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Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month
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December 2016 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of December, we have a lot to anticipate. Every year at this time we have the warmth of holiday spirit to look forward to as we celebrate with those around us. It is fun to eat, drink and to give and receive gifts. Toward the end of the month however, as everyone knows, is the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. With that in mind, every last one of us should be making preparations for the holiday season. Even if earthly preparations such as the baking of pies and the cooking of food for family and friends aren't on your to-do list, spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord is a must. It is always highly recommended that we do so. But in light of the recent election, however, I feel that it is *even more* imperative that we spend time talking to God and asking him for help. We as a nation need to put the past behind us in order to mend the divide that has torn us apart. It is equally important that we put the future into God's hands and have faith that he will lead our country to where it needs to be.

Fraternally Yours,

Lee

Chaplain's Message

Christmas Blessings

By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain

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 re-born in the lives of others. This wonderful Christmas Season affords us the opportunity to re-commit 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.





December 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 6, 2016 were read and approved. Motion to accept by Dan Casey; Second by Victor Ballash; motion passed.

Grand Knights Report:

The election of Board Members for the Home Association will follow our meeting.

Chaplains Report:

Fr. Legarski will be unable to attend the December meeting due to conflicts with Advent as well as the penance services.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Reminder – Mass will be held at St. Mary's on November 20 at 8:00 AM for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

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

Austin Keith from St. Vincent Seminary in appreciation for the \$100 donation to help with his medical expenses.

United States Armed Forces Mothers, Inc. in appreciation for the \$700 to be used towards the 2016 annual Christmas package mail campaign.

Financial Secretary Report - Information presented by Tim Surkovich:

The formal notice of Intent to Retain has been mailed and we have received responses from a portion of the recipients

Ham and Cheese assembly will take place on November 17; delivery on November 18, 2016; proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

COAL tickets and Basket of Cheer tickets are available

Wally Warmth called and thanked us for the donation (Shelby event) which is expected to yield 35-50 coats

Free Throw Contest - Information presented by Dennis Dombrosky

The K of C Free Throw Contest is planned for Saturday, January 8, 2017 from 12:00-2:00 PM at St. Patrick's in Newry, PA; please consider volunteering.

Unfinished Business:

Dick Aiken announced that a "Victory Celebration" is in the planning stages, in place of the Ladies Night event. Tentatively, the event will take place in January 2017 at the VFW Hall in Duncansville, PA and will include dinner and DJ/dance. Minimal fee will be charged, thanks to a generous donation. Pre-pay will be required for planning purposes. Additional info to follow.

New Business:

The home association is selling tickets (\$1 ea.) based upon the PA lottery and the drawing will be held at the monthly meeting. #421 was the winning ticket number at our November 3rd meeting.

Report of the 4th Degree:

4th degree dues are still being collected.

Next meeting will be held at Hollidaysburg on December 15
Reminder, K of C Mass will be held on November 20th at St. Mary's, 8:00 AM

District Deputy Report: NA

Chaplains Summation:

Comments on the upcoming election – Many citizens are not pleased with the choice of candidates. However, it is our K of C obligation, regardless of which candidate wins, to promote our values and the values of the Church. We must be a compass, stay the course, behave like Christ and have faith. We must pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and vote our conscience and exercise our free will. The Lord hears our prayers. We must respect the rights and dignity of all people. Those who hold public office, do so for only a period of time but we must promote the truth for long after the elections. Do not get caught up in the moment.

Announcements:

Please consider providing a hospitality meal at one of our meetings. As of the printing of this newsletter there are openings from May 2017 to December 2017. Council reimburses up the \$50.00 for these meals; Roasters are available for use, see Jim Zimmerman.

INTENT TO RETAIN:

2016 Dues are Due! By now if you haven't paid you received an Intent to Retain from the Grand Knight. Please make every effort to make payment and return it to our Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich. If your Dues are not received by December 7th you will be suspended from our council.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Fred Imler, Bruno Felus and the granddaughter of Paul Gargon.



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December Birthdays

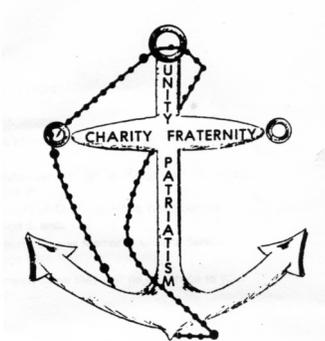
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Rev Anthony Legarski	12/24
John Burk	12/27
Robert Baker	12/28
Paul Detwiler Sr	12/28
Nicholas Luciano	12/31

Congratulations to our newest 2nd Degree Members

**Tim Sleeth
Frank Farabaugh
Joe Fernicola
David Fradaneck**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Haven't been to a meeting in a while? We'd love to see you! We welcome your input. We are always looking for new ideas on how to grow the council and make it more a brotherhood. Come join us at the next meeting!



Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 12/1/16
Hospitality Provided by Brian Drum



11/20/16 Memorial Mass for Deceased Brother Knights St Mary's Church Hollidaysburg PA 8:00AM

12/1/16 Regular Council Meeting. Hospitality provided by Brian Drum

1/5/17 Regular Council Meeting Hospitality provided by Ed Zang

1/7/17 Basketball Free Throw Contest, St. Patrick's School Newry PA 12PM

1/13/17 Shelby Victory Party, Duncansville VFW 6:30 PM

2/2/17 Regular Council Meeting Hospitality Provided by Phil Claar

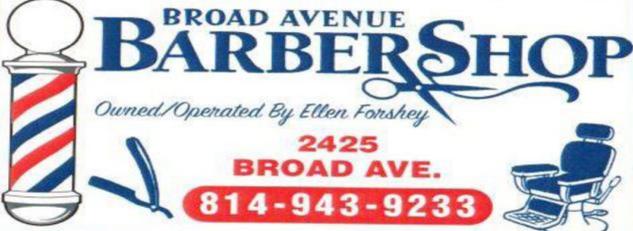


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Check it out! You'll find all type of information including: Upcoming events, the council calendar, prayer requests, The Star News, Council minutes, forms, links, The Council Member List, Knights in Memoriam, an extensive picture gallery, information on renting the council home, and great deal more. Coming January 2017 it will be setup so you can pay your dues through the website. 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 up-date your information. The web-site 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.



Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance. Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the help-less Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.



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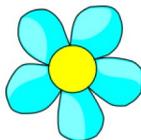
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