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April 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a joyous and Happy Easter. As we begin the Easter season, it is important to keep in mind the sacrifice Christ made for all of us. Although Lent may be over, it is still wise to remember that sacrifice can bring us closer to God.

Sometimes charity can be a form of sacrifice. Is there something you could do without in order to be better able to help others? The Measure Up Campaign is a wonderful example of how charity can help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Last month, thanks to Mark Frew, I saw first hand how much our campaign means. I was very proud to be your Grand Knight and accept an award from the members of the Blair County ARC in appreciation for all our brotherhood has done for their organization. We are very much appreciated by them and we help so many.

My message is to please continue to support the Measure Up Campaign, always keeping in mind that charity is what we are all about.

Faternally yours,

George



Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and God's continued blessings for a joyous and peace-filled Easter season. Once again, someone recently questioned why I was wishing them a "Happy Easter," when Easter was over a week ago. It makes me sad, when I have to remind my own family and friends that we celebrate Easter for fifty days. Yet, it's also a blessed opportunity for evangelization. If that scenario ever comes your way, allow it to be a teaching moment, and gently remind the person of your own personal joy in this Easter Season. Also, please continue to pray, using the prayer in last month's newsletter, for the success of our Holy Father's visit this month, as well as his safety, and the safety of those traveling with him. Truly, this is an exciting time for the church in the United States.

In that same excitement, I pray that we will build on the good work we began in Lent. During Lent, our theme was that we are a wounded people, who are in need of God's grace. Now, in this Easter season, we are "Resurrection People," and we are still in need of God's grace. Therefore, let us take advantage of the blessed opportunities, available to us in this Easter Season. After all, we have First Communions, Baptisms, Weddings, Graduations, and other family and church celebrations that help us build upon the good work God has begun in us, and celebrate God's grace in our lives.

Through our Lenten Penance, we have been reconciled to God; and, through the Resurrected Christ, we are made new. More than ever, let us seek the grace that will make

us strong, bring peace, and help us grow in our relationship to God. May we take every opportunity to ask for His grace, to receive His grace, and be made new in His grace. We are now a "Resurrection People," and "Alleluia" is our song. That being said, let us not forget to pray for all who struggle, who grieve, and who are sick in this Easter Season. As our weather warms up, I look forward to seeing many of you while I am out and about, in my travels. The beginning of baseball season always gives me hope that spring and summer are not far away. Have a blessed April, and I look forward to seeing you real soon.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away including Father Legarski's father. Also special prayers for local junior high student Jasimine Campanaro and her family.





Happy Birthday

- 4/1 Cornelius K. Anyawu
- 4/17 Victor E. Ballash
- 4/16 John A. Bennis
- 4/1 Herman J. Beyer
- 4/7 Patrick J. Cummings
- 4/18 Stephen J. Dunio, Sr.
- 4/10 Denis M. Frank
- 4/4 Stephen C. Gildea
- 4/1 Timothy P. Gildea
- 4/15 Justin A. Hickox
- 4/9 Russell R. Irwin
- 4/8 Thomas J. King
- 4/13 Bernard J. Mikesic
- 4/11 Lynn R. Moyer
- 4/15 Deacon Gene P. Neral
- 4/30 Vince A. Schneider
- 4/11 Robert J. Stanek
- 4/27 Thomas L. Sutch
- 4/27 Paul D. Yakymack



March Council Meeting Notes

We received a letter from our state deputy on the request from our Catholic Bishops to support that our state constitution be amended to define marriage as being between one man and one woman. The Knights of Columbus will be donating \$300,000 towards this campaign. The money will be used for advertising and for general elections. During the meeting Lou Endress brought up the idea of potentially adding a dollar to our dues next year to help fund this project. Also in the letter Knights were urged to write or better yet visit your state legislators face to face to offer support for this amendment.

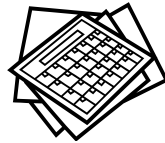
The chicken bar b q held in conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion netted each organization a profit of \$900.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Chaplain Father Baldwin on receiving a certificate of recognition for his service to our local churches from our Supreme Knight.

Congratulations to the following Knights from our council that received their second degrees at the Altoona council ceremony in March.

William Hooten
Mike Kelleher
Keith Natoli
Tim Surkovich



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, April 3 at 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 1 at 8:00 pm

April 10th Trip to Evita
For more information please contact Lou Endress.

April 11-13 Measure Up Campaign
Our 30th year. Let's make this our best year ever! For more information and to sign up please contact Mark Frew at 693-6847.

April 15-20 Papal Visit

April 21 Blood Drive held in the council chambers from 12-6. Our goal is 30 pints. Refreshments will be served. Any questions please contact Dan Casey at 942-4646.

April 24 Seminarian tickets are due. Any questions please contact Tom Sault.

April 26 the Bellefonte Council #1314 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Congratulations.

Ham & Cheese Sale:
Orders must be in by April 15
Sandwiches made April 17
Delivery April 18

Orders must be in by May 13
Sandwiches made May 15
Delivery May 16
You can get order forms from Brian Drum or Lou Endress.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to cooperate with this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier time (e.g. *The Cloud of Unknowing*) in an updated form and to put a certain order and regularity into it. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; it simply puts other kinds of prayer into a new and fuller perspective. During the time of prayer we consent to God's presence and action within. At other times our attention moves outward to discover God's presence everywhere.

The Guidelines:

Choose a sacred word or passage as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.

Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word or passage as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.

When you become aware of thoughts, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word or passage.

At the end of the prayer period, remain silent with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

Please Pray for these sick Members.

Tom King, Ron Hileman, Gary Salintis, Father Giles mother, Anna Marie Closson mother of Kenneth Closson and Father Eugene Charles.