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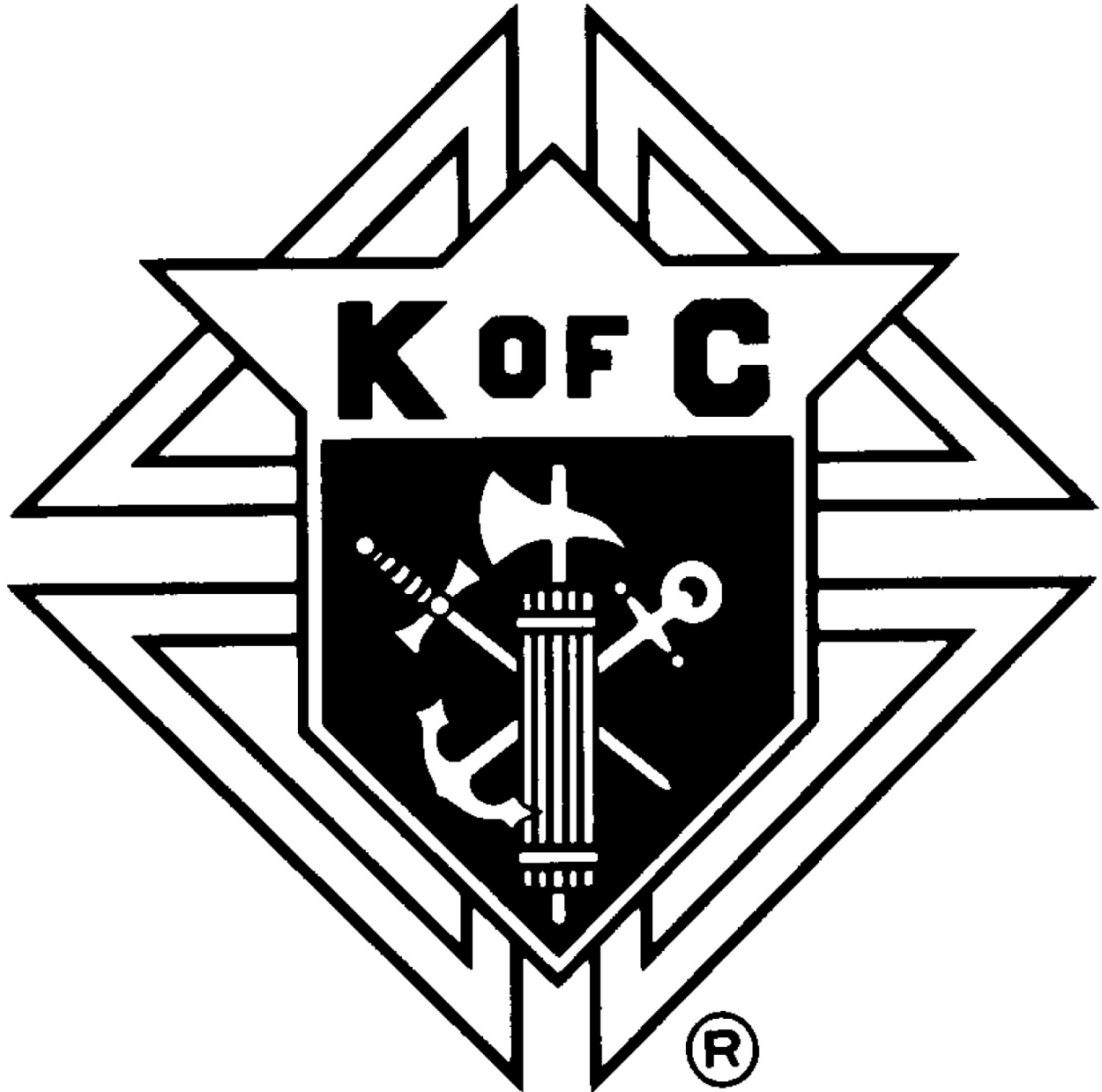
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# March 2014

## From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

March is shaping up to be another exciting and fruitful month at the Star of the Sea Council. There are ample opportunities for all of us to share our God given gifts with others and have some FUN in the process. As you read about the upcoming events in this newsletter, pause and pray on each of them, asking our Lord how you can assist in making these events successful. The spiritual season of Lent is an excellent time to build on your own personal relationship with him. Afterwards, think of the people we as a group can help. Some we may know, most we won't, but the bottom line is we are here to serve. Don't hesitate to spread the news of our good deeds. Who knows, others may want to have a little fun too. They may want to have that good feeling inside knowing that they have made a difference in many peoples lives. This could encourage them to become a Knight.

