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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,

As we go into my second year as Grand Knight, I wanted to thank everyone who has stepped up and helped in any program or activity we have done this year. Without you, I could not be successful. Thank you for keeping me on track as well. As with anyone, I need help in driving our programs to completion.

This year we are focusing on our charitable giving. Hard work by our golf Committee allows us to do these activities mainly unbridled without having multiple fundraisers. I often spoke to my father, a 4th degree, PGK himself. He was in awe of our program support that we do. ARC, Rose for Life and our Charitable giving, astounded him. This is something we can all be proud of. Our increased giving to a scholarship for students to PJP II High School is a great example of us supporting the Church by helping young people be able to attend a Catholic High School.

The Communion Breakfast is coming up. Sunday Oct 21st., 9:00 am Mass at St. Eleanor's , Formal attire for 4th degree candidates , suits and ties for all, best as you have. We recognize that many of our members do not wear suits anytime and in investment in them is not a priority. No worries, wear your best smile and come and enjoy this event, to remember our past membership losses. Reach out to Tom Kinney or Joe Bondi (co-chairs) to let them know you are attending.

Go see our newly formed web site. kofc3633.org . We will keep this as up to date as possible. Thanks to Don Cahill and George Finnin for their hard work

As we go forward, I ask all of you to take some time, once a month to attend a membership meeting. Remember your commitment in your 1st degree. Come to a meeting, and take an active part.

Vivat Jesus , GK Bob Donaghy

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

Please check the Council Web Site for up-to-date information www.kofc3633.org

<i>Business Meetings</i>	<i>Officers meetings</i>	<i>Other Events</i>
Sunday – October 14th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday – September 26th at 7:00 PM	2018 Communion Breakfast Oct 21 st – St Eleanor's
Sunday – November 11th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday – October 24th at 7:00 PM	Respect Life Sunday – Oct 7 th Details Below

COUNCIL NEWS

2018 Memorial Mass & Communion Breakfast:

On October 21st at the 9:00 AM Mass at St Eleanor's, we will be meeting for the annual Memorial Mass, with breakfast following in the Holy Cross cafeteria. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10, and free for children under 3. It is pay at the door, but please RSVP to Joe Bondi (610-489-6394 Joseph.Bondi@verizon.net) or Tom Kinney (610-831-0239 ctytom@verizon.net) **before October 14th**.

The guest speaker this year is Jason Buzzone, the president of Pope John Paul II High School. Jason is a dynamic speaker who is passionate about PJP. The breakfast is open to all. So, if you have any relatives, friends, or neighbors who have children looking at high schools soon, please invite them. They will not be disappointed.

Membership:

At the September business meeting, the Council welcomed a new transfer, Dan Jusko. Dan and his family are active members at St Eleanor's. Please welcome Dan when you meet him at the next meeting or event.

Upcoming Degree Dates: Please contact an officer if you would like more information about one of the degrees

Date: **Tuesday 10/09/2018, 11/13/18, & 12/11/18**

Admission and Formation Degrees (1st and 2nd)

Time: 8:00 PM

Registration: 7:30 PM

Location: Peace Council #4518

Address: 1195 Haverford Road, Crum Lynne, PA 19022

Contact: Fran O'Hara 610.733.1812 / fran@ridleyva.us

Mike Yuknek 610.909.2930 / mcygk4518@aol.com

Notes: **Peace Council has Admission and Formation degrees every month on the second Tuesday**

Date: **Tuesday 10/30/2018**

Knighthood Degrees (3rd)

Time: 8:00 PM

Registration: 7:30 PM

Location: Peace Council #4518

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Home Association:

The Home Association is in need of a few people to help keep our council chambers clean and up and running. This is occasional light work. Please reach out to Ed Keasar or Reggie Hill . They will start sharing needs for Home repairs with the Council so we can tap members for help. They have been shouldering all the work on themselves and need a few people to help lighten the load and make quick work of minor issues we have.

Amazing Harvest Festival at St Eleanor's:

The Festival will be taking place this year on Saturday, Oct 6. There will be booths with games and food set up in the gym during the day. At night, there is a dinner and comedy show. The Knights have been asked to help with the set-up and breakdown for the event. John Manza is coordinating with the Festival committee what our duties will be. Please contact John if you are able to help. We will be setting up on Friday the 5th, and there will be other opportunities to help on the 6th. John can be reached at John.Manza@Shire.com.

Rose & Rosary Program:

Since the beginning of June the Knights have been present at all of the Baptisms at St Eleanors. At the baptism, we make presentations to the parents. We offer a rose and a rosary to each mother, and a brochure about the Knights to each father. The rosaries are made by the children in the Junior Legion of Mary. The presentations have been very well received by the families. It is great way for the Knights to be visible in the parish and to help build up the domestic church. If you would like to be a part of this program, please contact Bill Mower at wgmower@yahoo.com. Below is the prayer that is said when making the presentation.

Rose and Rosary Prayer

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 and the Saint Eleanor's Junior Legion of Mary, I present this Rose and Rosary to you in remembrance of this very special day in your child's Christian life.

