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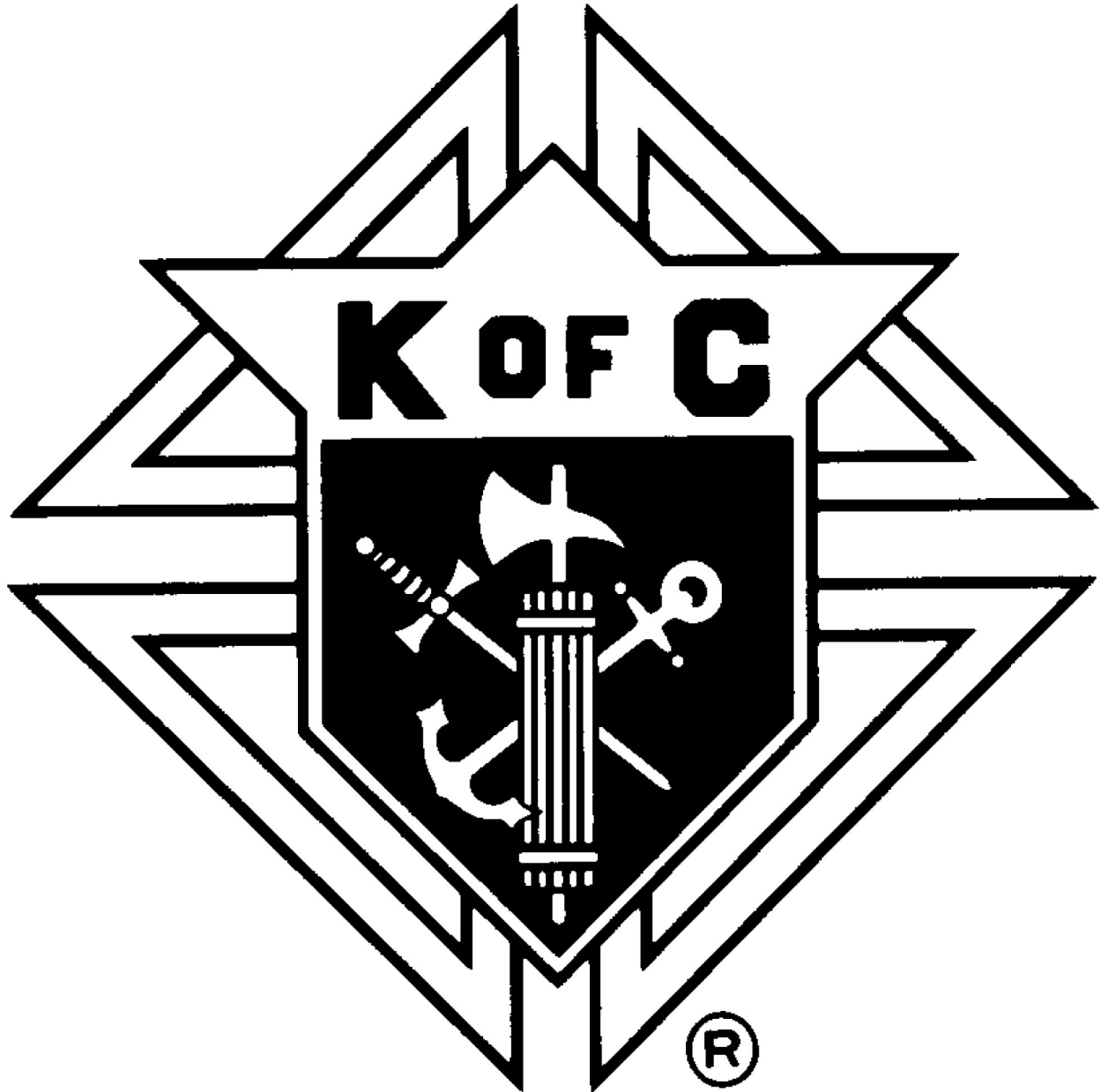
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## February 2014

### From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As we continue our service to God and to our council, we must remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. As we enjoy many of the first world comforts of American life, there are many people out there who are suffering. They are in need of warmth, clothing, shelter, and food. And when they call for help will the Knights of Columbus answer? As we start this new year let us feel the Holy Spirit in our actions as we continue our charity work. My Brothers, I have always been proud to stand beside you fellow Knights as we grow together in brotherhood, charity, and faith, I have no doubts that this will continue through 2014. Let us continue our efforts by helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves by actively participating in the Star of The Sea Council. We are in need of new recruits; in order for our Council to grow we must add to our ranks. Please help us search for men who are willing and able to help us as we continue our journey.

