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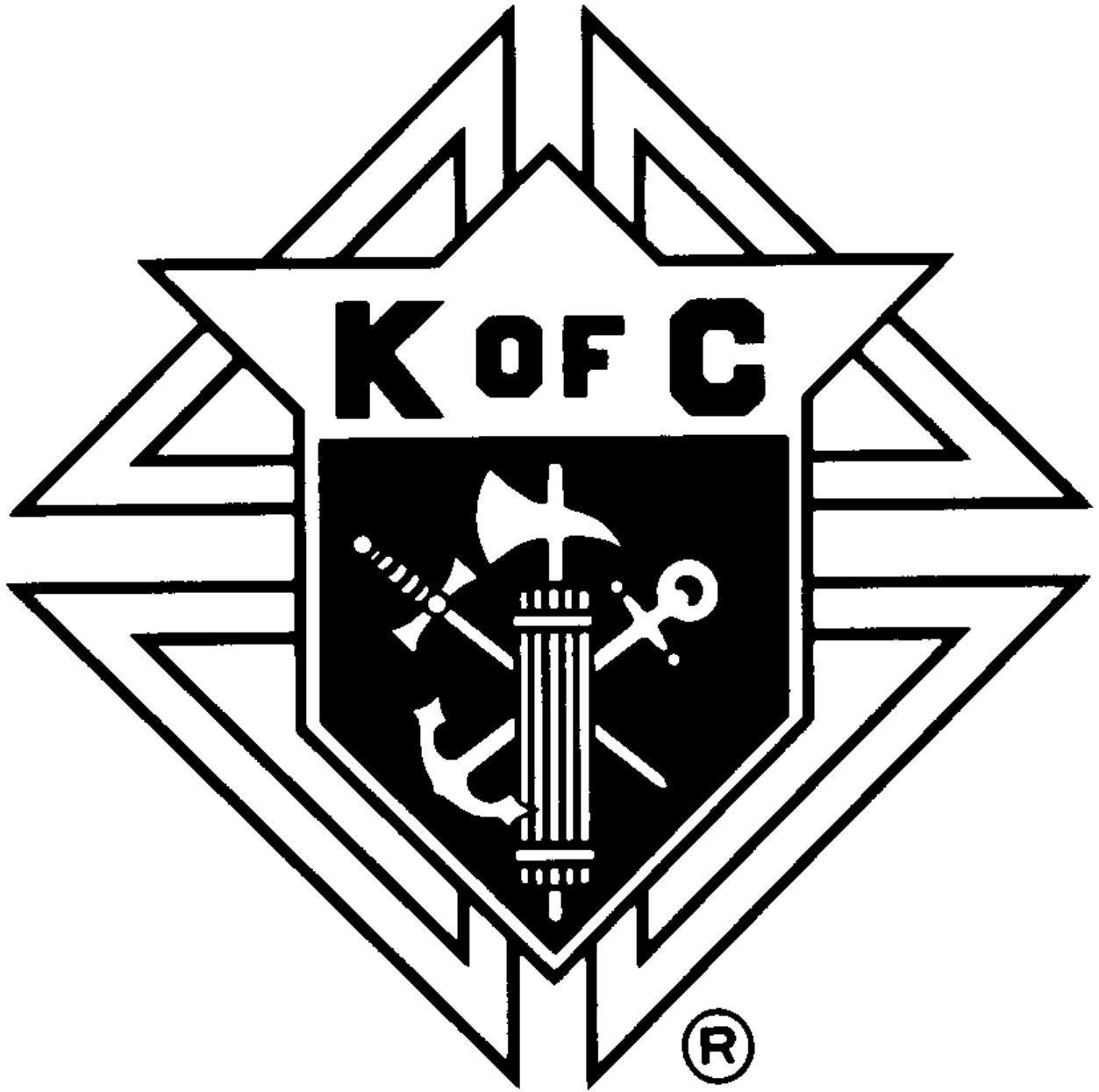
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October 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As I'm writing this column, the wind is blowing and already many leaves are falling from their perches high in the treetops. They seem to float as if dancing to soft music and then pick up the pace as the wind blows them across the once grass covered lawn. Perhaps they, like me, can hear the High School Band practice and hit the ground and run with it. Welcome to October, with all its beauty, sounds, and smells.

