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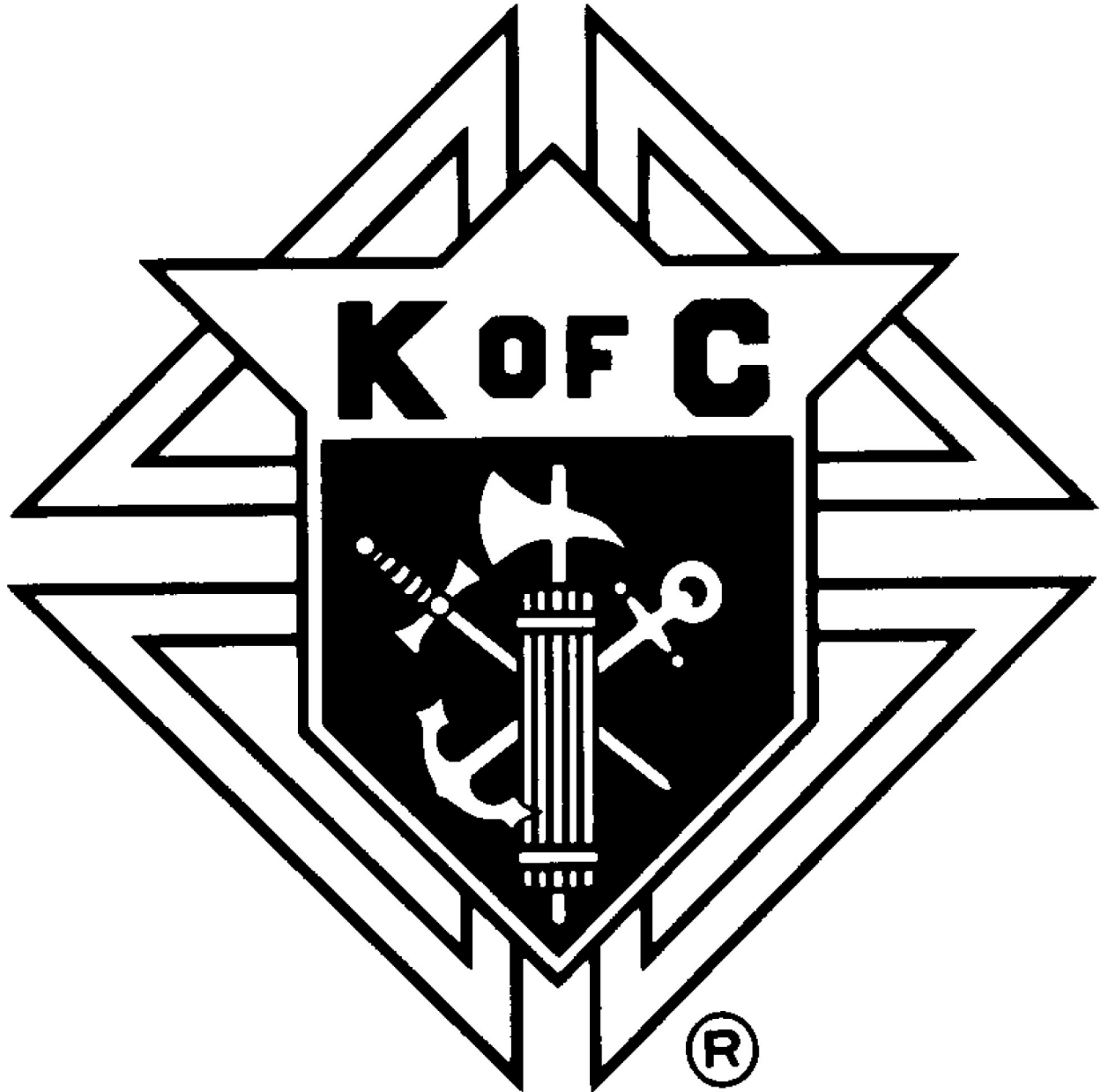
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January 2014

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Once again another year has passed, and what better way to kickoff the New Year than by renewing our relationship with God. Many people will be working on their New year resolutions, losing 15 pounds of extra weight, trying not to eat chocolate, more frequent trips to the gym, but what about our eternal souls? Many people worry about their physical health this time a year, in an attempt to get back on track. This is perfectly fine but we cannot neglect the most important aspect of our health, that which is not visible to the human eye. Our relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to eternal life. This January let us take a few extra minutes to pray each day, let us spend a few quiet moments thanking God for all he has graced us with. We have an obligation as Knights of Columbus to lead other Christians by example. But, will our actions be Holy if our hearts and minds are not clear? In trying times when our faith is tested, it is our relationship with God that carries us through.

Happy New Year to ALL.

Fraternally Yours,
Ron

Chaplain's Message

“Consolidating Our New Year’s Resolutions”

Brother Knights:

Think about it; we live in an age of consolidation for various reasons. We see consolidation in virtually every area of our lives. Consolidation is a part of business, education, government (including the military) and yes, even the Church—especially the Church. Our parochial schools, our parishes, our ministries, etc. have in way or another been and continue to be in a “consolidation mode.” Perhaps it is the lived reality of the 80ies phrase of “Doing more with less.” Perhaps it is a manifestation of our high-tech age. Whatever the reason, whatever the area, we have all seen in one form or another, things consolidated.

I wonder, have we ever thought of consolidating our New Year’s Resolutions? Perhaps a good place to start is to resolve to be more like Christ each day of the year. It’s that simple. The traditional resolutions that are most often good and well-intended most often fall by the wayside a few months into the year.

