

### Council Officers

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## March 2012

### From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

There will be a 3rd degree in State College on March 18. Anyone interested, please call Lou Endress at 696-0843 or the council home at 695-4752. This is the chance for 2nd degree men to become Knights of the 3rd Degree. I hope everyone takes advantage of this degree. By the time you read this newsletter, the Lenten season will have already begun. Please do your best as Knights of Columbus to fulfill your Lenten obligations. Our annual stag spaghetti dinner with the Jaffa Clowns will be on March 21st at 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to bring prospective men who might be interested in being a Knight. Hope to see a great turnout. Have a wonderful Lenten season.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary



### Chaplain's Message

## “Making the Lenten Journey With Mary”

Brother Knights:

Most of the time things are made easier when someone helps us. Often times we discover that when we are on a journey, the experience is much more fulfilling and rewarding when someone familiar with where we are going accompanies us. That is especially true of the journey through Lent.

The journey of Lent is a journey into the soul and back to Christ. Who better to help us “navigate” our Lenten journey than Mary, our Mother? Like all journeys, the Lenten journey requires us to stay focused. It invites us to set goals of a spiritual nature. It leads us through prayer, self-denial and acts of charity into the desert of purification. Mary can and does help us through all of this.

As the model of discipleship, Mary's assistance is invaluable to us during Lent. We should invite her assistance in the many ways that are fruitful and efficacious. Of course, the daily recitation of the Rosary is one of the most effective. This prayer keeps us focused on the mysteries of Mary's life that of course, were shared with our Lord. The passion narratives read and meditated upon from the perspective of Mary plac-

es us more closely with the crucified and suffering Lord, as we experience the sorrow and the anguish that she experienced.

Another wonderful way to invite Mary with us on our Lenten journey is to pray the litanies in her honor. This helps us reflect upon the many virtues that Lent calls us to move toward. Reading and reflecting upon the life of Mary in general also enlightens us with the faith and hope that Mary had in her journey to Easter.

As we journey through Lent, we should not forget to let Mary come with us. After all, the title by which we honor her as our patron is all about her helping us find the way—Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Your Council Chaplain

*Father Anthony J. Legarski*



### Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all Brothers that are ill or distress especially Bernie Mikesic.

# Happy Birthday

Victor E. Ballash	4/17
John A. Bennis	4/16
Dennis P. Dombrosky	4/12
Denis M. Frank	4/10
Stephen C. Gildea	4/4
Timothy P. Gildea	4/1
Russell R. Irwin	4/9
Thomas J. King	4/8
Bernard J. Mikesic	4/13
Lynn R. Moyer	4/11
Vincent D. Moyer	4/26
Deacon Gene P. Neral	4/15
Vince A. Schneider	4/30
Robert J. Stanek	4/11
Thomas L. Sutch	4/27
Paul D. Yakymac	4/27



## March Council Meeting Notes

There was a request to sponsor Brothers Gerry Kovach and Tom Mathews in a footrace benefit for St. Patrick's School Motion for \$100 amended to \$200 passed unanimously.

There was a request by Brothers Zimmerman and McGeehan for Donation to Multiple Sclerosis Society - \$110 passed unanimously.

Brother Dennis McGeehan New Chairman of Measure Up Campaign reminded the council of the upcoming campaign.

Brother Jim Zimmerman reported that the reported 'Bottle Cap Campaign' was false.

Brother Clarence Becker paid for the new Council Home sign.

Spaghetti Dinner Date is set for March 21, 2012 .....bring a prospective member.

Altoona Council #551 will hold the District meeting on January 25, 2012 at 7pm. A pharmacist and an Insurance Agent will be the guest speakers. Inter Council activities are being planned and will be disseminated in the future.



## Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:

Thursday, March 1, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 14, Make Ham & Cheese

Thursday, March 15, Deliver Ham & Cheese

Wednesday, March 21, Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, April 5, 7:00pm

March 10-11, Father Aaron's Retreat



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I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. These principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

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## Correction

Last month's Newsletter was incorrect. Dues for this year are \$36.

## Ham & Cheese Sale

March's Ham & Cheese sale will take place Wed. March 14 and Thu March 15. Delivery on Thu due to Lent. The new cost is **\$2.50**.