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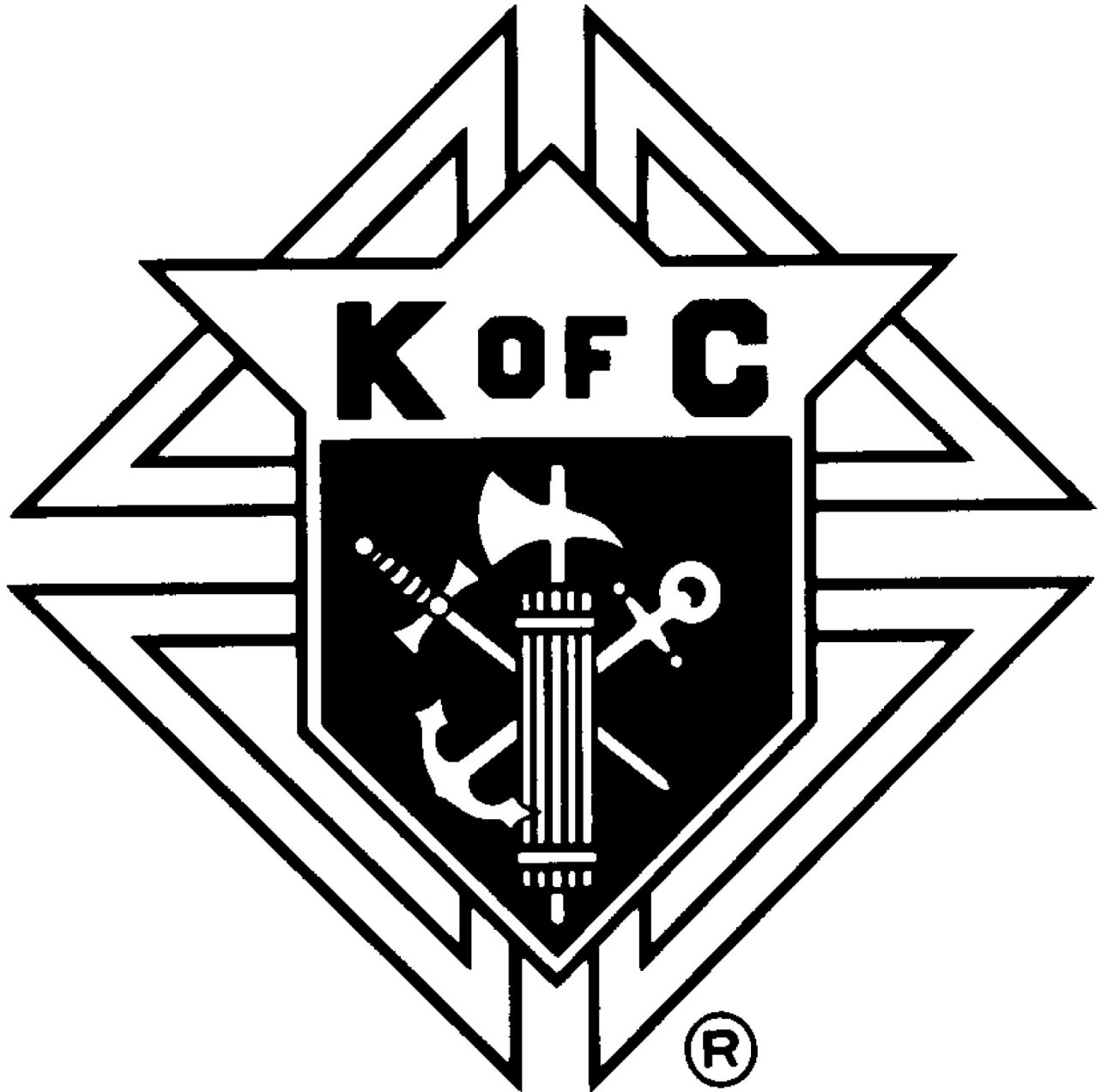


**NEWS**

**Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month**

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## February 2015 From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

In preparing my message to you this month, I did some research on inspirational Lenten quotes. This particular quote caught my attention for many reasons.

