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Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month
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April 2016

From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

My favorite time of year is upon us, spring. By now we have celebrated the fact that Jesus Christ has died and risen from the dead to save us. Because of that we should all feel refreshed without taking any other aspects of the season into consideration. If we weren't already filled with enough joy, we also have numerous other things that make our blood flow and cause us to feel rejuvenated after the cold air and snow of winter are gone for the year. Two of my favorite occasions occur this time of year, trout fishing and gobbler hunting. Both of these give me something to look forward to. Aside from the times when I cast my line and get it tangled around tree roots and bushes on the other side of the stream, trout fishing is relaxing for me. Even when I'm not catching any fish it is still enjoyable to be surrounded by nature's beauty. This beauty is not just to be seen. It is also to be smelled in the freshness of the air and heard in the water as it trickles down stream. Even the muffled groans of fellow fisherman missing fish aren't all that distressing to listen to. Much of the same goes for gobbler hunting. Even if I'm not able to call in any legal turkeys I am still able to sit amongst the serenity of the woods and enjoy what God has given us. Use all of your senses this time of year to fully enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

Fraternally Yours,

Lee

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Chaplain's Message

Out Of The Ashes Of The Old

By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain

Brother Knights:

Anger, Confusion, Dismay, Searching...all of these can only begin to describe the sentiments felt by so many of us in the wake of the recent Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report regarding clergy sexual abuse in our diocese. Nonetheless, it is incumbent upon individuals and organizations such as the Knights of Columbus to lead the way on the "road to recovery." How do we do this? How do we begin to see, much less understand, this horrific aspect of the history in our local church?

First of all, we must understand that the only explanation anyone could render as to why these things happen is that Satan will strike wherever and however he can in his initiative to destroy the Church—even and especially in the vulnerability of her sinful members, including clergy.

While the findings of the Grand Jury for the most part discuss cases and acts that were documented, litigated, and determined to be true, it unfortunately includes accusations that were either unable to be proven or are totally without basis. The nature of a Grand Jury does not lend itself to us being able to distinguish between the two. At any rate, we do know that over the past 50 years or so, we have suffered the horrible experiences of clergy abuse from which we must be healed.

As Bishop Mark indicated in his letter to all of us on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, it is important not to run from our Lord who is present in Word and Sacrament; but rather embrace him for the consolation and healing of which we are all in need—especially the victims of these horrific acts.

On the weekend that I read Bishop Mark's letter at all the Masses, I offered some brief reflections of my own that I noted in the history of the Church: Every time the Church has carried a cross for the world to see it has been followed by a period of sanctification and renewal for the Church and her members to embrace. I believe the present circumstances are no exception; like Phoenix, the bird of Greek Mythology, a new life for the Church will rise out of the ashes of the old.

I also invite everyone's attention to the apostle Thomas who himself was so hurt and scandalized by the Cross that he separated himself from the community of believers at a time when he needed them the

most. Consequently, when our Lord appeared to them risen and glorified, he was not there and was not able to share in the peace that those who stayed together and remained faithful were able to.

As Knights of Columbus, we cannot allow ourselves be led by the scandal, but rather, be leaders through the scandal. We must continue to be on the "front line" of advancing the faith and helping others to understand that there is in fact a difference between the mystical Body of Christ and the weakness and sinfulness of Her members. We must understand that if the Church is not seen as carrying the cross that she preaches is necessary, she would have no credibility.

Despite this horrific period of our history, every one of us must remain strong, knowing that healing and renewal awaits us. We must journey there together with the prayerful support of each other and the strength given us by God's Word and the Sacraments of His Church. Moreover, we must seek the assistance in doing so of Mary, our Mother and Star of the Sea.





March 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report: N/A

Chaplains Report: N/A

Donation Request: N/A

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

Thank you letter was received from Mary Ann Chamberlain for the donation to the cause for Multiple Sclerosis.

Certificate of Appreciation was received from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in recognition of outstanding support in helping St. Jude Children's Research Hospital keep its promises to children and families battling cancer and other deadly diseases.

Financial Secretary Report:

2016 annual dues are currently due; 100 accounts are delinquent.

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be sold during the third week of March 2016; order forms will be included with the Star News from now on; orders due March 14th; Assembly-March 16th; Delivery-March 17th; Sales benefit the Council.

Seminarian tickets are available for sale; due by April 20, Tickets are \$20 each Our monthly newsletter has 3 open advertising spots available at a cost of \$30/yr.

Fund Raising and Committee Reports::

Blood Drive Committee – Information provided by Dan Casey:

The blood drive will be held at the council home on April 4 from 12:00-6:00 PM.

Shelby Committee – Information provided by Tim Surkovich

4,100 tickets sold to date. The Harrisburg show resulted in \$6,300; thank you to all who helped.

3 additional shows have been added (Ohio, Kentucky, and New York).

Next show is on March 13 at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Duncansville, PA.

Promotion on the Facebook page has been helping to foster ticket sales.

“Shelby” Shirts have been printed and can be picked up from Tim for a minimal cost.

ARC Committee – Information provided by Dennis McGeehan

2016 collection is planned for April 29-30 at the East Freedom Walmart and at the Hollidaysburg Home Town Market. Dennis is pursuing a 3rd location at the Altoona K-Mart. Further information to follow.

