him a visit..... JUST DO NOT MAKE HIM LAUGH!

**DO YOU KNOW?**

**In 1988, the Knights of Columbus SUPREME HEADQUARTERS stood 23 stories high above the City of New Haven Connecticut where this Order was founded in 1882. On July 20, 1980, the HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL within the Supreme Headquarters was dedicated. On March 29, 1982, 100 years after the founding of the K of C, a MUSEUM was dedicated on the fourth floor of this building and now displays well over 500 artifacts, documents, memorabilia, and works of art and COLUMBIANA of historical significance to the Knights of Columbus.**

**As a KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, you have overwritten completely the renovation of the entire facade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. You have erected the KNIGHT'S TOWER and the Carillon BELLS of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. You also are providing the entire budget of the National Family Planning Offices of the United States and Canadian Bishops and are donating \$150,000 annually for their PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES.**

**On May 4, 1985 our beloved CHAPLAIN EMERITUS, Sir Knight and Brother Father Julian K. Benson passed on to his eternal reward. He dedicatedly served this Council as Chaplain for Nine Years -1975 'til 1988.**

**In October 1988, the HOME ASSOCIATION under the leadership of PGK Carl Zimmerman, President and PGK Jim Dodson Vice President processed the necessary documents to acquire the former home of Brother Archie Stirk, next door to the Council Home.**

**The intention was to rent it for an adequate sum that could pay the monthly mortgage, the annual taxes and create limited earnings to cover Council Home expenses. In November, a 15 year mortgage paper was signed, for \$28,500, and initial clean up work was started. The first Tenant moved in March 1, 1989.**

**On December 28, 1988, the Council, Home Association and Brother Knights experienced the untimely, unexpected, unfortunate and undeserved 'SUDDEN' death of PAST GRAND KNIGHT Carl D. Zimmerman. The "GRAND TURK" was the 'SPARK PLUG' for 31 years of the STAR OF THE SEA Council. As Frank Sinatra's song went "I DID IT MY WAY"! So did TURK, in everything he did, that was good, important and beneficial for this Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus Council.**

In July 1989, the HOME ASSOCIATION held the semi-annual business meeting to report to the stockholders - every Brother Knight - on the progress for the first half of the year and to elect members to the Board of Directors The HOME ASSOCIATION is the management arm of this Council and provides for the niceties that make this such a fine HOME. The Board of Directors carries the burden of insuring the Home and properly maintained. A special Thank You was extended to PGK Jim Dodson for his 30 years of service on the HA Board and also Brother Pete Keirn for his many years of service as HA Treasurer.

It was with a great deal of pleasure for the Membership, that Father Raymond Crosser, newly appointed by the Bishop to be Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Hollidaysburg; has agreed to again be the Council Chaplain. Father, as the Charter CHAPLAIN recommended the Council name - STAR OF THE SEA.

Father Anthony Legarski, Curate at St. Mary's, will continue to serve as Associate Chaplain providing the membership with two good Fathers to turn to under any circumstances.

At CHRISTMAS 1989 forty-seven Knights, their Ladies and Friends, enjoyed a Christmas Celebration at BEDFORD VILLAGE thanks to the outstanding arrangements made by Brother Gene O'Neill. More such Trips are planned.

MAY 1990 is the month of Our Lady star of the Sea Before the Council business meeting we will join outside at the SHRINE to recite the ROSARY.

At the beginning of the new fraternal year 1990-1991 an interesting comment for the good of the Order appeared" In the prior two years '89-'90, 14 New Members joined our Council. Of these 14, FIVE have become ACTIVE Council Members. Could the rest make an effort in this new fraternal year to become ACTIVE also?" Now sixteen years later, things have not changed much!

### CONSIDER THIS-BROTHER KNIGHTS

If with pleasure, you are viewing all the work that we are doing;  
if you like it, if you love it, TELL IT NOW.

Don't withhold your approbation 'til the FATHER makes oration  
and we lie asleep with lilies on our brow.

For no matter when you shout it, we won't care a bit about it;  
nor know bow many teardrops may be shed.

So if you think that praise is do us, now's the time to slip it to us -  
'cause we cannot read our Tombstones when we are dead.

In December 1990, Grand Knight Dan Turcovsky displayed a framed portrait of our FOUNDER Father Michael J McGivney and reported that a plaque displaying the life of

**Father McGivney will be forthcoming In recognition of the Council meeting its MEMBERSHIP GOAL in 1990.**

**In February 1991, the upstairs apartment was re-opened by the Home Association as a 'rec room' where a DART BOARD, PING-PONG TABLE and a POOL TABLE were installed. The Pool Table was a generous gift of Brother GEORGE SCHAEFER. After the first several months, the 'rec room' has since seen limited activity.**

**In January, the FRATERNAL SURVEY prepared and submitted to the SUPREME COUNCIL for 1990 reflected our CHARITABLE activities from our Dues and other funds raising efforts. Over \$8,000 was donated to schools, religious education, physically handicapped, mental retardation, other human needs, pro-life, children's hospitals and scholarships. We do not have great wealth In the Check Book, but we do have great wealth in our hearts.**

**At the February business, meeting It was proposed and approved that this Council will pay the annual dues for any member serving with the Military in OPERATION DESERT STORM In the Persian Gulf.**

**At the 'mini-social' on February 27, 1991, seventy-six Knights and ladies heard a brilliant, stimulating and enjoyable talk by the HONORABLE JUDGE JOLENE GRUBB KOPRIVA of the Blair County Court of Common Pleas. Bob Shrift, LECTURER was credited for arranging this informative program for the Membership.**

**In September 1991, after the Exemplification of the FOURTH DEGREE of our Order, we had FIFTY-SIX Sir Knights in our STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL. Now sixteen years later we have 67 FOURTH DEGREE, several of whom have held leadership positions in BISHOP GARVEY ASSEMBLY and in PA WEST CALVERT PROVINCE of the FOURTH DEGREE.**

**In the January 1992 Council meeting, Brother Charlie Baker reported receipt of another Check from the RIVERSIDEIBILO Markets benefiting this Council from the Cash Register Tapes submitted by the Knights from their Grocery Shopping. We now have earned over \$500 from this Knight member program and Charlie's leadership.**

**On Thursday March 5, seventy-nine Brothers, Clergy and JAFFA CLOWNS enjoyed an evening of good food, fun and true fellowship thanks to the Brothers and members of the Home Association and wives who prepared our Annual Spaghetti Dinner with lots of fine pastries for desert Of particular pleasure was having our Brother His Excellency Bishop Joseph, who found time from his busy schedule, to share this evening with us and deliver a brief message of "inspiration".**

**In October 1992 at the request of then PA State Deputy Joseph 3. Kadas of Johnstown, a contribution of \$10Q was given toward the joint State Council aid to the Florida State Council to assist the victims of HURRICANE ANDREW.**



### **MY MEMBERSHIP CARD**

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper that measures 2 ¼ by 3 ¼ inches. It is of no intrinsic value — not a bond, not a check, not a receipt — yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my **MEMBERSHIP CARD** in the K of C. it tells me I have entered into a spiritual and fraternal kinship with my fellow K of C to practice **CHARITY** in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled; the hungry and sick; to be just to all mankind. It tells me that no matter where I travel in the world — I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among Brothers and friends. It tells me that if I am ever overtaken by adversity or misfortune, the hands of my Brother knights will stretched forth to assist me in my necessities. And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from this stage of life has been made, there will be gathered my friends and **BROTHER KNIGHTS** who will recall to mind my virtues though they may be few and will forgive and forget my faults though they be many.

A note was received from Father Anthony J. Little expressing his thanks for having been our Council Chaplain and sharing the fraternity of **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL**.

At the January '93 mini-social, Sir Knight/Brother (and now Monsignor) Michael Becker gave a wonderful color-slide presentation of his visit to Calcutta India to conduct a retreat for the **MISSIONARIES of CHARITY** - the order founded by **MOTHER TERESA**. Father said he spent time conversing with Mother Teresa and as we have often heard, 'she is a living Saint'.

