

### Council Officers

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## November 2012

### From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I would like to comment on three events involving our council in October. Our annual steak dinner with our Jaffa friends was delicious. We are lucky to have some of the finest cooks around, and participation in the various work details was very good too. Our First Degree Team did another excellent job welcoming in three new members to our council. News of more members wanting to join the team shows our ceremony touches the heart. We just recently celebrated mass with Bishop Mark at St. Michaels in Loretto. Although the overall attendance was only average, our council was represented extremely well. We also had four members serve the mass along with others participating in the color corps. Bishop Mark appeared pleased by his Brother Knights and hopes more will take advantage of this special day in the future.

November is here and there is more for us to do besides raking leaves. We start the month off with All Saints Day on November 1st, a holy day of obligation. Be sure to attend mass at the vigil or the holy day morning. We will have our meeting on the first Thursday as scheduled.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas has invited our Color Corps and all other Knights to a Patriotic Rosary Celebration with benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on November 3rd, at 2PM, at the Cathedral

in Altoona. The Catholic Daughters Court has undertaken this project to seek divine guidance for our catholic faith community to gain wisdom and knowledge to exercise its right to vote for leaders who will best serve our nation and uphold our religious freedom. I invite everyone to please pray, then on November 6th and exercise your right and obligation, please vote.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Let's all remember, thank, honor, and pray for all who served our country.

Don't tire out on me fellows, with the month only half over we still have a lot to do. Next on our agenda is our Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sale for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We are hoping for a large fundraiser so we can use extra help making the sandwiches on November 15th, at 4PM, at our council home. If you haven't participated in the selling part, give it a try, even if you only sell a few. Remember, our fundraisers are for a good cause, and our Lord, if given just a little, he will make it multiply.

November 18th, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate our memorial mass at St. Mary's Church at 8AM, in honor of our departed brothers and their families. Try to rearrange your Sunday schedule to attend this mass.

Remember, we have Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets and Decals. By placing one on your auto, you are spreading the good news.

Wishing all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

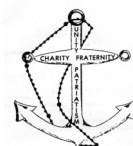
Fraternally Yours,

Ron



## 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. 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. Slovinski, Jr.	11/6
David P. Smithmyer	11/9
Edward W. Vaniel	11/15
Jesse J. Weyant	11/28
Scott A. Zimmerman	11/9





## **October Council Meeting Notes**

### **The Grand Knight Report**

#### **Comments :**

The Grand Knight: 2nd reading for Gary Vassalotti from St. Mary's: Approved for membership

The Grand Knight: 1st reading for Francis Selenko

Welcome for the new members and remind them that they are a stranger here only once.

Thanks to the first degree team for all the preparation and a well done initiation.

The GK visited Homewood Nursing Home to visit Brother Bernie Mikesic and Past Grand Knight Stuart Lord. Bernie is able to feed himself and walks on his own but does not speak often. Stuart welcomed the visit and the update on the many fine things our Council is doing. Please keep them both in your prayers.

The Annual Steak Dinner with the Jaffa Clowns was great as always. Thanks to all who set up and cleaned up.

Our last Sandwich sale was very successful.

October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Bishops Rosary, Mass and Dinner at St Michaels in Loretto.

October 8<sup>th</sup> is the Columbus Day Parade in Johnstown. see the Baker brothers if you are interested.

October 13: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Altoona Council #551.....see Lou Endress for information.

### **Chaplains Report:**

Father welcomed all the new Knights and reminded us that November 1<sup>st</sup> is a holy day and that the meeting times may need to be adjusted.

Father expressed thanks from Father Christopher for the new sign at the Friary in Hollidaysburg.

### **Grand Knight Ron Harella Communications:**

A thank you from St. Michaels Parish for a donation in the name of David Kubitsky.

The K of C 'Coats for Kids' was tabled.

A request from the Armed Forces Mothers Squad 41 for a donation for Christmas boxes for our Armed Forces. Motion by Brother Victor Ballash for \$100....motion passed. If you are interested in becoming a K of C Insurance agent see GK Harella for details.

### **Financial Secretary's Report:**

Lou Endress announced the Ham and Cheese sale .make them on November 15, 2012 at 4pm, Deliver on November 16, 2012. Brother Gary Selwitz is the Chairman. This is a joint effort of our Council and the Jaffa Clowns for St. Jude Hospital. Fred Imler has donated 100# of ham in support of this sandwich sale and guest Bob Palombi donated \$50. Last Chance for Football and Coal tickets are available for sale .see Brother Lou Endress.

