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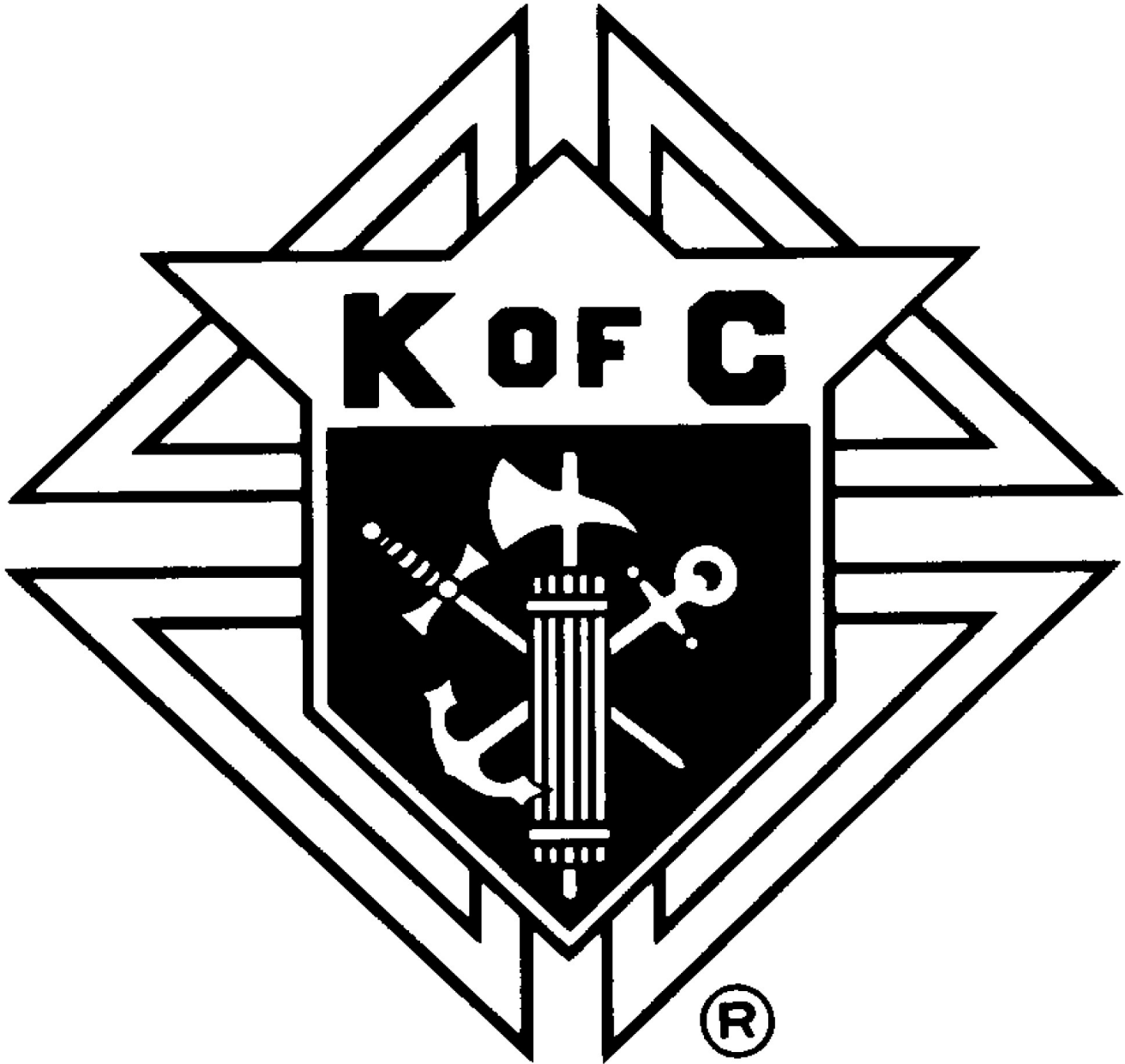


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Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month
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April 2015

From the Grand Knight

What would I do without you?

As Easter draws near, this question is extremely relevant. What would we do if Jesus had not died on the cross for our sins? His love and care for us is hard to comprehend, yet someday when we depart this earth and meet our Maker, the answer will become abundantly clear.

What would I do without you?

