

Council Officers

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February 2012

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

This is the 1st of the year and what a better time to do some recruiting of new members. Please take time to talk to a friend or relative and even someone at church to encourage them to join our order. If you need a form #100, please call the council. We need new and energetic men. There will be a 1st and 2nd degree on Feb 12th. The 1st degree candidates report at 12:30 and the 2nd degree must report at 1:30 pm at Harkens Hall next to St Matthews church in Tyrone. Anyone wanting to make their 1st or 2nd degree should contact Lou Endress at 695-4752 or myself at 935-4012. This would be a good time to further your advancement in the order of Catholic Gentlemen.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary



Chaplain's Message

Lent: The Denial of Self, The Embracing of Christ

Brother Knights:

As difficult as it may be to realize, the Annual Season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. We all know the "Lenten routine". We all struggle to make a "good Lent". This initiative takes on many forms and all of them bear the promise of fruitfulness—increased prayer and Mass participation, reading of Scriptures, alms giving, spiritual devotions such as Stations of the Cross, and of course, Reconciliation and self-denial.

Often times we focus so much on the things we do during Lent that we lose sight of why we do them. Knowing why we do things makes our desire to do them a lot easier. It gives them purpose and direction. This is especially true of Christians in the Season of Lent. Our purpose in Lent is simply to be able to embrace Christ more fully by going outside of ourselves. Prayer, denying ourselves things, intensifying our spiritual and corporal works of mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and all of the other practices of Lent enable us to focus less on ourselves and more on

others. When we focus more on others we inevitably focus more on Christ.

It is my sincere prayer that we as Brother Knights may find in this year's observance of Lent, through our Lenten practices, the way to more fully embracing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We must of course keep in mind that we do not make the Lenten journey alone. We have someone to help us, someone eager to accompany us on our Lenten journey, if only we allow her to be our companion—Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

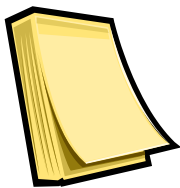
Father Anthony J. Legarski





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
Wayne L. Eger	2/3
John P. Elder	2/8
James J. Farrell	2/28
Anthony E. Frye	2/4
Ronald C. Gottshall	2/13
Carl R. Hazensatb	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



February Council Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Gary Ellis read us a letter stating after being denied a permit renewal to keep a memorial statue of Jesus Christ on the Big Mountain, the Knights of Columbus have appealed the Flathead National Forest

decision and garnered the support of Montana Congressman Denny Rehberg. The statue was erected as a memorial to Montana's returning World II veterans with the support of the Army's 10th Mountain Division. The special use permit for the lease required a 10-year renewal, which the Knights of Columbus Kalispell Council applied for last year.

Read a request from the Ecumenical Conference of Altoona for support of their program. Brother Dan Casey motioned for a \$250 donation....motion carried.

A 1st and 2nd Degree would be offered at the St. Gregory Council on February 12, 2012.

Reminded us of the K of C Retreat: Father Aaron from St. Joseph's in Williamsburg at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore on March 10-11, 2012

Please pay your dues. Mail them to the Council Home or pay Lou at the next meeting \$33.00

Brother Guy Luciano said that the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' billboard will face east in 2012.

Brother Brian Drum offered his from yard for a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' sign in 2012.

Shirts will be embroidered with the K of C logo. The solid color shirt will cost approximately \$22 and the 2 color shirt approximately \$28.00. Shirts were on display and can be ordered individuallysee Bill Hiergeist to make arrangements for the purchase details.

Brother Jim Zimmerman will investigate the collection of water bottle caps as payment for a dialysis treatment donation.

Brother Allan Duman asked the council for a donation to the 'Walk for Life' of \$100.....motion carried.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, February 2, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 1, 7:00pm
February 12, 1st and 2nd Degree
St. Gregory Council
March 10-11, Father Aaron's Retreat

2011 Basket of Cheer Winners

Joseph Fagnani \$125
Bill Gildea \$50
Bill Rossman \$50
Joseph Lechman \$25
Anne O'Leary \$25
Susan Lamertina \$25

Thoughts and Prayers

Brother Bernie Mikesic recently suffered appendicitis delaying his recovery from a stroke. Your prayers are requested for Bernie and his return to good health. At the request of the family he is not accepting visitors at this time.