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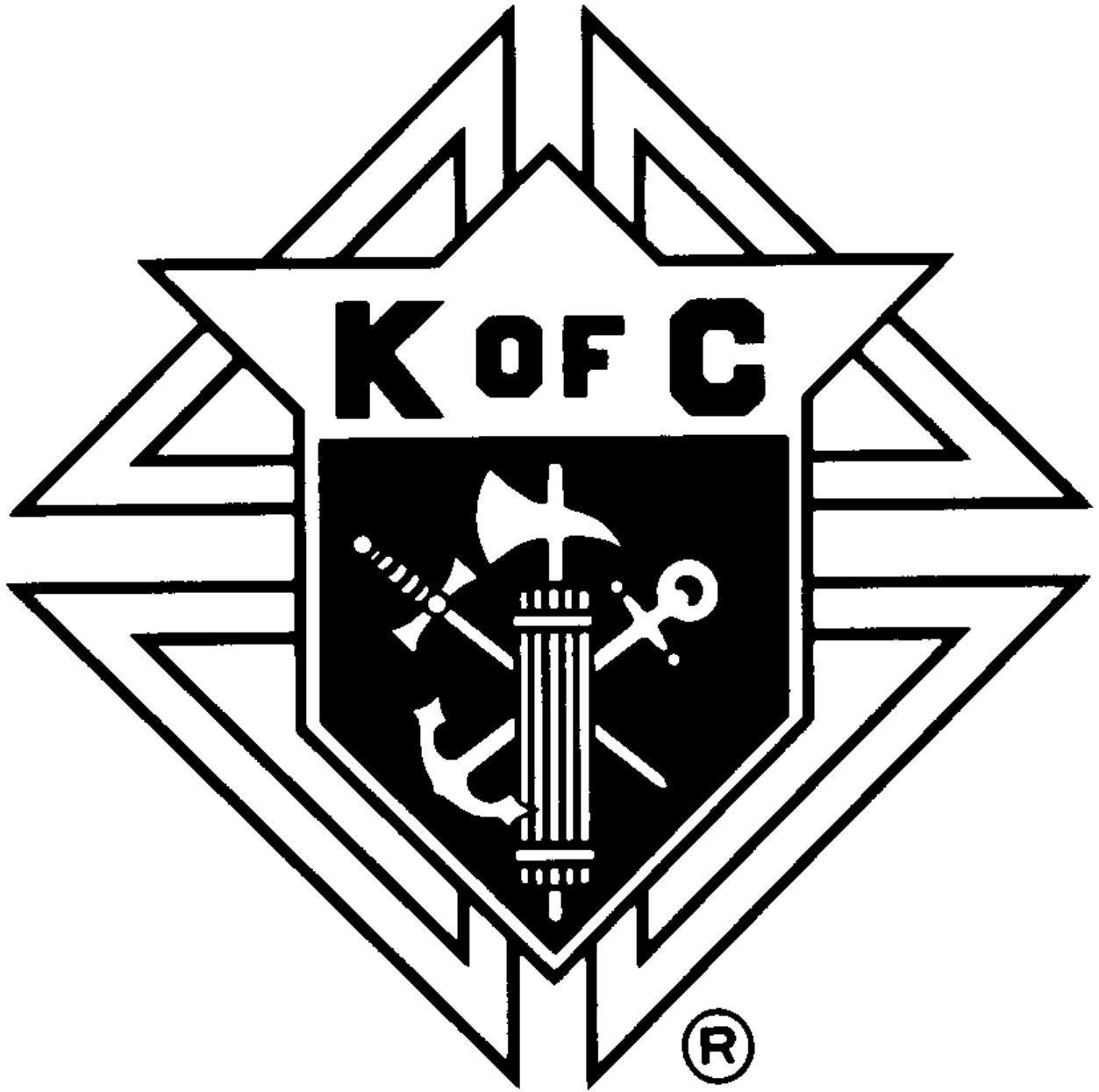
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August 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

With the dog days of summer upon us, let's use the heat of this month to remind us to warm up our desire to serve our fellowman. Opportunities will come in abundance as we go about our every day routines. We can pray every morning and ask Him who hears all prayers, for the ability to recognize these opportunities as they unfold in front of our eyes. We also can plan to visit a relative or friend that is counting the long lonely hours as they sit idle in the hospital, nursing home, or even their own homes. A short visit could bring so much happiness to them and last in their minds long after the conversation is over. We can show more patience and courtesy to our neighbor, who is everyone, while we maneuver through a crowded grocery store, waiting in line at some event, or driving our cars on a busy highway. Oh, Yes, let's not forget our own family's. We can try a little harder to stop what we are doing, if only briefly, to become a good listener to our loved ones, and then respond with words of encouragement. In a world filled with grief, sadness, and darkness, we all can put forth a little extra effort and become what we are called to become, a light for the world. Check your newsletter and our new website for upcoming events, and shine your light.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron

Chaplain's Message

Mary's Destiny Must Be Ours

The month of August is actually a month that contains an octave (8 day) celebration in honor of Mary, the Mother of God. It begins with the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15th and concludes with the memorial celebration of her queenship on August 22nd. In this Marian octave, the Church would have us prayerfully reflect on the fruits of a life that mirrors that of Mary, our mother.