"Remember that Lent and Ash Wednesday are not just about putting away the bad things, but should be more about creating good things helping the poor and the needy, being kind to people, and much more." -- Jacob Winters

This quote caught my attention because I feel it fits so perfectly with our first and foremost principle of the order, Charity. This month we begin our annual 40 cans for 40 days campaign. This is something started by our PGK, Ron Harella, and I would like to see the program continue to grow! As the quote points out, Lent is about helping the needy and this program helps fulfill a part of what Jacob is driving at. But besides just bringing in the cans, let's also remember to pray each day we save our cans that hunger will be eliminated.

Jacob also points out the importance of being kind to people. In an earlier message to you I touched on accepting people as they are. This Lenten season let's all work hard as Catholic Gentlemen and Knights of Columbus to show kindness and accept everyone just as they are.

On a personal note I would like to thank George Husick for filling in for me during the last meeting and the council for their generous donation of \$300 to sponsor me in this year's Bike MS.

Fraternally yours, Tim

## Chaplain's Message

### A Balanced Lent

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski, Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

There is a lot of talk these days about "balance". We hear terms like balanced budget, balanced trade, balanced time, balanced meals, etc. Have we ever stopped to think that our spirituality is in need of balance as well? This is particularly true during the Season of Lent, which of course begins this month on Ash Wednesday, February 18. How, you ask, can one balance their observance of Lent?

The answer lies in the realization that Lent has both a negative and positive objective. Too often we emphasize the "negative." Not negative because it is bad, but negative because it is depriving. That is, we focus on a kind of spiritual deficit that we must create by fasting, abstinence, and of course "giving things up." The "negative" certainly has a rightful place in our Lenten observance. It helps us to focus on Christ more intently, to contemplate with greater attention his passion and death. Giving things up for Lent help us detach ourselves from things of the world. Doing so enables us to divert our desire for a particular food or habit to reaching out for Christ. Moreover, it helps us to focus on our immortality and what is and is not of great importance to the fate

of our soul.

A well-observed Lent necessarily includes the more positive aspects as well. It is a time that calls us to be busier with things of the spirit, things of the soul, and things of eternity. Lent is a time when we should commit ourselves to praying more often and more intently. It is the perfect time of the year to allow ourselves to be drawn to various lay ministries within the Church. Candidates coming into the faith do so during this time of the year for that very reason. Setting aside time for spiritual reading and reading the lives of the Saints is another positive exercise that can enrich our Lenten experience. Of course, concerted efforts aimed at charity, forgiveness, and reconciliation are activities that speak for themselves as to their value for us in Lent. They are very much cornerstones of the Lenten structure.

Therefore, as we enter into to another annual "Lenten Retreat", we should do so with the resolve to be both positive and negative in the goals we set and the things we do in order to prepare ourselves more fully for the joy that awaits us after our journey in the celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead.

May your observance of Lent be a blessed and balanced one. In addition, may you experience the same closeness to our Lord in his passion that was experienced by His mother and ours—Mary, Star of the Sea.



## **January Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Grand Knight Report:**

The GK stated in a written message to the Council that he was at home with the flu and reported that his wife works in a germ factory (elementary school) so the flu is hard to avoid. A reminder that the Free Throw Contest is being held on January 25, at St. Patrick's and that this month's sandwich sale benefits the Home Association to help pay for the improvements to the Council Home.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year....GK Tim Surkovich

### **Bills and Communications:**

#### **We received a thank you from:**

- James Van Zandt VA Hospital for the Homeless Veterans Fund.
- Past Grand Knight Barry Lindsay for Moving Expenses - \$300.00 Donation
- Armed Forces Mothers Squad 41 - \$100.00 Donation
- Father Reese, Vocation Advertising Campaign - \$150.00 Donation

#### **Donation Requests:**

Grand Knight Surkovich sponsorship for the Keystone Country Ride for MS - motion passed for \$300.00

Brother Zane Treece, Sr. will also ride in this event.

### **Other Communications:**

Thank you and reminder from the ARC of Blair County about the upcoming Collection Effort.

