

Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski GRAND KNIGHT - Gary Ellis DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Allan Duman
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January 2012

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

By the time you read this, I hope you all had a wonderful and spiritual Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. I would like to discuss two subjects. One, when a brother is sick or hospitalized and you or the family would like our brother Knights to visit you, just let us know by calling the council home at 695-4752 or myself at 695-6844 and I will call a few brothers to make a visit. Secondly, when a brother Knight passes away, we can come and do a memorial service and if he is a Fourth Degree Knight, have the Honor Guard present at the viewing. These things can only be done if you brothers express this desire to your family before hand or if the brother's family contacts us by calling the council or telling the funeral director. These are the rules set by the Knights of Columbus charter. Please inform your family ahead of time that you would like a Knights of Columbus memorial service. January is the month to pray for the unborn. Please do so anyway you can. Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary

Chaplain's Message

The Spiritual Side of New Year's Resolutions

Brother Knights:

Once again we begin a New Year. With this New Year comes the proverbial New Year's Resolutions. Most of the time these resolutions aim at making us happier, more successful, less worrisome, a non-smoker, a few pounds lighter, etc., etc.

In our natural tendency to seek personal renewal or improvement in the New Year, we should remember the spiritual part of our life. After all, this is the part that "survives" and takes into the Kingdom of Heaven. What kind of resolutions can we make that will draw us closer to our Lord in the New Year? How can we be a better disciple of Jesus? With whom should we make a serious effort to reconcile? Are we going to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently or the Holy Eucharist more fervently? Are we resolved to improve our prayer life? Make a Retreat? Set aside time for a Holy Hour?

Our initiatives can even be more simple and basic. How can we be more loving or forgiving of others? With whom do we need to spend more time or be more patient and understanding? Can we be more attentive and participatory

at Mass? And of course, how can we be more active and involved in the wonderful work we are called to do as members of the Knights of Columbus?

As we look back to the previous year, we do so with mixed emotions. We see success and failures, happiness and sadness, gains and losses. But through it all, our Lord continues to beckon us to focus upon what really matters in the final analysis—the sanctification of our soul. If our New Year's resolutions include improving this part of our life, then we are truly opening ourselves up to God's grace and our soul is strengthened as a result.

During this New Year, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of spiritual renewal and growth. We should not only ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the New Year toward renewal, but turn to the powerful intercession of the one whom we honor on the very first day of the New Year—Mary, Mother of God and Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



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
James L. Lusardi, Jr.	1/1
Merle A. Manning	1/20
Christopher A. Nelson	1/8
Peter J. Paoli	1/29
Ernest V. Salvi	1/11
Edward E. Zang	1/25
Lee R. Zimmerman	1/24



January Council Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Gary Ellis Communications:

- The Good Funeral home thanked the Council on the donation for Piotr Marciniak of St. Catherine's for his final arrangements and internment.

- A thank you for \$150 donation to St. Vincent De Paul food pantry.
- Read a letter from Father Aaron from St. Joseph's in Williamsburg announcing the K of C retreat at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore on March 10-11, 2012. The cost for the retreat is \$100 which includes meals and refreshments as appropriate. Payment deadline is February 10, 2012 and the forms are available from GK Gary Ellis.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Please return your Basket of Cheer and COAL tickets promptly as the drawings will be held soon.
- January 3, 2012 will be the next Ham and Cheese sale. Please plan to help with the sales and assembly of the sandwiches.

New Business:

- Brother Dennis McGeehan suggested having a movie night in January. A discussion followed with no date assigned.
- Brother Ray Baker made a motion to donate \$400 to St. Leonard's home....Motion carried.
- Brother Lou Endress made a motion to have the Council buy 5 Football ticket.....Motion carried.
- The 4th Degree meeting will be held December 15th at the Council home.

Thoughts and Prayers

Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights who are ill or have passed away especially Brother Bernie Mikesic is very ill with a massive stroke that occurred while turkey hunting alone. He also left his cell

phone in the car which could have aided the EMS personnel in finding him when he needed it the most. Your prayers are requested for Bernie and his return to good health.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, January 5, 7:00pm
Thursday, February 2, 7:00pm

Show Your K of C Pride!



Brother Bill Hiergeist will have available at the January council meeting 2 styles of shirts that can be embroidered with the K of C logo, as well as your name. The solid color shirt will cost approximately \$22 and the 2 color shirt approximately \$28.00. Shirts can be ordered individuallysee Bill to make arrangements for the purchase details.