

## Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski      GRAND KNIGHT - Ron Harella      DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Wilbur Henry  
CHANCELLOR - Dennis McGeehan      WARDEN - Lee Zimmerman      FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Louis Endress      TREASURER - Clarence Becker  
ADVOCATE - Edward Zang, Esq.      GUARDS - Dan Moringiello      RECORDER - Mike Metzgar  
TRUSTEES - Vince Scheider, William Brill, Dan Casey



# October 2012

## From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

With the month of October closing in on us, for some the football season is in full swing, for others, they are dreaming of big rack bucks as they sharpen or replace their broad heads. It's a must for all hunters to remember the most important rule is safety. Always keep that in mind and you will be around to tell the tale of the big one that got away. Chuckle, chuckle.

Congratulations are in order for our Warden, Brother Lee Zimmerman and his wife Bridget, on the birth of their first child, a baby girl, on August 17, 2012.

Say a prayer for K of C Charter member Jim Lusardi and his family. Jim passed away in late August, after our September newsletter was sent to print. The Knights of Columbus wake service was attended by 15 Knights. My thanks to all of my brothers who participated. I know his family appreciated our efforts.

Coming up is our annual K of C/ Shriners steak dinner(stag) to be held at our council home on October 2 at 6PM we are looking for volunteers to help set up at 3PM and help clean up after dinner. We need your help.

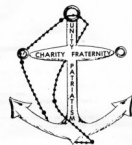
Our first degree team has announced that there will be a first degree ceremony during our regular monthly meeting held October 4th. Let's show our newest members our pride in our council with a well attended event.

Columbus Day will be observed on Monday October 8th. In honor of our namesake, let's all make an effort to attend Mass.

One time while working for the railroad, I won a pair of steal toe safety work shoes for coming up with this safety slogan...Don't be an Autumn leaf, Don't Fall. Keep this in mind as you work around your home preparing for the winter months ahead. As you set goals for this beautiful Autumn season, don't forget to recruit a friend into the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron



## Degree News

Our council will hold a first degree at our regular monthly meeting October 4th. Anyone interested should see Lou Endress for details.

Plans are also in the works for a Third Degree at the Altoona Council. The tentative date is October 14th. This has not been finalized



## Happy Birthday

Joseph A. Ball	10/14
Michael A. Benton	10/12
Clark A. Buskey, Jr.	10/20
Daniel J. Casey	10/15
William H. Dively	10/26
Steve Drochek III	10/19
Gary E. Ellis	10/17
Bruno J. Felus	10/24
Donald L. Filby	10/1
Robert E. Hazenstab	10/22
Robert V. Hazenstab	10/23
Stephen H. Hess	10/31
Joseph C. Horgas	10/31
Jesse R. Hughes	10/28
Thomas S. Jandora II	10/28
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
Stephen A. Michelone, Jr.	10/15
John V. Moore III	10/15
Mark W. Nelson	10/6
James R. Settlemyer	10/26
James L. Shoemaker	10/17



## **September Council Meeting Notes**

### **The Grand Knight Report Comments**

- The Grand Knight: 1st reading for Gary Vassalotti from St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg by Mike Hughes Dennis Dombrosky
- Brother Knight and Charter Member Jim Lusardi passed away in August.
- Brother Gary Selwitz mother Zenith passed away....a moment of silence for those that have passed.
- Funeral Services are poorly attended by the Council and we need to show more support for the families of the deceased. The wake services also need better attendance so please contact the GK and provide a telephone and email address to be notified when the need arises.
- The annual stag steak dinner will be held October 2, at 6pm. The GK asked that you attend early and stay late to prepare and clean the Council home. We need a count so please contact the GK right away if you plan to attend.
- The Life Line screening will take place on September 26, 2012, appointments are required and a discount is offered to all Knights.
- The officers met in August concerning voter registration. Each parish will have their own registration drive in September reflecting a joint effort of the PA Bishops Public Policy Agency, the PA Catholic Conference and the PA State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Work with your Parish Priest on this project.
- Mary's Day will be celebrated at St. Catherines on September 8, 2012
- The Legion of Mary will meet on September 7, 2012 at St. Mary's School.
- Congratulations to Brother Lee Zimmerman and his wife Bridget on the birth of their first child on August 17, 2012.
- The Blue/White Mass honoring all public safety personnel will be held September 9, 2012 at the Cathedral in Altoona.