While we are admiring this wonderful autumn month and planning out our fall schedules, let's all allow some time to help those in need in some way. Of course, one way would be to participate in Knights of Columbus events. Another way would be to recruit a new member, which is essential for the continued growth of our council. New members bring new ideas. Consider having a recruitment table at the next event at your parish. At Saint Catherine's, on Mary's Day, The K of C table produced one new application, a few possibilities, and the sell of 20 Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and decals. This can work at your parish too!

Fraternally Yours,
Ron

Chaplain's Message

"The Month of October in the Year of Faith"

Brother Knights:

As the Year of Faith draws to a close next month, the month of October is especially important to us as Knights of Columbus. It is of course, the month that we observe the celebration of our namesake—Christopher Columbus. But October is also regarded as a Marian month (cf. Our Lady of Fatima apparitions of October 13). It is also considered the month of the Rosary (October 7).

The official Year of Faith schedule issued by the Vatican designates October 13 as a day of special importance and celebration for the Year of Faith. The Vatican website for the Year of Faith Schedules states: *"On Sunday, October 13, we will see present the various Marian groups for the purpose of expressing how the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is the icon of faith for every believer and that in her trusting obedience to the will of the Father was able to work genuine wonders."*

In essence, the Year of Faith would not be complete without a special reference to and celebration of Our Lady. Perhaps we as Knights could individually observe October in general and this day in particular as our time to renew our devotion to and love of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On October 13th special prayers to Mary could be offered for the conversion of sinners, the renewal of the secular world, and the return of the lost and fallen away to the faith by her powerful intercession.

Among these prayers should be those for an end to sins against human life—especially abortion. Granted, these prayers should be offered every day, and are by many of us. But in this context they are more beneficial to us, because they enable us as Knights in this Year of the Faith to focus more fully upon and grow closer to the one who never fails to come to our aid--Our Lady, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



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



September Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knight Report:

Congratulations to Brother Knight John Brown and his wife Patty who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Council would like to wish Brother Mike Benton, the best of luck in his move to Florida in October. Mike chaired the Baptismal Rose Program, and plans to continue this program down south.

We received donations to our council of \$20.00 from Joe and Kathy Harella, \$20.00 from Bill and Janet Luther, and \$10.00 from Pat Gildea. All of these donors were aboard our bus to Emmitsburg, MD.

Mary's Birthday celebration held at Saint Catherine's on Sunday, September 8 will include a spaghetti dinner, Mass at 11AM, continued rosary until 4PM, concluding with an outdoor Mass at 5PM, with refreshments to follow. Religious display tables will be set up in the church hall for your viewing along with the K of C recruitment table. Volunteers from the K of C are needed to hand out candles and collect donations for the rosary procession around our Lady of Fatima Shrine and at the recruitment table.

An article in August 14th, Altoona Mirror entitled Transformation through Charity was read to the

Council. This article was written about the Knights of Columbus in general.

Chaplains Report:

Father will present the photos from his Rome pilgrimage after the October meeting.

Bills and Communications:

We received thank you notes from:

Sharon O'Keiff and Julie Rothrauff from the Multiple Sclerosis Society for cooking chicken for their event

Curtis Salyers, towards his Eagle Scout Project. He has almost reached his goal of \$14,000 and is getting ready to break ground on his Canal Basin Project.

Mary King from Saint Mary's Parish, for agreeing to cook chicken for their church picnic even though they decided to have a change of menu.

Rob Judge, The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for our generous donation for the bus trip tours. This donation was from the bus trip participants and was included in their bus fare.

Mario Salvati, Director of Financial Services from Shriners Hospital. Again he sends thanks and a certificate permanently inscribed in the Gold Book honoring the Star of the Sea Council for our generous donation.

Brother Knight Dennis Dombrosky for our support of the Holidaysburg Area Baseball League.