An enrollment certificate was received in March '93 from the **GOLD BOOK** of the Philadelphia **SHRINERS HOSPITAL** in recognition for the \$3100 contribution from the '92 "Hand-in Hand" Chicken Barbeque.

Thanks to a kind invitation from the **JAFFA CLOWNS**, Grand Knight Tom Jandora, accompanied by Sir Knights Gary Ellis, Ralph Frank, Jack Frank and George Schaefer were guests of **JAFFA Potentate DALE R WOOMER's** reception at the Jaffa Temple on March 27, 1993. It was most gratifying when the **ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE** spoke, the **first to be recognized** for their participation was the **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL** Knights of Columbus of Holidaysburg, and the nearly \$21,000 raised with the **JAFFA CLOWNS** for the **SHRINERS HOSPITALS**.



**CHECK for \$3600 [1999]**

**presented to Past  
Potentate FRED IMLER**

**and**

**JAFFA CLOWN President  
DICK [YO YO) ORRIS**

**by PGK Lou Endress,  
GK Philip J. Baker, and  
PGK Jerry Kovach**

**On July 25, 1993, a great time was had by all who attended the PIRATES-BRAVES game (that is the ones who were BRAVES fans) in Pittsburgh. The Bus was filled with Knights and we were easily recognizable by the CAPS!**

**At the September 1993 Council business meeting Sir Knight Father John Palko, newly appointed Pastor at St Mary's Church was able to attend as our latest CHAPLAIN. He was happy to be again active in a Council and stated that he would be attending our meetings "not to talk to us — but for us to talk with him".**

**Charles Ray, Chairman stated that the '94 New Years Eve celebration at St. Catherine of Siena Church hall is shaping up real well.**

**Grand Knight TOM JANDORA commented at the October '93 meeting "we Knights have always been quick to contribute monies to the needy and still maintain funds for our own necessities.**

**Lately our funds have dropped a great deal. We need a FUND RAISER!" Speaking with a few Brothers, we believe that a HAM and CHEESE Sandwich Sale would be a quick way to raise money.**

**And that BROTHER is the way it started!**

**In December '93, the Council donated from the \$1000 In profits from the Ham and Cheese Sale the following: \$225 total to the 10 Parish Pastors from which our Membership comes, so they might help needy family for Christmas as well as \$25 each to the AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS and the SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL Food Pantry.**

A \$1000 check donation came from the *ALLEGHENY CLUB* of *HOLLIDAYSBURG* to help the Council fund much needed Home maintenance. Thanks was extended to the members of this organization for their extreme generosity.

The 'first' Council NEW YEARS EVE PARTY was reported to be a great success. Over 200 attended, the food was good, music by the DJ was of such a variety that both young and old were able to dance the night away. In addition, a 'wee bit' of a PROFIT was realized and many thanks to the Brother's WIVES - Patty Ray, Jane Ellis and Patricia Endress for their help all day before the New Year's Eve party night.

On March 17" - St. Patrick's Day - our annual "Italian *Corned Beef and Cabbage*" Dinner was held in the Council Home. There was a fine gathering of Knights and Clowns, Priests except for Bishop Joseph who was on a trip to Rome, [The cooks refused to use "green food coloring" on the SPAGHETTI regardless of the date of the serving!]

Beginning January 1, 1994 'til June 30, 1994 will be the period of "MAKE OUR FAMILY GROW" membership campaign when we will dedicated ourselves to inviting 'former Brother Knights' to our Council and **WELCOMING THEM BACK!** For whatever reason we have many Brothers In many Councils besides our own, who have dropped out or let their Membership lapse. Think hard Brother - don't you know a Brother who would like to rejoin our Council? Call him on the phone and welcome him back.

Besides the PA STATE COUNCIL promoted PA Knights of Columbus auto license plate, our Council has a decorative plate for the front of your car that shows the K of C Emblem and **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245 HOLLIDAYSBURG PA.** These locally created plates draw attention, attract Council recruits and for \$5 are a great birthday or Christmas present for Dad, Brother or Uncle.



**August 1994....PA State Deputy William Connelly forwarded this letter to PGK Tom Sault - *“Congratulations - Supreme Knight Virgil C Dechant has advised me of your appointment as DISTRICT DEPUTY of the 51st PA District. Your term of office will be from JULY 1, 1994 to JUNE 30, 1995. On behalf of the STATE OFFICERS and myself, I congratulate you and wish you much prosperity in this fraternal year. We are optimistic about the success of this administration and with your cooperation and support; I know we will be successful.”***

**On July 1, 1995, SK Barry L. Michelone assumed the office of GRAND KNIGHT for the fraternal year to which he was elected at the June Council business meeting. In his July GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE for the STAR NEWS, he stated... “as we begin the new fraternal year, I thank you for your vote of confidence shown toward myself and our other new Officers. - I would like to see our Council continue to grow in both membership and service to our Community. To do this we will need the continued help of all members”. On July 12, Barry was stricken, while vacationing on the shore with his Family and died. “MAY HE REST IN PEACE”, for his LEADERSHIP potential was a tragic loss to our Council. As well, his was the shortest term of office of any Grand Knight.**

**At the August business, meeting DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT Joseph R. Cassidy conducted excellently the business of the Council and then ‘for the Good of the Order’ declared the office of GRAND KNIGHT VACANT.**

**On September 7, SK KNIGHT Guy S. Luciano, Jr. was elected by a unanimous vote to complete the vacant GK position.**

POPE JOHN PAUL II is coming to SHEA STADIUM, in Brooklyn at his own personal request to conduct a ‘prayer service especially for the Knights of Columbus and their FAMILIES. Ninety-four tickets are allocated to our DISTRICT 51 and two buses are planned to attend this October 22 event When ever again will you get to see our HOLY FATHER for \$100? Make your reservation right now!

### **The FIFTH Decade**

**If you cannot make the trip to Washington D.C. on January 22, 1996 for the MARCH FOR LIFE, could we have a good turn out of Brothers and their Families from this Council in Tyrone for the St. Gregory Council sponsored march? A good showing to proclaim the ‘evil’ of ABORTION is IMPORTANT!**

**A decision to reactivate the Columbian squire Circle 1008 under the leadership of PGK Jerry Kovach as Counselor, with assistance from John Hazenstab, Sr. CHIEF COUNSELOR at the founding in 1957. This Squires program offers young men ages 12-18 years the potential for leadership balanced with spiritual, service and Circle activities. Grandsons, Sons, Nephews, Cousins and Catholic young Mends are welcome to join.**

The **STEERING COMMITTEE** of the Hollidaysburg Women's Club effort to create a **PLAYPARK** In the Legion Park Is seeking Volunteers and cash donations or supply materials to support the \$95,000 necessary to build and maintain for at least 25 years.

The Council contributed \$150 for the apparatus and \$50 for two engraved pickets in the surrounding Fence showing "*Knights of Columbus*". In addition Brother Knights volunteered to work May 28, 29, 30, 31 and June 1. A thank you note was received In June for our help.

In October, the Council contributed \$25 for a quarter-page adv for the **PRO-LIFE MASS and DINNER** sponsored by St. Maximillian Kolbe Council in Hollsopple. They have raised over eight years \$2500 to support pro-life activities In Cambria County.

The **PA STATE COUNCIL** is looking to support the \$3 million building of a **VETERANS MEMORIAL** to honor all who served our Nation In both wartime and peacetime.

This will be In Fort Indiantown Gap Military Memorial Cemetery - Pennsylvania's **ARLINGTON**. Grand Knight Ray Baker Is seeking, especially, Veteran Members of this Council to help when the "fund-raising" time comes around. All contributions are "tax deductible" and will go solely toward the construction.

