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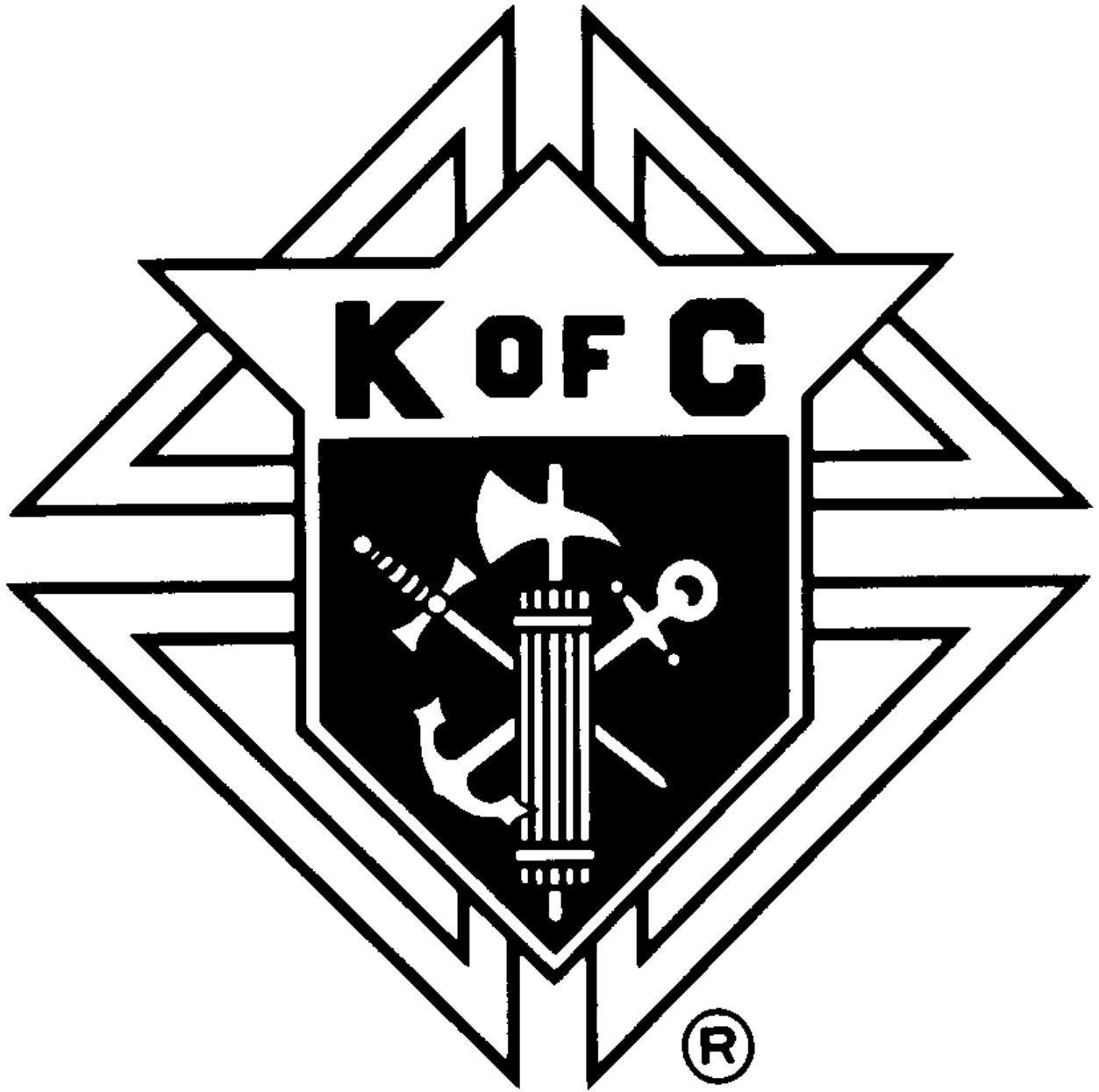
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November 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The close of the Year of Faith will take place on November 24, 2013, the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called for a renewal of the church through the witness offered by the lives of believers. He emphasized the importance of charity, and wrote, faith without charity bears no fruit.

Pope, Francis, continuing the Year of Faith, said, relationship with God isn't like a treasure that we keep in a corner of our lives but it must grow. Living as children of God and feeling loved by him, we have to be visible, clear, and a bright sign for all. This is a precious service that we must give to our world. The new Pope added, do not rest content with a mediocre Christian life. Be true evangelizers bringing others to Christ. Always be attentive to charity.