Fraternally Yours,  
Ron

## Chaplain's Message

### “The Month Of February ”

Brother Knights:

*(Note: The contents of this letter was taken in part from the website: [aquinasandmore.com](http://aquinasandmore.com).)*

Each month of the year is dedicated to a particular devotion within the Catholic faith; the dedication of each month is based on historical events or a particular aspect of the liturgical calendar, or a combination of the two. The monthly Catholic devotions do not line up exactly with the time frame of the liturgical calendar, since they are fixed to standard calendar months rather than the Church seasons. Some countries and areas have developed monthly dedications to devotions more specific to their area.

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. Though the start of the Lenten season changes within the calendar year, a fair-sized portion of February gives us a space of time between the Christmas celebrations and the increased focus on Jesus's public life and ministry, which occurs in Lent. It is a transition from the feast of Christmas to the fasting of Lent. Therefore traditionally February has become a time to recall the Holy Family; within the Holy Family is where Jesus spent the time between his birth and embarking on his public journey.

Cultural, moral, and even technological changes in our society have greatly challenged traditional family models and values. Nonetheless, the family is the most important social unit in

society. It is in the family that values are developed, taught, and practiced. It is in the family that faith can grow most fruitfully.

We as Knights of Columbus have always promoted family values and virtues and this month is an exceptionally good time to ask ourselves how we may continue to do so in the future. More than anything else, we should make prayers for families a special priority during this month of February.

There is no better model for family life and values than the Holy Family. In an address of Pope Paul VI at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth on January 5, 1964, the Holy Father referred to Nazareth, the home of the Holy Family, as a “school of the Gospel”, from which we can learn the “lesson of silence...domestic life... and work”; a family and place in which we can see the “motive of love” and hear the “echoes of the Beatitudes.”

As the church focuses on the Holy Family during the month of February, we as Brother Knights should pray daily for the values and divine assistance of the Holy Family for the families of our time, so that they may be able to experience the example of Joseph, the foster-father, Jesus, the Son, and Mary, our Mother and Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Your Council Chaplain

*Father Anthony J. Legarski*



## **January Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Grand Knight Report:**

\* Recently another council member passed away, Brother Tom King from Williamsburg. A moment of silent prayer was given for his soul and for his family.... Amen

\* On Thursday, January 16, Council will make ham and cheese sandwiches at 4PM at the council home. Please volunteer to help!

\* On Sunday, January 19 our council will participate along with the Tyrone council in the Walk for Life. Meet at Saint Mathews Catholic Church in Tyrone at 11:30AM.

\* The Walk for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Wednesday, January 22. We are not sponsoring a bus for this event, however advertisements for buses making this trip will be available in church bulletins.

\* Our council's Basketball Shoot Out will be held on Saturday, January 25 at Saint Patrick's Gym in Newry from 12 (Noon) to 2:00PM.

Chairperson, Brother Dennis Dombrosky is looking for volunteers to help out with this event. Call: 814-695-1509 or [dinopapt@aol.com](mailto:dinopapt@aol.com).

\* The GK wishes all of you and your families a Happy New Year.

### **Bills and Communications: We received thank you notes from:**

\* Sister Cynthia and residents from Saint Leonard's Home for the many ways we support their ministry.

\* Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship fund, Logan T. Ludwig, Treasurer, for our \$150.00 donation.

### **Other Communications:**

\* State Council Charities – Council received a list of the 2013 COAL drawing winners, there were no winners from our district. A copy of the winners list was available on the Records table.