Reported in January 1997 - Giving the Gift of Life - donating Blood, is one that will last a **LIFETIME**. In 1996, 335,829 Knights gave Blood. During the prior Ten Years - 3 Million Members have given Blood. That is why we continue to promote our Annual Blood Drive at our Council Home every year. So please Brothers - continue to **DONATE** to save Countless Lives of Countless Individuals.

In GK Ray Baker's April 1998 MESSAGE, he wrote - "at our March Council meeting we were honored to receive a Form 100 transfer to our Council of Most Reverend **BISHOP** and Sir Knight **JOSEPH ADAMEC** from his former Council in Bay City, Michigan1 Knowing that he is a very busy person with his many responsibilities as Bishop Of our **ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN Diocese** , I hopefully look forward to a time - as a Member - he will find a *free* moment to attend any one of our Council meetings or Social event."

A motion was made and seconded at the March meeting to contribute \$199 in memory of our Council Chaplain **FATHER JULIAN BENSON**, to a request from Father William Rosensteel at St. Patrick's, Newry for the construction of the **NEW GYM** for their Catholic School. Father Benson was St. Pat's **PASTOR** for many years.

In September '98, the Council heard an appeal from the Hollidaysburg **AMBUCS** to help them financially with the relocation of the Christmas STAR on Chimney Rocks following the creation of the **PARK** there. We donated \$199 so that the **CHRISTMAS**

**STAR could continue to shine down on Hollidaysburg from Catfish Ridge for every Christmas Season.**

**In November '98, STAR OF THE SEA Is now In CYBERSPACE! Look for the KNIGHTS on the 'world-wide web' <http://www.hollidaysburgkofc.org> thanks to the effort of G. Peter Berggren our MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN for this fraternal year. Check us out!**

**In early 1999, FS Lou Endress, mailed with the DUES bill, a FORM to be completed and returned reflecting a Brother's wishes regarding K of C Ceremonials at the time of his death.**

**"We have been the subject of some 'hard feelings' from Family or Friends of deceased Members because the KNIGHTS did not conduct a service at a viewing. W 49 impose our 'ceremonials' on the family unless we are requested to do so by either the family or the funeral director. Complete this Form, copy it, and return it to the Council Home. Give the copy to either a family member or your funeral director if you have pre-arrangements. This way we can conduct a 'prayer service' at your viewing or even have a Fourth Degree HONOR GUARD IF SO DESIRED"**

Complete, Remove, Copy and File, then return Original to 324 Bedford Street Hollidaysburg PA 16648	
<b>Knights of Columbus WAKE SERVICE Request and Knight's Special Disposition Form</b>	_____ DATE
Name _____	Degree _____ 1 <sup>st</sup> _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> _____ 3 <sup>rd</sup> _____ 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>K OF C PALL BEARERS at Funeral Mass</b>	YES _____ NO _____
<b>K OF C WAKE SERVICE at VIEWING in addition to the VIGIL SERVICE of the Catholic Church</b>	YES _____ NO _____
<b>Continue mailing the USTAR NEWS" to my Widow</b>	YES _____ NO _____
<b>Continue mailing of COLUMBIA Magazine to my Widow</b>	YES _____ NO _____
<b>In lieu of FLOWERS, I would like contributions in my memory made to STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL #4245 In Hollidaysburg for support of their worthwhile CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	YES _____ NO _____
To insure that my wishes are fulfilled, twill share this information with all the members of my Family. I have made a copy of the FORM and placed in a secure place with alt my "important papers". I intend to make this information known to my FUNERAL DIRECTOR if I have or plan to have my Funeral pre-arranged. Everyone knows that my Brother Knights wilt not conduct our WAKE SERVICE at my death unless my Family or my _____	

At the November 1998 Council meeting, PGK Victor Ballash, newly elected **PRESIDENT** of the *ARC* requested 'volunteers from the Knights of Columbus' to serve on the Board of Directors. At the time of Vic's election, our Brother Knight Dr. David Montrella (also a Board Member), received *THE TEDDY AWARD* for his many years of volunteer efforts on behalf of *THE ARC*.

At the February '99 Council meeting, PGK and FS Lou Endress expressed his willingness represent our **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245** on the Board of Directors of *THE ARC* in response to PGK Ballash's request in November.

At the March '99 Home Association Meeting it was decided to proceed with 'PAVING' the Council Home parking lot The Membership response to the HA appeal for a 'donation of \$100' or a 'personal LOAN' has not been *SPECTACULAR* However, 14% of our total membership has to date contributed \$3500. In response to this question - "If you can't give \$100, would any size gift be acceptable? **"CERTAINLY!"**

Halfway [May '99] through the 'fifth decade' we are leading this Council into the next "MILLENNIUM". Statistically, 48% of our Brothers are between Sixty and Eighty years of age. Those below 50 constitute 35% of our Roster. These frightening numbers **PROVE** that it now time for the "Younger Brothers" to begin assuming the leadership of this Council. As Knights, we have proven we can work wonders....in our communities, boroughs, cities, neighborhoods where we all live. However, to have successful programs, we need more than just a few suggestions at the monthly meetings. Programs **NEED** people taking an initial idea, modifying it to fit a given situation and then **IMPLEMENTING** In a way that makes it work so that each of us involved comes away with a 'deep sense of satisfaction' Step Up — Be a **LEADER!**

GK Jerry Kovach reported at the June meeting "we have begun our 'tour of duty' at the **CURVE Ball Park** working 20 games this season at a Concession Stand. This is an easy fund-raiser! Someone else does all the work and we just 'show-up' to collect the **MONEY**. These earnings will certainly help pay for the **PAVING PROJECT**. What's more, we will have a Family Nite at the Ball Park August 8th and we have invited the other Four Blair County Councils to join with us if they wish.

Be **ALERT** for good **CATHOLIC MEN** to invite to become a **MEMBER** of our **ORDER**. Right **NOW**, schools out and there are high school and college Grads - fine young men, who would really be pleased if YOU ASKED them to join the Knights of Columbus. Tell them what we are all about *and then at least ask them!*

The annual **"WALK FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS"** to be held in September received our contribution for **FOUR \$25 U S. Savings Bonds** to award the Student Walkers.

A contribution of \$50 was forwarded to St Mary's Church School for Religious education [CCD] that included public school students and potential Catholics participating in the *'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults'* [RCIA].

The Altoona-Johnstown *Knights of Columbus VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND* sixth annual banquet will be held on the campus of St Francis College. A check from the earnings of the June 1999 *VOCATIONS SWEEPSTAKES* ticket sales ( \$15,000) will be presented to Bishop Joseph for deposit in the *Foundation for the flioce of Altoona-Johnstown* Grand Knight Kovach was one of our Council's 'Lucky Winners' this year. We Knights do our best to support our SEMINARIANS by selling and buying these VOCATION SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS each year since it started in 1994.

District Deputy Tom Sault presented a *SUPREME COUNCIL "CERTIFICATE OF MERIT"*, signed by Supreme Knight VIRGIL DECHANT to our *FIRST DEGREE TEAM* for their *"excellent performance and rating among the Best of TEAMS"* as recommended by Samuel L. Dambrocia, Pa PSD, and *"Director of Ceremonials"* for the *Supreme Council in New Haven Connecticut*.

A new *CHAPLAINS PLAQUE* was displayed to the Council members at the November '99 meeting. It will replace the original one thrown into the Frankstown River by Vandals. It will be kept in a secure place In the FS office and hung up In the *CHAPLAINS PAVILION* for very 'special occasions'.

Treasurer Clarence Becker reported only \$392 remaining In the General Fund account Charitable contributions must be withheld until either Dues are paid or additional funds are raised. Advocate Ed Zang, who has chaired the Curve program this year, advised that the final Game check [\$400+] for the season was received and since the earlier earnings of \$1800 went into the *PAVING PROJECT* fund, this small balance should be placed in the *General Fund* to *"offset the terribly low Cash balance"*. This motion was approved by 'voice vote'.

At the December meeting, It was voted to hold our HAM and CHEESE SANDWICH sales every other month commencing in 2000 in order to Insure the continuation of CHARITABLE giving.

