

Council Officers

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April 2009

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights:

As you read this, Lent is coming to a close and Easter will soon be upon us. The Lenten Season has given us the opportunity to renew our lives as a Catholic through fasting and reconciliation in preparation for the resurrection of our Savior. I'm sure you have all noticed how there are more people at Easter services than regular Sunday services. I hope none of our fellow Brothers fall into this classification of only being a Catholic on Easter and Christmas. I would like to thank all my Brothers who helped with our annual spaghetti dinner and hope we get more brothers to help in the future. Your prayers and thoughts are all appreciated for my wife as she continues to battle her disease. Once again, thank you! We will be forming nominating committees for office positions for the upcoming year. Please consider running for an office position. If you are interested please make it known to the nominating committee.

Fraternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and Peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy and Blessed April to you. What a blessed month it will be, as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week, The Sacred Triduum, and of course, the beginning of the Easter Season. Please remind friends and family that Easter does not end with Easter Sunday. We celebrate the Lord's Resurrection for fifty days, and hopefully with the same zeal that called us to sacrifice during Lent. I pray that these blessed days of our church year are special for you. Together, may we joyfully proclaim: "Christ is Risen; "He is Truly Risen;" Alleluia!

Of course, before we get to Easter Sunday, we must walk the journey of Good Friday, where the Lord's Passion and Death become a lived experience for us. With this in mind, I share the following prayer to the Suffering Christ: "Lord Jesus, I don't understand why all the suffering you endured was necessary. But somehow, the powers of darkness were behind it all, in conflict with the very goodness of life. Now I am suffering, perhaps because of the vulnerability of human existence, or perhaps on account of the malice of others, or maybe because of my own weakness. But, whatever the cause, I believe that you are with me. Lord Jesus, I am suffering. Please reach out of the darkness, and give me your hand. Amen!"

This is one of my favorite prayers, because it reassures me that

Jesus is always present in my suffering. Throughout Lent and Holy Week, Jesus asks us to be with Him in His Suffering. How can we say "NO!" to our Lord and Savior? My Brother Knights, please take time in Holy Week to celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). You won't regret it, because it will make your celebration of Easter even more special.

May we never be afraid to walk the Road to Calvary with our scourged, beaten, and precious Lord. It is the road to our redemption, our salvation, and the celebration of Easter. Through Jesus' good example, we remember that true joy comes through sacrifice and suffering. It is a joy called Resurrection, a joy called Easter, and we celebrate it for fifty days. In your prayers this month, please remember all of our candidates and catechumens in the RCIA, as well as our young people preparing for Confirmation, and all babies who will be baptized in this Easter Season. Have a blessed month of April, and a Joyous Easter, and I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

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



Happy Birthday

- 4/17 Victor E. Ballash
- 4/16 John A. Bennis
- 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
- 4/26 Vincent D. 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. Yakymac



March Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you note from the Mothers of the US Armed Forces for help with their Christmas shipment.

We also received a thank you from Logan Elementary for help with their Ham and Cheese Sale.

The council received a letter from Supreme Council asking all of us to help in the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Council 551 will be holding a Golf Tournament on Saturday May 16 at

the Park Hills Country Club. It will be a fundraiser for charitable efforts. For details contact Terry Anderson at the Altoona Council.

We purchased a 1/2 page ad for the Annual Sierra Club Get Together at St. Francis. The event takes place April 23rd and Sister Mary Asumpta is the featured speaker.

Our most recent Chicken Bar B Q netted us a profit of \$668.

Wilbur Henry will have sign up sheets for our first ever yard/craft sale at our next council meeting in April.

Mark Frew is looking into changing the collection date at Sam's Club for the Measure-Up Campaign to April 24th and 25th. For more information please contact Mark.

We received thank you's from the Beyer's and O'Neill families for the 4th Degree Color Guard being present at their funerals.

Congratulations

CJ Buskey who took his Second Degree at the Altoona Council Home in March.

Reminder.

Reminder: We are still collecting aluminum cans at the council home. Just throw them over the fence in the back.

There is a new Form 100. Please get yours at your next council meeting.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Brother Tom King in your daily prayers as he continues his battle with Diabetes.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, April 2 7:00pm
Thursday, May 7 7:00pm

April 17, 18, 19 Measure-Up Campaign
May 1-3, Knights of Columbus State Convention, Lancaster
June 6, Yard Sale and Craft Sale Holidaysburg

High Tech



The Star News is going High Tech. For those of you that are interested in receiving The Star News via email instead of snail mail, email the Star News Editor, Tim Surkovich at tsurkovich@hotmail.com.

Currently only four Brothers are interested. If I get enough Brothers to make it worth my while, I will begin to email those of you that have responded to me. You will receive The Star News in PDF format.

For those of you that still like the old paper method, have no fear, the post man will still be bringing it to your mailbox.