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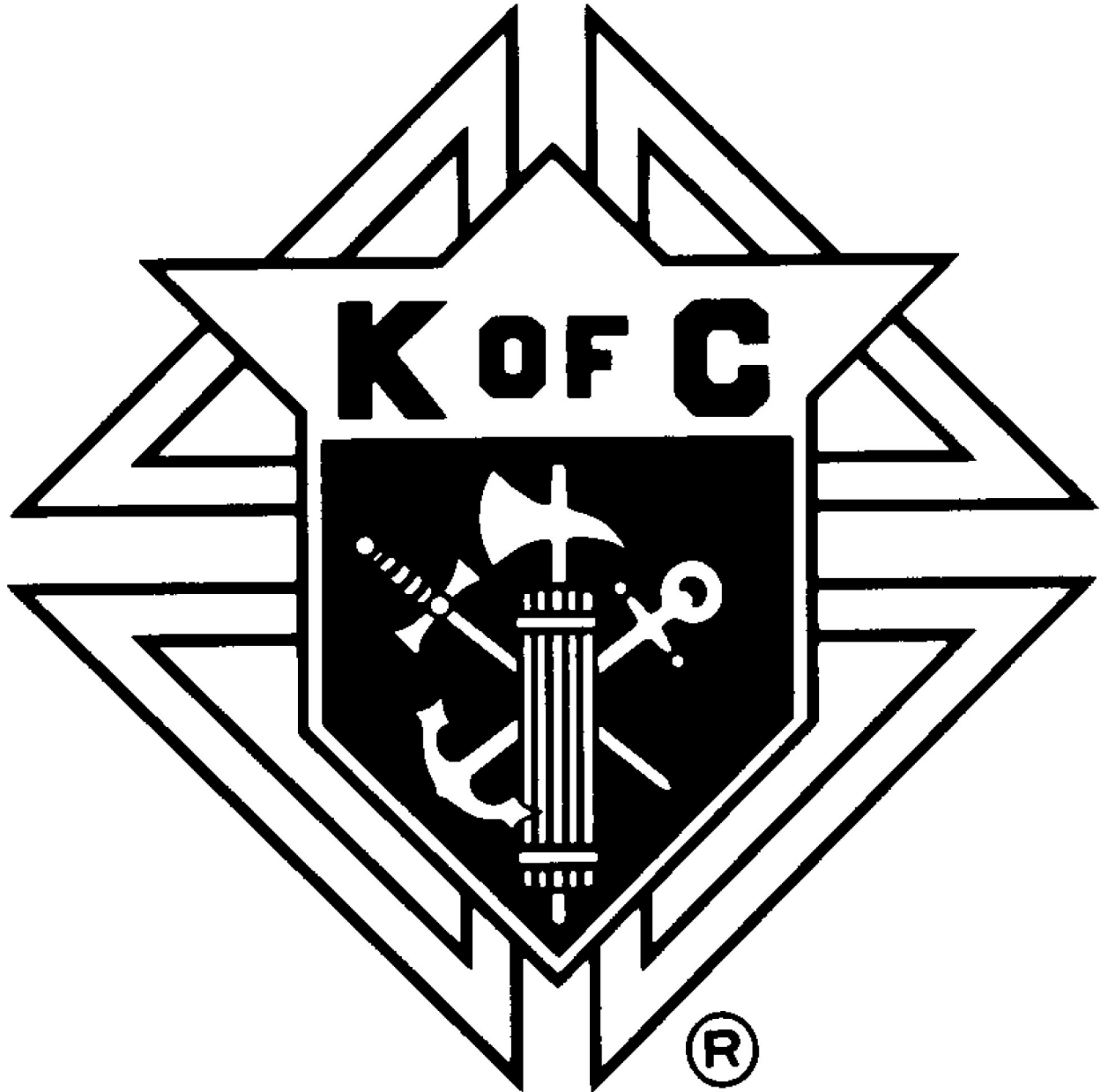
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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

