

Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski GRAND KNIGHT- Ron Harella DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Wilbur Henry
CHANCELLOR - Dennis McGeehan WARDEN - Lee Zimmerman FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Louis Endress TREASURER - Clarence Becker
ADVOCATE - Edward Zang, Esq. GUARDS - Dan Moringiello, Tom Matthews RECORDER - Mike Metzgar
TRUSTEES - Vince Scheider, William Brill, Dan Casey



January 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I don't know about you guys, but I get the chills just thinking about this month, and to think I used to be an ice fisherman. I still have all of my equipment, tip-ups, ice augur, ect., and I look at it every now and then, but that's as far as it goes. Changes are a part of life we all have in common. With the great feast of Christmas winding down and a New Year starting, more changes are bound to happen in our lives. This month comes equipped with snow and ice so take precautions for the hazards on the road and give yourself extra time to reach your desired destinations like Mass or K of C events. We kick off the New Year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. What better way could there be to start a New Year? Our council has scheduled the free throw championship for the kids on January 12th at St. Patrick's gym in Newry. Brother Dennis Dombrosky is at the head of this committee and would appreciate all the help he can get. We will be making our bi-monthly Ham & Cheese sandwiches on the 17th. If we as a council can even come close to duplicating our last sale, we can help a lot of people bring something positive into their

lives. Don't get too comfortable and cover up on the couch just yet. We have more to do during this frigid month like the walk for life events. Our council once again will be participating in a local Walk for Life in Tyrone on January 20th. With a good showing of members from the various councils, along with family and friends, our message can be heard that we choose Life. Shortly afterwards, the National Walk For Life will be held in Washington, D.C. If you are interested in either of these walks, you can call me at 696-3295 to arrange for a bus seat to Washington or transportation to Tyrone. Those thinking about Tyrone, but are unable to walk, can ride in a vehicle behind the walkers. As an incentive for the Tyrone walk, and a little fun, after the ceremony all Knights will have the opportunity to bean the Grand Knight. Please brothers, snowballs only.

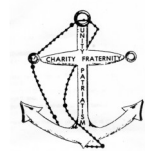
Lastly, we hope to pick a date at our next meeting to assemble our Baptismal rose packages for the mothers having a child receiving the sacrament. The blue K of C hats are in; if you ordered one, you can pick it up on meeting night.

To all my Brothers, I hope to see you take the opportunity to make a difference and slide into one or all of these events. To all my Brothers, Happy free throw, Happy sandwich sale, Happy Walk and I hope your throws are not very accurate.

To all my Brothers and their families, Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,

Ron



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
William C Fink	1/20
Richard L Haines	1/21
Earl G Hite	1/12
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



December Council Meeting Notes

The Grand Knight Reports

Comments:

The Grand Knight: Commented on the large attendance of Knights at the St. Mary's Memorial Mass

The ARC materials have been ordered and more details will be made available as the event draws near.

The St. Jude Ham and Cheese sale was outstanding! 1200 sandwiches were sold and 30 Knights helped make them. If you haven't helped make the sandwiches try it...we had fun! Mr. Fred Imler, Sr. donated 100# of sliced ham for this sale. Thanks Fred!

A suggestion was given to the GK by Brother Mike Metzgar to see if we could advertise 'Keep Christ in Christmas' on the LED billboards for free. The GK is exploring whether this can happen...look at the billboards for our information.

Grand Knight Ron Harella Communications:

Thank-you's:

A thank you from Mr. Fred Imler for our continuing efforts to improve our world.

Thank you from Don Belsey at the St. Vincent DePaul for our efforts to help reduce poverty.

A thank you from Brother Gene Fry who is doing well after surgery.

A thank you from St. Leonard's home for our monetary donation.

Donation Requests

Request from Family Services, Inc .motion made by Brother Jim Zimmerman for \$100.....motion passed.

Brother George Husick motion to donate \$250 to the Ecumenical Conference of Altoona.....motion passed.

Brother Jim Zimmerman motion to donate \$100 to the American Rescue Workers....motion passed.

Brother Dennis McGeehan motion to donate \$100 to the Hollidaysburg Library.....motion passed.

Brother Wilbur Henry motion for a \$100 donation to the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.....motion passed.

