

Council Officers

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March 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I seem to get into a lot of discussions these days. Last month was no exception. My latest discussion was about proper dress for a candidate during a degree. A lot of people seem to think a candidate should be in a suit. The difficulty is some young men don't own a suit, so now what do we do? It is up to the recommender to tell the candidate how to dress. But what about a Catholic gentleman who has no suit? Do we send him away? I like to discuss things but it gets harder and harder to come up with a good solution. Therefore, if any one has any thoughts about how a candidate should dress, please feel free to let me or someone on the council know. Happy Easter to all of you and your families.

Fraternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy March to you. In this month when we celebrate the Holy Season of Easter, may God's richest blessings of happiness and peace be with each of you, as we proclaim the joy of Easter: "He is Risen, He is truly Risen!"

In the meantime, we continue the good and challenging work of Lent. In these remaining Lenten Days, we hear the words of Max Lucado: "Could you use some courage? Are you backing down, more than you are standing up?" Remember that the disciples were common men, given a compelling task. Before they were saints, they were someone's next door neighbors trying to make a living and raise a family. They weren't raised on supernatural milk; but, they were an ounce more devoted than they were afraid; and, as a result, they did some extraordinary things. My friend, earthly fears are no fears at all. Answer the big questions of eternity, and the little questions of life fall into perspective. My Brother Knights, let us pray for the courage to remain faithful, in these final weeks of Lent.

After all, what is forty days of sacrifice, compared to an eternity of happiness? What is the risk of reconciling with someone we have struggled with, compared to an

eternity of peace and contentment? No matter how brave and self-confident we are, all of us need the extra dose of courage that only comes from our God. He gave it to Jesus on the road to Calvary, and He will bestow it upon us. All we need to do is ask, and then we will know His Peace. Let us pray for each other, knowing that the good work of Lent will bear fruit in the Easter season, and most of all, throughout all of eternity.

Please remember our Brother Knights and family members who may be sick, or in distress. God's blessings to you in this joyous month of March, when we look forward to these blessed words: "He is Risen; Alleluia!" Happy Easter, and until we speak again, I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

- 3/12 James G. Burke
- 3/27 Robert C. Burley
- 3/23 Joseph N Fagnani, Jr.
- 3/1 William F Gildea
- 3/1 Joseph P. Glass
- 3/29 Dwayne A. Harker
- 3/25 Wilber K. Henry
- 3/29 Raymond J. Hipp
- 3/13 John A. Jubas
- 3/22 Joseph L. Kaczor
- 3/9 Michael J. Kelleher
- 3/24 Allan S. Kelly
- 3/27 Larry D. Lashinsky
- 3/5 Harold E. Leahey II
- 3/14 Barry L. Lindsay
- 3/18 Joseph P. Merilli
- 3/8 David J. Montrella
- 3/13 Richard W. Raber
- 3/7 David C. Shrift

Please Pray for these sick Members.

Bill Moyer
Tom Riley
Charlie Houser's wife



February Council Meeting Notes

We received a letter of thanks from Father Joe Maurizio who is the spiritual advisor of the Humanitarian Faith Ministries in Honduras for our gift to the orphans and abandoned children under his care.

We received a letter from Shelby A. Rakoski. She is a 8th grader at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School. Shelby was selected to be a People to People Student Ambassador in Europe this summer. It is a 20 day experience. Our council donated \$75 to help her with this experience.

We received a letter from the Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson. In his letter our Supreme Grand Knight spoke of the upcoming visit by our Holy Father Pope Benedict. As we prepare for the Holy Father's visit our Brother Knight felt it would be a great opportunity to strengthen our ranks. A nationwide membership drive has been put into place where as any new member that exemplifies the first degree by June 30th of this year will have their name placed in a book in his honor. Also the new members will get certificates honoring their first degree with a picture of our Holy Father. Also during our meeting prayer cards were distributed especially for our Holy Father.

Grand Knight George Husick spoke of the upcoming convention in Lan-

caster this May. If anyone has any interest in attending please contact George for more information.

Special Welcome

Welcome to James R. Jones who transferred here from Council 4461. He is a 4th Degree Knight. James does his volunteer work at the Veteran's Home in Hollidaysburg.

Degree Reminder

A second degree team has been fully formed and they will start to practice. A second degree ceremony will be planned when they have completed their preparations.

Father O'Hanlon Council #4678, State College, will exemplify the Knighthood Degree (3rd) on March 30 at 2:00PM. Anyone interested see Lou Endress for details.

4th Degree News:

There will be an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on April 13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, PA (Harrisburg area). Any 3rd Degree member whose 1st Degree date is before April 13, 2007 can become a 4th Degree member. Please contact Faithful Comptroller Raymond Baker at 695-2546 or e-mail pjpbrijb@aol.com for more information.

Trips

A trip is planned to Penn State's Eisenhower Auditorium to see the off-broadway production of Evita. The trip is planned for April 10th. The cost for the trip is \$51 per person which includes your transportation and ticket. For more information please contact Lou Endress.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm.

The next meetings are:

Thursday, March 6 at 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 3 at 8:00 pm

March 27th Kickoff Spaghetti Dinner for Hand in Hand Chicken Bar-B-Q

April 10th Trip to Evita

April 18-20 Measure Up Campaign

April 15-20 Papal Visit

April 26 the Bellefonte Council #1314 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Congratulations.

Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Journey to the United States

Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church to the United States this April. The six-day trip will begin in Washington, D.C., and continue to New York City. The trip is historic, especially since the Holy Father will address the United Nations General Assembly, meet with President George Bush and visit Ground Zero. There will be several public events during the visit, including Mass at Nationals Park in Washington and Yankee Stadium in New York. For ticket information on those events, please visit the Web sites of the [Archdiocese of Washington](#) and the [Archdiocese of New York](#).

