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NEWS

Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month

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**Knights of Columbus Council 4245
2015 Calendar of Events**

January

Thursday 8th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Mike Metzgar)
Tuesday 13th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm
Thursday 15th Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM
Friday 16th Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Sunday 18th Walk for Life in Tyrone, PA
Sunday 25th Basketball Free Throw Contest St. Patrick's Gym Newry 12-2PM
Tuesday 27th Conduct Audit 5:30PM

February

Thursday 5th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Ed Zang)
Sunday 16th Audit Due
Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday (Start of 40 cans for 40 days collection)

March

Thursday 5th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by John Longenecker)
Tuesday 17th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm
Thursday 19th Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM
Saturday 22nd Exemplification of the 4th Degree Grantville, PA
Friday 20th Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Tuesday 24th Annual Stag Spaghetti Dinner with Jaffa Clowns at 5PM

April

Thursday 2nd Deliver Can collection to Food Pantry 8AM
Sunday 5th Easter Sunday
Thursday 9th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM (Rescheduled from Holy Thursday)
(Hospitality provided by Paul Gargon)

May

Thursday 7th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM (Nomination of Officers)
(Hospitality provided by Tim Surkovich)
Sunday 10th Mother's Day Dinner Fundraiser
Tuesday 19th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm
Thursday 21st Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM
Friday 22nd Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

June

Thursday 4th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM (Election of Officers)
(Hospitality provided by Richard Moyer)
Sunday June 7th Hand in Hand Chicken BBQ for Shriners Hospital

July

Thursday 2nd Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by TBD)
Tuesday 14th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm
Thursday 16th Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM
Friday 17th Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Tuesday 28th Conduct Audit 5:30PM



August

Thursday 6th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Gary Nocak)
Sunday 9th K of C Family Picnic
Wednesday 12th Father Michael J. McGinsey's Birthday
Saturday 15th Council Audit Due
Blue/White Mass TBD

September

Thursday 3rd Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Jim Zimmerman)
Tuesday 8th Mary's Day Celebration at St. Catharine's Shrine Duncansville, PA
Tuesday 15th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm
Thursday 17th Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM
Friday 18th Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Steak Dinner for all volunteers that helped with Hand in Hand BBQ (TBD)

October

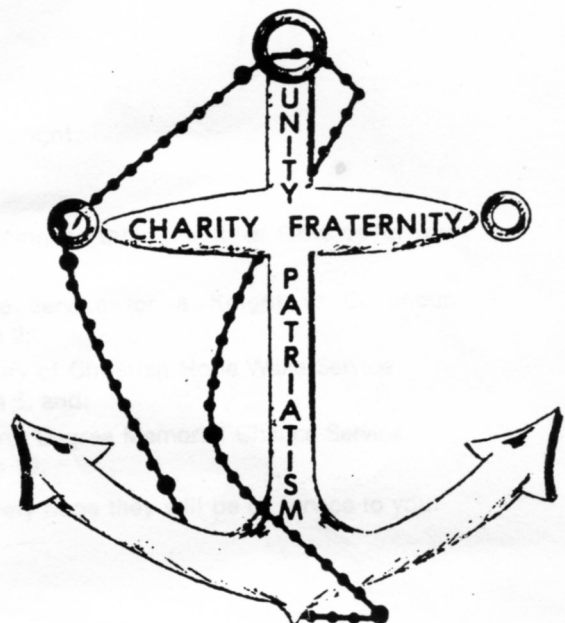
Thursday 1st Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Bob Stabler)
Bishop's Mass with K of C TBD

November

Thursday 5th Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Dennis Dombrosky)
Saturday 14th Ladies Night
Tuesday 17th Ham & Cheese Sandwich orders due at 12pm (Benefits St. Jude's)
Thursday 19th Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Council Home 4PM (Benefits St. Jude's)
Friday 20th Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches (Benefits St. Jude's)
Faithful Departed Council Brother's and Families Memorial Mass TBD

December

Thursday 3rd Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM
(Hospitality provided by Brian Drum)
Thursday 10th Combined November/December 4th Degree meeting 7PM Hollidaysburg Council Home
Friday 25th Christmas



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December 2014

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Our ladies night was a huge success! Everyone I have talked to who attended the event has had high praise. A big thank you goes out first and foremost to my wife Lisa. I approached her only with the idea that I wanted to do something special for the ladies of the council. She then suggested the dinner theatre idea. Between the two of us, we made the idea work. Thank you also to Wilbur's Creative Catering, Face and Places Alive and the brothers of the council who helped setting up and cleaning up. I hope all of you and your special ladies had an enjoyable evening.

For my December message, I'd like to focus on our campaign "Keep Christ in Christmas". I want to encourage each of you to take this phrase to heart. It's not just about the magnets, the billboard or saying the phrase. It's about following through on those words. This Christmas and every Christmas from now on let each and everyone of us live by those words. Family, friends, social gatherings and gift giving are an integral part of the Christmas season, after all the first Christmas included all of those pieces. The one unmistakable fact though is none of those things, then or now, should overshadow the praise given to Christ our Savior. So this Christmas season when you attend mass, family functions, social gatherings and exchange gifts be sure to keep in mind that first Christmas and the precious gift our Lord gave to us, His only son.