Chairman Ron Kauffman reported the *FIRST SOS GOLF TOURNAMENT* was a success and a good time was had by all 16 players - *(not necessarily GOLFERS)* - in attendance.

Starting the New Millennium, It was suggested that FELLOWSHIP could be enhanced by arranging the Tables after the Council meeting so we could all sit down together instead in isolated groups making 'coming to a monthly meeting' more worthwhile for Young and Old alike.

For the first time in many years, the SIX 'basket of cheer' prizes were won by Brothers of our Council. WOW!



Every Council in the PA Commonwealth this year 2000, are encouraged to charter buses and attend the April 1 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to the SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in Washington DC. The five Councils in Blair County are arranging the trip for all those able to participate.

This is the SEVENTH year for the VOCATIONS SWEEPSTAKES TICKET sales and if the 49 active Councils in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown sell all of their Tickets, it will be possible to reach the original established GOAL OF \$100,000 this year instead of in the Ninth year.

District Deputy Tom Sault reminded all CANDIDATES, and most especially their SPONSORS that *"appropriate business attire"* is the proper way to come dressed for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of our Order rather than as a "potential candidate for the WWF". All Councils Officers, Sponsors and Members should make this known when inviting a MAN to become a Knight!

At the APRIL '00 Council Meeting the BAKER TWINS - Ray and Phil, along with 'big Brother' Charles, DISPLAYED their creation of "STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL K of C" APRONS. These are 'BAR-B-QUE STYLE' white with colored graphics. Or, there is also White *"Hand-n-Hand" Jaffa Clowns K of C* that are really sharp looking and of high quality cloth. With your Order and \$10, they can be readily AVAILABLE!

Council Members and their Wives have been invited by PAST POTENTATE Fred Imler of the JAFFA TEMPLE, as well as a Director on the Board of the Philadelphia Children's Hospital, to 'visit the NEW Hospital'. The cost will be \$20 per person for the Bus and Meal - and it's an all day trip.

State Deputy-elect, prior to the June '00 meeting, has contacted GK Kovach to submit TWO NAMES as candidates for the position of DISTRICT DEPUTY 60. Jerry advised the membership that currently there are NO PGK's from FIVE LOCAL COUNCILS interested in assuming this responsibility.

Newly elected Grand Knight Philip J. Baker, at the July '00 meeting, advised the Members that the SUPREME KNIGHT has appointed POK Tom Sault to his SEVENTH TERM as District Deputy 60 since no other PGK in this District care to assume the responsibility at this time.

The roof of the CHAPLAINS PAVILLION has been completely replaced thanks to the 'labor' of Brothers Jack Frank, Tom Sault, Mark Sault [and His Brother "TJ III"], Guy Luciano, Lou Endress, Ray Baker and Immediate Past Grand Knight Jerry Kovach. THANK THEM for a JOB WELL DONE!

If you have a Son or Daughter, graduating from High School in JUNE ending this fraternal year there is a \$2000 State Council Scholarship for which they become available IF they complete and submit an application by DECEMBER of THAT current

**FRATERNAL YEARS** Contact our **FINANCIAL SECRETARY** for the necessary documents.

Extending a special word of gratitude to all his Brother Knights Virgil C. Dechant retired at the end of September 2000 after 24 years as our **SUPREME KNIGHT**. His successor, elected by the Board of Directors, was **CARL A. ANDERSON**, 49-year-old former **SUPREME SECRETARY**. Carl exclaimed that our K of C is far larger, stronger and relevant to the need of those we serve, thanks to Virgil's leadership. The **ORDER** In this new millennium, will only be, with GOD'S HELP, what we Knights make of it. We must grow by the design of Father McGivney our **FOUNDER**.

Thanks to the effort of PGK Kovach, **PROGRAM DIRECTOR '99'00** Brian Drum, **CHURCH DIRECTOR** Mark Sault, **COMMUNITY DIRECTOR** PGK Vic Ballash, **COUNCIL DIRECTOR** PGK Bill Hiergeist, **FAMILY DIRECTOR** Dan O'Doud and **YOUTH DIRECTOR** Steve Kovach, our Council was presented by Supreme Council the **COLUMBIAN AWARD** for **FOUR SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROGRAMS** in the past fraternal year.

The annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held in mid-December. Chairman Joe Herr says the 'gifts' have been purchased; the **JAFFA CLOWNS** are ready to perform; and the little old Man In the "Red Suit" has sent confirmation of his appearance. Joe says he needs lots of Cookies, Popcorn and Brownie makers. How about some Volunteers stepping forward?



In March 2001, our Chaplain Father Michael A. Becker was chosen by our Brother Knight Bishop Joseph to receive the Pontifical Honor of "**CHAPLAIN TO HIS HOLINESS**" with the title **MONSIGNOR**. Congratulations Monsignor Michael.

Nearly 535 Men attended the annual March 31 **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** at the DeGol Arena, St. Francis College. Several of Star of the Sea Knights were among the number of this successful gathering.

In the May 2001 **STAR NEWS** -" ....*the CONSTITUTION RULES and LAWS of the Order specifically states — Except in unusual circumstances as determined by the*

***SUPREME KNIGHT and upon the recommendation of the STATE DEPUTY, a Member who has served four terms in the Office of District Deputy shall be ineligible for [re] appointment to that Office.*** Thomas J. Sault II, PFN PGK, has served In this Office since 1994 so any PGK from any Council in the Altoona area Interested or willing to assume this District position should please contact State Deputy C. Jeffrey Schutz.

PGK John Hazenstab reported on the 7th, 8th Grade Students of St. John the Evangelist School accomplishments in the regional *“Odyssey of the Mind”* competition. They won in both and will represent Pennsylvania in the WORLD Competition in Maryland. It will cost \$15,000 for 14 students, 3 teachers and parent-teachers chaperon [total 25 persons] to participate. A motion was made to contribute \$300 to help these young people accomplish their Goal of winning in the World Odyssey of the Mind.

In June, a ‘thank you note’ was received from Lindsey Wilson, St. John’s School. She was the \$100 Winner of the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest, a member of the International Competitors in the Odyssey of the Mind and wrote Thanks for the \$300 in support of their trip to Maryland. They came Home eighteenth out of 48 competitors from around the Universe.

At the July 2001 Home Association stockholders meeting - under ‘new’ business HA President Jack Frank advised significant maintenance efforts have help add new ‘crash bar’ doors to the front entrance of the Home; replacement of the upstairs ‘bay window’ and caulking to eliminate the constant water damage from snow and rain seeping in around the glass and jams. The next MAJOR PROJECT has to be refinishing of the Home interior as soon enough money is accumulated to pay for Paint, Paneling, Plumbing and Wiring.

The FOURTH DEGREE is the “HIGHEST DEGREE” of our Order – PATRIOTISM. On February 22, 1900, this Degree was added to our Order. On this same date 1100 Candidates received the honors of the FOURTH DEGREE in New York City. The FIRST ASSEMBLY – “Archbishop John Mark Gannoil” – Erie Pennsylvania, was Chartered on March 2, 1900. You too can experience *Full Knighthood* and reach your highest potential as a Knight of Columbus by taking this Degree within the year.

Several Wives and Knights during the Summer of ‘01, have asked Grand knight Phil Baker about re-activating Fr. Bradley Circle of the Columbian Squires Circle 1008. If we reactivate the CIRCLE, at least One Star of the Sea Member must agree to be a COUNSELOR and some Father (who need not be a Knight) must agree to participate. This can be a great experience and much satisfaction to see these *Squires* develop into mature Catholic leaders.

A “thank you” from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown for our contribution to the GARDEN SANCTUARY PROJECT, at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in the GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS in August there.

The Catholic Daughters of America - COURT OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES, has invited the knights and their Ladies to a joint meeting in October at the Home to recognize the benefits of the knights and the Catholic Daughters membership In serving our Church and Community. The Catholic Daughters are the largest National Organization of Catholic Women In this World.

