#### **Council Officers**

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## From the Grand Knight

**Brother Knights:** 

Here's hoping everyone had an enjoyable and blessed Christmas. I would also like to extend my wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year. As a new years resolution let each of us if possible try to get one of our members that have not attended a meeting in a while to start attending meetings again on a regular basis. Now that we are starting earlier maybe they will be able to make it and see what they have been missing. If any of our members know of anyone that is interested in joining our ranks we will be holding a first degree in February. As we start a new year it is my hope we all have a good time this year. Please remember this is your council and if you have any ideas or projects that you feel can make us a better council please bring your ideas up at a council meeting. You never know how it will be accepted unless you try. With over 200 members I'm sure there are at least 200 ideas out there for the New Year.

Fraternally yours,

George

## **Chaplain's Message**

Greetings and peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a happy, blessed, and prosperous New Year to you all. May the gift of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, be your hope and strength throughout 2009.

As we begin the first month of our New Year, we once again consider our New Year's Resolutions. Are we going to lose weight this year, spend more time with our families, or pray more often? Actually, I was thinking about these same questions over the Thanksgiving holiday. After I attended Mass at a parish in Orlando, the priest concluded Mass by announcing that the Sunday Eucharistic Adoration would be cancelled today, because of an Advent program in the afternoon. Then, he said something very interesting: "My brothers and sisters, instead of the traditional adoration today, I would suggest that we participate in a different kind of Eucharistic adoration, where we make every effort to see the face of Christ in others, especially those for whom we struggle with, and/or those who may see life and life's issues in a different light." When I heard this, I thought: "This is the best of all New Year's Resolutions!" For if we make this our primary resolution, then we'll have to be more devoted to prayer, the sacraments, and evangelization, and

make these our resolutions as well. My brothers, what are your New Year's Resolutions for 2009?

Whatever you decide for yourselves, I would hope and pray that you also consider your vocation as a Eucharistic community: to see the face of Christ in others, and strive to remain faithful to that commitment. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe, through these difficult winter months. Have a blessed January, and please keep me in your prayers. You are always in mine. Happy 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, especially John Janosik Sr.





# Happy Birthday

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



## <u>December Council</u> <u>Meeting Notes</u>

We donated \$100 to the Sons of the American Legion to help with their campaign to provide for people in need of clothing and their heating bills.

We received a thank you from the St. Vincent DePaul Society for our \$100 donation. Our donation went towards their assistance in helping now 847 families.

We donated \$250 to the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona to provide financial aid for religious classes for elementary and junior high students.

Our council purchased a stone to be inscribed with our council name and number to be placed in the walk at the Columbus Chapel in Boalsburg. This along with other donations will allow the Knights Of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council to proceed with phase two of repairs and improvements to the chapel.

We donated \$25 to Mom's House of Johnstown to help with their program to provide free child care for single parents so that they can complete their education.

We made a donation of \$250 to St. Leonard's home.

Congratulations to our council for being #14 in donations to the 2008 Measure Up Campaign. Our council averaged \$20.33 per member.

#### **Degree News**

Our council will be holding a first degree at the February Council meeting. More details to follow.

A Second Degree will be held in Altoona in February. More details to come.

A Third Degree will be held March 22 at the State College Council Home at 1pm.

# Reminder

Starting this month council meetings start at 7pm. Also this month's meeting is the second Thursday January 8, 2009

Home Association meetings will now start at 6pm.

It's Dues time!! This years dues are \$33. Be sure to get your dues to Lou Endress.

Reminder: We are still collecting aluminum cans at the council home. Just throw them over the fence in the back.

### **Congratulations**

In case you didn't see it in the Catholic Register our brother Bill Hiergeist is now the Executive Director of The Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Congratulations Bill and best of luck.



#### **Council Calendar**

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

The next meetings are: Thursday, January 8 7:00pm Sunday, January 11

Bus Trip to Benedum Center in Pittsburgh to see the show Jersey Boys. \$95 per person. Contact Brian Drum 696-4024 January 22 Make Ham & Cheese January 23 Deliver Ham & Cheese Thursday, February 5, 7:00pm Thursday, February 5, 7:00pm First Degree Ceremony



Please keep in your prayers the following brothers that are sick or recovering:

Herman Beyer Stu Lord Ray Malone