### **Standing Committee Report:**

Voter Registration: St Catherines and St. Patricks both had good support and a good response.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Brother Mike Benton proposed providing a special artificial rose at each baptism in the parishes for the mother of the child. He will chair this program and report on his progress at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

In the absence of Brother Mike Benton the 'Rose' project for baptisms are on hold until he can report.

Deacon Neral said the signups for the Bishops Mass is disappointing and stands at 140 people. A rosary will be said before Mass at 1:30pm.

### **New Business:**

Brother Ray Baker: The 'Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are available for sale.

Brother Jerry Kovach stated that a weekly service is being held at St. Patricks for the benefit of our country.

The GK requested a set of keys for the Council home.....motion passed.

### **Fourth Degree:**

Ray Baker announced that the next Fourth Degree meeting will be held on October 25 at Altoona #551. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brothers will meet on September 27, at St. Catherine's.

## Chaplain's Message

**“We Are All Called to Be Saints  
Because We Are All Called to Be  
Holy”**

Brother Knights:

This is the month of course, in which we give greater focus to a fundamental tenet of our faith—the Communion of Saints. Saints and sainthood have been a long-standing part of our Catholic faith and tradition. Belief in the communion is a part of our Profession of Faith. We are taught to imitate the saints. We choose the name of a saint when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We celebrate the feast days of saints; we pray to them, honor them, and seek their intercession. In all of this, we recognize and believe that these holy men and women are in heaven. They have been declared so by the Church after a long investigative process known as canonization.

Inasmuch as the saints can be a source of help and strength for us on our earthly pilgrimage, they can also be problematic if we lose sight of one very important truth: we are all called to be saints. They are not “untouchable”. Their lives are not “impossible” for us. They are without question, exemplary models of faith; but that does not mean that we are somehow excluded from their community. Their lives being mirrored in ours becomes even more believable if we remember that their being a saint is not dependent so much on what they did or did not do on earth, but rather on the holiness that they embodied. Their actions, miracles and so forth are manifestations of the holiness they possessed. We are all called to be saints because we are called to holiness.

The Second Vatican Council,

in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, speaks with clarity of the universal call to holiness, saying that no one is excluded: “The forms and tasks of life are many but holiness is one — that sanctity which is cultivated by all who act under God’s Spirit and... follow Christ, poor, humble and cross-bearing, that they may deserve to be partakers of his glory” (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 41).

The question remains: How do we respond to this call to holiness? How do we like them, walk in harmony with God, so as to be a part of their great and glorious community? The answer lies in how open we are to the grace of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit imparts to all of us the grace to grow closer to God. Our challenge is to be open to the many opportunities for holiness that His grace affords us. He gives us the grace to pray more fervently, to follow Christ more faithfully, to love God and neighbor more fully. If we open ourselves up to the possibilities of God’s grace as they come to us from the Holy Spirit, we grow in holiness.

The work we do as Knights and the faith we practice as Catholic men are likewise opportunities to grow in holiness. In this way, we become a part of the community of saints and we prepare ourselves to share their life in the next. We shall see the fruits of our labor if we welcome every opportunity provided us by the Holy Spirit to grow in holiness, manifest that holiness as Catholic Knights of Columbus, and ask the assistance of the greatest disciple of all—Mary, Star of the Sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,  
Chaplain*



## Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:  
Thursday, November 1, 7:00pm  
Thursday, December 6, 7:00pm  
Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day  
Saturday, November 3rd, 2PM, Patriotic Rosary Celebration held at the Cathedral in Altoona  
Tuesday, November 6 Exercise your right to vote and pray for our country  
Sunday, November 11, Veteran’s Day  
Thank your fellow veterans for serving our country  
Thursday, November 15, 4PM, Make sandwiches for our fundraiser for St. Jude’s Hospital  
Sunday, November 18, 8AM, Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass for deceased brothers and their families.



## Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for Brother Bernie Mikesic, the family and soul Past GK Stuart Lord and to Deacon Jim Woome. Also keep in your prayers any brother that you know is in distress or suffering, as well as, their families.

**Four parts of retirement: Phase Two**

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more.

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The Knights of Columbus are selling Keep Christ in Christmas Decals. Decals are \$5 and we also have magnets for sale that are \$5 a piece. Show the world that you still Keep Christ in Christmas. Contact Ray or Phil Baker at 695-2546

