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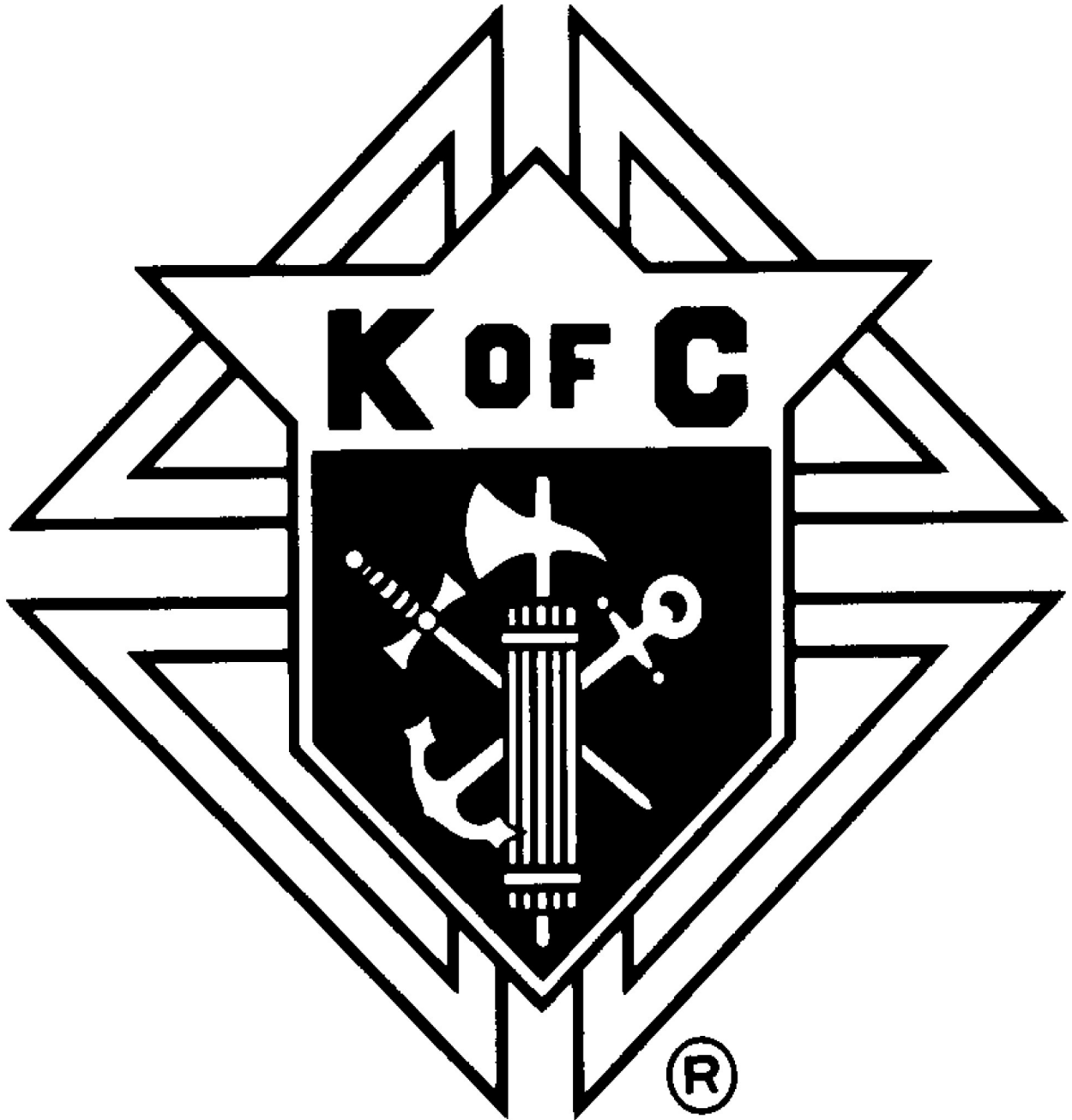
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Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
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**February
2016**

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Have you ever heard of the movie Ground Hog Day? Well if not, it is a story about a man who keeps reliving the same day (Ground Hog Day) over and over again. At the beginning of the movie, he's not a very nice person, no one really likes him, and he isn't even happy with his life. Eventually he figures out that he can "fix things" and make them better the next time around. The main premise behind the story is that he must keep reliving the same day until he gets it right. At the end of the movie, almost everyone in town really likes him AND he is really happy. Isn't that a great message? By giving of your time to do good things for others you also become happier. I feel privileged to be part of an organization that does so many wonderful things for others. Thank you for everything that you do to improve the world around you.

Fraternally Yours,

Lee

Chaplain's Message

The Works Of Mercy In The Year Of Mercy

*By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

The special Jubilee Year Of Mercy proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Francis is well underway. As we progress in this most momentous and historical time for our Church, I believe it would do us well to take opportunities such as this Newsletter to make Mercy a theme and to reflect upon how we can be ambassadors of that mercy as Brother Knights and as Catholic men.

In this Newsletter, I would like to basically reflect upon the Works of Mercy in general as a tenet of our faith and as an avenue of grace for those who practice them. In doing so, we must keep in mind that the Holy Father has not only the traditional catechetical works of mercy in mind, but also a profound spirit of forgiveness and the realization that all of us—even the sinner—is made in the image of Christ and is worthy of God's forgiveness and mercy.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy seek to help alleviate human misery – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

For the next several months, this article will examine the different spiritual and corporal works of mercy as we are called to embrace and live them. In doing so, we must remember the various facets of mercy. Divine Mercy is the mercy God gives to us. Spiritual and corporal works of mercy is mercy given by us to others with the help of God's grace. And all mercy is obtainable through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy and Star of the Sea..