Fraternally Yours,  
Ron

### Prayer for the Poor by Mother Theresa

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them Peace and Joy. Amen

## Chaplain's Message

### **“The 40 Cans for 40 Days Project ”**

Brother Knights:

Hopefully we have come to understand Lent as the time when we must practice self-denial, Fast, pray more, be more conscious of and responsive to the needs of the poor and less fortunate, etc.

The reason for all of these things of course is so that we can see our faults and sins more readily, become reconciled to Christ more fully, and thereby heighten our longing for and celebration of the great Season of Easter and all that it promises.

Usually, however, we compartmentalize our observance of Lent; “I am going to give up...I am going to donate to or help with... I am going to try to do a better job...” If we take a moment to “think outside the box” we can undertake or engage in activities during Lent that help us with many of the areas of focus at the same time. There is no greater example of such an activity than the Knights of Columbus' project “40 Cans for 40 Days.”

What a wonderful way to bring together the many areas of focus that should be a part of our Lenten Season. In this initiative, Brother

Knights are asked to celebrate Lent in a way that is at one and the same time sacrificial, prayerful, and mindful of the poor and the need to give alms.

Each day the Knight (and anyone else who would be able to join him) is asked to stop, think of a person in need, obtain out of pocket a non-perishable food item, place it aside, and say a prayer for the poor and those in need. When done over the Lenten Season, the person would have denied himself, prayed for others, given alms, and grown closer to Christ 40 times.

In this project, the participant practices self-denial, prayer, almsgiving, and charity in the same act. When the Sacrament of Reconciliation is added to this and perhaps other devotional practices, it makes for a very fruitful Lent.

I urge all of my Brother Knights to give serious consideration and prayer to making the “40 Cans for 40 Days” the central part of your Lenten self-denial, prayer, and alms. As you do so, remember to commend the plight of the poor and less fortunate to the love of Christ and Mary, our mother and Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Your Council Chaplain

*Father Anthony J. Legarski*



## **February Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Grand Knight Report:**

Our Ham and Cheese sandwich sale is coming up in March. All orders must be called in to Brother Gary Selwitz, by March 17. Sandwiches will be made at the Council home on Wednesday, March 19 for delivery March 20.

Three things are vital for a successful council: Officers, Recruitment and Volunteers.

The office of Grand Knight (must be Third Degree) and Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard will be open for the upcoming June election. All members of this council should consider volunteering for these two Officer positions.

### **Chaplains Report:**

Reminder that Lent begins on March 5, 2014.

### **Bills and Communications:**

#### **We received thank you notes from:**

Most Reverend Brother Joseph V. Adamec (letter read at the meeting)

Ms. Peggy King thanking the K of C for the Mass remembering her husband Brother Tom King.

### **Donation Requests:**

Ms. Mary Ann Chamberlain AF-SCME Team Captain for MS Society – Motion by Brother Gary Selwitz - \$200 – Motion passed.

St. Patrick's Day Race to benefit St. Patrick's Church and School from Father Allen Zeth – Motion by Chancellor Dennis McGeehan - \$200.00 – motion passed.

Dreams go on – from Program Manager Debbie Kelly – Therapeutic horseback riding – Motion by Brother John Brown - \$200.00 – Motion passed

### **Audit and Trustee Report:**

The Council Audit was done on January 29, 2014 at 6pm and all accounts were in order.

### **Committee Reports:**

Baptismal Rose, Chaired by Jim Hodge, materials are ordered and a time will be announced for the assembly process.

The K of C Foul Shot Contest, Chaired by Dennis Dombrosky, was attended by 14 children and 6 Brother Knights volunteered. Four winners will compete in the region championship.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The council needs a chairman for the Recruiting Committee

### **New Business:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Candidates:**

If you are First Degree Knight, a Second Degree ceremony will be held on February 23, 2014.

If you are a Second Degree Knight or a newly made Second Degree Knight, a Third Degree, Full Knighthood, is scheduled March 30, 2014.

**Both Degrees** will be held at Father O'Hanlon Council No. 4678, 850 Stratford Drive, State College, Pa.

All interested in the **Second Degree** will meet at our council home at 12 Noon to car pool to State College.