The Year of Faith program was designed to lead each believer into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church. In the words of Jesus himself, which should serve as our guide for our entire lives: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Brothers, let's do it! By participating in our council's many events, together we can be a bright sign for all. In this month of November, we can sell a few extra sandwiches and help out the suffering children of Saint Jude's Hospital. Let's be visible in great numbers and attend the Memorial Mass for our past brothers and their families. Consider showing up on meeting night and voice your opinion or present the council with new ide-

as. Attend this month's important 1st Degree Ceremony to Honor our newest members. We have become Knight of Columbus to serve not be served. Let us be true followers of the example of our founder, Father Michael McGivney.

Happy Thanksgiving to all my Brothers and their Family's.

Fraternally Yours,
Ron

Chaplain's Message

"Who Is Your Saint?"

Brother Knights:

On my first active duty assignment as a U.S. Navy Chaplain I was stationed at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Part of my collateral duties was to help cover the Catholic Program in nearby Navy Housing. The Catholic Priest assigned to base chapel was on leave and that put me in charge.

A couple of weeks prior to Halloween, some service member families approached me for a Halloween Party in the chapel social hall. They wanted the children to be able to dress up, go Trick or Treating in Housing, and return to the hall for a party. I would not allow demonical figures (real or mythical) and the dark side of Halloween to be celebrated as such in the confines of the Chapel area. When I conveyed this to the families one of the wives contacted me and asked if they could have it there if the children dressed up like saints—each of them. What a marvelous idea, I thought! I allowed the function to continue under those conditions and it was a very creative and theologically filled event. It took

place on Halloween Night (the eve of All Saints Day). We started with a Mass for All Saints Day, they went trick or treating, and then they had their party.

That is precisely what the month of November is all about, beginning with Halloween. It is for the Church a time to contemplate, venerate and celebrate the Communion of Saints. It is a time to reflect upon the life to come in a good a positive way. To build an awareness within ourselves of Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory. It is a time to offer prayers for the souls of the faithful departed.

Perhaps in doing so, we can ask ourselves what saint we would like to model, research the person, pray for his/her intercession. Perhaps it is our namesake. Perhaps it the Saint whose name we chose at Confirmation; or perhaps, it is time to look even further at the Communion of Saints as adults and as Knights of Columbus to still another saint that embodies what we would like to become on our pilgrimage to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The children I mentioned in this article dressed up as saints on the outside. We are called to do so on the inside, in the depths of our souls. Who is your saint at this point in your life? Who is it that calls us to follow Christ as they did in their earthly life? Perhaps a good place to start would be the Queen of Saints and our patroness—Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



October Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of applications:

1. Ed Dunning sponsored by Gerald Kovach – St. Patricks
2. John Longenecker sponsored by Lee Zimmerman – St. Patricks
3. Samuel Keller sponsored by Guy Luciano – St. Michaels
4. Gary Nocek sponsored by Ron Harella – St. Catherines
5. Jay Santos sponsored by Earl Eger – St Catherines

Motion to accept for membership was made by Brother Gay Luciano, second by George Husick.....motion passed.

Grand Knight Report:

1. Our council recruitment table on Mary's Day brought in one new application and the sale of 20 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets and decals. Church events, pancake breakfast, dinner, donut sale, etc can be a K of C Recruitment opportunity. The magnets and decals attract people to the table. For our council to survive we have to recruit new members. The Grand Knight has a recruitment box, which is available upon request.

The council is in need of a new volunteer to chair the recruitment committee with the absence of Mike Benton. If interested contact the Grand Knight.

2. Council received another donation of \$10.00 from Jessica Becker. She cuts Hair at The Shop, located at the Meadows Intersection.

Chaplains Report:

Father reminded us that November 1, 2013 –All Saints Day- is a Holy Day of obligation. November 2, 2013 is All Saints Day and father reminded us to pray the souls in Purgatory.

Bills and Communications:

We received thank you notes from:

- * Sir Knight Raul Fernandez, Past Grand Knight from Council 13900 in Gainesville, FL
- * Fr. Aron from Saint Joseph's Church in Williamsburg.
- * Brother Victor Ballash for our contribution to the VA Hospital.

Donation Requests:

We received request for donations from:

- * Squad 41 Unites States Armed Forces Mothers, Altoona, PA. Motion by Brother George Husick for \$100, Motion passed.