Throughout my tenure as Grand Knight I have asked myself this question many times. Not just of our Lord, but of my fellow brothers. This council is not just about the Grand Knight, his council officers, or the Home Association officers. It is about all of us working as a team to make this a truly successful organization. In this month's message I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of you who support the council in our many activities. That being said, I do want to extend my appreciation to some more recent help the council has received. First, I would like to thank Gary Vassalotti for volunteering to take over the duties of editor of the Star News. This issue is his first and hopefully he

will have many more to come. Next I would like to thank Ray Baker for filling in for me during the last meeting due to a fall I experienced before the meeting. I would also like to thank Jerry Kovach and Dan Moringiello for driving me home, as well as all the brother knights who asked, called or emailed me to make sure I was okay. And last, but not least, I want to thank all the brother knights who volunteered to help with our newest fund-raiser, the Shelby Ford Mustang Raffle.

What would I do without you?

Trust me when I say this is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to brothers who volunteer their time to make this council a success. To each and every one of you who were not mentioned in this message, thank you! I don't know what I would do without you!

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Tim

Chaplain's Message

Easter Message

*By Father Anthony Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

As we approach the most sacred and joyous time of the Church's year, during which we celebrate

the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead and our eternal life that is made possible because of it, we should do so by asking ourselves how we can make the joy and hope of eternal life a daily part of our lives as Brother Knights. How can we go beyond the Great Fifty Days and Pentecost as witnesses to the gift of Eternal Life?

First and foremost, we must embrace this hope individually. When we face the daily challenges of life with our eyes fixed on eternity, when we carry the crosses of everyday living with an understanding of human suffering having redemptive value, when others see in us a resolve to live this life with our goal being the life to come, then we have embraced this hope individually. Our Risen Lord promises to feed us and keep us strong for life's journey to the Kingdom. His Word, the grace of the Sacraments, and our openness to the grace to imitate Him in the way we treat others are all food for the journey.

Secondly, we must embrace this hope collectively as Brother Knights. Keeping involved in the wonderful work of the Knights of Columbus is a sign to the world and a reminder to us of the eternal rewards that await us. Our work as Brother Knights is an outward sign to others that the real purpose of this life is the life for which we hope and in which we believe.

May all of you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, happy, and blessed Easter Season. And may all of you be blessed each and every day by Christ, the Risen Lord and lead by Mary, Star of the Sea.

March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Council was called to order: at 7:15 pm by Brother Ray Baker with 35 Brother Knights Present.

Officers absent were: GK Surkovich, Chaplain Father Legarski, DGK George Husick, Advocate Ed Zang

Meeting Minutes:

Dispensed with by Ray Baker

Reading of Applications:

Mr. Francis Farabaugh from St Michaels, 1st reading

Grand Knight Initiations:

Financial Secretary Report:

- Lou Endress reminded the Council about the upcoming Ham and Cheese Sandwich sale: Report sales to Paul Gargon by March 16, Make sandwiches at the council home at 4 pm on March 18, 2015, Deliver on March 19, 2015. (Signup sheet attached)
- Seminarian Ticket sales start now - \$20.00
- Reminder of the need for a newsletter editor.... Contact the Grand Knight.

Report of Standing Committees:

- The Annual Red Cross Blood drive chaired by Brother Dan Casey will be held at the council home on April 6, from 12:30 to 6 pm. Volunteers are needed for the canteen and to serve as walkers for those that donate. Contact Brother Dan Casey to volunteer.
- ARC Campaign chaired by Chancellor Dennis McGeehan will be held April 24 (3pm to 7pm) - April 25 (9am to 7pm), 2015 at these stores: Hometown Market, GE Logan Town Center (tentative), Walmart East Freedom. Martins in Duncansville will provided a gift in kind. Please contact Dennis at abbax8@hotmail.com and agree to volunteer your help!
- Recorder Mike Metzgar reported a \$1,000 donation to the Arc campaign from Giant Eagle Corporate. He will handle accepting the donation.
- The 40 Cans for 40 Days food collection chaired by PGK's Ron Harella and Bill Hiergeist, begins on Ash Wednesday February 18, 2015. The purpose of this program is to supply food for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. It is asked, if

you are able, to set aside once canned item each day of Lent and say the following prayer as you place the item aside.

+Prayer for the Poor by Mother Theresa+

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them

through our hands, this day, their daily bread and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy.....AMEN

Bring donations of food to the council home by April 2, to be weighed, Volunteers are needed to transport the food to the St. Vincent DePaul food Bank on April 2, 2015 at 8am.