\* Council received the letter from the Knights of Columbus, Lou Barbour, Vice President, Membership Growth – reminding us to attempt to reach the goal of 1 new member per month.

\* The Project Diagnosis Foundation, President Brother Tim Surkovich, will present their CD release listening party on Saturday, February 8,

time 7:00PM at the Jaffa Mosque. Proceeds to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

### **Financial Secretary Report:**

\* January 2014 Ham and Cheese sale benefits the Council and is our primary fund raiser. Sell Sandwiches on the form on the website.

\* Thanks to all Knights for selling the Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and static clings, the COAL tickets, and Basket of Cheer. 2013 was the best year in a while.

\* A sales report on magnets, COAL tickets and Basket of Cheer will be provided at the February meeting.

### **Audit and Trustee Report:**

\* The Council Audit will be done on January 29, 2014 at 6pm.

### **Committee Reports:**

\* Christmas Magnets, Chaired by Mike Metzgar: Mike reported that for 2014 - 75 magnets are presold for delivery in October to a Baptist and Methodist church for their Christmas Bazaar. An opportunity to sell magnets on Black Friday at a high traffic retail location in the Altoona Area is being investigated.

\* Basketball Shoot Out, Chaired by Dennis Dom-brosky: More Volunteers are needed and listen for an- nouncements on the radio. Please talk this up at your church with the CCD Direc- tor.

\* ARC Collection, Chaired by Dennis McGeehan, more information at the February meeting

\* Baptismal Rose, Chaired by Jim Hodge, materials are ordered and a time will be announced for the assembly process.

### Unfinished Business:

\* The council needs a chair- man for the Recruiting Com- mittee

\* The Council is adding the Church of record and email address for each Knight to the membership records. The Supreme Council does not keep such records. The easiest method is for each Knight to give this infor- mation when the payment of dues is made or add it to the list on the Recorders table at each meeting.

### New Business:

\* Food for Families – The Supreme Council will refund \$100.00 for every \$500.00 or 500 pounds of food that a council contributes to a food

pantry up to a maximum of \$500. The Grand Knight asked the council to consider another food drive during lent entitled: **40 Cans for 40 Days**. This project is to **set aside or collect** 1 non- perishable food item and say a prayer for the hungry **EACH DAY** for the 40 days of Lent. In 2013 our council collected 1,300 lbs of food and received a refund from Supreme.

\* Motion to adopt the food drive by Brother Guy Luci- ano– Motion carried. The GK will have more details on this project at the next meeting. Lent begins: **Ash Wednes- day, March 5th.**

\* Brother Mike Metzgar asked if the K of C #4245 Calendar was on the website? Meeting dates, sandwich sale and make dates, Picnic and other important dates are listed on our website.

### 4th Degree:

\*Exemplification of the Fourth Degree Knights of Co- lumbus will be held at: Dou- bletree by Hilton, 500 Mans- field Avenue, (Greentree) Pittsburgh on Sunday, June 8, Mass at 10AM, registration 11am to 12:30PM, Degree begins 1PM, Ladies luncheon 1PM and Banquet 5PM. Any third Degree Knight interest-

ed in taking the fourth De- gree, contact Baker Brothers at [pjpbbrjb@aol.com](mailto:pjpbbrjb@aol.com) or call 695-2546.

\* Fourth Degree meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in Altoona.



## Happy Birthday

### February Birthdays

Philip J Baker	2/18
Raymond J Baker	2/18
Eugene P Bettwy	2/10
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
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Mark D Leberfinger	2/14
Rodney A Messner	2/6
William B Nelson	2/4
Gregory A Stiffler	2/9
George A Toth	2/16
Simon E Wert	2/27

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



## Council Calendar

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

### Next Meeting:

February 6, 2014 7PM

February 6, 7 pm. Monthly Meeting, Hospitality meal by Advocate Ed Zang.



## Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the these brother knights and their families: especially Brother Tom Mathews of Duncansville who is recovering at home, and continue to pray for Brother Tom and wife Diane Sault, Brother Bernie Mikesic.

**K of C Membership renewals for 2014 are still \$36.00 and due now! If you haven't paid your dues yet please do so!**



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