

Council Officers

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February 2011

Chaplain's Message

"The Spiritual 3 R's"

Most, if not all of us, are familiar with hearing about the "3 Rs" when we began school each year. Of course it was a colloquial way of speaking about reading, writing, and arithmetic (*reading, "riting" and "rithmetic"*).

I submit for your consideration another kind of 3 Rs. These would be understood in a spiritual context and are most appropriate as we find ourselves between the infancy of a New Year and the coming of Lent. The 3 Rs of which I am speaking are: Reflection, Reconciliation, and Renewal.

During this point in the New Year, the resolve to renew ourselves spiritually is still strong and will hopefully be made more fervent. We can evaluate our prayer life, our spiritual reading, our time set aside for God. Perhaps we can intensify our reception of and devotion to, the Holy Eucharist. Can we attend daily Mass more frequently?

If our desire to truly renew our faith and our practice of it is genuine, we must necessarily include a sincere desire for reconciliation—with God and with others. It would be most beneficial if we strived to recognize and respond in a positive way to opportunities to be more charitable; especially to those with whom we find it difficult; i.e., that inconsiderate neighbor, the annoying co-worker, the ungrateful relative, etc. We can allow our forms of charity to take on new and different challenges, extending it in ways that we have not done so previously.

Of course, the grace to reconcile with others is made possible with the grace we obtain from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by which we reconcile with God and resolve to amend our lives.

In order for us to truly renew our spiritual lives and reconcile with God and others, it is necessary that we set aside a significant amount of time to look deep within our souls and reflect on our relationship with God, with as little distraction as possible. We need the right environment, the right amount of time to do this.

I can think of no better opportunity for us as Brother Knights to respond to the spiritual 3 Rs than a weekend Retreat. Such an opportunity is being afforded us with the upcoming Retreat for Altoona area Knights of Columbus, to be held the weekend of March 26-27, 2011 at the St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA.

By its nature and design this Retreat promises to be a golden opportunity to respond to the challenge of the spiritual 3 Rs. It has everything we need to do so; it consists of talks by clergy, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Devotions, and of course, quite time and social time.

The New Year is still "new" and we will be in the earlier portion of Lent. What a wonderful and rare opportunity! As Council Chaplain, I strongly urge all of our Brother Knights to do whatever they can to make their participation in this Retreat a reality.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that as many of you as possible will be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to Reflect, Reconcile, and Renew our lives as brother Knights and disciples of the Lord. May we be assisted in this initiative by the guidance and intercession of our mother and patroness: Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

At the January meeting, it was decided that we would try to take a bus trip to New Haven, CT to visit and tour Supreme Headquarters and St. Mary's Chapel, the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. We will also take in some other interesting sites and then on the way home will make a short stop at a casino. This will be a couple or single person trip. The date will be May 20th & 21st. The price will be roughly \$148.00 for a single and \$300.00 per couple. This includes the bus and lodging. This price could get lower if we get 50 or more people. Deadline is March 1st with payment. Either call the KofC Home 695-4752 or myself at 695-6844. Hope to see you on the bus.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary

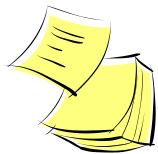


Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

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
Charles W. Creek	2/5
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
Mark D. Leberfinger	2/14
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

Grand Knight Gary Ellis, introduced Father Aron Maghsoudi to invite all Knights to a retreat on March 26-27 at the St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA. This is a 24 hour retreat which begins at 3pm March 26 and ends at 3pm March 27. The cost is \$95.00 per person which includes all meals, refreshments and a private room. To reserve your participation please contact Father Aron at St. Joseph Rectory in Williamsburg, PA by March 5.

Father Legarski thanked all of the Knights for their continued prayers and support for his journey to better health. The Fathers weight loss progress as of this writing is 62.5# and all of us are noticing a 'spring in his step'.

A thank-you was read from St. Leonard's Home for our \$250 donation.

A thank-you was read from the American Rescue Workers for our \$100 donation.

A thank-you was read from the St. Jude's Hospital for our donation

April 25th there will be a blood drive at the K of C home.

Brother George Husick made a motion to donate \$50 to the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Cresson, PA in support of their upcoming Gala fund raiser....motion carried.

The Grand Knight asked for a motion to donate \$100 to Mom's House in Johnstown as has been done previously....motion carried.

The basket of cheer raffle provided a profit of \$1,021 for the Council.

The Coal fund raiser provided a profit of \$241.00 for the Council.

Brother Mark Frew, Chairman asked that the Recorder discuss the Measure-Up campaign with Council. The Measure-Up campaign provides advocacy and resources for citizens with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our support for this PA wide Knights of Columbus campaign will be held May 6-7, 2011 at Giant Eagle Altoona, Sam's Club Altoona, Hometown Market Hollidaysburg, and Walmart East Freedom . Your help is needed to make this successful and Mark will provide sign-up sheets at a future meeting.

Brother Guy Luciano said that the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' billboard has been reserved for 2011 at an approximate cost of \$800.00.

Brother Lou Endress discussed the plans for a trip to K of C Supreme HQ in New Haven, CT. Approximate cost per person will be \$200.00. Prospective trip dates are May 20-21, 2011. A show of hands showed that a majority of those present were interested in participating.

Brother Jim Zimmerman discussed the 'Great Outdoor Bonanza' tickets from St. Mary's. Hollidaysburg which he has for a \$20 donation. Prizes or cash will be given throughout February and the proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:

Thursday, February 3 7:00pm

Thursday, March 3 7:00pm

March 26-27 Catholic Men's Retreat

April 25 Blood Drive at Council Home

May 6-7 Measure-Up Campaign

May 20-21 Potential Trip to K of C Headquarters



Thoughts and Prayers

Brother Richard Gildea on the loss of his wife, Brother Ron Hileman on his failing health, and to Brother Joe Cassidy on his continued struggle with heart problems.