- Mothers Day Dinner chaired by Brother Dennis Dombrosky, will be held at St. Patricks in Newry on May 10, 2015. There will be one seating from 11:30-2:30. Three hundred tickets will be sold beginning April 9,2015 at \$10 each. If you are interested in being a part of the Committee or want to reserve tickets contact Dennis at: dinopapt@aol.com.
- The Baptismal rose kits are all assembled and available for any parish in need..... contact Brother Jim Hodge or the Grand Knight.

Unfinished Business:

- The "Hospitality" program was a great success in 2014! Eleven Brothers have already signed up to provide a light meal/snack after meetings in 2015. There is one meeting that needs a volunteer: July 2. Brother Bill Hiergeist has volunteered for the May meeting. Will you help? Contact Mike Metzgar (814-931-9871)

opportunity for a 2015 Shelby Cobra Mustang. This is a project that was given up by Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg and is an opportunity for our Council to earn a significant amount of money.

- The presentation included some facts about the raffle:

1. The Council would be obligated to purchase the car for approximately \$60,000 with cash and financing through Ford Motor Company.

2. The Council would need to order the car within the next 2-3 weeks with no guarantee that the order would be filled.

3. The Council would need 6 teams of 6-8 people to coordinate and transport the vehicle to several East Coast and Southeast (Charlotte, NC) car shows to sell tickets.

4. The Council will pay all expenses including that of all teams from the profit of the raffle.

5. The Council would need to sell approximately 12,500 tickets to break even.

6. All of the historical information for the raffle is available from Holy Name Church.

7. This would be a one year project by the Council.

8. The car would be showcased, promoted, and stored by Stuckey Ford.

9. The car has a definite WOW factor with car enthusiasts.

An open discussion followed the presentation and several comments were offered by the Brothers:

1. Several comments were made that the decision should be made by the entire membership and not just the 35 in attendance at the meeting.

2. Several Brothers were not comfortable with the financial commitment required from our council after a large church of several hundred families gave up the raffle.

3. With only selling 700 sandwiches every other month how could 12,500 tickets be sold?

4. Ray Baker asked for a show of hands on who would be interested in being a part of a team to travel with the car and sell tickets..... the Recorder saw 3 hands.

5. Volunteers spoke up about supporting the raffle locally but reminded the Council that their jobs comes first.

6. An overall chairman would be needed.

7. It was decided to poll the Council by US Mail, request commitments for team participation and have a special meeting to reveal the results and make a decision.

Calendar of Coming Knights of Columbus Events:

New Business :

- Father Aaron Masghoudi, St Josephs , Williamsburg, PA will present a 'Day of Reconciliation' on March 28, 2015 from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$20.00 including lunch..... Contact the Grand Knight if you are interested in attending.
- Brother Ron Harella announced a Catholic Home Study program from The K of C in Missouri Religious Information Bureau. The program offers home study on variety of appropriate topics and is a 'free' program including the study materials. For more information contact Brother Ron Harella or enroll online at www.amm.org/chss
- FOCUS of the Meeting: Ray Baker, on behalf of the Grand Knight, presented a Home Association Raffle

- The date for the April Meeting was changed to April 9, 2015.

Nominations for Officers:

4th Degree

- Fourth Degree will be held on June 7, 2015, in Greentree, PA west of Pittsburgh, PA.

District Deputy Report:

- The area is still in need of a District Deputy. If interested contact Bill Erbeck at 814-684-1327 or Grand Knight Tim Surkovich at 814-696-1209

Good of the Order:

- Pray for the following return to good health for Brothers Gary Selwitz, Darryl Sommers, Tom O'Leary, Joe Cassidy and the family of Brother Mark Frew.
- Recorder Mike Metzgar made a motion to provide \$250.00 to Brother Tom Mathews of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley, PA to assist in the personal affairs following the passing of his wife Carolyn.... motion passed.
- Pray for all Brother Knights

Chaplains Summation:

The Council sang the closing ode and the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm by Ray Baker.

Michael A. Metzgar, Recorder Star of the Sea Council #4245

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Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

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John	Bennis	04-16
Denis	Frank	04-10
Stephen	Gildea	04-04
Timothy	Gildea	04-01
Russell	Irwin	04-09
Victor	Ballash	04-17
Bernard	Mikesic	04-13
Lynn	Moyer	04-11
Vincent	Moyer	04-26
Gene	Neral	04-15
Vince	Schneider	04-30
Robert	Stanek	04-11
Thomas	Sutch	04-27
Paul	Yakymac	04-27
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