The rosary is given as a memory of the beginning of your child's journey with Jesus Christ thru the Sacrament of Baptism. Remember the Blessed Mother's words to the 3 Portuguese children at Fatima..."Pray the Rosary".

The Rose represents God's gift of love to your family, especially to you, Mom, who made this Sacrament happen.

Let us recall the words of the Great Saint John Paul II, "Each child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God.",

COAL Tickets:

It is that time of the year again! The COAL tickets will be going out shortly. Paul Bickel is running it this year. So, please help him out and get those books back to him as soon as possible. The Council would like to thank Paul for taking this on! The program helps fund the scholarships offered by the State Council.



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Cup of Joe

The problem happens every two months when the notice issues that input for the next Council Newsletter is due on such and such a date. Many times, this is not really a problem as once I sit in front of this keyboard, and idea begins to surface and away I go. It happens this way more often than not, but tonight is one of those exceptions. I promised myself I would not write yet another piece about the depravity uncovered by PA AJ Shapiro and other hierarchy misdeeds in South America and the McCarrick scandal. Much has been written and much needs to be read to be an informed Catholic on the matter. We need to be aware, supportive and engaged. We may be angry but must not be vindictive. We must work for change but must not be complacent nor succumb to trashing our church. We must pray for wisdom to be given church leaders to discern what needs to be done and the fortitude to do it. Nuff said!

So since I will not write about the hot topic of the year, what is left to be said? How about fraternity for a topic? Over the past several months, I had the occasion to be working on several projects with some brother knights and as one does, topics unrelated to the task at hand begin to surface and before one realizes it, some very interesting facets of the other person come to light. For example, one brother shared his passion for repairing and restoring watches. Another began talking about some family interactions that were coming up and how he was looking forward to traveling so he could be together with his brother. Another began sharing his work experiences and his expertise in several areas.

Now these may seem trivial, but it highlights an important aspect of what it means to be a Knight. Simply put, how much do we know about each other? I would venture to say that with the exception of a few close friends, we hardly know his children and maybe not even how many children they have. We probably have no idea what kind of work they did or do and most likely have little understanding of how they view their membership in the Knights. Maybe just by feeling a bit more connected, their involvement might increase.

Many will suggest this is not important and should not be something we need to do. However, if we are to build a strong council, we cannot do it by saying we belong but do not even know who the brother is we are sitting next to at a meeting. Maybe making a point of getting to know at least one new member is a place to start.

A few years back, I wrote in one of these columns how it gave me a great deal of satisfaction to look across the congregation at mass and start counting how many Knights were there. In so doing, and I still find myself doing this, gives me a sense of pride that there is a secondary thread that binds us together beyond our common faith. It is important and it is uplifting. Maybe it is a way of at least recalling the name of the person so that next time our paths cross; we may address that person by name and exchange a few words. After all, he may not remember who I am or that we belong to the same Council. Like many important things, they start small and who knows where it may lead?

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Pro Life Update:

Rose Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 3633 annual Rose for Life drive will take place at the weekend Masses of Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 6th and 7th. Participation of our members is vital to help make this fundraiser a success. The funds raised are all donated to area crisis pregnancy centers such as Birthright and A Baby's Breath. Please respond when you are contacted to help at a Mass at St. Mary church.

40 Days for Life

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign will begin. It runs through Nov. 4. Your presence is requested in this prayerful campaign at the Norristown Planned Parenthood where chemical abortions are performed. The abortion site in Norristown is at the corner of Powell and Wood Streets. The busiest days at this facility are Thursdays and Saturdays but prayers are welcome anytime between 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. during the forty days. For more details contact Rita Smith at 610-489-1929 or: <http://40daysforlife.com/norristown>

Pro Life Update (Con't)

Life Chain in Collegeville

Sun., Oct. 7 - Respect Life Sunday from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at Main St. and 6th Ave. in Collegeville
Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nation. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

- Bring your whole family!
- Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!
- Rain or shine!
- Signs will be provided and proclaim "Abortion Kills Children", "Adoption - the Loving Option", "Jesus Forgives & Heals," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Life - the first Inalienable Right," "Pray to End Abortion," among others..
- Please plan on participating in this peaceful and prayerful commitment on behalf of God's children.
- For more information contact Kathy Zavrotny at 610-489-3911

Mom's House 2018 Annual Dinner

On Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 from 6:00 – 10:00 P.M. at the RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve 100 Golf Club Drive, Phoenixville, PA Silent Auction, Raffles, Casino Tables, Dinner, Drinks Register online at: <https://momshouse-phoenixville.org/events/> or phone 610-935-7711

Run for Life – Nov. 3

A Baby's Breath of Collegeville will hold its 4th annual Run for Life 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on the morning of Saturday, October 28th at Pope John Paul II High School, 181 Rittenhouse Rd. in Royersford. For information or to pre-register contact abbcollegevillecpc@gmail.com or phone 610-489-0083 or register online (before 10/16) at: www.ababysbreath.org Race day registration begins at 7:30 A.M. and water and snacks will be available. (Tee shirts available while supplies last.) All proceeds benefit A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Ultrasound Fund - Valley Forge Chapter Knights of Columbus

The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is proposing to open an office in Norristown. and equip it with an Ultrasound machine The Gianna Center is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services- all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. It is known that when a mother sees an ultrasound image of their baby, that they are more likely to choose life for that baby.