All interested in the **Third Degree** meet at the council home at 11:30AM to car pool to State College.

**Dress code for both Degrees is coat and tie.** If interested notify Lou Endress, Financial Secretary (814) 932-0420.

Our annual March Spaghetti **Recruitment Dinner** will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014. We need volunteers to set up the hall at 3:00PM. The stag dinner social will begin at 5:15PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM. Cost \$5.00: This is a Recruitment Dinner, please bring someone who is a potential candidate to join our council.

Father Aaron would like to know if there is enough interest for him to have his overnight retreat in New Baltimore. Cost is \$100. A date has not been scheduled until the responses are tabulated. Please contact the Grand Knight if you are interested in attending.

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#### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be held at: Doubletree by Hilton, 500 Mansfield Avenue, (Greentree) Pittsburgh on Sunday, June 8, Mass at 10AM, registration 11am to 12:30PM, Degree begins 1PM, Ladies luncheon 1PM and Banquet 5PM. Any third Degree Knight interested in taking the fourth Degree, contact Baker Brothers at [pjbbrjb@aol.com](mailto:pjbbrjb@aol.com) or call 695-2546. Cost to register is \$70.00 and a tuxedo is required for the degree.

Fourth Degree meeting will be held on February 27, 2014 at 7PM in Altoona.

#### **Chaplains Summation:**

Father spoke about the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis.



## **Happy Birthday**

### *March Birthdays*

Ronald J Benton	3/19
James G Burke	3/12
Robert C Burley	3/27
David S Eger	3/7
Joseph N Fagnani, Jr.	3/23
William F Gildea	3/1
Joseph P Glass	3/1
Dwayne A Harker	3/29
Wilbur K Henry	3/25
Raymond J Hipp	3/29
John A Jubas	3/13
Dr. Joseph L Kaczor	3/22
Michael J Kelleher	3/9
Allan S Kelly	3/24
Larry D Lashinsky	3/27
Harold E Leahey II	3/5
Barry L Lindsay	3/14
Thomas J Matea	3/22
Thomas L Matthews	3/16
Joseph P Merilli	3/18
Dr. David J Montrella	3/8
Gregory F Nearing	3/25
Richard W Raber	3/13
David C Shrift	3/7
Robert J Stubler	3/4

I just received from Father Aron Maghsoudi, Over night retreat for Knights of Columbus to be held the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA. The retreat will begin on Saturday afternoon at 3:00PM and will conclude at the same time on Sunday afternoon. The retreat will include Holy Mass, several conferences, plenty of time for quiet reflection, as well as social time with your brother knights. The cost is \$90.00 per person, which includes a room, three meals, and refreshments. If interested please contact Ron Harella, GK (814) 696-3295 before March 10<sup>th</sup>.



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that have passed away.



## Council Calendar

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

**Next Meeting: 3/6/14**

**March 5, 2014** – 40 Cans (non perishable food) for 40 Days begins for our Council. This is a program to help feed the hungry, enrich your spiritual life with a prayer for the hungry people of the world each day and raise funds for our Council. GK Harella, Chairman.

**March 6, 2014 at 7 pm. Monthly Meeting, Hospitality meal prepared by Brother Dennis Dombrosky.**

**April 7, 2014** – Red Cross Blood Drive at the Council Home Noon to 6pm – Chairman, Brother Dan Casey. Please plan to donate and volunteer.

**April 25-27, 2014** Arc of Altoona fund drive at all Parishes, Giant Eagle - Altoona, Walmart – East Freedom, Hometown Market – Hollidaysburg. This collection of money benefits Blair County residents with developmental disabilities. Chairman Chancellor Dennis McGeehan. Volunteer your time and contact Dennis at: [Abbax8@hotmail.com](mailto:Abbax8@hotmail.com)

**May 11, 2014 – Mothers Day Dinner** at the Council Home. Catered (Wilbur Miller) Stuffed Chicken Breast/Ham Dinner fund raiser. \$10 per person – Two seatings for dinner of 100 people. Contact Brother Dennis Dombrosky, Chairman at: [dinopapt@aol.com](mailto:dinopapt@aol.com)

## Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for Brother Tom Mathews of Duncansville who is recovering at home and will be attending meetings soon.

Continue to pray for Brother Tom and wife Diane Sault, Brother Bernie Mikesic.



### Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How

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