**WELCOME BROTHER!** Transferring to our Council in October '01 is Father Bradley C. Baldwin T.O.R from Council 6772 in Bradley Center Minnesota. Father has volunteered to serve us as **CHAPLAIN**, relieving Monsignor Becker to pursue his multitude of duties as Diocesan **VOCATIONS DIRECTOR**. A warm **WELCOME** for Father when he comes to our November Council meeting!

Participation at the *Squires* re-activation meeting was a disappointment to volunteer Counselor Jerry Kovach. No SONS, No Fathers, No Uncles, No Brothers, No Grandfathers Just five Brother Knights willing to try again!

The Council contributes to the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HEROES FUND**, created by the Supreme Council on September 12 in order to provide \$3000 to the families of those brave men and women making the ultimate sacrifice in the "line of duty".

Along with our prayers, we donated \$1 for every Member (\$230) to our State Council **HEROES FUND**. Every State Council will then contribute from their HEROES FUND to match the **SUPRME COUNCILS** giving of \$500,000 so far. The K of C has always had a special feeling for the members of law enforcement and fire-fighting fraternities.

Our 'first **SUPREME KNIGHT - JAMES T. MULLEN** was President of the New Haven CT Fire Commission in the 1880's and Past **SUPREME KNIGHT - JOHN W. McDEVITT** was a police Commissioner from late 1970's 'til early 1980's.

At his first Council meeting, Father Brad Baldwin T.O.R. told us he made his **FIRST DEGREE** in 1982, when the local Council needed a "*Left Fielder*" on their softball team and he was just tall enough to fill the position. Later he decided to become a Priest and joined the Franciscan Friars Seminary in 1987. All the years he was studying, the KofC Council supported him with greeting cards and Checks to help him with his expenses. Upon **ORDINATION**, he was asked to serve the Council as Chaplain. He did this for Seven years while in Minnesota. He came to Altoona in July — assigned as **CHAPLAIN** to **BON SECOUR** Hospital.

A thank you letter from the Hollidaysburg High School students was received In November '01 for the help of the "*KofC bbq Crew*" in cooking \$2000 worth of 'chickens' which they contributed to the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** following the "9-11 Disaster.

**PGK Jerry Kovach** says that in spite of the 'lack of attendance' for the Father Bradley Circle reactivation he has personally contacted 10 young men who seem to be

interested. Right now, he needs some Brother Knights willing to join with him to promote this worthwhile program for Boys 10-18 years.

This years CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will not be just for those of the Knights of Columbus but for those from any Parish Church. The past few years there have been less and less Knights showing up with their Children so if we are going to WORK to have a PARTY lets be sure some one comes! *Chairman Joe Herr*

At the PA State Council Convention 2002, it was reported that the Knights of Columbus in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have contributed in the 23 years of the MEASURE - UP CAMPAIGN, \$3.75 MILLION for *THE ARC*

At the 120th Annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus August 6-8 In California, President George W. Bush sent a message thanking the Knights for the essential role they had In heading our Nation after if The Knights he said "were among the very first to step up after September 11 creating the HEROES FUND, to provide assistance for nearly 400 families of lost rescue workers.."

From: September 13 to November 1, \$3000 checks were distributed to 400 Families. More than \$1 Million was distributed from the HEROES FUND.

The Star of the Sea Fall GOLF TOURNAMENT was held in September with twenty-two Golfers participating. The AWARD WINNERS at this outing were *CHAMPIONS Gene Frye and Jim McTigue.*

For years now, Deceased PGK Joseph Richard Fiore cared unceasingly for our Blessed Mother - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA grotto on the grounds of our Council Home. Thanks to PGK Jack Becker who has assumed the care of this Shrine his good artistic Friend "*proposed*" to "*refurbish*" the Statue which has begun to look terrible. The work is now done and the Statue and the Grotto look MAGNIFICENT! Stop by - say a Prayer, and remember those good Brothers who made this improvement possible.

A gift of \$100 was given at the November '02 meeting to the "Honduras interfaith ministry - [or HIM], it is a 'spiritually based' mission program sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Conemaugh Health System, the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Malta and many individuals who contribute to the 'fruits of their labors'. Father Joe Maurizio — Past State Chaplain - is the main promoter of this worthwhile program to help the orphaned and abandoned 'street children' in need in Honduras.

This Message from Grand Knight Walt Bloom about the January 2003 Council meeting: "As a Knight, this meeting was for me, the very best experience I have had since becoming Grand Knight of this Council. We began this New Year by having a very moving Mass said by our Chaplain Father Brad right here in the Council Chamber. As is customary Fr. Brad's Homily was one to set our Minds in the right frame. "We

should follow through with our New Year's Resolutions" both as Catholic Gentlemen and Knights of Columbus.

The HA mid-year Meeting brought good news that the 'broken water line' under the Home has been replaced and providing that enough money is available the renovation of the Inside of the Home will commence when the weather warms up.

District Deputy Tom Sault -for the past 10 years - delivered this message at his final visit to the Council. "Our Council is nearing its 50th Anniversary and as the Nominating Committee reported this evening, Members willing to be elected to the leadership for the coming fraternal year are in short supply. If there is NO VOLUNTARY LEADERSHIP In the next few years, there will be NO COUNCIL LEFT to celebrate after these 50 years have, past. The monthly average attendance at our Council Meeting of 30 Men indicates to me that you Men do not wish to see this Council disband. If this is your position, than consider the requirements of LEADERSHIP and step forward NOW to maintain this Council's outstanding history."

Grand Knight Bloom followed the DD's comment with this statement. "The District Deputy spoke sincerely about Council Leadership. I can appreciate his concern but the GK Leadership is heavily weighted by the willingness of each Member to participate. There was a time when the Grand Knight APPOINTED MEMBERS to function for the GOOD of the Council and its Activities. We have now reached that STATUS in our SOCIETY - business, fraternal organization, government - where Leadership Orders are not willingly accepted and the "politically correct" approach is to seek VOLLUNTEERS. Volunteers, unfortunately, are also in short supply, just like nominees for our Council leadership and District Deputies. What will you do, my Brothers?"

At the July '04 Home Association Annual Meeting, President Jack Frank said that Bob Hazenstab and Company is ready to begin the Home Remodeling. Handicapped Bathroom, New ceiling, New Lights, New Doors and New Walls will be installed. It should be completed by July 30 2004.

The Home was completed sufficiently to hold the August Business meeting in the Chamber. Extra special 'thanks' to knights Bob Sr., and Bob Jr., Hazenstab for their outstanding skill and talent and the other Brother knights who helped to make this finished building so outstanding. There is a new handicapped accessible entrance doors. There are handicapped accessible bathrooms - Ladies and Men's. The Bar and kitchen area have been completely repainted and the entire main floor has a new ceiling with modern lighting-

The Walls of the Chamber are 'knotty pine' paneling to 'chair-rail height' with the remainder painted a cream color. There are glass-front recessed Cabinets on the south wall for placement of our Awards Plaques, Memorial Plaques of our Past Grand knights and memorials for our Deceased Brothers. The most impressive 'eye-catcher' is the inlaid stone tile floor. A motion was made at this Meeting for every Brother to make a personal contribution of \$ to help pay for this Tile work. If any one is able, send your

Check to FS Endress who is the Home Association Treasurer. On October 21 an 'Inaugural Dinner and Blessing' of the New Chamber was held for the Brother Knights and their Wives. On Sunday October 31, an OPEN HOUSE for the Public was held for all to view this NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER.

We have been selling our fabulous Ham and Cheese Sandwiches every Quarter in order to have the necessary funds to contribute to any and all solicitations for our Charitable Giving. Commencing in November we are raising the price of the Sandwiches to \$2 in order to hopefully 'offset' the OVERRUN COST of \$7000 for our Home Renovation. Like wise, we shall sell every month rather than Quarterly. We need the help of every Brother in this Council to make this effort a Financial Success.