If you get what you want and you want what you get, is the wanting as good as the getting, or is the getting as bad as the wanting? All of us have desired ownership of a certain item only to admit later that not only is there little if any need but the craving to own has lost its appeal. The next thought that comes to mind is a way to get rid of it which often leads to giving it away I'm not suggesting in any way that you deprive yourself, just to think it through more carefully. Those times we decide not to act on impulse provide an opportunity to donate a portion of that money to a worthy charity. Now that's a guarantee of true happiness. The giving away of some of our time is another excellent way to achieve personal satisfaction. We begin with our own family, relatives, and friends, which could lead us to participation in our council. Now we are talking about our community and sometimes beyond. The Star of the Sea Council provides numerous opportunity's for such a time donation and this unity among brothers presents the benefit of more friendship. Almighty God has sent many good people down my path on this journey we call life and proudly I can honestly call some of these men my Brother Knights, my friends. I learned from my mom, love isn't love until you give it away. If we think about all the gifts given to us, I'm sure we can find that true happiness, and give some of these gifts a way. Check your newsletter for upcoming events!

Fraternally yours,

Ron

Chaplain's Message

"Becoming An Alleluia People"

Brother Knights:

The month of May brings with it the resounding sound of a word that was not heard or used liturgically during the five weeks of Lent: Alleluia!

This word of grateful praise and jubilation is how we respond to the wonderful victory over sin and death that Christ has won for us. In a special way throughout the fifty days of the Easter Season until Pentecost, it is given even more prominence and usage than during the ordinary time of the year.

We should be all about wanting to praise, sing, and proclaim: Alleluia! But there is an even greater challenge for us as Brother Knights and Christians. That challenge is to move during this Easter Season and beyond from being a people who proclaim "Alleluia" to being an **Alleluia People!** Every year during the Easter Season we are called to climb that mountain, to rise to that call, to move to that objective, i.e., to become an Alleluia People. What does that mean?

Well, put simply, it means that what we celebrate externally and liturgically in the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of eternal life it brings to us, is personalized and becomes the driving catalyst

for everything we do in His name as Catholic men and as a Brother Knights. A spirit of Alleluia must permeate our works of fraternity and charity. It must demonstrate to others that we do the things we do and live the way we live because we truly believe in the everlasting life that Christ has won for us by His own death and resurrection. To paraphrase Saint Paul, we must demonstrate to others that "...it is no longer we who live, but Christ lives in us. (*Galatians 2:20.*)"

If we remind each other and those we serve that the Risen Christ is our motive for what we do, then we have gone from a people who sing "Alleluia" to an Alleluia People! In this journey, we are not alone. We are prompted by the Holy Spirit, assisted by the saints, and led by Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



April Council Meeting Minutes

1st Degree Ceremony in Honor of Father Raymond G. Crosser

The 1st Degree Ceremony was in honor of Charter member, Charter Chaplain Father Raymond G Crosser. Father Crosser named the Council ‘Star of the Sea’ in honor of **Our Lady. Star of the Sea** is an ancient title for the [Virgin Mary](#), mother of [Jesus Christ](#). The words **Star of the Sea** are a translation of the [Latin](#) title *Stella Maris*.

Grand Knight Report:

The GK had the privilege of observing three Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremonies. The first degree held here at our Council home and a second and third degree held in State College. Congratulations to all the candidates that participated in these degrees and thank you to those members from this council who showed their support by their attendance for these Brother Knights.

Our Council recently received donations from:

*Jessica Becker
Fred Imler
Jaffa Clowns*

Nominations for Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Inside Guard will be held at our next meeting on May 1, 2014

Chaplains Report:

Father Crosser spoke briefly and commended our Council for the great number of men in attendance. He told

us about his many years in the Knights of Columbus at all of the stations where he has been assigned in the Diocese. He also spoke about the naming of the Council in honor of the Virgin Mary.

Bills and Communications:

We received thank you notes from:

Diane Sault and Family for our K of C wake service and our attendance at Sir Knight Tom’s funeral mass.

