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October 2009

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As the amber days of Autumn come to call: the recently bright colored leaves of red, gold and yellow that gushed down the mountain sides come tumbling down. While the recently beautiful green leafed oak, poplar, and maple orchard trees from the past summer now stand bare and clean. Squirrels feast upon brown acorn nuts dropping to the leaf covered ground where the paths become lost and the orange pumpkins are now plentiful just as well. Both red and green apples lie under many trees falling asleep, as the wild deer fill their bellies before the snow covers the ground. Vines are empty of purple grace while all of the flowers run out of town.

As the nights become longer and each day is shorter the sunshine spreads a carpet of warm air through the day to a brisk chill in the earlier evenings showing that a bitter cold winter is just in sight. The memories of spring and autumn colors are maintained with the joy by listening to the music that nature makes during walk's and jog's that dream's and tongue's cannot express. As all of the farm harvesters gather together another seasonal growth of vegetable crops abundantly. They leave the wheels of baled hay basking in the October Sun.

Let us celebrate the upcoming Halloween with the many costumed clowns, witches, werewolves, and vampires with both happiness and safety. As they visit those showing their enjoyment of involvement with the many different appealing displays of Jack-O-Lantern's set on the porches and windowsills.

In conclusion; dear Lord of the harvest, help us each to love the same as you, and not to pity ourselves individually, but to see the world out there that needs so

much more than we each do. Teach our hearts the meaning of concern about another, to show a kind and loving heart to all of your Christian brothers.

Fraternally Yours

Barry

Chaplain's Message

Greetings to all my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy October to you all. This is one of my favorite months of the year, because we celebrate St. Francis' passing into eternal life on October 3, and his birth on October 4. Please say a prayer for Fr. Brad, and for all Franciscan men and women on those days. Thanks! As I write to you this month, I greet you from the great city of Chicago, as I am here for study and retreat until December. Frank Sinatra was right: "It's my kind of town!" I would highly recommend Chicago for a family vacation. You have the big city, the Lakefront, the Navy Pier, and many museums and attractions that are reasonably priced or even free.

But most important, this time in Chicago is a time of study, renewal, and contemplative prayer for me. As a result, I am praying for all of you even more, that God's peace and goodness will shine upon you and your families and friends, especially those who are struggling. At this time, I am also taking classes at the Catholic Theological Seminary, and our studies this month focus on reconciliation. It is a reconciliation known as "Metanoia," or a means of conversion. Hopefully, this conversion calls us to ongoing renewal, and a greater freedom in our lives. In other words, we are good people who desire to draw closer to God each day. We can only do this, when we are in touch with our struggles. Please take time this month to make a good examination of conscience, and if necessary, to take advantage of the sacrament of confession, and the grace it has to offer us. As I often tell those to whom I minister: "If you're unsure about going

to confession, it's probably a good idea that you go, and experience the sacrament again." I suspect that some of us have been away for far too long.

My Brother Knights, I pass on to you three final thoughts for this month. The first comes from Max Lucado in his daily prayer reflections: "Do what is right this week, and be honest. You take a stand and be true. After all, regardless of what you do, God does what is right. He saves you with His Grace." In the dishonest world we live in, may we strive to be honest with ourselves and each other. The second is this: Think about your words to each other, before you speak them. As I reflect on this Sabbatical time, I keep returning to this thought: "I wish I could take back what I said to certain people, when I was angry and upset." My two favorite examples of this point are a former NFL player (Not a Steeler) who once said: "The word genius does not apply in football. A genius is a guy like "Norman Einstein."

And, a former baseball manager (Not a Pirate), who once said: "Remember guys, half of this great game is ninety percent mental." And, my third thought comes from our own brother knight, Tom Sault, who shared this with me in a recent E-Mail: "Each day, kneel down and pray; carry a heart that never hates; carry a smile that never fades, and carry a touch that never hurts." I pray that these thoughts help each of you this month, and please keep me in your prayers. You are always in mine. Until we speak again, I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

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

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

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Happy Birthday

Joseph A. Ball	10/14
Rev. Mark S. Begley	10/25
C.J. Buskey	10/20
Daniel J. Casey	10/15
William H. Dively	10/26
Steve Drocheck III	10/19
Gary E. Ellis	10/17
Bruno J. Felus	10/24
Donal L. Filby	10/1
Robert E. Hazenstab	10/22
Robert V. Hazenstab	10/23
Stephen H. Hess	10/31
Joseph C. Horgas	10/31
Thomas S. Jandora II	10/28
Micael M. Johnston	10/24
John A. Joseph	10/5
Louis F. Kelly	10/27
Robert E. Korhan	10/30
Joseph F. Lechman, Esq.	10/22
Dennis P. McGeehan	10/21
Michael Metzgar	10/12
Stephan A. Michelone, Jr.	10/15
John V. Moore III	10/15
Mar W. Nelson	10/6
James R. Settlemyer	10/26
James L. Shoemaker	10/17



September Council Meeting Notes

We donated \$50 to the Knights of Columbus council 1439, Bedford for a 1/2 page ad, in their 100th anniversary awards banquet program.

Our Grand Knight encouraged all third degree knights to become a fourth degree knight, and all fourth degree knights to attend the monthly 4th degree meetings. He also encouraged the 4th degree members to

join the color corps. If money is an issue with purchasing your wardrobe there is help available, just contact Barry.

Starting in October we will be praying the rosary at all council meetings. We will do this at the end of the meeting right before we say our three prayers and sing the closing ode. As a reminder, per the first degree you are to carry your rosary with you at all times.

Football tickets are still available. They must be in by the middle of October. They are \$10 each, they cover the last 10 games of the season. For each ticket sold council makes \$1.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.
The next meetings are:
Thursday, October 1 7:00pm
Thursday, November 5 7:00pm

Degree News

The Altoona council will be holding 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies this October and November. The schedule is as follows:

First Degree:
Sunday October 4
Report 11:30, Ceremony 12:00

Second Degree:
Sunday October 4
Report 1:00, Ceremony 1:30

Third Degree
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 keep in your prayers and thoughts brother Jack Frank who is recovering from open heart surgery.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers brother Victor Ballash who is battling illness.

Please keep in your prayers Gary Selwitz who is battling an illness.

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



In Memorium

Please keep in your daily prayers all our Brothers and their families that have passed away especially Ed Dzel-ski, Monsignor Walsh and advocate Edward Zang's father.