

Council Officers

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December 2012

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Congratulations are in order for our Brother Tom Sault, who has announced his retirement from the First Degree Team, after many, many, years of service to our council. When you see Tom, shake his hand or pat him on the back in recognition of his outstanding contribution to our Lady, Star of the Sea. Anyone interested in sharing in the honor of our First Degree Team can notify Dave Karl or myself. I'm sure you will find participating on the team a very rewarding experience. Tom did!

We are going to try to correct some of the mistakes that have been in the newsletter by asking each member, as he addresses the Grand Knight, to please state your name. Some members know everyone, but others know only a few by name. I myself fall about in the middle. By stating your name, we all will get to know each other on a name basis and this will also make a much easier task for our recorder. Remember, we recently added new members to our council.

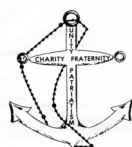
I would like to thank our members who were willing to take charge of one of the new standing

committee's. Our Baptismal Rose, Free Throw Championship, Ham and Cheese Sandwich, and K of C New Hats has showed interest in our council by the amount of names that are listed on the sign-up sheets. There's more room on the sheets, so consider signing up and join the fun. If you have an idea about a new committee, please bring it up on meeting night. Our council is always looking for new ideas.

December is here and all of the pretty leaves are gone, or at least dancing in our yards by now. Next we will see the landscape covered by a blanket of bright snow. As beautiful as it is, we all know the work that comes with that beauty. We also know, as the famous song states, it's a wonderful time of the year. We celebrate two Holy Days this month. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th, and The Nativity of the Lord on December 25th. Mary conceived without sin and the word became flesh! To all my Brothers and their Families, Merry Christmas!

Fraternally Yours,

Ron



Happy Birthday

Robert J Baker	12/28
John D Burk	12/27
Frank M Clark	12/5
Joseph F Daus	12/17
Louis J Endress	12/16
Jeremy P Folk	12/10
Rick B Gallagher	12/4
Scott A Gotshall	12/1
Lucas A Harella	12/21
Ronald A Hileman	12/19
William J Hooten	12/20
Thomas O Hoppel	12/14
George G Husick	12/3
David T Karl	12/21
Jason N Kovach	12/25
Rev. Anthony J Legarski	12/24
Nicholas S Luciano	12/31
Daniel T Moringiello	12/23
William M Moyer	12/20
Keith A Natoli	12/4
John C Pavlic	12/5
Frank R Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P Smithmyer	12/17
Timothy J Surkovich	12/20





November Council Meeting Notes

The Grand Knight Reports

Comments:

The Grand Knight: 2nd reading for Francis Serenko, Motion passed for membership

Welcome back Richard Aiken for reinstatement to our Council.

The GK again visited Brothers Bernie Mikesic and Stuart Lord at Home-wood Nursing Home in Martinsburg. Please make an effort to visit our in-firmed Brothers.

Please pray for these Brothers families experiencing health problems right now: John Browns wife Patty, Bill Nelson's daughter Jolie and Brother Gene Fry.

November 15th make ham and cheese sandwiches with our Jaffa friends at the Council Hall to benefit St. Jude's Hospital

November 18th: Memorial Mass at St Mary's in Hollidaysburg, 8am Mass. All Council members and families are invited to Kings Family Restaurant in the Target plaza for breakfast.

Grand Knight Ron Harella Communications:

A thank you from Armed Forces Mothers Group #451, Ms. Charlotte Claar.

Thank you from the Mary's Day Committee at St Catherines in Duncansville.

A request from the Sons of the American Legion for a donation. Brother George Husick motion for \$100. motion carried.

A medallion was presented to Brother Tom Matea for recruiting new members.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Lou Endress announced the Ham and Cheese sale .make them on November 15, 2012 at 4pm, Deliver on November 16, 2012. Brother Gary Selwitz is the Chairman. This is a joint effort of our Council and the Jaffa Clowns for St. Jude Hospital.

Last Chance for Football and Coal tickets are available for sale .see Brother Lou Endress.....more were sold this year than in past years.

Basket of Cheer tickets were mailed to each member.

Standing Committee Report:

Brother Mike Benton proposed providing a special artificial rose at each baptism in the four parishes for the mother of the child. He will chair this program and requests volunteers to assist him (michaelbenton420@atlanticbb.net). A motion was made and passed to have 100 of each item purchased for this project. Assembly will be at the Council home when appropriate.