Pope Benedict XVI's Itinerary

- **Tuesday, April 15** Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. Greeting by President Bush and Mrs. Bush. Also present will be local dignitaries of the church and the apostolic nuncio.
 - **Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.** President Bush and the First Lady meet the Holy Father on the south lawn of the [White House](#). This is only the second time in history that a pontiff has visited the White House. At the end of the welcoming ceremony, a private meeting is scheduled for the Holy Father and the President, while dignitaries of the two states also meet.
 - **Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.** Private prayer service and meeting with the 350 bishops of the United States at the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#). Before the prayer service, which will be held in the crypt of the Shrine, there will be outdoor photo opportunities of the public welcoming the pope to this national church.
 - **Thursday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.** The pope will offer Mass at the new [Nationals Park in Washington](#). This will be the first non-baseball event in the park, and Catholics from around the country are making plans to attend.
 - **Thursday, April 17, 5 p.m.** The heads of the more than 200 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and superintendents from the 195 Catholic dioceses have been invited to an address by Pope Benedict XVI on the importance of Catholic education. The address will be on the campus of [The Catholic University of America](#), the only college in the United States operated by the bishops.
 - **Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.** Buddhists, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindi, Jews and representatives of other religions will gather with the Holy Father for a prayer service at the [Pope John Paul II Cultural Center](#), next door to Catholic University.
 - **Friday, April 18, 10:45 a.m.** Pope Benedict XVI will address the [United Nations](#), after an early morning flight to New York.
 - **Friday, April 18, 6 p.m.** Prayer service with leaders from other Christian denominations at St. Joseph's Church, founded by German Catholics, in Manhattan.
 - **Saturday, April 19, 9:15 a.m.** Mass for priests, deacons and members of religious orders at [St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) in the heart of New York City.
 - **Saturday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.** The Holy Father will meet with young Catholics, including 50 youngsters with a range of disabilities, at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. Thousands of young people, including hundreds of seminarians, are expected to participate in a rally/prayer service and to hear the pope speak.
 - **Sunday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.** The Holy Father will visit Ground Zero, the site of the disaster at the World Trade Center.
 - **Sunday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.** Mass at [Yankee Stadium](#) will bring this historic visit to a close. The 200th anniversary of the Baltimore Archdiocese's designation as an archdiocese, as well as the birth of four dioceses – Boston, New York, Louisville and Philadelphia – will be highlighted during the Mass.
- Sunday, April 20, 8 p.m.** Shepherd One lifts off from John F. Kennedy airport in the Brooklyn Diocese, heading east to the Eternal City.
- For ticket information** on events, please

SEMINARIAN ED- UCATION ENDOWMENT FUND



On the fifteenth day of June 1994, The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown created the so named fund to receive, manage and administer contributions as an endowment for the formation of Clergy for their Diocese. The INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION (originally known as the FOUNDATION for the ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN) shall hold said property, together with any additions and hereinafter shall invest and re-invest the same and distribute the net income in whole or in part for the purposes for which this ENDOWMENT WAS CREATED.

Over the past 13 years, the 41 Councils and 7 Assemblies of the Diocesan Knights has through the K of C SEMINARIAN FUND Sweepstakes annual JUNE tickets sale contributed the current value of \$245,000 in the FUND. Beginning in '94 with the intention to raise \$100,000 by 2000—which happened this year, the Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment Committee has plans to support OUR SEMINARIANS.

Working with Father Brian Saylor, Diocesan Vocations Director, the annual earnings from the SWEEPSTAKES sale will be distributed as 'cash' to the Seminarians each year to support their expenses over and above their tuition paid by the Diocese. From year to year this distribution may vary in value based on the number of Seminarians and also on the 'earnings' each year from the selling efforts of the Councils and Assemblies.

This year's distribution from the \$10,000 earned in June 2007 will be: \$2500 to the one being ORDAINED in 2008. This gift will be forthcoming at the end of the Third Semester and can be used to buy VESTMENTS, CHALICE and 1st Mass expenses. The balance will be divided between the current eight Seminarians, which will equal \$900 each. This will help them with the cost of their BOOKS and personal needs such as Toothpaste, Shaving Creams, Socks and Underwear for example. Our Council has 100 tickets to sell between now and April 24th when these tickets must be either SOLD or returned to the K of C VEFC. If you did not take a share at our February 4 business meeting, please consider what you can use to support our Seminarians and contact Financial Secretary Lou Endress to get some or even more if needed!



Measure Up Campaign



This years 'Measure Up' Campaign is upon us. Our council has participated in this worthwhile function since its inception. This year marks thirty years. The 'Measure Up' Campaign benefits The Arc. Most of the money that the Star of the Sea Council collects comes back to The Arc of Blair County, and a small percentage stays with The Arc of Pennsylvania. As a council, we solicit donations outside some of the area grocery stores (Sam's Club-Altoona, Giant Eagle-Roaring Spring, BiLo-Hollidaysburg and Riverside-Duncansville). We also collect after all weekend masses at the parishes represented by our council. While soliciting we wear our tunics and when a person donates we give them a small plastic ruler. The past several years we have collected \$4500 for The Arc. For many years we have received a Regional Service Gold Service Award for the most money raised in the Central East Region. Brother Knight Mark Frew and his brother-in-law co-chair this event. This even is very close to the heart of Mark, as his oldest daughter, Becky, has Down Syndrome. If you were unable to sign up to volunteer and man one of the collecting sites at our February meeting and are interested in helping out please contact Mark Frew at 693-6847.