Because of the Feast of the Assumption occurring on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is removed, but the day retains its solemnity. If at all possible, participation in Mass that day is strongly encouraged. Although the feast of the Queenship of Mary is not as solemn as that of the Assumption, it is nonetheless significant. In both of these observances, we the faithful are called to reflect prayerfully on Mary's destiny that resulted from her life of fidelity to the will of God.

As followers of Christ, we know how weary the journey can become. Our life of fidelity to Christ and his Church is constantly being challenged by all of the distractions of the world and Satan. Prayerful reflection on the faith-filled life of Mary can and should serve to renew us in faith, love, and above all, hope. In her being assumed body and soul into the heavenly kingdom and her being

crowned queen of heaven and earth, we see the effects of a life of fidelity to the will of God.

During this month especially, in the light of these two great celebrations, let us pay honor to Mary our Mother, asking her to help us by her grace and powerful intercession to enter into the same realm of eternal union with our lord and savior as did she. Let us see her being taken up into the glory of God as our own. May all of us be a part of the glory that now belongs to Mary, assumed into heaven, queen of heaven and earth, star of the sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that have passed away.



July Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knight Report:

Past Grand Knight Gary Ellis, great nephew (Jonas C. Ringler (Maher)) 6 days old passed away on June 13th.

4th Degree, Sir Knight Ernest Salvi, passed away this month, and Knight friend Tim Weaver from the Shriners Clowns passed away his month.

The R.C.I.A. Team from Saint Catherine's just finished up another year with 2 pilgrimages trips. One to the Shrine's at Emmitsburg, MD and the other to Loretto and Carrolltown where we celebrated Mass at St Joseph's Mission Church at Hart's Sleeping Place, which was blessed by Prince Gallitzin and is the oldest church in our Diocese dating back to 1830. If you are asked to sponsor an R.C.I.A. candidate at your parish, I highly recommend you answer God's call.

Next week is our bimonthly ham and cheese sandwich sale. All orders are to be called in to Gary Selwitz by Tuesday, July 16 at 12 Noon. Sandwiches will be made here at our council home on Thursday, July 18 at 4:00PM.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Ginny Reeder, from St. John's Parish, for our council cooking chicken for their fundraiser.

Terry Diamond, Director of Development at Shriners Hospital for our donation of \$3,400.00 we made on

the Hand in Hand chicken Bar-B-Q Jean Johnstone, Executive Director at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown for our council's \$100.00 Ad donation for their annual Recognition dinner.

We received request for donations from:

Sam Mazzaresse, from St. Maximilian Kolbe Council, Davidsville, PA. are having their 25th Annual Respect Life Dinner and asking us to sponsor an ad in their respect Life booklet. Motion made and passed for \$100.00 ad.

Brother Dennis Dombrowski requested a donation for the Hollidaysburg Baseball Tournament. We will display our banner as a contributor. Brother Mike Benton motion passed for \$150.00 contribution.

GK Harella asked the Council to discuss a donation for the Mending Hearts Animal Rescue Organization in Hollidaysburg. This is a 'no kill' rescue shelter. Financial Secretary Lou Endress motion passed for a \$100.00 contribution.

Other Communications:

Knights of Columbus, Altoona, is having a car wash on July 20th at Advance Auto Parts on Pleasant Valley Boulevard. All proceeds benefit Central Pa. Humane Society.

Financial Secretary Report:

Financial Secretary Lou Endress reminded us of the upcoming Ham and Cheese Sale.....The order sheet is attached.

Elections: There is a vacancy on the Home Association BOD and anyone interested in filling that position please contact Lou Endress.

Committee and other Reports:

Awards

A recruitment medallion was received for Bob Walters which will be presented at the next meeting due to his absence.

The 40 cans for 40 days program during Lent was recognized by Supreme Council with a plaque and a \$300.00 payment to our Council for the 1298# of food donated for the benefit of others.