January 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report:

Report provided from GK Lee Zimmerman – Happy New Year to all brothers. Suggestion for your new year’s resolution to become more Involved in the council; help with fundraising such as the Shelby project or other areas.

Application for membership:

Second reading for David Fradeneck from St. Michaels parish in Hollidaysburg (no sponsor – David contacted the K of C). Nomination to accept the application was presented by Tim Surkovich; Seconded Dan Moringiello; motion passed

First Reading for Daniel Weaver – Nomination to accept the application was presented by John Brown; Seconded by Guy Luciano; motion passed

Donation Request:

Request received from Catholic Charities. Motion presented to donate \$100 presented by Tim Surkovich; Second presented by Bill Hiergeist; motion passed.

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

Thank you letter received from the family of Francis Billotte in appreciation for the masses offered in his honor.

Financial Secretary Report:

2016 annual dues are currently due; Accounts delinquent on January 15 will be issued a second notice.

Sandwiches will be sold during the third week of January 2016; order forms will be included with the Star News; orders due January 19th; Assemble sandwiches on January 21; Delivery – January 22. Sales benefit the Council.

K of C member information sheets continue to be received – thank you. Reminder – when visiting the Council web site – you can enter your member number and birthday which will then allow you to access member personal info. Member photos are requested.

Fund Raising and Committee Reports::

Shelby Committee – Information was provided by Tim Surkovich, 2100 tickets sold to date. Advertising placed in local church bulletins. Next show is in Pittsburg on Jan 22-24 at the World of Wheels, David Lawrence Convention Center. February Show – Motorama Harrisburg the 21st and 22nd. volunteers are needed. If you signed up for a committee please contact Tim to contribute. Transport trailer has been wrapped and looks very nice.

Basketball Free Throw Championship Committee - Information was provided by Dennis Dombrowsky Contest will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Patrick’s in Newry at 12:00-2:00 PM Medals are being refurbished Volunteers are needed to assist with the set-up, counting and recording. Volunteers to report at 11:30 AM Contact Dennis at 695-1509

Unfinished Business:

Volunteers are needed for the 2016 Hospitality meals – please sign up at the next meeting. Months needed are May and November

New Business:

Ron Harella informed the council that he purchased sandwiches for the George Foster family (instead of the fruit basket) in appreciation for the “Keep Christ in Christmas” advertising.

Ron Harella presented the option of participating in the 40 cans for 40 days of lent. The food will be donated to our local food pantries. Tim Surkovich presented a motion to participate in this event; Jerry Kovach presented the second; motion passed.

Report of the 4th Degree:

Next meeting will be held on January 14th at the Altoona Council Home.

District Deputy Report:

George Husick reminded us of the K of C PA state convention to be held in May 13-15, 2016 in Erie, PA and will include many family activities.

PA average age of the K of C member is 59. Please help to recruit new “younger” members.





Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

Philip J Baker	2/18
Raymond J Baker	2/18
Eugene P Bettwy	2/10
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
John P Elder	2/8
James J Farrell	2/28
Anthony E Frye	2/4
Ronald C Gottshall	2/13
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:

2016 Dues are Due! Each Brother received there First Notice in the mail. You also received an Information Report and Service Hour Report. Please make any and all corrections to the Information Report including your address, phone numbers, email addresses, church parish you belong to, etc, be sure to include the year with birthdays and anniversaries and return it with your payment to Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich. Per Supreme Billing Procedures, anyone not paid by January 15, 2016 will be moved to Second Notice Status and will receive another Bill.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Lou Endress and David DePastina - sister in law.

Guy Luciano and Mike Metzgar each offered a sincere thank you for our previous prayers.

IMPORTANT!!!!

In early March of this year you received a letter regarding major expenses the council would soon incur. Also, the letter stated that the Home Association was looking at a major fundraiser to offset those expenses and help the charities we support. A great deal was mentioned in the letter about needing help before we could proceed and we are now happy to say we have had enough responses to move forward with the project. Now it's time for you to do your part to help make this fundraiser a success! The Home Association has secured a 2016 Mustang Shelby Super Snake. The MSRP on the car is \$96,954. It has a whopping 750+ horsepower engine. It is absolutely beautiful! The raffle date is October 2, 2016. Tickets are only \$10 each! We are asking that each member **sell at least 10 tickets**. Enclosed in the envelope were your first 10 tickets. If you are completely unable to sell all of them, please return them, but better yet if you need more call the council home at 814-695-4752 and let us know how many more you need. The more you sell the more we are able to accomplish. We suggest you have tickets on you at all times, you never know when an opportunity may come along to sell some. Our goal is to sell 25,000 tickets.

Besides selling tickets we could still use volunteers to go to car shows with us. This would lessen the burden on all those who have already volunteered. If interested call the council home or email us at kofc4245@gmail.com





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 2/4/16

Hospitality Provided by Phil Claar

1/17/16 Walk for Life Tyrone

1/23/16 Basketball Free Throw Contest, St. Patrick's Newry. 12pm-2pm Contact Dennis Dombrosky if you want to volunteer.

1/22-1/24/16 Shelby being shown at World of Wheels in Pittsburgh, PA

1/27/16 Tentative Semi-Annual Audit

2/4/16 Regular Council Meeting

2/10/16 Ash Wednesday and beginning of our 40 Cans for 40 Days Food Drive

2/20-2/21/16 Shelby being shown at Motorama Harrisburg, PA

3/3/16 Regular Council Meeting

3/13/16 Shelby being shown at Blair County Auto Club Swap Meet Duncansville



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Ken Scott, General Agent

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