The Valley Forge Chapter has been challenged to raise \$12,000 (or approximately 50% of the cost) for an Ultrasound machine. Our Council recently voted to donate \$1,000 to the Valley Forge Chapter for this special fund.

Any Knight wishing to make an individual contribution to this special Ultrasound fund may do so with a check payable to:

K of C Valley Forge Chapter

(include "Ultrasound" on the memo line) and mail to:

K of C, Valley Forge Chapter
P.O. Box 101
Perkiomenville, PA 18074

Raffle tickets for "Give Life A Chance" are available for purchase. There are ten different cash prizes of up to \$5,000 and the cost per ticket is \$25. Proceeds benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund of Pa. The drawing is to be held on Sat., Sept. 29. If interested, please call Chris Wentzel at 610-409-0179 and I will deliver a ticket to you.

Parish News

St. Eleanor: (Parish Rep. Frank McDonough) The Sharing Christ Series begins on Oct 8th. The Padre Pio group will be meeting on Oct 20th.

St. Mary: (Parish Rep. Bob Donaghy) Football Mania tickets will be going out shortly, \$20 each. Winners announced every week.

September Birthdays: Justin Bartolomucci, Timothy Cahill, Daniel DePaul, Jim Diccianni, Michael Duvinski, Lou Gentner, Joe Genuardi, Ed Kaeser, Charles Kane, John Kolcun, Sandy MacMurtrie, Rev Christopher Moriconi, Bernard O'Rourke, Henry O'Hara, John Paris III, Tony Pettinato, Francis Ruggiero, William Shelow, and Frank Spadea.

October Birthdays: Bob Berry, Paul Bickel, Richard Donovan Jr, Richard Gentleman, Dan Haley, Edward Hinson, Larry Litle, Bernie Pfeiffer, Brother Charlie Schreiner, Scott Shirley and Ed Wizimirski.

Anniversaries: Terrance Green (15 yrs), Bob Donaghy (20 yrs), Charles Draksler, (30 yrs), & Gerard Mershen (60 yrs)

Prayer Needs

Seminarians & Clergy: Brother Charlie Schreiner, SK Deacon Ed Hinson, Rev. Christopher Moriconi, Msgr. Michael McCulken, and Rev Louis Bellopede

Deceased: David Schoen

Sick / Healing: Andrew Drach, Bonita White, Chris Klobusicky, Christine Rosekrans, Cindy Burns, Claire Esposito, Crystal Eerly, Dan Smith, Dawn Alston, Dick Heath, Doreen Meader, Ed Pires, Edward Kerner, Eloise Brown, Ermond Carbone, Eva Dimino, Frank Anuzelli, Helen Torres, Irene Pennypacker, Joan Campolongo, Joan Reid, Kathy Bani, Kathy Metz, Kathy Wentz, Kenneth Hill, Kerry Strnad, Kim Capobianco, Lamont Turner, Linda Cahill, Lisa Doughter, Lisa Schatzol, Lloyd Williams, Lori Bani, Louis Kaeser, Margery Bruno, Mary Kathryn McKelvey, Mary Kline, Mary Tybeski, Mary Venezia, Pat Orourch, Paul Sawyer, Peggy Hinson, Peter Ruggiero, Richard Young, Sharon Keen, SK Charles Bojarski, Tanya Kaesar, Tracie Corbin, Vince D'dinato, Richard Manns, Sheila Davis, Ralph Siegel, Al Colledge, Katie Bonner, Charlie Gordon, Katie Byram, John McGinnis, Jillian Burns, Nick Klobusicky, Margaret McHale, Linda Houck, Pat Cahill, Minchak family, Carol Zavrotny, Catherine King, Theresa Shephard, Mary Catania, Ana Kaeser, Richard Goldman, Charles Sauermech, Betty Rollens, Steven Hill, Reggie Hill, Laura Keckley, John Catanzaro, Mark Pettito, Charlotte Jowers, Judy Klyn, Joseph Howard, Fran Ruggiero, Brenda Sacks, Debbie Sparks, Patricia Burkett, SK Robert Smith, Kevin Strnad, Paul Roy, Stephanie Fladung, Dave Gullick, Bob Buda, Patricia Caulfield, Kathleen Stern, Earl & Mary Jordan, Linda Burns, Andy Galiato, Carrol Gavin, Andrew Brady, Scott Shirley, Brenda Shultz, Patricia Haley, Mrs Chum, Joe Genaurdi, Deacon Ed Hinson, Stan Vargas, the Lanetti family, the Saggiomo family, Jay Amore, Jim Ovary, Debra Turner, Diane Mullen, Beverly Zapata, Barbara Winn, Ed Kaeser, George Finnin, Mary Wilkomm, Dawn Hill-Alston, Kathleen Hill.

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