In this our "Golden Year", the HOME ASSOCIATION has successfully sold this house, earning enough to pay off the Mortgage balance and also fully pay the outstanding renovation expenses for the Council Home. A 'outstanding job' by HA President Jack Frank and the Board of Directors - VP POK Guy Luciano, Jr., Treasurer POK Lou Endress, and Secretary PGK Bill Hiergeist along with Trustees PGK Ray Baker, PGK Philip Baker, Clarence Becker, Gary Ellis, Peter Berggren, Jim McTigue and Mark Sault.

**HELP WANTED**  
**Needed**  
**PAST GRAND KNIGHT**  
to be  
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In January 2005 a letter was received from the ALTOONA ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE thanking our Council for the good things we have done over the many past years with our contributions that permits this group of many Religious Denominations to provide religious 'spiritual education' to those with DISABILITIES. Our gift this year will be \$350 for those most in need.

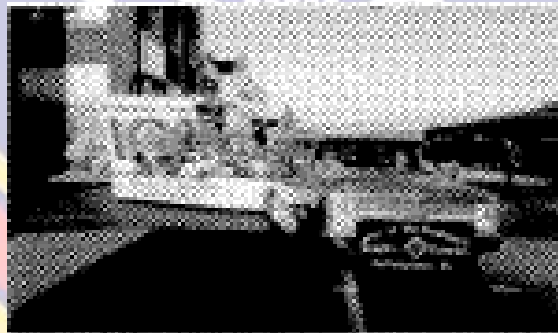
At a Christmas Mass at St. Michael's Father Gardner was explaining the 'spirit of Christmas' to the children. He said" God sent HIS only Son to us to show us how to do right by people. This includes doing right for your Parents, your Brothers and Sisters, your Friends and Schoolmates, and all the People with whom you come in contact all year".

**GK Luciano mentioned this as part of his comment at the Council Meeting stating “I thought this simple explanation by Father fit us Knights as a fraternal organization. We should be helping all those less fortunate than we”.**

**From the Diocesan KofC VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE, GK Guy was presented a Plaque recognizing STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL for selling the largest number of Sweepstake Tickets in the Division Two - over 200 members. It was \$11Th equal to \$4.76 per Member in this 10” year of their support for our Seminarians.**

**From DEACON Ken Ryan, Treasurer of the SUPREME COUNCIL, thanks for our gift of \$300 to the KofC CHARITIES, Inc. to help the *Tsunami Victims in Sri Lanka*. Individual Knights are encouraged to make a personal contribution, regardless of the amount you can give, for this very worthwhile cause.**

**Shocked beyond all comprehension were we with the ‘sudden death’ on May 31, 2005 of SIR KNIGHT and our Past Chaplain Father John J. Palko. Father John was the beloved Pastor of St. Mary’s Church, a Knight for 43 years and after serving us as Chaplain from 1994 to 1999, he continued to ‘drop in’ when convenient to our Council Meeting.**



**Participating in the annual ADVENT PARADE in Altoona since 1984 was the Star of the Sea Council and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus along with Wives and Children.**

**Clarence A. Becker – 27 years as DRIVER**





## Chaplains Message

***To my Brother Knights and your families;***

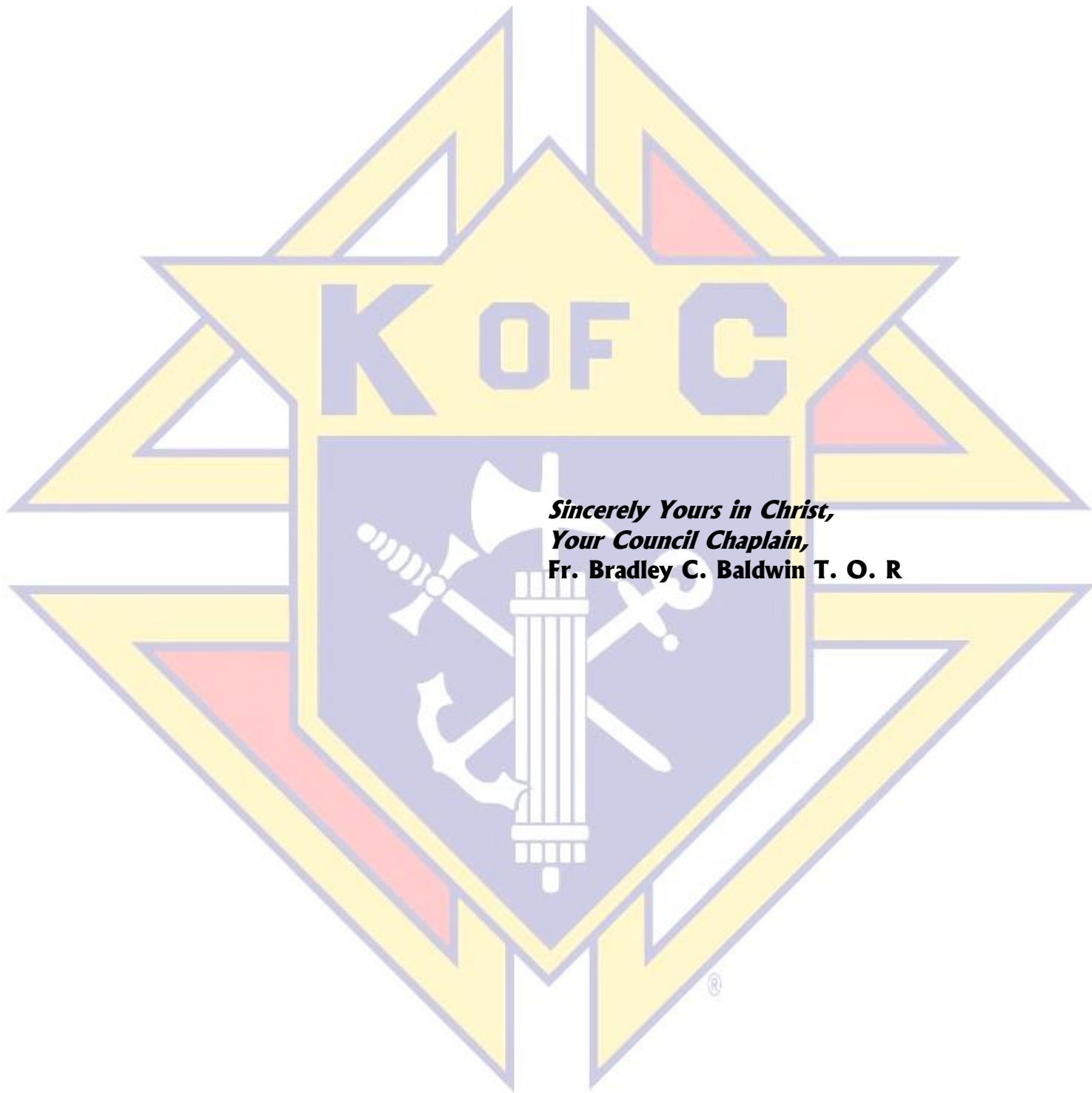
***It is with great honor and humility that I share this letter with you, on this occasion of our fiftieth anniversary as a Council. I feel truly blessed by Go4 to have celebrated milestones with my last two Councils. In 2001, as Chaplain of the Father Schumaker Council of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, we celebrated our twenty fifth anniversary. Now, in 2006, we celebrate together our fiftieth anniversary. I am also reminded of God's goodness, in first directing me to the Knights of Columbus in 1984. Since then, you all have played an important part in my vocation journey, one that brought me to final vows with the Franciscans and my ordination to the priesthood in 1993 and '94. It continues now, as I draw doses to my twelfth anniversary as a Priest. I began with a desire to play softball, which eventually led to full membership, and the rest is history. Truly, God works in mysterious and wonderful ways.***