Donation Requests:

The Serra Club for advertising on their souvenir program. Brother John Brown motion for a full page ad: \$150....motion passed

Hollidaysburg Public Library – Discussion pro and con – Motion by DGK Wilbur Henry for \$100 - carried with ‘no’ votes from the membership.

Certificates:

Certificates were awarded to 8 new members receiving the 3rd Degree

Certificated were awarded to 6 new members receiving the 1st Degree

Awards:

1st Degree Honorary Scroll for Charter Member and Charter Chaplain who also named our Council The Star of the Sea, Father Raymond G. Crosser. There was a standing ovation for this Knights of Columbus Chaplain and leader of our Order.

Financial Secretary Report:

4 Seminarian tickets and some Gun Raffle tickets remain for sale.

The last sandwich sale had 900 ordered How many did you sell?

Unfinished Business:

The council needs a chairman for the Recruiting Committee

Brother Allan Duman announced speaker Scott Hahn, (who appears on EWTN) will speak at St. Francis University on April 10, 7 pm at the JFK Student Center, the event is free.

New Business:

2nd and 3rd Degree Candidates:

K of C Wake Service – any members (new or old that haven’t signed up) interested in participating in our services for our deceased Brothers notify GK Ron Harella at 696-3295. At these services we respectfully pray according to the families requests.

4th 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 pjpbri@ao.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 April 24, 7pm, in Altoona

District Deputy Report:

The area is still in need of a District Deputy. If interested contact Bill Erbeck at 814-684-1327.

Past District Deputy William A. Erbeck – Bill informed me that the second degree team is in need of a volunteer. If interested please contact Bill Erbeck or the Grand Knight. Also, the Bellwood Council candidates received the First Degree at an earlier date.



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that have passed away, or are in need of your prayers.

Brother Victor Balash thanked the council as an ARC acknowledgement

Deputy Grand Knight Wilbur Henry acknowledged the great work of Grand Knight Ron Harella to a large round of applause.

He is Risen!



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

Clarence A Becker	5/13
Peter Berggren	5/6
William H Bogel	5/24
Daniel C Brogdon	5/29
Albert R Brown	5/7
Philip M Claar	5/12
William T Creek	5/29
John P Donely II	5/2
Edward E Dunning	5/25
Chad M Eger	5/7
Louis R Endress	5/19
Ronald J Harella	5/17
Douglas J Harker	5/27
Donald F Harrington	5/22
John J Hazenstab Jr	5/16
Stephen F Kovach	5/20
Clark V Liebegott	5/7
Mark D Mielnik	5/14
Robert J Moyer	5/16
Barry D Ray	5/12
Darryll W Sommers	5/20
Daniel J Turcovsky	5/5

Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love,
 love coming down from heaven,
 love blanketing the earth
 in a transforming embrace;
 unique and infinite love,
 giving more than we can imagine
 for us, to cleanse our sin,
 a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,
 the walking, talking Word.
 He is teacher, role model, friend,
 this God in human form,
 dying, then rising from the dead,
 proving all who believe
 will also rise
 to have eternal life, with Him,
 Lord of all.

Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!
By Joanna Fuchs



Mothers Day Prayer

May the blessing of the Divine
 Be an especially bright benediction
 Upon mothers everywhere
 On your blessed day -
 On Mother's Day!



Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 5/8/14

April 3, 2014 - First Degree scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd, 2014, Chaired by Dave Carl

April 17, 2014 - Lenten Food Drive – 40 Cans for 40 Days, Chaired by Ron Harella. All food items should be delivered to the Council Home on **Holy Thursday, April 17** between 8:30AM and 10:00AM **or by prior arrangement.** Brothers Jim Hodge, John Longenecker, Gary Ellis and John Brown have volunteered to transport our collection to the Food Pantry. More volunteers are needed. Please stop in for coffee and donuts.

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

GK added to the minutes: We had 48 Brother Knights present at the April meeting and we still have open spots for the store collections! Of the entire membership only 13 Knights have volunteered to collect at the stores!

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

To date 60 tickets have been solddo your part! This is a K of C fundraiser..... 50% of the sales benefit the Council.



A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2014, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also

mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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