Brother Dennis Dombrowski will chair the free throw championship for our Council which will be held January 19, 2013 from 2pm to 4pm at the Hollidaysburg YMCA. Please volunteer to help Dennis on this project: (dinopapt@aol.com)

Brother Earl Eger will chair the sales of K of C blue hats ...cost is \$13.00 each.

Brother Bill Hiergeist discussed the purchase of K of C shirts. They are available at New Look Uniforms on Pleasant Valley Boulevard. Contact Bill if you need more information. (billhiergeist@atlanticbb.net)

Sir Knight Tom Sault is retiring from the degree team which he has been a part of since 1982. Please contact Brother Dave Karl if you are interested in becoming a member. (dkarl@arcfcu.org)

New Business:

Brother Ed Zang made a motion to have all Council Members and their families to attend a breakfast after the 8 am Memorial Mass on November 18. The breakfast sponsored by the Council will be at Kings Family Restaurant in the Target Plaza.

The Supreme Council is announcing a Food Drive... 'Food for Families' and is requesting participation. Brother George Husick made a motion to table the program until spring. Our Grand Knight suggested a '40 cans for 40 days' program prior to Easter.

Brother Guy Luciano Made a motion to donate \$150 to St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen and St. Leonard's Home. Motion carried.

Fourth Degree:

The next 4th Degree meeting will be held on December 13, 2012 at our Council Home.



Chaplain's Message

“Bringing Christ To Ourselves And Those Who Seek Him ”

Brother Knights:

“The wise still seek Him”. This is one of my favorite expressions of the Christmas Season. As this year’s festive season dawns upon us, I cannot help but focus upon its meaning and significance for us as Brother Knights of Columbus.

Like the Magi, we too are about searching for Christ out of a wisdom that calls us to find fulfillment, meaning, and purpose in life. Moreover, it is because of the birth of Christ that all mankind has been given the hope of a “new heaven and a new earth”. The great cause for joy during this time of year lies precisely in the hope that all of us will fall heir to the blessings of this new heaven and new earth, found in the eternal kingdom promised us by the one whose birth we celebrate.

As Brother Knights, our present challenge is to continue to seek and find Jesus our Savior in our own lives with the same wisdom

that brought the Magi to Bethlehem. We manifest our faith in Him by our prayer and worship experience—especially during the Christmas Season. But more than anything else, we manifest that faith by making our Lord present in the lives of others. As the Knights of Columbus we are called to manifest the spirit of Christ our Savior to others throughout the entire year and beyond.

Please know that you and your loved ones will have a special remembrance in the Masses that I am privileged to offer this Christmas. In preparing to do so, I pray that your lives and those of your loved ones will be touched with the spirit and hope of Christmas by Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior and Star of the Sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:

Thursday, December 6, 7:00pm

Thursday, January 3, 7:00pm

Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 13, Fourth Degree Meeting, Hollidaysburg Council Home

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas



Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that are dealing with any type of issues especially, brother Gene Fry who is recovering well from open hearts surgery, John Browns wife Patty, Bill Nelson’s daughter Jolie brother Bob Bucknell, and Ken Davis a founding member of the Jaffa Clownspray for their speedy recovery.

Four parts of retirement: Phase three

My previous two articles discussed important steps that lead to retirement. But what happens once you reach that goal? You've got free time to pursue your interests, visit friends and family and relax. It's a beautiful thing indeed.

You've now entered the de-accumulation phase. You will start to spend down the assets you have accumulated during your working years. Remember: a 60-year-old man has a 20% chance of making it to 95! A 60-year-old woman has a 30% chance. And there is a 40% chance that at least one member of a married 60-year-old couple will make it to 95. That's a long time to live off of accumulated cash while you don't work. Save, save, save, so you will be able to de-accumulate.

As a Knight, you have access to a product that is designed to make saving safe and easy. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and consider the value you are getting.

Contributing money to an annuity can also have positive tax implications (always check with your tax professional on these matters). And our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal.

Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long term care insurance plans. As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

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The Knights of Columbus are selling Keep Christ in Christmas Decals. Decals are \$5 and we also have magnets for sale that are \$5 a piece. Show the world that you still Keep Christ in Christmas. Contact Ray or Phil Baker at 695-2546

