

Council Officers

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November 2011

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The month of November is the time we remember our faithful departed brothers and their families. Our council will be having a memorial mass for this purpose on November 20th at the 8:00 a.m. mass at St. Catherine's Church in Duncansville. I'm inviting everyone to attend the mass. A great turnout would be a way of showing our support for our deceased brother Knights.

Fraternally Yours, Gary



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

Chaplain's Message

“Thanksgiving Day—Every Day”

Brother Knights:

We learned about it in school, we hear about it every year, and of course, we celebrate it every year—Thanksgiving Day. This is THEE national day, the national time for all Americans to literally “count our blessings” and thank our Lord for them. The fourth Thursday of November has long been a special day set aside for this purpose. It is indeed a good and fitting thing that we look back through history in order to give this special holiday the significance it deserves; however, if we truly embrace our Catholic-Christian faith, then we must remember that every day should be “Thanksgiving Day”.

Even though some of us may feel that there is not “a lot” for which to be thankful, nonetheless, we all have “something” for which to be thankful. If nothing else, we have all fallen heir to the greatest gift given to the human race—salvation and eternal life. This is the gift that comes to us from God Himself, the source of all blessings, through his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It is there for all of us and no human being who ever lived or ever will live, will be able to give us this gift. We need only to acknowledge it and accept it.

We do this precisely when we are

mindful of the eternal blessings that await us in Jesus Christ. We accept it every single day of our lives when we choose gratitude over ingratitude, mercy and compassion over hatred and anger, goodness over evil, right over wrong, and grace over sin. When we treat others with the love and respect to which they are entitled because they, like ourselves, are made in the image of Christ. When we take the time to participate in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we show our gratitude and accept what Christ offers us.

The fourth Thursday of November for us as a nation should be every day of the year for us as the Body of Christ. As we take one day to acknowledge with gratitude God's goodness for the blessings of the past and present, we must take every day to do so for the blessings that await us in the life to come.

May you and your loved ones have a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving; may God watch over our men and women in the military and all who are separated from their loved ones during this time of the year; and may you be led each day in a prayerful spirit of gratitude to God by Mary, Star of the Sea.

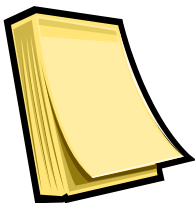
Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



Happy Birthday

David P. Andrew	11/7
Joseph R. Dodson	11/1
Allan 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
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. Slovickovski, 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

The Grand Knight:

- Welcomed new member Brother Robert Bucknell
- Presented Brother Bob Stubler his 2nd Degree award
- Thanked all who helped with the first and second degree ceremony.
- Reported that a 3rd Degree would

be offered at Altoona #551. See/Call Lou Endress or GK Gary Ellis to participate

- Thanks for all the support of the Mary's Day celebration.
- The deceased Brothers mass will be held November 20 at St. Catherine's in Duncansville, PA. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Grand Knight Gary Ellis Communications:

- National K of C program to provide winter coats for families was defeated. The support of WALY Warmth locally will remain our focus.
- US Armed Forces Mother's Squad #41 in Altoona asked for a donation to their efforts in support of the US Armed Forces Christmas boxes. Brother Brian Drum made a motion to donate \$250.....motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- Brother Jerry Kovach suggested that a rep from each church promote and sell the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets for \$5. Brother Wilbur Henry asked if selling the magnets in Altoona would be a problem The GK suggested we sell in our churches and not infringe on other Councils.

Brother Ron Harella commented that the All Ability Playground is being heavily used by the community. He also is ordering more blue K of C hats. They cost \$13.00 ...see Ron if you are interested.

New Business:

- Brother Ray Baker said the 4th Degree meeting will be held October 27th.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers, all brothers and their families that are dealing with health issues especially Father Legarski who is continuing on his weight loss program.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, November 3 7:00pm
Thursday, December 1, 7:00pm

Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnet or Window Decals now Available



\$5 Car Magnet or Window Decal Sheet

See Ray or Phil Baker