Other Communications:

- * Officers Challenge – All Brothers are challenged to recruit new members and an incentive of 26,000 K of C merchandise points will be provided. Recruiting is becoming a major focus for the Council to survive.
- * Coats for Kids from Supreme Council – Discussion followed and participation failed.

Financial Secretary Report:

- * September Ham and Cheese sale proceeds went to the Home Association.
- * Football tickets available for \$10 each
- * The Hand in Hand Steak date is on hold for now.

Unfinished Business:

- * K of C Residents at Garvey Manor: Dan Turcovsky inquired and Garvey Manor informed him that listing names of residents is not allowed due to that violates the Privacy act. It has been recommended to visit residence individually.
- * New Seminarian Endowment Fund, suggested by Clarence Becker. There was considerable discussion and opinions expressed by council members. All donations requested for a particular cause will be honored. Brother Guy Luciano made a motion to keep the Endowment monies in the general fund....notion passed.
- * George Foster okayed the LED Bill-board advertisement Keep Christ in Christmas beginning at Advent thru the Christmas Season. A motion was made by Brother Dan Casey for a \$30.00 fruit basket for the Foster family in appreciation..... Motion passed.
- * Due to the cancellation of the steak dinner, volunteers are needed as cooks for the Council to continue having dinners. **Volunteers are needed to cook for special dinners.** If interested please see Lou Endress.

New Business:

- * A First Degree Ceremony will be held during November's monthly meeting. Dave Karl, Grand Knight of our 1st Degree Team has approved a First Degree Ceremony during November's monthly meeting. **Degree Team**, please come early to set up and to guide the new applicants. If you cannot attend please contact Dave Karl
- * Nov. K of C Sandwich Sale for St. Jude's Hospital – Motion made by Brother Dan Casey...motion carried.
- * Brother Jim Zimmerman made a motion for \$100 to WALY Warmthmotion passed.

* **Reminder.....** K of C shirts are available from New Look Uniform Shop located across from Health-South Rehabilitation Hospital. Several designs are available and can be ordered at any time by any member.

* **Reminder.....** K of C hats (baseball style) are available from GK Harella. Cost is \$13 ---7 remain on hand.

Chaplains Summation:

* Father presented photos from his recent Pilgrimage to Rome.



Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has been drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact,

without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage will likely cause a shortfall at the insured’s death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

It will definitely be more expensive. While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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



Happy Birthday

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Rev John J Slovikovski Jr	11/6
David P Smithmyer	11/9
Edward W Vaniel	11/15
Jesse J Weyant	11/28
Scott A Zimmerman	11/9



Council Calendar

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

**Next Meeting Nov 7, 2013
7PM**

Dec 5, 2013 7PM

October 24: 4th Degree Meeting at Altoona Council #551, 7pm

November 17: K of C Memorial Mass at St. Mary's in Holidaysburg, 8am.
All Council members are invited and are asked dress appropriately for your degree. 4th Degree (non Color Corps) please wear a dark suit and your sash. The Color Corps will attend. Father Legarski will have a section in the front of the church for all brothers. The K of C breakfast will follow at Kings Family Restaurant in the Target Shopping Plaza.



Thoughts and Prayers

Email from Brian Drum to Mike Metzgar:

Thanks for keeping me in touch with the guys, it is greatly appreciated.

Would you please ask them to think of me and my mother? She recently broke her femur, mid shaft, requiring at least a 6-8 week non-weight bearing recovery. I flew to Florida on Monday and will probably be here for the duration. So fortunate that I was able to retire and have the time to assist her in her recovery.

Give everyone my regards and let them know that I think of them always. Have yet to hook up with a church and K of C but will when I return home, whenever that may be.

Regards, Brian

Keep Brothers Bernie Mikesic and Tom Sault in your prayers.

Keep Lou Endress mother in your prayers for a speedy recovery.



Our Council is now on the Web

Attention all members. Council 4245 can now be found on the internet.. Our address is:

www.kofc4245.org

Check it out! You'll find all type of information including: Upcoming event, the council calendar, prayer requests, The Star News, Council minutes, forms, links, The Council Member List, and great deal more. Eventually it will be setup so you can pay your dues through the website. We also plan to have it setup so you can sign up to help with events. It is just starting. A big help right now from ALL members would be to go to the member list and sign in. All you need is your member number and birthdate. Then PLEASE update your information. The website has a feature to do many types of mass mailings so your email address would be extremely helpful. This will also help for updating records at Supreme. Thanks and enjoy this new addition to our council.

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