Donation Requests:

We received request for donations from:

Matthew De Lozier from Duncansville who is working on a leadership project for Eagle Scout, in the Boy Scouts. His project is building a monument for recognizing men and women who died in war time service from the Duncansville area. In order to fund this project, he is accepting donations and selling brick paving stones that can be inscribed with a business or family name at \$75.00 per brick. They have currently identified 66 patriots from the Duncansville Area. Matthew is member of Troup 103 in Tyrone.

Brother George Husick motion to purchase one brick @\$75.00,
Motion passed.

Advocate Ed Zang motion to donate \$75.00,
Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report:

Sandwich sale reminder

Football tickets available for \$10 each

'29' Club sign in after the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Hockey Shoot Out chaired by Wilbur Henry, has been cancelled by Supreme Council

Unfinished Business:

Priest and K of C Members – Residence at Garvey Manor..... Father Saly needs a list of names to check on their schedules. Dan Turkovsky and Chairperson Mike Metzgar will work on this project and report to Council

New Business:

Brother Guy Luciano asked for permission to secure a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' billboard ... motion passed.

Brother Clarence Becker suggested the council start a separate account and name it the Seminarian Endowment Fund. He feels that members that have already donated for this intention that the money should be transferred into the new account. He also suggests that we make a plaque with their names as recognition. A motion was tabled and will be referred to Brother Bill Hiergeist for input.

The barbeque steak dinner for all who participated in the hand-in-hand chicken dinner is set for Thursday, September 26th. Social begins at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow at 6:00 PM. This dinner is \$5.00 per person and is stag. Please contact Lou to help for this event.

Brother Mark Sault: Need some help to BBQ chicken on September 8, 2013 at 6:30 am for St. Joseph Church in Williamsburg.

The annual Blue and White Mass will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 5:00 PM at

the Cathedral with a reception to follow at the Altoona K of C. All Knights and their families are invited.

'Keep Christ in Christmas' decals and magnets are available from the Brothers Baker.

Chaplains Summation:

As part of the Year of Faith in the Knights of Columbus Father spoke about the Apostolic Exhortation (Christifideles Laici) by the 1987 Synod of Bishops reminding all faithful laity that they have a purpose in bringing about the kingdom of God.

With this presentation by Father our Council has met the Year of Faith guidelines for K of C Councils.



Ask eligible men to join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because

brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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Council Calendar

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

**Next Meeting Oct 3, 2013
7PM**

Nov 7, 2013 7PM

Oct 3, 2013 7PM

- **September 26, 2013:** The barbeque steak dinner for all who participated in the hand-in-hand chicken dinner is set for Thursday, September 26th, 5:30pm, \$5.00pp, Stag, Come early to help set up.
- **September 28, 2013:** The Blue and White Mass will be held at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral with a reception to follow at the Altoona K of C. All Knights and their families are invited.
- **Sunday, October 13**
Bishop Mark / Knights of Columbus Mass held at St. Michael Basilica in Loretto, time 2:00pm (This Mass will satisfy your Sunday obligation and spouses and family members are invited)



Thoughts and Prayers

Brother Dennis McGeehan's reports his wife Susan is doing well.

Brother Tom Sault and Clarence Becker attended the meeting and both look awesome! Brother George Husick ankle is recovering well in the soft cast.

Brother Tom Matea has begun kidney dialysis

Brother Wilbur Henry's wife had a stress heart attack.

Brother Tom Sault asked our prayers for Brother Bernie Mikesic.



Happy Birthday

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| Joseph A. Ball | 10/14 |
| Michael A. Benton | 10/12 |
| C.J. Buskey | 10/20 |
| Dan J. Casey | 10/15 |
| Bill H. Dively | 10/26 |
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| Gary E. Ellis | 10/17 |
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| Robert V. Hazenstab | 10/23 |
| Stephen H. Hess | 10/31 |
| Joseph C. Horgas | 10/31 |
| Adam Hughes | 10/7 |
| Jesse R. Hughes | 10/28 |
| Michael M. Johnston | 10/24 |
| John A. Joseph | 10/5 |
| Louis F. Kelly | 10/27 |
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| Dennis P. McGeehan | 10/21 |
| Michael Metzgar | 10/12 |
| Stephan 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 |

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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