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

- A thanks you from St. Leonard's home for the food donation.
- A thank you letter from the Parish Pastor for our participation at the wake of Brother JJ Folk.
- A thank you from the Brother Jim Zimmerman for our financial support for the final arrangements for eh Zimmerman grandchildren.
- Reminder to sign up for Bishop Mark's K of C dinner at St. Francis University on October 7, 2012. Mass will be at 2 pm dinner to follow Mass. Cost is \$15pp payable in advance.....contact GK Harella to attend. No money will be accepted at the event. A K of c shirt, or a shirt and tie is appropriate.
- Letter requesting a donation to the Humanitarian Interfaith Ministry orphanage in Latin America. Brother Lou Endress motion for \$200...motion passed.
- Our Council has been asked to participate in the Columbus Day parade in Johnstown on October 8, 2012. Contact GK Harella for more information.
- Presented the Past GK award to Gary Ellis.
- Awards for recruiting to Brothers Tim Surkovich, Jerry Kovach, Tom Matea and Earl Eger.

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

- Lou Endress announced the Ham and Cheese sale .make them on September 20, 2012 at 4pm, Deliver on September 21, 2012. Brother Gary Selwitz is the Chairman.
- Football and Coal tickets are available for sale .see Brother Lou Endress

### **Standing Committee Report:**

- 1st Degree team will meet in October after the Council meeting.

### **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.
- The sign purchased by Council has been placed at the St. Joseph's Friary in Hollidaysburg, PA.

- Brother Victor Balash.....please support the silent auction raffles for our Veterans in the home.
- A WW1 poster for the Knights is being raffled at next months meeting for the benefit of Council.

### **Old Business:**

- Recorder Mike Metzgar asked that all members provide an email address that can be used for communication between meetings and to announce special events or Council needs. Send emails addresses to: mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net

### **New Business:**

- Brother Guy Luciano asked for a motion to purchase the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard on Rt 22 in Hollidaysburg.....motion carried. Brother Brian Drumm will also have a sign in his front yard on Montgomery street in Hollidaysburg.
- Brother Gary Ellis asked for volunteers to help cook chicken on September 16 and 23 in support of the Jaffa Gun Raffle and St. Josephs in Williamsburg, PA.
- Brother Jerry Kovach stated the voter registration will be held st St. Patricks on September 9th at all masses.

### **Fourth Degree:**

- Ray Baker announced that the next Fourth Degree meeting will be in September. The 4th Degree Brothers will meet on September 27, at St. Catherine's.

### **Good of the Order:**

- Brother Jim Zimmerman reminded us that donations of color corps clothing can be reused by others in need.



## Chaplain's Message

### “The Year of Faith”

#### Brother Knights:

What is the Year of Faith? Why are we observing it? How do we observe it? These are the three basic questions I would like to address in this Newsletter. In doing so, I cite the following source from which I draw most of the information: *Busse, Heidi, The Year of Faith, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., Inventory Number P1361.*

On October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI issued an Apostolic Letter entitled: Porta Fidei. This letter declares that a Year of Faith be celebrated in the universal church, beginning October 11, 2012 and concluding on November 24, 2013, the feast of Christ the King.

The Holy Father chose the start date for this Year of Faith because it coincides with two significant events in the history of the Church. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. It is also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In essence, the Holy Father's objective is to summon and encourage all of us to renew our commitment to the faith.

