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Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
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Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale

Delivery Date: Friday, January 22, 2016

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Orders on this sheet will be delivered by _____
Member Name

Contact Brother Paul Gargon with the total number of sandwiches ordered by 12pm on Tuesday January 19th Home- 814-695-7870

Look for us again in March!

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**January
2016**

**From the
Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

A new year is upon us. Part of beginning a New Year is being able to start out with a clean slate. This may not mean as much to some as it does for others. However, a lot of people get too fixated on the notion of making and adhering to New Year's resolutions. Don't get me wrong, I'm in favor of individuals trying to improve one aspect or another in their lives. After all, that is what resolutions are all about. That being said, it's a lot more effective if we set goals that are realistic. I believe the reason for most people losing sight of their resolutions is that they set the bar too high for themselves and end up getting frustrated. In order to help avoid this pitfall, we should all try keeping things a little more simple. For example, if you happen to be a person who is trying to lose some weight, remember to always take one day at a time. Small successes are still successes! Start out with a smaller goal to lose a few pounds and then try losing a couple more once that goal has been achieved. I truly think that if we would all try simplifying aspects of our lives we would all be surprised with the outcome. One final thought to leave you with – truly successful people will all tell you that visualizing yourself achieving your goals is a big step toward making them a reality.

Fraternally Yours, Lee

Chaplain's Message

Keeping Christ in Christmas AND THE NEW YEAR

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

“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.





December Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report:

Report provided from Lee Zimmerman – thanking all members for a successful ladies night and wishing a blessed Christmas to all Knights.

Application for membership:

First reading for David Fradeneck from St. Michaels parish in Hollidaysburg (no sponsor – David contacted the K of C). Nomination to accept the application was presented by Victor Ballash; Seconded by David DePastina; motion passed

Second Reading for Joseph Fernicola – Nomination to accept the application was presented by Victor Ballash; Seconded by Dan Casey; motion passed

Donation Request:

Family Services Inc. for the Christmas Program – no motion presented.

Sons of the American Legion, Hollidaysburg – to provide financial help to local families. Motion to donate \$100 presented by Jim Zimmerman; Seconded Gary Ellis; motion passed.

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

US Armed Forces Mothers for the \$100 donation to be used for the annual Christmas package mail campaign.

Financial Secretary Report:

2016 annual dues and currently due.

Tim offered his thanks with regard to the information provided on the membership reports. He also reminded us to provide the YEAR of our birthdays and anniversaries.

For planning purposes, when a Knight passes from this earthly life, your family or the funeral director will need to contact the council and request a Knights wake service per your degree or the 4th degree for a wake service and honor guard. You need to communicate your wishes to your family and the funeral director, since the Knights are not allowed to make the initial contact.

Sandwiches will be sold during the third week of January 2016; order forms will be included with the Star News.

See Tim for additional Shelby tickets.

November sandwich sale netted \$762.76 to be donated to St. Jude's. Jim Zimmerman presented a motion to round this up to \$800; John Brown seconded the motion; motion passed.

Fund Raising and Committee Reports:

Shelby Committee – Information was provided by Tim Surkovich 1225 tickets sold to date (500 at the Columbus, OH show in November) The Shelby is on display at Stuckey Ford Next show is in Pittsburgh and Tim will be contacting personnel to man the show.

The winner is NOT required to pay sales tax but will be required to pay a gift tax. If the winner does not wish to keep the car, Tim does have connections to personnel who will sell the car on the winners' behalf. The interior of the car is unique – no other Shelby has the same interior!

An ad was placed in the Catholic Register. Tim presented a motion for the Council to pay for this ad; Dan Moringiello provided the second; motion passed.

Basketball Free Throw Championship Committee -Information was provided by Dennis Dombrosky Contest will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Patrick's in Newry at 12:00-2:00 PM Medals are being refurbished Volunteers are needed to assist with the set-up, counting and recording. Volunteers to report at 11:15 AM Contact Dennis at 695-1509

Unfinished Business:

Volunteers are needed for the 2016 Hospitality meals – please sign up at the next meeting.

