

Council Officers

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January 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that you all have a happy and prosperous New Year. I was in a discussion last year of what is a practicing Catholic. This is what I have found and it might surprise you.

1 To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.

2 To receive Holy Communion at least once a year between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

3 To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.

4 To observe the fast days and abstinence days established by the Church.

5 To observe the marriage laws of the Church.

6 To contribute to the support of the Church.

So when we ask a man if he is a practicing Catholic that's all we need to know.

Faternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to all my Brother Knights and your families; Happy New Year to you all! Please keep me and all my Franciscan Brothers and Sisters in your prayers this year, as we strive each day to be faithful to our vowed life and the Holy Gospel. I love these words from Edith Stein: "I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident, when seen in the light of God. My whole life, down to the smallest detail, has been marked out for me in the plan of Divine Providence, and has a completely coherent meaning in God's all-seeing eyes."

Our Holy Father John Paul II said it this way: "In the work of Divine Revelation, there are no coincidences." My brothers, if we truly believe these words, then we are able to acknowledge each day that our God is with us, and we are in need of His presence. If we embrace these words, we are living the virtue of humility. Do we see God's presence in the daily moments of our lives? Back a few month's ago, I was driving back to Bon Secours Hospital, after an emergency call at Altoona Hospital. As I crossed the intersections, I noticed out of my right eye that this oncoming car was not slowing down. In an instantaneous reaction, I slammed on the brake and hit the car horn. The woman ran the light and missed me by a couple of feet. Had I kept going, I'm sure she would have hit me in the passenger door and flipped over the car. What was God trying to teach me in this experience? First, I believe He was reminding me that my Guardian Angel is alive and well. Also, I was reminded of how quickly my life can change, in spite of how much I might believe I'm in control. Each day in the hospital, I'm

with people whose lives are quickly changed by physical illness. But I suppose, as the saying goes: "You don't fully realize something, until it happens to you." God humbled me that day, and reminded me of my ongoing need for Him.

Now, it's up to me to recognize that need for God each day. What is God trying to teach you, at this point in your life? What has God been trying to teach you in this past year, about yourself and your relationship to Him? These are good questions to take to our daily prayer throughout the new year. My brothers, humbly open your heart to God's presence in this new year, and allow God to work through you in ways that you could never imagine for yourself. Then, you will continue the good work God has begun in you. Finally, please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Please keep me in yours. In the words of our Holy Father Francis: "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you kindly, and give you peace." Have a blessed new year!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

Charles A. Baker	1/31
Matthew J. Becker	1/30
Francis A. Billote	1/7
Walter C. Bloom	1/7
Dee J. Bragonier	1/5
John E. Cain	1/22
Marcellus J. Criste	1/16
Kirk J. Dodson	1/25
Eugene H. Dumm	1/1
Lester P. Emery	1/22
Richard L. Haines	1/21
John J. Hazenstab, Sr.	1/12
Earl G. Hite	1/12
Robert S. Juroszek	1/16
James L. Lusardi, Jr.	1/1
Merle A. Manning	1/20
James R. McTigue	1/4
Peter J. Paoli	1/29
Ernest V. Salvi	1/11
Edward E. Zang	1/25
Lee R. Zimmerman	1/24



December Council Meeting Notes

A first degree ceremony was held at the regular December Council meeting. Six candidates received their first degree. Congratulations to:

Melvin C. Getz Council #1218 St. Gregory, Tyrone
 Jack W. Wagner Council #1218 St. Gregory, Tyrone
 John Frundorfer Council #1288 Our Lady of Lords, Altoona
 Edward McGraw Council #1288 Our Lady of Lords, Altoona
 Bryan D. Carnes Council #4245 Star of the Sea, Hollidaysburg
 Michael J Kelleher Council #4245 Star of the Sea, Hollidaysburg

4th Degree Phil Baker presented Grand Knight George Husick \$750 that was made from the selling of the Keep Christ in Christmas magnets. Fellow Knight Jerry Kovach sold 120 magnets. Phil also reported that Guy Luciano, Jr. took care of the arrangements for the lighted "Keep Christ in Christmas billboard on Rte. 22 near John Stuckey Ford and has also made reservations for the same billboard next year.

A 1/4 page business ad for \$75 was given for the Bishop Guilfoyle year-book to offset the cost of the year-book for students that can't afford one.

A thank you was received from the Sons of the American Legion Squad 516 for our gift of \$100 for their Christmas Fund Drive.

During the meeting it was decided to give \$100 to St. Vincent DePaul for the Christmas season.

A motion was made and approved to give \$300 to St. Leonard's for the Christmas season.

An amount of \$200 was given to the VA Home for their Christmas Fund.

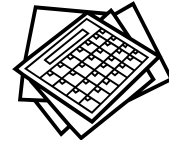
A full page ad was taken for Bellefonte Council #1314 in celebration of their 100 year anniversary in the amount of \$50.

Special Welcome

Welcome to new member Allan Duman who transferred here from Father Lemke Council in Carrolltown. Allan is a 4th Degree.

Degree Reminder

A second degree team has been fully formed and they will start to practice. A second degree ceremony will be planned when they have completed their preparations.



Council Calendar

January Reminder: Membership Dues are Due!

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
 Thursday, January 4 at 8:00 pm
 Thursday, February 7 at 8:00 pm

Ham & Cheese Sale:
 Orders must be in by January 15
 Sandwiches made January 17
 Delivery January 18
 An order form is included in this newsletter.

January 20 the annual Pro Life Walk will take place in Tyrone.

February 10, 2008 There will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q held in-conjunction with the American Legion. We would like to pre-sale as many tickets as possible. Profits will be split with our profits going to the seminarian.

April 26 the Bellefonte Council #1314 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Congratulations.

Deacon's Report

Deacon Dan reminds all of us of our mortality and that we should be prepared for our meeting with our maker. He also reminds of our duty to our families that they are taken care of in this event. He reminded us that November marked the end of the liturgical year and as we rush for the calendar end of the year we should keep in mind the beautiful gift God gave us in his son this Christmas as the new liturgical year begins.

Please Pray for these sick Members.
 Bob Baker, Stu and Catherine Lord, Ray Malone.