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February 2010

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Although Ash Wednesday is not a Catholic Holy day of obligation, it displays an important part of the beginning season of Lent. On this day, Christians focus strongly on their complete sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to earn their salvation.

The start of using ashes during Lent is based upon one of several examples written in the Old Testament, such as, when the prophet Daniel pleaded for God to rescue Israel with sackcloth and ashes as a sign of Israel's repentance: "I turn to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sac cloth and ashes." (DN 9:3)

It seems then, that our use of ashes at the beginning of Lent is an extension of the use of ashes with those entering repentance. We don't wear the ashes to proclaim holiness, but to admit that we are a community of sinners in need of repentance and renewal while remembering who we are. "Remember man you are dust and unto dust you shall return." The black mark made by the dirty ashes is a powerful reminder that we are going to die because death is a penalty for our sins.

Finally, as we enter this season of renewal, we are united with all of God's people, for we all share the need of repentance, seeking to grow closer to God.

As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to the Holy Father's son. May our worship, prayers, and penitence this day be supported throughout these 40 days of Lent, and bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Faternally Yours
Barry L.

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and Peace to my Brother Knights and your families, and continued blessings in the New Year. Can you believe we're ready to begin the Season of Lent? Some days, I feel like I just returned from school in Chicago. Anyway, I pray that all of you are persevering in these challenging winter months, and are feeling closer to the Lord each day. Regarding Lent, I'd like to share with you some beautiful thoughts from Sister Arlene Winkler, one of my fellow chaplains from Illinois: "Jesus is calling, calling you softly; Jesus is saying, I'm here by your side. For I love you deeply, I love you completely; I love you now, let me be your guide."

As we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17, let us allow Jesus to be our guide through a season of repentance, personal growth, and reconciliation. I read Sister Arlene's poem at the beginning of my sabbatical experience, and it had a profound impact on me. When I first went to Chicago, I was worrying about everything. I would ask myself: "Should I really be here? Am I letting people down at the hospital, by not being there? Is this time of school really going to help me?" Sister's prayer helped me begin to allow Jesus to guide me through a good experience of school, prayer, and discernment. Now that I am back, I feel a greater desire to "Let Go and Let God," a desire that is similar to the great Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." At the last Mass in Chicago, the priest encouraged us to replace the words, "I worry about," to "I accept." In other words, rather than

saying: "I worry about my children being away at school," we should say: "I accept, that I am not able to always protect my children; but, I know that God will keep them safe." For me, rather than worrying so much, I try to say: "I accept that God will protect me and those I love, and help me work things out for my benefit, and the benefit of others."

During Lent, my prayer for each of you is that you will begin, or continue to let Jesus be your guide. After all, the gift of the Lenten Season is knowing that God frees us from our sins, Jesus intercedes for us in prayer, and the Holy Spirit bestows grace upon grace for us. Knowing these gifts of our faith, do we really need to worry? Throughout Lent, let us pray for peace: not only peace in the world, but for ourselves and our families. May we find this peace in times of sadness as well as joy, times of busyness as well as rest, and times of fear as well as hope. Have a blessed February and Season of Lent, and don't forget to do something special. Whether it is a sacrifice or a special gift that we give to ourselves or others, may this be a season of love, healing, peace, and hope, where we allow Jesus Christ to be our guide.

Let us continue to pray for our Brother Knights and family members who are sick, and all who are grieving and in need, throughout these winter months. I look forward to seeing you real soon, and until then, I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.





Happy Birthday

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| Philip J. Baker | 2/18 |
| Raymond J. Baker | 2/18 |
| Eugene P. Bettwy | 2/10 |
| Robert M. Bottenfield | 2/13 |
| Joseph R. Cassidy | 2/25 |
| Arthur L. Chamberlain | 2/4 |
| Donald B. Crider | 2/21 |
| Paul W. Davis, Sr. | 2/26 |
| John P. Elder | 2/8 |
| James. J. Farrell | 2/28 |
| Anthony E. Frye | 2/4 |
| Ronald C. Gottshall | 2/13 |
| Carl R. Hazenstab | 2/27 |
| Thomas S. Jandora | 2/22 |
| David G. Lanzel | 2/22 |
| Jason Larkin | 2/28 |
| Ray E. Malone | 2/24 |
| Rodney A. Messner | 2/6 |
| William B. Nelson | 2/4 |
| Gregory A. Stiffler | 2/9 |
| George A. Toth | 2/1 |
| Simon E. Wert | 2/27 |



January Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you letter from the Son's of the American Legion for our recent donation.

Council donated \$200 to Father Maurizio for his continued work in helping children living in poverty.

St. Leonard's Home sent us a letter of thanks for our donation to them this past Christmas season.

Council received a thank you letter from St. Vincent DePaul for our donation of \$100 to the food pantry.

Mark Frew was once again appointed chairman of the committee to raise funds for the ARC.

We set the date for our annual Spaghetti Dinner, for our priests, as Thursday April 15th.

We all welcomed back our council chaplain, Father Brad. It was great to see him back and in grand fashion he arrived just on time. Well at least according to his watch.

Our council made a profit of \$255 on the COAL Ticket sale.

Council voted to make a \$100 donation to help cover some of the costs for buses from our area to go to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Our Basket of Cheer fundraiser made a profit of \$907 for the Home Association. Winners from our council were:

Barry Lindsay \$25
 Jason Kovach \$50
 Deacon Bailey \$50
 Darlene Harella \$125

REMINDER

Dues are Due!!!

**Information mailed out
Be sure to fill out your wishes forms, return and give a copy to your family.**



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:

Thursday, February 4 7:00pm

Thursday, March 4 7:00pm

Sunday, January 31, First and Second Degree, Johnstown

Sunday, February 28, Third Degree, Johnstown

Thursday, February 11, Ham & Cheese Sale

Monday, February 15. Trustee Audit Thursday, April 15, Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 18

Fourth Degree Ceremony
St. College Council

Degree News

The Johnstown council will be conducting degree ceremonies in January and February on these dates:

First: January 31st 11:45am
 Second: January 31st 1:30pm
 Third: February 28th 1:00pm

The State College council will be holding a 4th degree ceremony this April.

Fourth Degree

State College, April 18

\$70 per person plus either a purchase or rental of tux.

If interested in any of the degrees, please see Lou Endress.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knight's and their families that are sick, in need or in distress, especially Brother Joe Cassidy.