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Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
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January 2017 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

New Years is here once again. The month of January, at least for me, is a month of reminders. At this time every year I am reminded that my birthday is coming up and exactly how much time has passed since I have been on this earth. Because I'm a creature of habit, this is the time of year when I have the most trouble writing the date on various documents. I have to constantly remind myself to write the number for the new year instead of writing the one I had been writing for the past twelve months. I personally don't believe in New Year's resolutions because I think we should strive to be the best version of ourselves all year long, but the new year does serve as a reminder to reaffirm our goals such as volunteering our time in the service of others, visiting the sick and homebound, and sharing love and compassion with others every day. So let the New Year remind you of why you are part of our wonderful organization and what core values that we should all be adhering to all year long, not just conjuring up a resolution because the secular world says so. With this in mind we must remember the values that we are fighting for and not forget what we have already accomplished.

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 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

First reading for John Davis, a member of St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg, Pa sponsored by David DePastina. Motion to accept the nomination was presented by George Husick; second by Guy Luciano; motion passed.

First reading for Raymond Gregorchik, a member of St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg, Pa sponsored by Jim Zimmerman. Motion to accept the nomination was presented by Guy Luciano; second by Dan Moringello; motion passed.

Minutes from the November 3, 2016

No corrections. Approved as read and posted.

Grand Knights Report:

N/A

Chaplains Report:

N/A

Donation Request:

From Sons of the American Legion for their holiday program for clothing, food and utilities. \$100 motion approved.

From Hollidaysburg Area Public Library for day to day operations . \$50 donation approved.

Proceeds from last Ham & Cheese Sale \$800 donation to St. Jude's Hospital approved.

\$100 donation to St. Leonard's Home approved.

\$45 donation for Ron Harella to buy a fruit basket for the gentleman from Lamar advertising for putting our Christ in Christmas Billboard on for free.

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

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry for our \$2,600 Donation from the Shelby Fundraiser. It stated we bought 250 chickens and 60 Turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Blair County ARC for our \$2,600 Donation from the Shelby Fundraiser. It stated it was an awesome day, well-orchestrated, loved the live call and live presentations. Planning committee must be exhausted. People with disabilities are often forgotten. Thanks again. Get some rest!

VA Hospital for our \$700 donation to the patient Christmas Gift Shop Fund from the Shelby Fundraiser. Overwhelmed by our generosity.

American Rescue Workers for our \$2,600 Donation from the Shelby Fundraiser. They were able to help an extra 117 children with food for Thanksgiving.

St. Jude's for our \$12,000 Donation from the Shelby Fundraiser. Our donation was used to help fund a 10 year old girl named Sierra with a cancerous brain tumor. She is now cancer free!

Financial Secretary Report:

Dues for 2017 are now due! First notices being mailed out. You will also receive your annual fraternal activity report. Please try your best to get both in by January 20th. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Intent to Retain member notices have until December 12th if they want to remain members of our council.

A new way to pay your dues has been added. You can pay online using PayPal. A \$2 processing fee is added to your dues.

Fund Raising and Committee

Ham and Cheese will be in January to benefit the Home Association. Delivery is Friday January 20th. Orders due to Paul Gargon by Tuesday January 17th at noon.

We now have a new fundraiser called our amazon link. Instructions are on the next page of the newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Dick Aiken announced that the Shelby Event, "Victory Celebration" will take place on January 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the

VFW Hall in Duncansville, PA and will include dinner and DJ/dance. Minimal fee of \$10/person will be charged. Pre-pay will be required and is due by December 30 – you can send the funds to the council. Chicken dinner will be served. Additional information will follow.

New Business:

The home association is selling tickets (\$1 ea.) based upon the PA lottery and the drawing will be held at the monthly meeting. #027 was the winning ticket number at the December 1 meeting.

Report of the 4th Degree:

Next meeting to be held December 15th 7pm at the Hollidaysburg Council Home. 2017 dues are due now.

Walk for Life will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Tyrone January 15th. 11:30AM

District Deputy Report:

We are still in need of a way to raise the funds for the ELM Sonogram program.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chaplains Summation:

N/A

Announcements:

Please consider signing up for the Hospitality after our meetings. Roasters are available and the council will reimburse you \$50. See Jim Zimmerman.

We still have 3 spots left for advertising on our newsletter. Cost for the year is \$36. a year or \$3 a month. If you have a business or know of someone that does please consider advertising with us.



In Memoriam to all Brother Knights that passed away during 2016 and throughout our councils history.

DUES ARE DUE:

2017 dues are now due! If you haven't received them in the mail already, you should shortly. Also PLEASE fill out the annual fraternal activity survey and return it by Jan. 20th. You can also pay your dues online. On the front page of our webpage are instructions on how to do so.



Happy Birthday

January Birthdays

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



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Tim Surkovich who is going in for surgery December 8th, for Ed Zang's mother-in-law, for Clarence Becker, for Fred Imler, Sr.

On our webpage www.kofc4245.org You'll see this new button on the front page. It is a new fundraiser. If you click on the button it will take you to instructions. Then you can click the button again and it takes you to Amazon. For everything you purchase from Amazon using this button the council receives 4% back. Share it with family and friends. Our council can then use the funds to give back to the community.



**JANUARY 15, 2017
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
TYRONE, PA
11:30AM**

Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 1/5/17
Hospitality Provided by Ed Zang



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4245 HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA



1/5/17 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By Ed Zang
7PM

1/8/17 Basketball Free Throw
Contest. St. Patrick's School
Gym, Newry PA 12PM Contact
Dennis Dombrosky for more
details.

1/13/17 Shelby Super Snake
Celebration Party. Duncansville,
VFW 6:30-?? RSVP by Dec 30th

1/15/17 Walk for Life. St.
Mathew's Church, Tyrone, PA
11:30 AM

2/2/17 Regular Council Meeting
Hospitality Provided By Bob
Hazenstab 7PM

SHELBY SUPER SNAKE CELEBRATION PARTY

FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 2017

6:30 - ??

DUNCANSVILLE, VFW

BUFFET MEAL, LIMITED OPEN BAR, DJ & DANCING

COST \$10 PER PERSON

RSVP TO DICK AIKEN BY DECEMBER 30TH WITH PAYMENT

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