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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights:

My fellow Knights, with Lent upon us let us all not forget about our Lenten journey by not forgetting Ash Wednesday. I would also like to remind all of us the words our chaplain shared with us about making sacrifices during the Lenten season. If we decide to give something up, make it meaningful by choosing something that is a sacrifice. If we decide not to give something up, we should look at picking something that is not in our routine but betters us and helps those around us. Let's make this Lenten season a time of sacrifice that strengthens our relationship with our God that sacrificed so much for us. I also ask all of you to remember my wife in your daily prayers. My wife is battling cancer and I am spending all the possible time I can with her. I'm sure all of your prayers and thoughts will benefit her and our family. God Bless.

Fraternally yours,

George



Chaplain's Message

Greetings and Peace to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a blessed month of March to you all. As you know, I begin each article with this same greeting. Truly, this is my prayer for you, and especially in this Lenten Season, that God's peace be with you in your good work of Lent. Because we are surrounded by much tension and uncertainty in our world, I pray that we never fear in seeking that peace that can only come from a loving and merciful God.

I now share some words from Max Lucado, that I believe summarize my hopes for Lent: "I wish we would take Jesus at His word. When He says we're forgiven, let's unload the guilt. When He says we're valuable, let's believe Him. When He says we're eternal, let's bury our fear. When He says we're provided for, let's stop worrying. God's efforts are strongest, when our efforts are useless."

I believe that guilt, fear, worry, and regret are four of the strongest demons in our world, and the ongoing challenge of our lives can be found in how we confront these demons. Mr. Lucado reminds us to "Let Go and Let God," believing that He can do far more through us, than we could imagine for ourselves. Whatever we are striving to do in this season of Lent to draw us closer to God, I pray that these good works will help us confront our fears,

anxieties, and regrets, so that we can begin our lives anew in the Easter season.

From time to time, people will ask me: "Father, you have to deal with so much sadness. Why do you do this work of hospital chaplaincy?" The answer I give to this very good question is always the same: "I am grateful that God has called me to this ministry, because each day I am privileged to see God doing God's work. God brings physical, emotional, and spiritual healing to patients and families, and it's great to be a part of it." In this Lenten Season, I pray that each of you are able to find healing in your lives. Once again, please pray for all who are sick and grieving, especially our Brother Knights and families.

Also, I thank each of you for your prayers and support for myself and my brother priests, deacons, and fellow religious men and women. Please continue to pray for vocations in the church, that all who are discerning may have the courage to respond to God's invitation and love. I look forward to seeing you real soon. May God keep you and your family safe this month, and until we speak again, I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

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



Happy Birthday

- 3/19 Ronald J. Benton
- 3/12 James G. Burke
- 3/27 Ronald C. Burley
- 2/23 Joseph N. Fagnani, Jr.
- 3/1 William F. Gildea
- 3/1 Joseph P. Glass
- 3/29 Dwayne A. Harker
- 3/25 Wilbur K. Henry
- 3/29 Raymond J. Hipp
- 3/13 John A. Jubas
- 3/22 Dr. Joseph L. Kaczor
- 3/9 Michael J. Kelleher
- 3/24 Alan S. Kelly
- 3/27 Larry D. Lashinsky
- 3/5 Harold E. Leahey II
- 3/14 Barry L. Lindsay
- 3/22 Thomas J. Matea
- 3/18 Joseph P. Merilli
- 3/8 Dr. David J. Montrella
- 3/13 Richard W. Raber
- 3/7 David C. Shrift
- 3/4 Robert Stubler



February Council Meeting Notes

We received a thank you from Mom's House in Johnstown, for our donation.

Dan Casey mentioned the blood drive coming up on March 9th. If interested in working contact Dan Casey at 942-4646.

Seminarian Endowment tickets are for sale. They are \$20. If interested contact Tom Sault.

The Fourth Degree coming up on March 29th is \$70 per candidate and

\$40 for a dinner companion. If you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight see Ray or Phil Baker, or George Husik.

Wilbur Henry can use all the help he can get on our newest fundraiser, the craft sale/ Yard Sale. If you are interested please contact him.

Mark Frew is looking to 48 timeslots plus parish stations in the up-coming Measure Up Campaign. There are 100 man hours to fill altogether.



Degree News

A Third Degree will be held March 22 at the State College Council Home. For more details please call 238-2688.

A Fourth Degree will be held in Grantville on March 29th. If you have been a Third Degree for a year and are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree please contact Ray Baker.

Congratulations

Michael Metzgar and Jason Larkin took their First Degree at our February Council meeting.

Reminder.

It's Dues time!! This years dues are \$33. Be sure to get your dues to Lou Endress.

Reminder: We are still collecting aluminum cans at the council home. Just throw them over the fence in the back.

There is a new Form 100. Please get yours at your next council meeting.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, March 5 7:00pm
Thursday, April 2 7:00pm

- March 7, St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, 6-11 PM at the Casino
- March 9, Blood Drive 12-6, Holidaysburg Council Chambers
- March 12, Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Priests and Jaffa Clowns, 6PM \$5 per person
- March 22, Third Degree State College
- March 29, Fourth Degree Grantville
- April 17, 18, 19 Measure-Up Campaign
- May 1-3, Knights of Columbus State Convention, Lancaster
- June 6, Yard Sale and Craft Sale Holidaysburg

High Tech



The Star News is going High Tech. For those of you that are interested in receiving The Star News via email instead of snail mail, email the Star News Editor, Tim Surkovich at tsurkovich@hotmail.com.

Starting next month I will begin to email those of you that have responded to me. You will receive The Star News in PDF format.

For those of you that still like the old paper method, have no fear, the post man will still be bringing it to your mailbox.