***My Brothers, I pray that you embrace these very words for your lives. God desires what is best for us. Therefore, each day and especially in this year of a new beginning with this Council, let us continue to seek communion with our God. May we pray and meditate with an open heart, trusting in faith that we are loved and cared for by our God. In addition, may we always remember that what we share in common: that is, our life as Brother Knights. We have been through times of joy, personal loss, illness, and transition as a Council Through it all, I believe that the UNITY of our Council is stronger than ever.***

***To keep our unity strong, let us not forget four important gifts that we share: First, that each of us has a story to tell: a story of faith, hope, struggle, and love. No one can take our personal story from us. It is what makes us so very unique. Second, let us pray and meditate each day as individuals and as a Council. Without daily prayer, we will become spiritually weak. Third, may we never forget that we are loved: by our families, Brother Knights, and Friends. There is always someone who needs us. Finally, may we work each day toward healing and reconciliation. Both experiences can take time; but, let us at least pray each day for those with whom we may struggle.***

***My Brothers, if we keep these in mind, I know we will continue to be strong in our faith, leadership, and membership as a Council, now and into our next Fifty Years. As I conclude this Message, I speak these words with gratitude to each of you for your prayers and support for me, my Brother Priests, and my Brothers and Sisters in the religious life. Together, let us continue the good work God has begun in us.***

***Congratulations to all members, past and present, of this Star of the Sea Council on this occasion of our fiftieth anniversary, and wishing God's richest blessings to each of you in this Anniversary Year 2006, I am:***



*Sincerely Yours in Christ,*  
*Your Council Chaplain,*  
**Fr. Bradley C. Baldwin T. O. R**



## **Grand Knight's Message**

**When Tom Sault asked me to put a note together for this Anniversary Program, I was somewhat humbled. Because, who am I to be adding to this program, other than the current Grand Knight. I was probably no more than a gleam in my father's eyes, if that, when this Council was chartered. My thoughts were that there would be many more worthy individuals to be adding to the texture of this program. From Past Grand Knights to living Charter Members, there are certainly others that could contribute things that I have not experienced with this Council.**

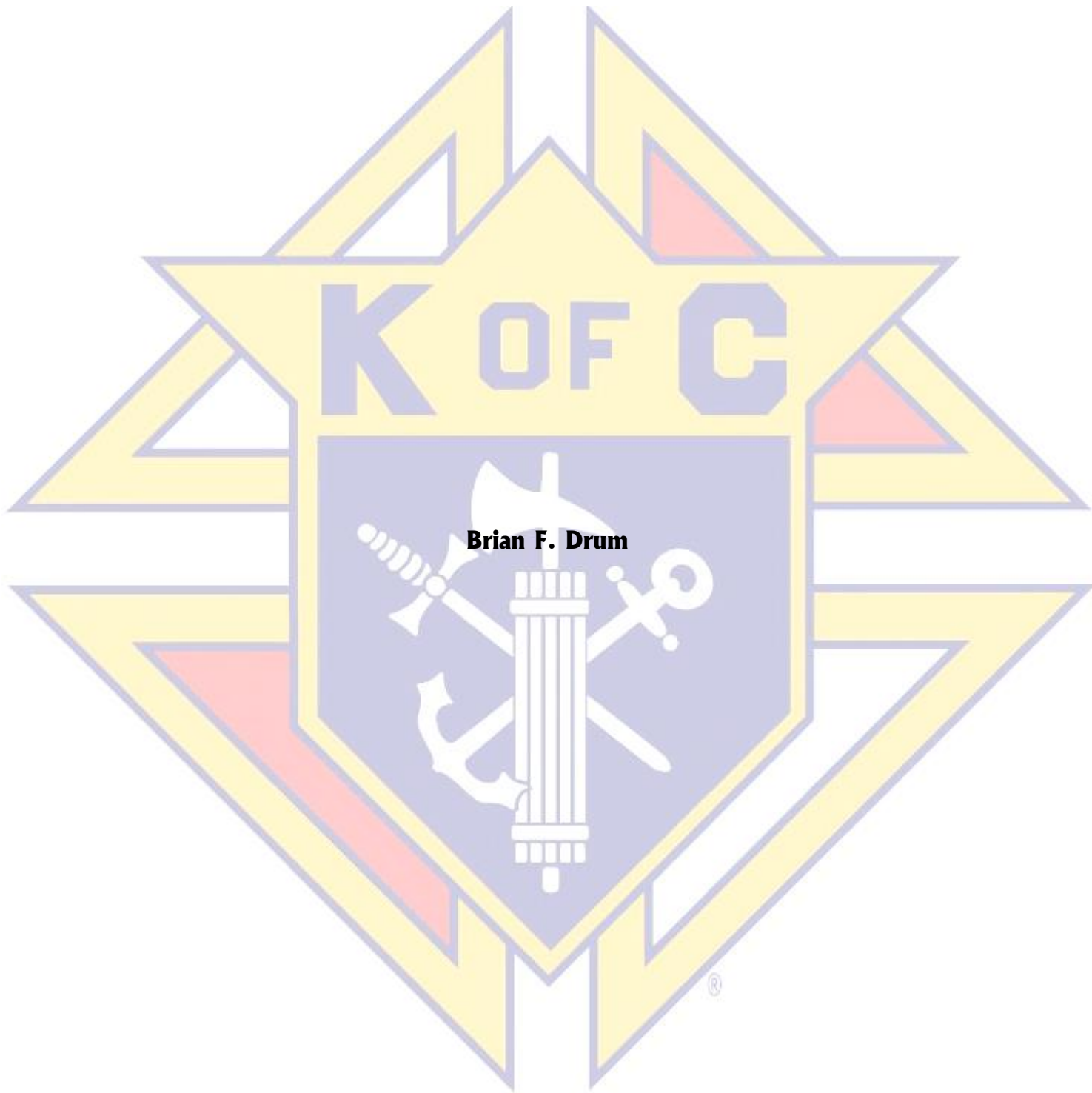
**However, I realize that one of the duties of the current Grand Knight of any Council is that of communications, so here are some of my thought concerning this 50th Anniversary Celebration of our Star of the Sea Council, 4245, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.**

**I moved to this community from out-of-state in 1989. Some time in 1990, a member of this Council approached me to become a Knight in the local Council. I was just a young man with a young family with many time obligations. I, however, became a member and was instantly made to feel like I was part of a Brotherhood, As time moved on, I became more active, a little bit at a time. This is all that we can ask of any Brother Knight. Eventually I became an officer and as my children grew, I also grew with this Star of the Sea Council. Finally, last year I was elected as the Grand Knight of this Council, a position at which I am very proud to serve.**

**This account could well be written by most any active member of the Star of the Sea Council. I have come to know many of my fellow Brothers very well and feel that I could call on them at any given time to help with any function or problem at the Council Home or to help me out personally. That is what this Council has become for me, as well as most other active members. I am sure that other Councils in the Knights of Columbus can boast many of these same attributes but this is the one that I have come to know best. I suppose that when this Council was chartered that all or most of the charter members were close friends and wanted something greater than just their friendships to bind them and their families, it has certainly proved itself to be just that. Whether invited to join this Brotherhood by a friend or even a complete stranger, as I was, men in this Council can be guaranteed that they will have the opportunity to increase their circle of friends exponentially. Their only limitation will be themselves. No matter what amount of time that a member is able to contribute, whether large or small, it will always be appreciated.**

**I sincerely appreciate all that I have gained from my connection with the Star of the Sea Council and what it has done to enrich my life through service.**

**Fraternaly yours,**



**Brian F. Drum**



### **Emblem of the Order**

**The Emblem of the order dates from, the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then the first Supreme Knight.**

**A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the cross of Malta. The Shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The cross of Malta is the representation in a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.**