A donation request from St. Leonard's Home to help with Air Conditioning replacements.....Brother Ed Zang.....motioned tabled.

Other Communications

From K of C Supreme Councilthey are asking for our participation in the Walk for Life. We do participate in many ways.

Please report any time donated for Special Olympics to the GK which will be forwarded to the Supreme Council.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Lou Endress, in absentia (deer hunting) reminded everyone to pay their dues which are \$36.00

Standing Committee Report:

Brother Dennis Dombrowski will chair the free throw championship for our Council which will be held January 12, 2013 from 2pm to 4pm at St Patrick's Gymnasium. Please volunteer to help

Dennis on this project: (dinopapt@aol.com)

Brother Gary Ellis will chair the sales of K of C blue hats ...cost is \$13.00 each.

New Business:

Brother Gary Ellis made a motion to make a \$50 dollar donation to the family of Ken Davis, Sr. and \$50 the Shriners hospital in his name. Ken was a Jaffa Clown and long time participant in the Hand in Hand Chicken BBQ.

Brother Wilbur Henry's wife Evelyn donated a beautiful hand made Christmas wreath for the council home. Wilbur also said that he sold 47 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets after church one recent Sunday. A discussion ensued and it was suggested by Brother Dennis McGeehan that the magnets be sold at all Council events.

Fourth Degree:

The next 4th Degree meeting will be held on December 13, 2012 at our Council Home.

Chaplains Summation:

Father Christopher Panagapoulis thanks the Council for the new sign at the Friary and expressed his gratitude for all the good things the K of C does in our community. He expressed the fact that in his ministry as Altoona Hospital Chaplain he has ends his day drained of words and emotion. Aside I told him that he should feel good each day knowing that he is doing what God expects.....that he gives all he has to benefit others.

Chaplain's Message

“Making Mary A Part Of The New Year--All Year”

Brother Knights:

The Church always begins the New Year with the Solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Consequently, it is an excellent time to think about how we can allow Mary to be a more integral part of our spiritual life throughout the entire year.

In addition to being the patron of our K of C Council, she is of course the mother of all of us, leading us and nurturing us toward her Son in our journey to the Kingdom of God.

How does Mary “fit in” to the daily living of our faith? How can we make her a more central and integral part of our discipleship and the daily living of our faith? There are many ways that we can let Mary become a more integral part of the daily living of our faith.

First and foremost, we can commit ourselves to the daily praying of the Rosary. Many graces befall a fervent and sincere praying of the

Rosary. There are the First Saturday Devotions that were revealed to the children at Fatima. There is a participation in Marian Organizations such as the Legion of Mary, the Rosary Rallies, and the Birth of Mary Celebration at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville in September.

In addition to all of these possibilities, there is of course an inclusion of prayers to Mary and a reflection upon the mysteries of her life each and every day. Mary promises us a tremendous amount of grace if we include her in the daily living of our faith. How do we intend to do so in this New Year? In what ways will Mary be a more integral part of our spiritual life?

Let us enter this New Year with a fervent commitment to Mary as a more integral part of our spiritual life. Let us remember throughout this New Year that she is indeed the Mother of our Lord, the Refuge of Sinners, the Health of the Sick, and the Star of the Sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, January 3, 7:00pm
Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm
Saturday, January 12—Free Throw Championship, St. Patrick's Gym Newry
Thursday, January 17, Make Ham and Cheese Sandwiches
Sunday, January 20—Walk for Life in Tyrone



Thoughts and Prayers

Brother George Husick asked that we pray for his daughter Misty Grabill on her upcoming surgery.

Pray for Brother John Brown and Deacon Jim Woomer.

Please pray for Brother Tim Surkovich. He recently had to put his service dog Sir Knight Painter to sleep. Brother Painter received his 4th Degree when Tim was Knighted. Painter's death was very sudden and tragic as he was only 6 years old.



Four parts of retirement:

Phase four

Okay, if you've been following along in my articles, you've read about the first phases that lead to retirement. Protection and accumulation of savings are the first time, followed by de-accumulation of those funds while making them last.

The final phase is care. At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age), you will need to slow down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility.

As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face-to-face

meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might not be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little.

The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company.

The Knights of Columbus – the organization you trust – is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere as you prepare for the

four phases!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting.

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