### **Financial Secretary Report:**

29' Club dinner will be held on January 10, 2015 at the Council Home

### **Audit:**

The audit is scheduled for January 27, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

### **Report of Standing Committees:**

**Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale.** Reminder the January sale is for Home Association. The addition to the Council Home (\$\$\$) will require an extra effort by everyone on this sale. Orders are due January 13, Sandwiches will be made January 15 and the delivery date will be January 16, 2014.

**Basketball Free Throw Contest** chaired by Brother Dennis Dombrosky will be held January 25, 2015, 11 am to 1 pm at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry, PA. Volunteers are needed... sign up at the December meeting or contact Dennis at: [dinopapt@aol.com](mailto:dinopapt@aol.com).

### **Unfinished Business:**

**The "Hospitality" program** was a great success in 2014! Eleven Brothers have already signed up to provide a light meal/snack after meetings in 2015. There is one meeting that needs a volunteer: July 2. Brother Bill Hiergeist has volunteered for the May meeting. Will you help? Contact Mike Metzgar (814-931-9871)

### **New Business :**

Reminder about the 'Walk for Life' in Tyrone on January 18, 2015.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

Fourth Degree meeting will be held on January 22, 2014, 7pm, at Hollidaysburg Council Home.

### **District Deputy Report:**

The area is still in need of a District Deputy. If interested contact Bill Erbeck at 814-684-1327 or Grand Knight Tim Surkovich at 814-696-1209

### **Grand Knight Initiations (Degrees):**

**A Third Degree** will be offered in Harrisburg, PA on February 8, 2015. Please contact Financial Secretary Lou Endress to join the other men that are attending.

**Fourth Degree**  
**Candidates:**

The **Fourth Degree** will be offered on March 22, 2014 in Grantville, PA. Please contact the Baker brothers or Financial Secretary Lou Endress if you are interested in taking this degree.

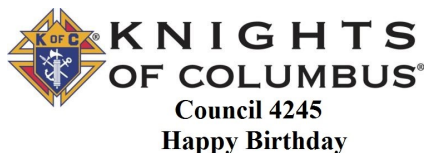


**Pray for the following:**

Pray for the following return to good health for Brother Gary Selwitz.

Pray for Tom Matthews (Saxton) and his family on the passing of his wife.

Pray for all Brother Knights.



**Happy Birthday**

***February Birthdays***

Philip J. Baker	2/18
Raymond J. Baker	2/18
Eugene P. Bettwy	2/10
Joseph R. Cassidy	2/25
Art 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
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James J. Farrell	2/28
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Thomas S. Jandora	2/22
David G. Lanzel	2/22
Jason Larkin	2/28
Mark D. Leberfinger	2/14
Rodney A. Messner	2/6
Dennis O. Mills	2/28
William B. Nelson	2/4
Gregory A. Stiffler	2/9
George A. Toth	2/16
Simon E. Wert	2/27

**DUES ARE DUE:**

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2015 please contact our Financial Secretary Lou Endress.

**40 Cans for 40 Days**

Wednesday February 18th will start the beginning of our annual 40 Can for 40 days collection. This does not just include cans, but any unperishable food item. The total amount collected will then be taken to the food pantry on Holy Thursday. For those of you that can not bring food in on Holy Thursday we will be able to take items at the hall up until that date. Also please keep in mind not only to set aside a can each day but also to pray for the hungry as you do so. Let's make this our biggest year yet!





## Council Calendar

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

**Next Meeting: 2/5/15**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Basketball Free Throw Contest St. Patrick's Gym Newry 11AM—1 PM

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Conduct Audit 5:30 PM

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting 7PM, Rosary at 6:30PM  
(Hospitality provided by Ed Zang)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Audit Due

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday (Start of 40 cans for 40 days collection)



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Ken Scott  
(724) 719-2324  
kenneth.scott @kofc.org

## Basket of Cheer

### Winners

- \$125 Gary Selwitz
- \$50 Charles Baker
- \$50 Robert Hazenstab, Sr.
- \$25 Thomas Matthews
- \$25 MS. E. A. George
- \$25 D,J. Bragioneer

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**The Cheer Committee**

**\*\* Bob Hazenstab donated his prize back to the Council Home Association.**

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