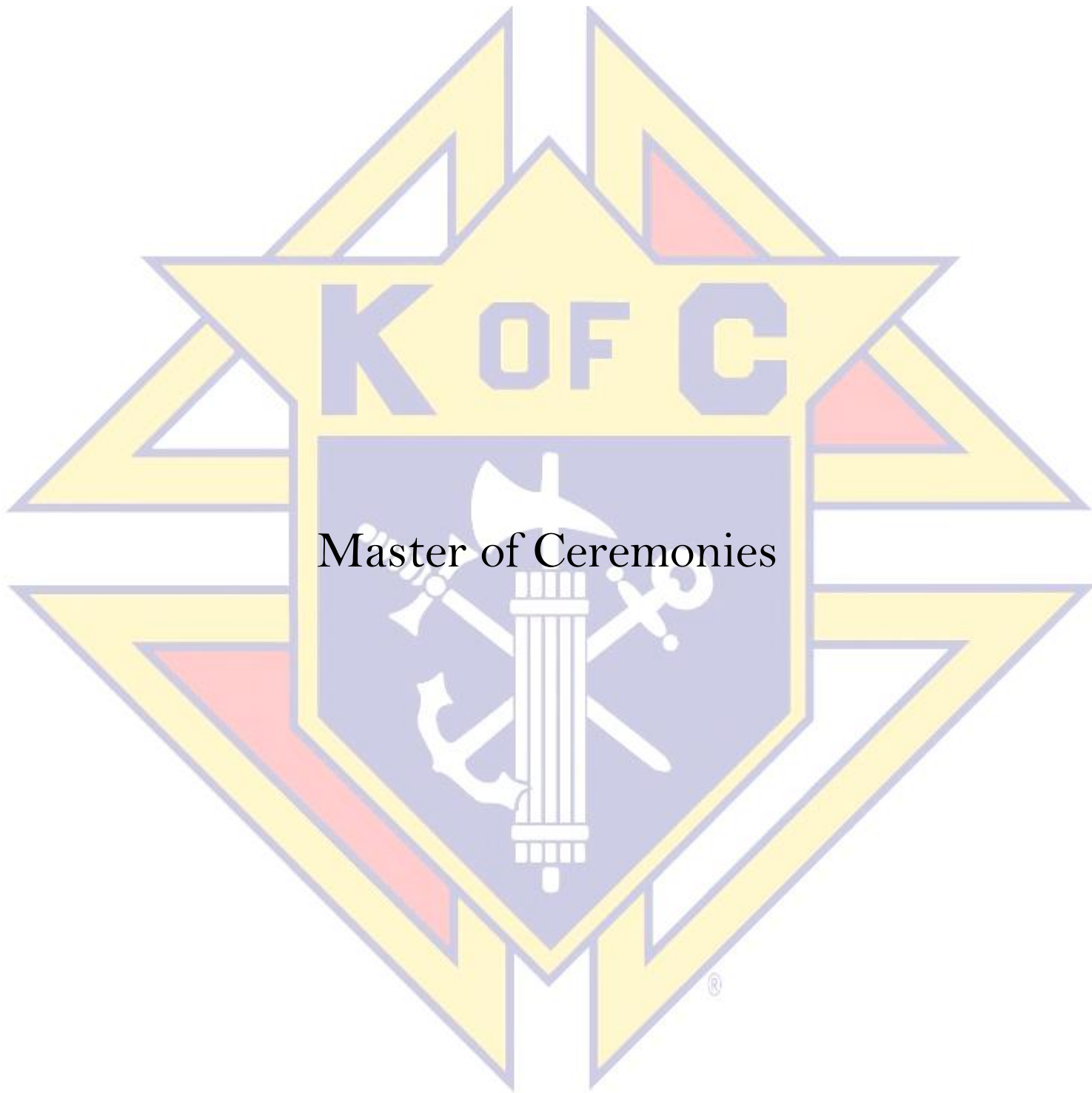
**Mounted on the shield are three objects, a mace standing vertically, and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order. While the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters K of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white and blue in the background of the shield of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country.**

**Red is the symbol of stouthearted courage.**

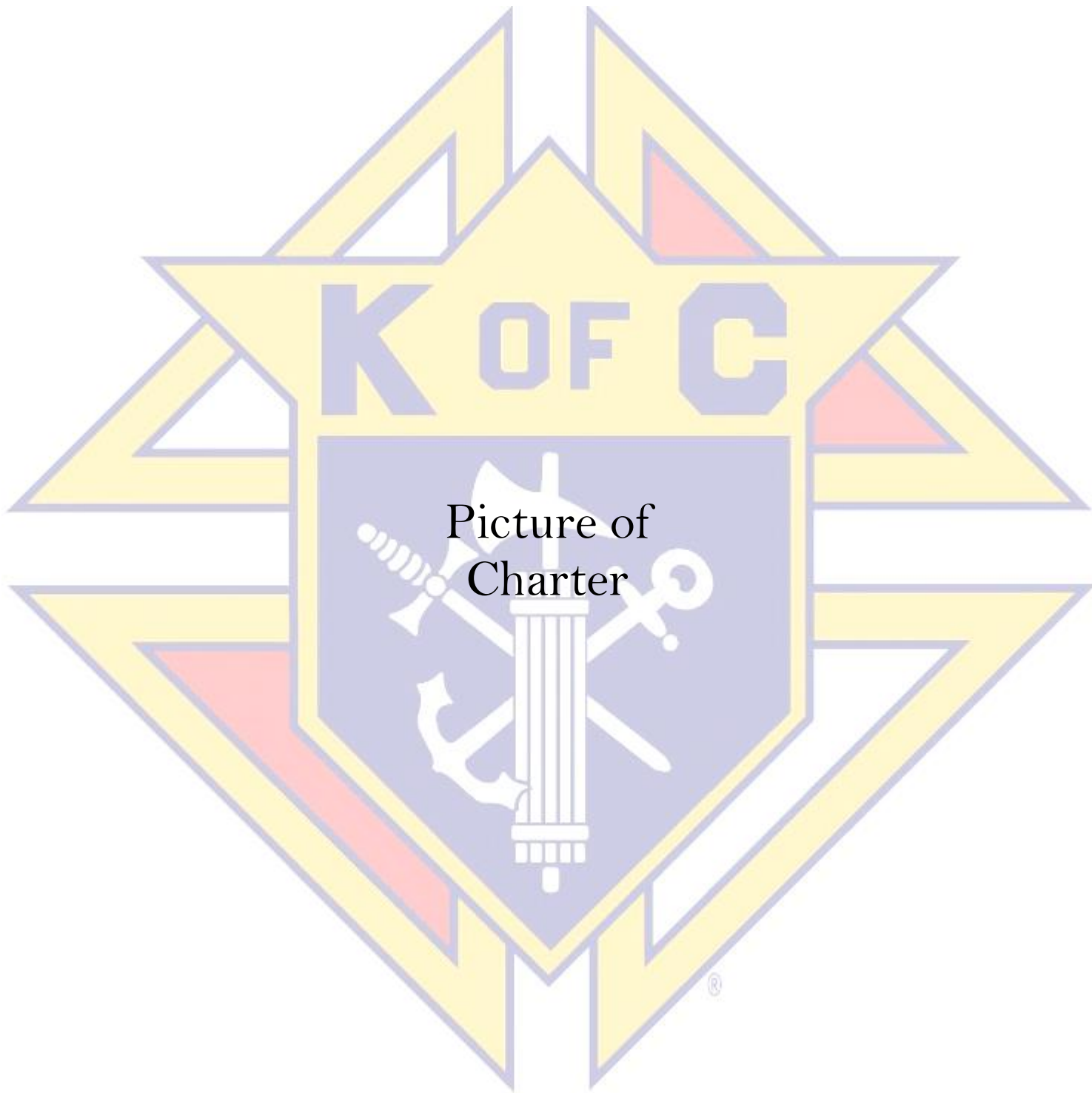
**Blue is the symbol of hope.**

**White is the symbol of nobility of purpose. Faith... Hope...  
Charity...**

**Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ in the Redemption and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, symbolizing that God is present among men. White is then the symbol of Christ like Charity. Blue is the color of our Lady's Mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.**



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Past Grand Knights and Chaplains  
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