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November 2009

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Thanksgiving day in America is a time of celebration to offer thanks at our family gatherings enjoyed by friends at our holiday meal, which has become the thing of the day, and gives us the opportunity to renew the times that binds us with the ones we love. It is a time for remembering love and being thankful for all the good things you have been blessed with, so it is time to say Happy Thanksgiving while enjoying turkeys, stuffing, corn, and pumpkin pie. A time for holiday parades, giant balloons, and even a couple of football games.

Thanksgiving Day, as the name itself suggests, is a time to offer thanks especially to God, so we have this day set aside for giving our thanks to the almighty God for the thousands of blessings he has given to us, such as, our daily bread, water, sunshine, flowers, parents, love, and everything that is beautiful in nature and that we take for granted. Thanksgiving is also the day to take time to pay thanks to wherever it is due and the people to whom we are indebted for things they have done for us and the love and care they have shown for us and share God's love equally.

So in conclusion, we thank you very much Lord for the many things like happy enjoyable meals, harvests, wealth, loved one's, and friends. For as you had told the Apostles dear Lord; "you shall always have the poor," and they are obviously those whom are in need of charity. Which makes this day all the more about Thanksgiving.

Fraternally Yours

Barry L.

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to all my brother knights and your families, and a Happy November to you. As I write this article, I am at the midpoint of my retreat and study program in Chicago. While it continues to be a good experience, I am a little closer each day to returning home, which I look forward to with much anticipation. Again, thanks for all of your prayers, and I especially thank Father Tony Legarski for filling in these last few months. November is the month of Thanksgiving, and the beginning of the Christmas season; but, it is also the month of "All Saints Day," when we remember all Canonized Saints in our Catholic Tradition, along with those people who are modern day saints for us: such as our parents, good friends, and co-workers.

As we give thanks this month, I pray that most of all, we thank God for the saints of our church. We are strengthened by their example of perseverance through suffering, and their trust in the power of God's grace working through them. There are many great saints, and I encourage you to read the "Lives of the Saints," and make their stories part of your weekly reading and daily prayer. In this article, I will present four examples. First, St. Francis of Assisi prayed for many people; but most of all, he prayed to Jesus Christ, that he may know and feel in his soul and body the pain of Christ's most bitter passion, and the love that made His suffering bearable. Second, it was Saint Maria Goretti, who chose to be martyred rather than physically violated, and her life and words continue to have a profound impact on me. The words are these: "Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear, so long as your grace is with me. It is your strength, stronger than any adversary, that will help me and give me guidance."

Third, for Saint Clare of Assisi, God's peace meant more than just a physical calm. It meant the challenge of making

room in her soul for all of God's children, and inviting others into her heart, through a deeper call to prayer and ministry in the church. And finally, it was the Franciscan Saint Berard and his companions that gave their lives in Morocco, while preaching to the Mohammedans. It is written in the Chronicles of their Minister General: "They entered the city, and began to preach to the Saracens in the market place. When the king heard this, he commanded that they be sent to prison, where they spent twenty days without food or drink, nourished only by divine consolation. When he later found them professing the Catholic faith, he became greatly angered, and ordered them to be tortured in various ways."

These four saints inspire me, and I thank God for their lives and good example. May each of you give thanks to God, in your daily prayers, for those saints who inspire you to greater faith. The best way we can show our gratitude for their inspiration, is to strive toward greater faithfulness in our daily prayers and our ongoing efforts to make every Sunday Eucharist a personal encounter with Christ. May each of you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday, and be assured of my thoughts and prayers in this month of November. I thank God for each of you, your good work, and your continued prayers for me. As we draw closer to the beginning of the Advent Season, may we continue the good work God has begun in us, and know His Presence and Grace in our lives each day. Until we speak again, we pray for all the sick, especially the members of our Council, and I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

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



Happy Birthday

David P. Andrews	11/7
Joseph R. Dodson	11/1
Alan F. Duman	11/7
Michael J. Ercole	11/1
Louis J. Fanelli	11/8
Richard G. Fleegle	11/1
Dale T. Frank	11/26
David C. Gehret	11/23
John J. Hazenstab III	11/26
Michael J. Kovach	11/11
William A. Kovensky	11/4
Mark D. Mielnik, Jr.	11/4
Dan J. O Dowd	11/9
Gary C. Ray	11/11
Robert P. Reed	11/13
William D. Rossman	11/19
Thomas J. Sault II	11/16
Donald M Servella	11/5
Edward J. Shrift	11/6
Rev. John J. Slovinski, Jr.	11/6
David P. Smithmyer	11/9
Richard F. Stoltz	11/13
Edward W. Vaniel	11/15
Jesse J. Weyant	11/28
Scott A. Zimmerman	11/9



October Council Meeting Notes

Because of Mark Leberfinger's work schedule he is unable to attend our council meetings. Mark is now going to be replaced as Deputy Grand Knight by Brother Allan Duman.

Council voted to buy a \$55 half page ad in the Vocations Fund Program Booklet requested by the Knights of Columbus Endowment Fund.

Council received a letter from Knights of Columbus Fraternal Services in regards to "The Year of the Priest" They suggested ways we can support of priests. Our council is looking at a Priest Appreciation Dinner, and purchasing and distributing "In Solidarity With Our Priests" buttons. We are also going to have our 1st Degree Ceremony conducted in honor of a priest.

A presentation to Bill Nelson was made for outstanding recruiting.

Grand Knight Barry Lindsay received a letter from Gary R. Nolan, Knights of Columbus, Director of Ceremonials on saying of the rosary and council meetings. Based on information in the email the rosary will now be said after the meeting is over on a voluntary basis.

Council purchased 5 of the football fundraiser tickets.

Our council once again will be purchasing and having displayed a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
 Thursday, November 5 7:00pm
 Thursday, December 3 7:00pm
 Ham and Cheese Sale, Make November 19, Deliver November 20
 November 15, Council Memorial Mass for deceased brothers, St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg, 8:00am

Degree News

The Altoona and State College councils will be holding 3rd and 4th degree ceremonies this November and April. The schedule is as follows:

Third Degree

Altoona, Sunday November 1
 Report 1:00, Ceremony 2:00

Fourth Degree

State College, April 18
 \$70 per person plus either a purchase or rental of tux.

If interested in any of the degrees, please see Lou Endress.



Thoughts and Prayers

Please continue to keep in your prayers Brother Jack Frank who is now home and recovering from his recent heart surgery.

Keep Father Brad our chaplain in your prayers during his sabbatical.

To send Father Brad a note while he is on sabbatical:

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In Memorium

Please keep in your prayers all Brother Knights and their family members that have passed before us.