From your Grand Knight and his entire family I wish each and everyone of my fellow brothers and their families a very blessed Christmas.

Fraternally yours,

Tim

Chaplain's Message

Christmas Blessings

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

Once again we prepare as Brother Knights to celebrate and renew the great event that brought hope and promise to each and every one of us—the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The hope and promise is manifested in a total forgiveness of our sins, the ability to bring peace on earth and good will to all, and a share in the everlasting life of the Kingdom of God.

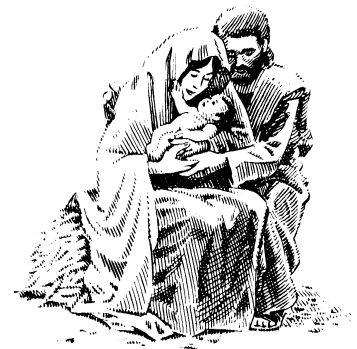
Accepting Christ requires that each of us endeavor to give rebirth to Him every day in the living of our faith and helping Him to be reborn in the lives of others. This wonderful Christmas Season affords us the opportunity to recommit ourselves to accepting this challenge—especially as Knights of Columbus.

During this time of preparation to celebrate this wonderful event, we look back at the passing year with mixed emotions. Many of us have felt the pain of loss, illness, or misfortune. For these we pray that the spirit and the comfort of Christ the Lord may fill their homes abundantly in the year that lies ahead. More importantly, we resolve as Knights to provide special spiritual and material support to those among us who have had a very challenging or difficult year.

It is my prayer that all of you, along with your family and loved ones, will feel the rebirth of Christ this Christmas in your homes and prepare as Knights to make him reborn in the lives of others sent to us in the New Year.

May you have a holy and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with abundant blessings.

May we as Knights continue to give witness in the world by keeping Christ in Christmas; And may we be assisted in doing so each day with the help of His mother and ours—Mary, Star of the Sea.





November Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knight Report:

The Grand Knight's son, Brother Todd Surkovich, will donate the one remaining rosary picture to the council. They are still available for order at \$35 each and \$5 goes back to the council. The picture was taken by Brother Todd Surkovich, who is a second degree member and the rosary is the one he received during his 1st degree taken here at our council home. If you're interested in ordering one contact the Grand Knight.

A reminder about Ladies Night Saturday November 15, 2014 which starts at 6 pm. We do have enough signed up to run the program. If you are still interested in coming you can still sign up/pay at tonight's meeting. Remember to specify chicken or beef. The final numbers will be called in November 7, 2014.

In this past month's newsletter the Grand Knight Message section touched on some of the things he is thankful for in November. Tonight he expanded on one of the areas mentioned in his October message and that was being thankful for my Brother Knights. This organization is completely run by volunteers and there are a number of men that put in a great deal of time and effort to make it successful. For those members the Grand Knight is extremely grateful and thankful. Other members set a good example in their churches, communities and homes and for those members the Grand Knight is thankful. Each Brother gives to this organization in his own way and with his own talents and for that the Grand Knight is thankful. All Brothers are

encouraged tonight to continue to give of yourself to our council in the best way you can, encourage other Brother Knights that may have become inactive to give us a try again, and also to recruit new members so we can continue to be a strong moral and charitable organization for which we are all thankful!

Chaplains Report:

- December 8, 2014 is the Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is our national patronal feast day. It is also the title of our national shrine in Washington, DC".
- Father is unable to attend the December meeting due to many responsibilities in advance of Christmas.
- Recorder asked the GK if he could invite Father Christopher Panagopolis to attend our meeting in Father Legarski's absence.

Bills and Communications:

We received thank you notes from:

- St. Bernadine Monastery
- The Kovach Family for the use of the Council Home, and a \$500 donation in the name of their parents.... Brother Dennis Kovach and his wife Florence Kovach.

Donation Requests:

St. Catherine Church their Rosary ministry which benefits various organizations including our Baptismal Rose program. Approximately 2,000 rosaries are made/distributed each year. Motion by Brother Guy Luciano for \$240.00... motion carried.

St. John's School for transportation to the Mary's Day celebration. Motion by Brother John Brownmotion carried. Motion by Brother Guy Luciano for a \$100.00 donation to the American Rescue Workers.....motion carried.

Motion by Brother Guy Luciano for a \$150.00 donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.....motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Faithful Departed Mass for Brother Knights, November 16th 8AM St Mary's Hollidaysburg. Father Legarski has reserved 4 pews in the front of the church for Knights and their families. The council invites all Knights and families for breakfast following Mass at the 'Dream' in Hollidaysburg.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and static clings: Chaired by Recorder Mike Metzgar. The council agreed to sponsor the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard in Hollidaysburg and the sale of these items underwrite the cost. Please help with the sales of these items at your churches the week after Thanksgiving and the first week of December. Brother Tom Matthews from Immaculate Conception in Dudley will sell them for the first time, Brother Richard Aiken has Lutheran Church interested in a large quantity for their parishioners, Father Legarski approved the sale at all 3 masses the weekends of November 29 and December 6. **The goal is to sell 500** **Will you help?** Contact Mike Metzgar (814-931-9871) or Financial Secretary Lou Endress to get started.