Collections at the local parishes will occur on April 23-24. Dennis will notify the individual parishes.

Please use the sign-up sheet.

40 Days for 40 Cans Committee – Information provided by Ron Harella

Prayer cards were provided.

Food donations are to be delivered to the Council home on Holy Thursday from 8:00 -10:00 AM; these will then be transported to the Hollidaysburg Rescue Workers.

\$40 cash donation has been received.

Unfinished Business:

Victor Ballash presented a motion to remove the tabled motion related to the Victory Therapeutic Horsemanship subject; Rich Moyer seconded the motion; motion passed.

GK Lee Zimmerman reported that David DePastina completed his research related to the monetary request from the Victory Therapeutic Horsemanship to provide Central PA veterans with an equine therapy program; he presented his information to Lee Zimmerman and confirmed that he is in support of this program.

Motion presented by Tim Surkovich to donate \$100; second presented by Dan Casey; motion passed.

New Business:

Lou Endress informed us that the home association is selling tickets (\$1) based upon the PA lottery and the drawing will be held on 4-7-16.

Report of the 4th Degree:

There will be no meeting in March due to the conflict with Holy Thursday.

Dues need to be paid.

District Deputy Report:

George Husick reported that the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has provided approval and now we may begin fund raising for the purpose of procuring an Ultra-sound machine as part of the ELM – Every Life Matters program. Suggestions for fund raising ideas are welcome. Our council goal is to raise \$5,000. K of C Supreme will match the funds.

Chaplains Summation: N/A

Announcements:

Management of the Shelby project is a large undertaking. Any efforts to help would be greatly appreciated.

You are encouraged to invite your wife to participate in the Shelby project.

The 37th annual K of C PA State Golf Tournament will be held at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course on August 20, 2016. Please see Lee for sign up information.

Supreme has issued a reminder to volunteer and help with the Special Olympics

WELCOME TO OUR RANKS:

H Daniel Weaver

David Fradeneck

- They were exemplified with the First Degree of our Order, at the March Council Meeting.



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

Timothy Gildea	4/1
Jess Weaver	4/2
Vince Schneider	4/3
Stephen Gildea	4/4
Patrick Cummings	4/7
Russell Irwin	4/9
Denis Frank	4/10
Robert Stanek	4/11
Dennis Dombrosky	4/12
Bernard Mikesic	4/13
Deacon Gene Neral	4/15
John Bennis	4/16
Victor Ballash	4/17
H Daniel Weaver	4/25
Vincent Moyer	4/26
Thomas Matthews	4/27
Thomas Sutch	4/27
Paul Yakymac	4/27
Richard Aiken	4/29

DUES ARE DUE:

2016 Dues are Due! By now if you received a Second Notice it's either because you haven't paid or we did experience some problems with the mail on 1st Notices. For that we apologize for any confusion. You also received an Information Report. Please make any and all corrections to the Information Report including your address, phone numbers, email addresses, church parish you belong to, etc, be sure to include the year with birthdays and anniversaries and return it with your payment to Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich. Per Supreme Billing Procedures, anyone not paid by May 15, 2016 will be moved to Knight Alert Status and will receive another Bill.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Deacon James Woomer and his granddaughter and for Lee Zimmerman's father.

IMPORTANT!!!!

The Home Association Mustang Shelby Super Snake Fundraiser is in full swing!! The MSRP on this awesome Mustang is \$96,954. It has a whopping **750+** horsepower engine. It is absolutely beautiful! The raffle date is October 2, 2016. Tickets are only \$10 each! We are asking that each member **sell at least 10 tickets**. Each member received their first 10 tickets. Members are finding them easy to sell. You should try to always have tickets on you. In the event you are completely unable to sell all of them, please return them, but better yet if you need more call the council home at 814-695-4752 and let us know how many more you need. The more you sell the more we are able to accomplish. Once again, we suggest you have tickets on you at all times, you never know when an opportunity may come along to sell some. Our goal is to sell 25,000 tickets.

Besides selling tickets we could still use volunteers to go to car shows with us. This would lessen the burden on all those who have already volunteered. If interested call the council home or email us at kofc4245@gmail.com





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 4/7/16
Hospitality Provided by Bob Hazenstab

4/4/16 Blood Drive Council Home
12-6 PM

4/2-3/16 Shelby being shown at
Columbus OH Swap Meet

4/6-10/16 Shelby being shown at
Spring Auto Fair Charlotte NC

4/7/16 Regular Council Meeting,
Hospitality provided by Bob
Hazenstab

4/20-24/16 Shelby being shown at
Spring Show Carlisle PA

5/5/16 Regular Council Meeting,
Hospitality provided by Jim Zimmerman and Lou Endress

5/19-5/22/16 Shelby being shown
at the Ocean City Cruise In,
Ocean City, MD.

5/20/16 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
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For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families.

First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents.

We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial mat-

ters, help you file *any* claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection – if any – may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these services are free.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that *the Order cares for its own*; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families.'" They are part of what makes us unique.

So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them.

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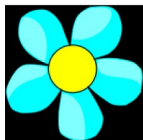
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