As brother knights, we are constantly in need of spiritual renewal. The Year of Faith is an excellent opportunity to peer into our souls and realize how the distractions of everyday living and the attraction of material concerns can hamper a strong and loving relationship with Christ and his Church. And so, the Year of Faith is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with our faith and to deepen our personal relationship with Christ and his Church.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on our faith as a gift from God and to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Church; to give ourselves a spiritual “tune-up”, as it were. It also provides us with an excellent time to read, reflect, and pray with the Scriptures. Moreover, an increased devotion to

the Holy Eucharist should play a central role in observing the Year of Faith, since it has a central role in the life of the church herself.

We can expect to receive more and more information on the Year of Faith from various sources as it progresses.. Perhaps a good place to start is to consider some or all of the following ways in which we may celebrate the Year of Faith fruitfully:

1. Memorize the Nicene Creed that we profess each Sunday and Solemnity at Mass. It is the grand summary of our faith.
2. Increase our time spent each day in prayer
3. Worship more wholeheartedly at Mass—participate more fervently in prayers and singing.
4. Read through the Catechism and study the church's teachings more intently; especially on things we may not be clear on or for which a fuller explanation would be beneficial to us.

Of course, a greater resolve to celebrate our faith more actively by answering the call to stewardship—especially as we live it out in our lives as Knights of Columbus. This could best be manifested by caring more fervently for our neighbors in need and offering them help from our own source of time, talent, and treasure.

The Year of Faith is intended to be a part of our journey to the Kingdom. If we prepare for it and celebrate it in an active and attentive way, it will be a very fruitful observance. Throughout the course of this journey we must also remember that we have as a model and intercessor our very own patroness and mother—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, October 4, 7:00pm  
Thursday, November 1, 7:00pm  
September 20/21 Ham and Cheese Sale, Make 20th, Deliver 21st  
September 26, Life Line Screening, Council Hall  
September 27th, Fourth Degree Meeting, St. Catherine's.  
Tuesday October 2, Annual K of C/ Shriners Steak Dinner (stag) 6:00pm  
Thursday October 4, First Degree Hollidaysburg Council Home  
Sunday October 7, Mass with Bishop Mark, St Michaels Loretto, 2pm  
Monday October 8, Columbus Day Parade in Johnstown  
Sunday October 14th, Tentative Third Degree.





**Four parts of retirement: Phase One**

In the next four articles, I would like to discuss a goal that's on many workers' radar: retirement. To some, retirement is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow or the reward after a long career. It's a time to relax, take up a hobby and enjoy life. Whether retirement is just around the next corner or if you have another 30 years to go, it's never too soon or too late to start planning or revise that plan. Some experts suggest that there are four phases of retirement: protection, accumulation, income de-accumulation and care. In this article, I will tackle protection.

Protection is the base element of any well-founded financial plan; the base of the pyramid, for example. Without basic protection against premature death or the inability to earn income due to disability, the remainder of the pyramid collapses.

If you own mutual funds and die without life insurance, those funds will be needed to pay final expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (after a market correction). If you own mutual funds and lose your ability to earn income due to disability and are without paycheck protection, those funds will be needed in order to pay living expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (is there ever an opportune time?).

So, basic protection is a must. The good thing is that this protection is offered by the Knights of Columbus. Our whole life products and disability income insurance are designed with this goal in mind. For example, our Life Paid Up at 65 plan is perfect for this purpose because premium payments end right when retirement is upon you. There are many other options that I can discuss with you that will fit your needs and your budget.

A newer addition to our product portfolio, disability income insurance protects your most valuable asset: your ability to work and earn money. Plans can be customized and are available to cover many professions, from farmers to lawyers. Once you've established

the proper protection, the next phase is accumulation of cash, which I will discuss in a future article.

Contact me to learn more.

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**Thoughts and Prayers**

Pray for the return to good health of Brother Tom Mathew's wife. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother Knight's and their families that are struggling with sickness and other family issues.

*Make a Friend a Squire*

