

Council Officers

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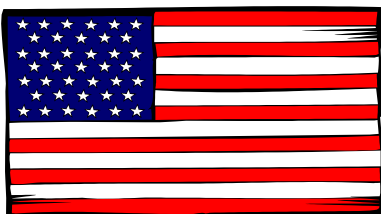
From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

My brother Knights, it is the time of the year that we start celebrating our Saints and in December our Lord and his son's birthday. On that note, we should be praying for our great country's survival. With the sad state of the economy, unemployment and the constant threat of terrorism, we need to depend on the Lord to keep this country as great as it was when our forefathers founded it. I would like to invite everyone to our memorial mass for our deceased brothers at St Mary's Church at 8:00 on November 21st. There will be a breakfast in the St Michael's church basement following the mass for a small charge. I hope to see everyone turn out to pay respect for our fellow deceased brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

Gary



Chaplain's Message

"The Faithful Departed"

Brother Knights:

In the 27 years that I have been a Priest, I have found that one of the most frequently misunderstood teachings of the Church by the faithful, as well as non-catholic's, is without question, the teaching of Purgatory. The misunderstandings range anywhere from confusing it with "limbo" to some sort of a "third option" when we pass from this life. Fortunately for us, neither is the case. That is a good thing.

A more theological treatment of Purgatory, as well as the scriptural basis for it, is given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Numbers 1030-1032.

Actually, Purgatory is not a very complicated dogma of our faith. Unlike Heaven or Hell, Purgatory is not eternal. It is temporary. It is not a place so much as it is a process of purification that is experienced by those who will eventually enter Heaven, but must first be cleansed of imperfections and transgressions which they incurred in this life, not sufficient to put them in Hell. The Church refers to this as temporal punishment, or punishment for a time. The anguish, the longing, the intense desire to finally enter eternity with our Lord is the "punishment" that is being referred to.

So, how can we help the faithful departed? We can do so by lessening that time of purgation, that time spent in Purgatory. We do this by prayers and good works on their behalf. We remember them daily and every time we participate in Mass.

We offer Masses for them. It is never a frugal or ineffective thing to pray for the faithful departed. If they have already entered into the Kingdom of God, others will benefit from our prayers and good works; especially those who have no one to pray for them, or those to whom we refer to as: "the poor souls in Purgatory".

During this month of November particularly, the Church asks us to focus on the faithful departed. We celebrate those we believe to be in the presence of God by the lives they lived on this earth on November 1st, the Feast of All Saints. We remember those who are in Purgatory—particularly those who have no one to pray for them—on November 2nd, the Commemoration of All Souls.

As Knights we give tremendous witness to our belief in a merciful and loving God by remembering in our thoughts, words, and deeds "... those who have gone before us marked with sign of faith." May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And may all those who have gone before us be assisted by our prayers and the intercession of our patroness and mother—Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski

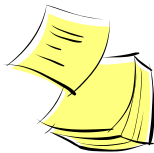


Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

David P. Andrews	11/7
Joseph R. Dodson	11/1
Allan F. Duman	11/7
Michael J. Ercole	11/1
Louis J. Fanelli	11/8
Richard G. Fleagle	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
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. Slovikovski, 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

We received a card from the McTigue family thanking council for remembering Brother James McTigue on his passing.

A donation of \$250 was made to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Cresson to help with the purchase of a new truck and plow for their winter needs.

We made a donation of \$100 to the Sons of the American Legion to help

with their program to purchase winter gloves and clothing for the needy.

Council donated \$100 to the Armed Forces Mothers for their Christmas packages program for our troops serving here and abroad.

We made a donation of \$100 to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Campaign. The Marines are also asking for anyone that would be willing to help in their efforts.

Council made a \$100 donation to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

It was announced that Recorder Mark Frew has resigned and his resignation was accepted with regret. Grand Knight Gary Ellis thanked Mark for his outstanding service to council. The Financial Secretary will be checking the bylaws and inform council on the process for replacement.

Brother Dave Karl received a recognition pin for our first degree team.

Council approved funds to support our Christ in Christmas campaign and billboard.

Four of our Brother Knights and their wives made the trip to the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia last month with other Shriners. Grand Knight Gary Ellis commented on them being treated like gold while they were there and encouraged other brother knights to make the trip in the future.

Grand Knight Gary Ellis discussed the possibility of taking a weekend trip to New Haven, CT to the Knight's of Columbus Headquarters and St. Mary's Church for all Brother Knights and their wives. A great deal of interest was shown and so Financial Secretary Lou Endress will be looking into the possibilities and be reporting back to council.

Please Consider Helping Us:



Our first degree team is in need of help. So that we can offer the exemption of the first degree in a more timely manner we need members to help with the team. Please consider being a part of the team. If interested contact Dan Turcovsky.

We now have a new field agent to help us with our insurance needs. If interested in his services here is his contact information:

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Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, November 4 7:00pm
Thursday, December 2 7:00pm



Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knight's and their families that are sick, in need or in distress.