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From the Grand Knight

I hope everyone is having a safe and wonderful summer full of family and relaxation. During the summer we tend to slack off and enjoy things but remember to keep your faith in your life and practice the sacraments. I recently attended a Grand Knight meeting and found that as a council we are doing well. As a reminder we are having a first degree in September, please do your best to try to get as many candidates as possible. This way we will be able to encourage them to make their second degrees in October and their third degrees a week later in Altoona. The diocese is conducting its first ever Blue Mass at the Cathedral. You will be finding out more about it soon. All Brother Knights and their wives are encouraged to attend. A Blue Mass is a Mass for our men and women in blue (police, medical and fire personnel). Let's try to have a large showing to show our support for our men and women in blue. Please keep Barry Lindsay in your prayers, as well as, any other sick family member in our council.

Fraternally yours,

George

Shirts Available for Order

Our council has new golf shirts available with the council logo on them. If you are interested in ordering a shirt attend the next meeting or get in contact with Jim Zimmerman. Shirts are \$23 a piece.

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy August to all of you. I pray that these summer days continue to be restful and life-giving for you. I found these words from Max Lucado very inspiring: "If you fail God, do you fear that He will give up on you? It's not a worry you need to spend any time on; for, it isn't a matter of what we've done that keeps God faithful. Rather, it is God's nature that makes Him faithful, even when we seem to forget the meaning of that word."

My Brothers, there was a time when I believed that the sins and mistakes of my life had caused God to turn away from me. It was the later realization of God's forgiveness and faithfulness that not only brought me back to church, but also planted the seeds of my Franciscan Vocation. This realization came through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and my willingness to seek God's forgiveness. And, this willingness came through the encouragement of family and friends, who could see and hear my struggle and sadness each day. If you ever feel abandoned by God, I encourage you to find a priest, family member, or friend to talk to, so that you will be reassured of God's faithfulness. Also, this may be a good time for you to get reacquainted with the sacrament of reconciliation, so that there will be nothing standing in the way of your believing in the forgiveness and unconditional love

of Almighty God.

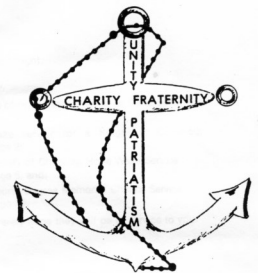
Here, the good news is that if we are able to do this for ourselves, we will then be more patient, in helping our family members and friends when they make mistakes. What do we need to do, my brother knights, to believe that the faithfulness of God lasts forever? May this question help us in our faith journey this month, as we prepare for the beginning of school and the autumn season. Please know that my prayers are with you always, especially for your safety and good health in the remainder of these summer days. I will be on retreat from August 4-8. Please remember me, and my Franciscan Brothers in your prayers. Happy August!

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, especially Brother Knight Tom Riley.





Happy Birthday

- 8/12 Paul M. Andrews
- 8/8 Robert R. Baker
- 8/2 John E. Brown, Jr.
- 8/1 John A. Despot
- 8/20 James D. Folcarelli
- 8/27 Mark Frew
- 8/13 Paul J. Gallagher
- 8/9 Robert F. George
- 8/23 Richard C. Gildea
- 8/11 William M. Hiergeist
- 8/23 Stephen Janosik
- 8/27 James G. Letcher
- 8/7 James A. Lytle
- 8/1 Arthur Ollinger, Jr.
- 8/9 Frank V. Roscia
- 8/5 Robert J. Spinazzola
- 8/16 Robert M. Spinazzola
- 8/1 John F. Sullivan
- 8/9 Michael Syroid
- 8/14 Kenneth W. Wyland



July Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you letter from Logan Elementary in regards to making their fundraiser a success in conjunction with our Ham and Cheese Sale.

We received a thank you from St Leonard's for giving them the left over Chicken Bar B Q's from our Hand in Hand fundraiser.

We received a thank you from the Boy Scouts of Penn Woods Council for our donation to help scouts attend summer camp.

We received a letter from our Supreme Grand Knight, Carl Anderson, explaining how to get involved in the Pro-Life movement. The Supreme

Council supplies a pamphlet called "The People of Life." The pamphlet stresses three main points: 1. Become informed, 2. Get involved, 3. Stand up for Life. These pamphlets are available through our council. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this movement, contact Lou Endress.

During the Chaplain's report, Father Brad also encouraged every Knight to read Carl Anderson's book, A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do To Transform the World.

Brother Knight, Barry Lindsay, has returned from Duke University Medical Center where he was evaluated for a medical procedure to help with his ongoing battle with epilepsy. He reported that the doctors confirmed his Pittsburgh diagnosis and he will have surgery to remove his temporal lobe. He is waiting to hear when this surgery is going to take place. He also reported the surgery has a 50/50 chance of success and that the surgery will take 12 -16 hours. The cost of the surgery is approximately \$500,000. After the surgery he will be in ICU for a week. He is hoping that the surgery will take place during the month of July. He will keep us posted. Please keep Barry in your prayers. He has truly appreciated all the support his brother Knights have given him so far.

A donation of \$250 was made to Michael Masinapaque. Michael just graduated from St. Patrick's in Newry .He was severely burned in an accident and is in need of a great deal of medical care. Michael still plans to attend Bishop Guilfoyle in the fall.

Discussion was held encouraging all brother Knights on becoming involved in their church's Nocturnal Adoration Society or Holy Hours. All Knights are encouraged to approach their parish priest and ask how they can help their parish.

The family of John Hazenstab, Sr, a brother Knight who died recently, donated funds to our council. The council purchased new bar stools and tables for the hall.

The Star of the Sea Council was presented with the 2007 Regional Gold Service Award for raising \$4500 for the Measure Up Campaign.

DEGREE NEWS

A first degree ceremony is planned for our September regular monthly meeting. A second degree ceremony is planned for our October meeting. The Altoona Council will be holding a third degree ceremony the week after our second degree.

Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, August 7 at 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 4 at 8:00 pm

Friday, August 15 PA State Knights Golf Tournament, Green Meadows
For more info., call Joe Cunningham at 724-530-7330.

Thursday, September 4 First Degree
Saturday, September 13 Blue Mass, 5:00 PM at the Cathedral. Celebrant will be Most Rev. Bishop V. Adamec
This is the first ever mass of this type in our diocese

Thursday, October 2 Second Degree

2008 Seminarian Endowment Fund Ticket Winners

- Carl Oschea \$40
- Kathleen J. Hazenstab \$200
- Steve Tomchik \$200
- Elizabeth Kovach \$40
- Dave Smithmeyer \$250
- Philip J. Baker \$40
- Frank Luciano \$40
- Star of the Sea Council \$300