The "Hospitality" program was a great success in 2014 and 9 Brothers have already signed up to provide a light meal after meetings in 2015. There are 3 meetings that need a volunteer: May 7, July 2, and December 3. Will you help? Contact Mike Metzgar (814-931-9871)

Email addresses streamline communication with your Council! Is yours on file with Recorder Mike Metzgar? mike.metzgar@atlanticbb.net

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

New Business:

Motion by Brother Ray Baker for a \$100.00 donation to Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia in remembrance of Mr. Fred Imler, Sr. wife Joann's passing..... Motion passed.

November 22, 2014: Benefit dinner and basket auction for Brother Jim Zimmerman's daughter Jamie who is battling cancer.

Brother Victor Ballash placed a Soup of Kindness on the Council bar to accept donations for the VA.

4th Degree:

Fourth Degree meeting will be held on December 11, 2014, 7pm, at Holidaysburg Council Home.

Report of Standing Committees:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Sale. Reminder the November sale is for St. Jude Hospital. Delivery date will be November 21st. Reminder: If every member within the area would sell just 10 sandwiches we would sell approx. 2,500 which would net us approx. \$2,500.

Basketball Free Throw Contest chaired by Brother Dennis Domrosky will be held January 25, 2015, 12 to 2 pm at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry, PA. Volunteers are needed...sign up at the December meeting or contact Dennis at: dinopapt@aol.com.

"The ARC" collection: Chancellor Dennis McGeehan (Chairman) said that he would not be at the December meeting and explained that the ownership of some stores in the area is changing which may necessitate adding other locations. Please contact Dennis with ideas and your willingness to volunteer for the ARC collection.

Other Communications: Degrees:

The Fourth Degree will be offered on March 22, 2015 in Grantville, PA. Please contact the Baker brothers if you are interested in taking this degree and achieving full knighthood.

Chaplains Summation:

Father read and discussed an article entitled: "A Season of Thanksgiving: Be Sure to Thank People Too!"

We see an example of this sort of thing in the letters of the Apostle Paul. On several occasions he not only thanks God for his churches, but also he tells them of it. Consider Paul's letter to the Thessalonians Christians, for example. Here we read:

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly. (1:2)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? (3:9)

Imagine how you'd feel to hear this from someone important in your life. My guess is you'd feel honored, happy, maybe a bit embarrassed, and even thankful. It's a wonderful thing to hear that someone is truly thankful for you. In fact, it's one of the best feelings in life.

Thanksgiving provides a salutary occasion for saying thanks, both to the God from whom all blessings flow *and* to those who are conduits of divine blessings in our lives. It's a time to stop what we're doing and say "Thank you" to the people in our lives who deserve to hear this from us.

Even if you manage to thank only one

other person this Thanksgiving, that small gesture can make a big difference in the life of that person.

So, may I encourage you to use the occasion of Thanksgiving to thank the people in your life who matter to you. Tell them that you're thankful for them. Drop someone a note. Or make a short phone call. If they're under twenty, you can even text them! Telling people that you're thankful for them will enrich your life as well as the lives of those for whom you are grateful.

Happy Birthday

December Birthdays

Robert J. Baker	12/28
MSGR Michael A Becker	12/9
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
Frank J Hibernik	12/5
Ronald A Hileman	12/19
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George G Husick	12/3
David T Karl	12/21
Jason N Kovach	12/25
Rev Anthony J Legarski	12/24
Nicholas S Luciano	12/23
William M Moyer	12/20
Keith A Natoli	12/4
John C Pavlic	12/5
James D Plummer	12/2
Frank R Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P Smithmyer	12/17
Timothy J Surkovich	12/20



Council Calendar

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Next Meeting: 12/4/14

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December 11, 2014: Fourth Degree Meeting will be held at the Holidaysburg Council Home.



Pray for the following:

Pray for the following return to good health for Brother Jim Zimmerman's daughter in her fight with Cancer. Pray for the return to good health for Chancellor Dennis McGeehan's wife and son, Brother Victor Ballash sister MaryAnn and the family of Brother Paul Gargon's family on the death of their nephew. Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother Knights and their families that are ill.



Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

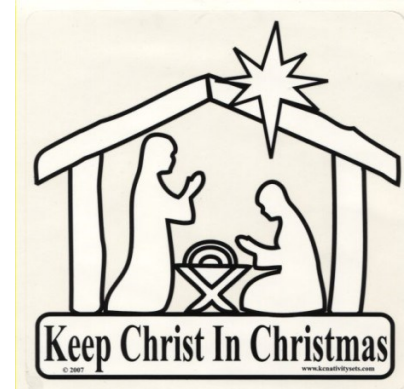
Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Ken Scott

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