Eating healthier, taking better care of the body God gave us, doing more for the Church or community, making more time for family, working harder at our job, receiving the Sacraments and participating in spiritual activities more fervently, etc. are all good things. If we resolve to be more like Christ each day and take that commitment seriously, our resolutions are much easier to commit to, to manage, and to keep. Resolving to be more like Christ in every area of our lives is in my judgment the most comprehensive and yet practical resolution we can make.

Perhaps that can be our New Year’s Resolution for 2014: Resolve to be more like Christ each day in our personal lives, our interpersonal lives, and our spiritual lives. And who better to help us imitate Christ more than His mother, Mary, Star of the Sea?

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski





December Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knight Report:

* Recently our council had 3 members pass away: Tom Stoltz, Louis Finelli, and PGK James Shoemaker. A moment of silent prayer for the souls of these Brothers was observed by the Council.

* Our recent K of C wake service for Brother Shoemaker had a fair attendance from our council. If you have interest in any of the K of C Services provided for Brothers who have passed, make sure your family is informed to call the council home.

* The K of C Memorial Mass and breakfast was well attended by the council members.

* Lastly I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas.

Bills and Communications:

* St. Vincent DePaul Assumption Chapel Food Pantry for our \$150.00\donation.

* Department of Veterans Affairs – James Van Zandt Medical Center for our \$250.00 Donation.

Donation Requests:

We received request for donations from:

* Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund, from Dennis J. Stoddard.

Motion by Brother Phil Baker for \$150.00 – Motion Carried

* Natalie Kipe (Williamsburg Senior High School) – People to People Student Ambassador Program.

* Motion by Brother Dennis McGeehan for \$50.00 – Motion Carried

* Sons of the American Legion, Hollidaysburg
Motion by Brother Clarence Becker for \$100.00 – Motion Carried

* Humanitarian Interfaith Ministries (HIM) postponed from the spring 2013, Father Joseph Maurizio, Johnstown, PA. This is for orphaned and abandoned street children in 10 countries in Latin America.
Motion by Brother Clarence Becker for \$100 – Motion Carried

* American Rescue Workers, Hollidaysburg
Motion by Brother George Husick for \$100.00 – Motion Carried

* St. Jude Hospital sandwich sale netted \$1,300.00
Motion by Brother Gary Selwitz to donate \$1,500– Motion Carried.

Certificates:

* Corrected 1st Degree certificates were presented to Joseph Schenk III and Edgar Dunning III

Awards:

* 1st Degree Honorary Scroll for Sir Knight Clarence Becker (corrected)

Financial Secretary Report:

* January 2014 Ham and Cheese sale benefits the Council.

* Thanks to all Knights that are selling the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Magnets and Static Clings. 200 additional magnets are on order and are expected Monday December 9, 2013.

Membership for 2014 is still \$36.00 and are due now!

Unfinished Business:

* The council needs a chairman for the Recruiting Committee

* Brother Jim Hodge is the

All the baptismal rose packages assembled earlier have been distributed to the churches. We have the materials, but more need assembled.

New Business:

- * ARC collection chaired by Brother Dennis McGeehan – More details in January.
- * Brother Dennis Dombrosky will again Chair the K of C Free Throw Championship on January 25 at St. Patrick’s in Newry. Please contact Dennis and plan to help with this project. Dennis can be reached at 814-695-1509 or at dinopapt@aol.com
- * Recorder Mike Metzgar asked the Grand Knight to explore the easiest way to record the Church of record for each Knight to facilitate communications . Through Supreme Council and with the payment of dues was suggested. The Grand Knight will investigate and report to Council
- * Brother Guy Luciano asked the Council if the request for and approval of charitable donations should have guidelines to better meet the needs of the community and fellow Knights. Discussion ensued and the Grand Knight said that he

has the responsibility to present the requests and for the Council to discuss and approve, table or deny. He suggested more discussion on donations before approval.

- * Brother Lou Endress said the ‘Keep Christ in Christmas’ billboard looks great! It is located near Stuckey Ford in Hollidaysburg.
- * Brother Ray Hipp suggested all donation requests be reviewed with the Treasurer to identify previous years donation.

4th Degree:

- * 2014 Membership dues need to be paid.
- * June 2014 a 4th Degree will be held in the Pittsburgh, PA area. Contact the Bakers if interested at pjbprjb@aol.com



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that have passed away. Especially PGK James Shoemaker, Tom Stoltz and Louis Finelli



January Birthdays

Deacon Robert B Dailey	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 F 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
Richard M Moyer	1/17
Christopher A Nelson	1/8
Peter J Paoli	1/29
Gary B Vassalotti	1/28
Edward E Zang	1/25
Lee R Zimmerman	1/24





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting

Jan 2, 2014 7PM

January (3rd Week) Council Ham and Cheeses sandwich sale

January 19 -K of C Walk for Life at Tyrone, PA. - 11:30AM

January 22 - Walk for Life in Washington, DC

January 25 – K of C Free Throw Tournament at St. Patricks – noon -2pm.



Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the these brother knights and their families:

- * Deputy Grand Knight Wilbur Henry is in the hospital for a blood infection.
- * Brother Bill Nelson had knee surgery and is recovering at home.
- * Brother Dan Turkovsky's brother has passed away... please pray for his soul and the Turkovsky family.



Who do you know that can help the Knights of Columbus and build a great career for themselves? Who do you know that has an outgoing personality, tremendous integrity and that you gladly would have sit at your kitchen table to help your family with their finances? Will you help me and the Knights of Columbus by introducing me to that gentleman? He may be a son, nephew, friend or in your parish.

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