New Business:

Ron Harella reported that George Foster from Lamar will advertise the Keep Christ in Christmas on a local billboard. Ron has suggested that the council provide \$35 (fruit basket) to show our thankfulness to George. Gary Ellis presented the motion to donate \$35; Victor Ballash provided the second; motion passed.

Motion presented by Ray Baker to donate \$200 to St. Leonard's Home; motion passed.

Motion presented by Jim Zimmerman to donate \$100 to Waly Warmth; motion seconded by Ed Zang; motion passed.

Report of the 4th Degree:

Next meeting will be held on December 10th in Hollidaysburg





Happy Birthday

January Birthdays

Charles Baker	1/31
Matthew Becker	1/30
Walter Bloom	1/7
Dee Bragonier	1/5
John Cain	1/22
Marcellus Criste	1/16
Kirk Dodson	1/25
Richard Haines	1/21
Earl Hite	1/12
Merle Manning	1/20
Richard Moyer	1/17
Christopher Nelson	1/8
Gary Vassalotti	1/28
Ed Zang	1/25
Lee Zimmerman	1/24

DUES ARE DUE:

2016 Dues are Due! Each Brother received their First Notice in the mail. You also received a Information Report and Service Hour Report. Please make any and all corrections to the Information Report including but limited to your address,

phone numbers, email addresses, church parish you belong to, etc, be sure to include the year with birthdays and anniversaries and return it with your payment to Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich. Per Supreme Billing Procedures, anyone not paid by January 15, 2016 will be moved to Second Notice Status and will receive another Bill.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Guy Luciano, Lou Endress, Gary Selwitz, Jess Weaver, Clarence Becker, Bill Padamonsky and members of the Mike Metzgar family. Keep in your prayers our deceased Brothers, especially Francis Billotte.

Please offer a prayer of THANKSGIVING to celebrate the good health for Jim Zimmerman's daughter!

IMPORTANT!!!!

In early March of this year you received a letter regarding major expenses the council would soon incur. Also, the letter stated that the Home Association was looking at a major fundraiser to offset those expenses and help the charities we support. A great deal was mentioned in the letter about needing help before we could proceed and we are now happy to say we have had enough responses to move forward with the project. Now it's time for you to do your part to help make this fundraiser a success! The Home Association has secured a 2016 Mustang Shelby Super Snake. The MSRP on the car is \$96,954. It has a whopping 750+ horsepower engine. It is absolutely beautiful! The raffle date is October 2, 2016. Tickets are only \$10 each! We are asking that each member **sell at least 10 tickets**. Enclosed in this envelope are your first 10 tickets. If you are completely unable to sell all of them, please return them, but better yet if you need more call the council home at 814-695-4752 and let us know how many more you need. The more you sell the more we are able to accomplish. We suggest you have tickets on you at all times, you never know when an opportunity may come along to sell some. Our goal is to sell 25,000 tickets.

Besides selling tickets we could still use volunteers to go to car shows with us. This would lessen the burden on all those who have already volunteered. If interested call the council home or email us at kofc4245@gmail.com





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 1/7/16

Hospitality Provided by Ed Zang

1/7/16 Regular Council Meeting

2/4/16 Regular Council Meeting

1/22/16 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale. Orders Due 1/19/16 (Order Form included in next Newsletter)

1/23/16 Basketball Free Throw Contest, St. Patrick's Newry. 12pm-2pm Contact Dennis Dombrosky if you want to volunteer.

1/22-1/24/16 Shelby being shown at World of Wheels in Pittsburgh, PA

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Getting Prepared in 2016

Where did 2015 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2015. Our orders insurance program certainly did!

On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

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Now, the first quarter of 2016 is upon us and will be flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you,

and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Ken Scott, General Agent

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