The Hockey Shootout will be chaired by Deputy Grand Knight Wilbur Henry. Details will follow as the information was just received on July 11, 2013.

Audit

A financial audit is scheduled at the convenience of the Trustees on July 23, 2013 at 6pm.

Unfinished Business

Bus trip to Emmitsburg, MD we have 46 passengers (would like to reach 50) If interested please call GK Ron Harella at 696-3295

K of C Annual Family Picnic is Sunday, August 4th at 1:00PM, \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family – Please bring a covered dish. Earl Eger and Kevin Murtaugh will cook country style spare ribs and chicken breast.

Picnic.....**The Grand Knight is** looking for Help on Saturday, August 3rd at 9AM to clean the pavilion, and stock any supplies that will be needed for the picnic. Put this date on your calendar to come and help clean-up.

Brother Mike Benton commented that the Baptismal Rose program is working well and that 3 baptisms at St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg went well. If other parishes are interested in this program for their baptisms please contact Mike Benton.

New Business:

Knights of Columbus night at Peoples Natural Gas Field – August 4th (same day as our council picnic) all Knights of Columbus Groups and Families will sit in special reserved sections in the 200 Terrace Level. Tickets are \$7.00, game at 6PM, money in one check needs sent to the Altoona Curve by July 19th.

There was no response to volunteer to chair this event.

Knights of Columbus navy blue hats are now available and the cost is \$13.00 each. If interested in purchasing one please call GK Ron Harella at 696-3295.

Brother Victor Balash discussed the Altoona VA Hospital fundraisers and asked for a \$100.00 donation and the motion passed. Brother Mark Sault said his father Tom is doing much better at Home-wood Nursing Home in Martinsburg.

Brother Mark Sault asked for help to cook chicken on July 21. Please contact him or Gary Ellis.

4th Degree

The next meeting will be in September



"Update your beneficiaries"

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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Our Council is now on the Web

Attention all members. Council 4245 can now be found on the internet. Our address is:

www.kofc4245.org

Check it out! You'll find all type of information including: Upcoming event, the council calendar, prayer requests, The Star News, Council minutes, forms, links, The Council Member List, and great deal more. Eventually it will be setup so you can pay your dues through the website. We also plan to have it setup so you can sign up to help with events. It is just starting. A big help right now from ALL members would be to go to the member list and sign in. All you need is your member number and birthdate. Then PLEASE update your information. The website has a feature to do many types of mass mailings so your email address would be extremely helpful. This will also help for updating records at Supreme. Thanks and enjoy this new addition to our council.





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: Aug 1, 7PM
Sept Meeting Sept 5, 7PM

July 21: Brothers Gary Ellis and Mark Sault asked for volunteers to cook BBQ chicken. Mr Fred Imler, Sr. will supply everything for The Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraiser. Contact Gary at: caes-archick@gmail.com or 814-685-6844

August 4: Star of the Sea Council Family Picnic, 1pm. Brother Earl Eger will cook country style spare ribs and chicken. Please bring a covered dish.

August 17: National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Grotto of Lourdes bus trip. Contact GK Harella 814-696-3295



Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following intentions:

Past Grand Knight George Husick has a broken ankle as a result of his motorcycle falling on him when the kickstand released unexpectedly.

Brother Joe Lechman is in the hospital.

There is a need for Eucharistic ministers at the Allegheny Lutheran and Presbyterian home in Hollidaysburg. Contact Brother Dan Turcovsky for more information on how you can help.



Happy Birthday

MRV Joseph V. Adamec	8/13
Paul M. Andrews	8/12
Robert R. Baker	8/8
John E. Brown, Jr.	8/2
John A. Despot	8/1
Carmine F. Fedesco	8/29
James D. Folcarelli	8/20
Mark Frew	8/27
Dr. Paul J. Gallagher	8/13
Robert F. George	8/9
Richard C. Gildea	8/23
William M. Hiergeist	8/11
James G. Letcher	8/27
James A. Lytle	8/7
Rev. Michael J. McGivney	8/12
Arthur Ollinger, Jr.	8/1
Frank V. Roscia	8/9
Robert J. Spinazzola	8/5
Robert M. Spinazzola	8/16
John F. Sullivan	8/1
Kyle Surkovich	8/30
Todd Surkovich	8/30
Michael Syroid	8/9
Kenneth W. Wyland	8/14

Father Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus

On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought

strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith. These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. They were Knights of Columbus. Father Michael J. McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, when he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Father McGivney's holiness, devotion to priestly ministry and work to protect family life provide a powerful spiritual influence for Knights, their family members and a growing number of other Catholics. The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God."

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