

Council Officers

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January 2011

Chaplain's Message

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

By the time you read this Christmas will be here and New Years around the corner. Hope everyone and their families have a great holiday. We start off the new year with January being Pro-Life month. This is very important to our teachings and faith. There are ways of praying for the reversal of Roe-vs-Wade:

1. By praying at home.
2. Going to Washington D.C to the annual Pro-Life March.
3. You can go to Tyrone's St. Matthew's Church January 23rd at 11:30 to join the 4th degree in the annual Baby Agnes Doe march.

This would be the best way locally to pray for the Pro-Life movement. Hope to see you and your families there.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary



“Keeping Christ in Christmas and the New Year”

“Keep Christ in Christmas.” I have always been moved by this simple expression and the challenge it poses to our society on the part of the Knights of Columbus. It is the most succinct expression of what we are about not only as Knights, but especially as Christians.

As we begin another New Year, we would do well to give thought to how we can keep Christ alive and present in our lives and in the lives of others throughout the entire New Year. We never cease to be his disciples. We can never allow an opportunity to witness to Christ and his love to pass us by. We should strive to be vigilant for Christ every day, all through the year.

Keeping Christ in the New Year can be achieved in several ways, but it must begin within ourselves. We can commit ourselves to a more fervent prayer life. Spending more time in prayer and before the Blessed Sacrament, when possible is an excellent place to start. We can also set as one of our goals a deeper sense of stewardship—the giving of time, talent, and treasure to God, his Church, and his people. Obviously, the seeds of this initiative have already been planted in our lives as Knights. The challenge in the

New Year for us is to provide the ways and means for them to grow and bear more fruit.

We can also open ourselves up to deeper appreciation of and reflection upon God's Word and the lives of the saints. We can also commit ourselves to imitating the lives of the saints more faithfully. And of course, we can cultivate a deeper devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

In all of this, we progress more and more in the life Christ calls us to live and make him a more integral part of the daily lives we live in what is now the New Year.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that all of you, my brother Knights, and your loved ones will experience a New Year filled with love, happiness, peace, good health, and many blessings. As we struggle throughout the New Year to keep Christ present each and every day, we must remember to ask the help and powerful intercession of His mother and our patroness: Mary, Star of the Sea. Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



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



Happy Birthday

Deacon Robert D. Bailey	1/24
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
Richard L. Haines	1/21
Earl G. Hite	1/12
Rev. Robert S. Juroszek	1/16
James L. Lusardi, Jr.	1/1
Merle A. Manning	1/20
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 thank you was received from the Department of Veteran's Affairs for our recent donation of \$200.

The Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona sent us a thank you for our donation of \$250.

A thank you was read for our donation of \$100 to the Toys-for-Tots Campaign.

Brother Jim Zimmerman made a motion that we donate \$100 to the American Rescue Workers. The motion carried.

Brother Dan Casey made a motion that we donate \$500 to Catholic Charities. The motion carried.

Brother Dennis McGeehan made a motion to donate \$250.00 to St. Leonards Home. The motion carried.

Brother Dennis McGeehan said that EWTN schedules are available.

Brother Bill Urbeck commented on how nice it was to see all the members in attendance but there could always be more that participate. Please know that recruiting is a priority.

Brother Jim Zimmerman recognized that Father Legarski is working very hard on a weight loss program and has lost 36.2# to date. Please keep Father in your prayers as he continues on this journey to lower his weight and regain great health.

Brother Guy Luciano discussed sending Christmas cards to sick brothers and their families. A discussion followed and it was recommended that this be planned in the fall of 2011.

Brother Mark Frew reminded us all of the Measure-Up Campaign for the ARC. Supplies will arrive in January.

Brother Lou Endress made a motion to raise dues in 2011 from present amount to \$36.00 to cover rising assessments from the Supreme Council.

A Ham and Cheese sales is scheduled for January 20-21. Sandwiches will be made on the 20th.

Father commented that the attendance at the K of C Mass for deceased members was impressive. He felt that the interest generated by the members especially the color guard will only foster new membership in our organization.

The Grand Knight encouraged us to please try to help family and friends at this time of year as it has been a tough year for many friends and family.

Please Consider Helping Us:



Our first degree team is in need of help. So that we can offer the exemption of the first degree in a more timely manner we need members to help with the team. Please consider being a part of the team. If interested contact Dan Turcovsky.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, January 6 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 20 Ham and Cheese
Friday, January 21 Ham and Cheese
Sunday, January 23 11:30am Annual Baby Agnes Doe March, Tyrone's St. Matthew's Church
Thursday, February 3 7:00pm



Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knight's and their families that are sick, in need or in distress.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

Please fill out and return the enclosed Survey of Fraternal Activity with your dues.