

### Council Officers

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## September 2012

### From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Once again our council was saddened by the loss of a member, John Joseph Folk, 2nd Degree. Keep Joe, his family,, and close friends in your prayers. After his K of C wake service and funeral, I had the opportunity to see some of Joe's great workmanship at the Immaculate Conception Church in Dudley, PA. If you are looking for a spiritual mini trip go see the brick walkway, waterfall, Jesus tomb, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, and shrine built for the Blessed Virgin. To have your name added to the wake service participation list please call me at 814-696-3295. Only Knights who are listed will be called.

Coming up in October is our annual K of C/Shriners steak dinner (stag). As with all dinners, we need an accurate count, so please call 696-3295 to reserve your steak. Then on Sept. 26, a Life Line Screening will take place at our council home (pre-registration is required). Further information can be found on the flier inside your monthly newsletter.

In Diocese News—Saturday, Sept. 8th is the celebration of the Blessed Mary's Birthday, held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville. The mass schedule is 7:45 AM and 12:05 PM with Celebrant Msgr. Robert Saly, and 5:00 PM with Celebrant Bishop Emeritus Joseph Ademec.

The mass with the Bishop will be celebrated along with the traditional Saturday night mass, so come early for seating purposes. Between masses will be all day Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Displays, and Food. "Ave Maria"

On Sunday, Sept. 9th the annual Blue White Mass remembering 9/11 will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will begin at 5:00 PM with Celebrant Bishop Mark Bartchak. A reception will be held immediately after mass at the K of C in Altoona.

Have a safe and fun Labor Day Weekend. Don't forget to ask a relative or friend to join our council.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron



### Thoughts and Prayers

The Grand Knight gave the members an update on several of our Brothers who have been ill and reminded us to continue praying for our sick brothers and their families.

Brother Mike Benton asked the members to pray for his brother-in-law Maris Irdenieks, who had just passed away.



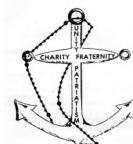
## Happy Birthday

Ralph T. Blodgett	9/5
Robert S. Donaldson	9/24
John A. Frank	9/21
Joseph V. Gallagher	9/16
Salvatore A. Ganino	9/26
Lawrence F. Harker	9/13
Joseph A. Herr	9/24
Leslie E. Hildebrand	9/26
Gerald J. Kovach	9/13
William C. Lersch, Jr.	9/27
Kirby D. Lockard	9/24
Robert A. Lonero	9/24
Joseph W. Muri	9/24
Thomas D. O Leary	9/20
Dr. Eugene F. Polmueller	9/14
Francis C. Shaw	9/6
Thomas W. Stoltz	9/15
Timothy M. Sullivan	9/24
Robert E. Walters	9/21
James H. Zimmerman	9/23

### Degree News

There will be a First and Second Degree held at the Altoona Council on September 16th at 2:00 pm. Anyone that is interested should contact Lou Endress for details.

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





## August Council Meeting Notes

### *Grand Knight's Report*

#### **General Comments**

The family picnic and celebration of Fr. Michael McGivney's birthday is scheduled for Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. starting at 1:00 PM. The cost \$5.00 per member and \$10.00 per family. We need a good count so please sign up after the meeting.

Our Council lost two brothers in the month of July, Daniel Kubitsky and Joe John Folk. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

On this note, the Grand Knight is looking for members who are interested in participating in the Knights Of Columbus wake services. A sign up sheet is available. He will need your name, phone number and e-mail address. He noted that it seems like we have gotten away from saying the Rosary for the deceased during the visitation at the funeral home. That is something we should be doing as long as the family approves.

An officers' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 07 at 7:00 PM at the Altoona Council. District Deputy Tom Strunk and Warden Bill Erbeck will be there to pass along information from the District Meeting held in July. The Altoona Council is asking for a head count for seating arrangements. A sign-up sheet is available for interested officers.

The annual celebration of the Blessed Virgin's Birthday, known as Mary's Day, at St Catherine's in Duncansville, falls on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Knight alerts the members to the fact that the 5:00 PM Mass will be crowded. If you plan to attend, come early.

Also in September, our annual Stag Steak Dinner will be held at the end of the month. The date has not yet been determined. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS (GRAND KNIGHT)**

A thank you note from Jenny Frank for our get well wishes.

A thank you note from Cody Clifton of the Altoona Curve.

A thank you from Cynthia Eaton Volunteer Coordinator at the Van Zandt Medical Center for our recent donation.

A note from Father Bernard L. White pastor of Immaculate Conception in Dudley Pa. regarding our recent participation at the funeral for brother Joe Folk.

A letter from Bishop Mark about the Mass and dinner on October 07 at St. Michael's in Loretto. The theme is "Knights Of Columbus and a Year Of Faith, Professing, Celebrating, Living and Praying." There will be recitation of the Rosary before the Mass. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00. Must be in by September 15<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be available in the Council Home.

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

Lou Endress reported that the July Ham and Cheese sandwich sale was a success. (\$1000. net profit). The next one will be on the third Thursday and Friday of September. Gary Selwitz will be the chairman.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Grand Knight Ron Harella announced that the semi-annual audit has been completed and all is in order.

#### **New Business**

Brother **Mike Benton** told about a program at his prior Council. When there was a Baptism at a Parish in the Council's area, a Knight would attend and present a rose and a Rosary to the mother, thanking the parents for their "Affirmation of Life." There was a discussion of the logistics of this. Father Legarski noted that this would have to be coordinated with the priest or deacon as not every baptism fits the text book definition of a baptism with an infant, and a married couple. He thought it was a good idea as long as it was properly monitored. Brother Mike will present a formal proposal at the next meeting.

Brother **Dennis McGeehan** told the members that he was starting a new business that offers CPR training. In order to get it started and to get the word out he would like to offer a course at the Council Home. The cost would be \$15.00 per student. He would look for about twenty students or so. In exchange he would donate the proceeds to the Council. A motion by Vic Balash to go ahead with this. The motion passed.

Grand Knight **Ron Harella**, speaking for Brother Jim Zimmerman, announced that there will be a LifeLine screening at the Council Home on Wednesday September 26, 2012. These are medical tests to detect problems that might lead to strokes and heart attacks. The cost is \$149.00 and pre registration is required.

Grand Knight **Ron Harella** announced that Bishop Joseph would like us to do some type of fund raiser for St. Jude's Hospital.

Brother **Dan Casey** made a motion that we set aside the next Ham and Cheese sale for that purpose.

Brother **Lou Endress** noted that the proceeds of the next one go to the Home Association. The motion passed to use the proceeds of the November Ham and Cheese sale for a donation to St. Jude's Hospital.



## Chaplain's Message

### “Remembering Our Lady in September”

Brother Knights:

Although we do not regard September as a month dedicated to Mary the way we do months like May and October, it is nonetheless a month that celebrates two great mysteries in the life of Mary that benefit us as disciples of her son and brother Knights. They being of course, the celebration of her birth (September 8) and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15).

The celebration of our Lady's birth on September 8<sup>th</sup> is self-explanatory and rich in spiritual graces. We are blessed to give it a special observance in our area, as indeed we should. Hopefully we as brother Knights will participate in some or all of the activity that is hosted that day by St. Catherine parish in Duncansville—this year and every year.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows lends itself to an even deeper reflection on our part. Many of us, although we are familiar with some of the sorrowful events in the

life of Our Lady, are probably not able to recall the seven that have become known as the Seven Sorrows of Mary, or for that matter, not really understand why we even celebrate this particular feast.

This feast is actually dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. Her numerous tears and our reflection upon them are indeed conducive to our salvation; because those tears are able to wash away the sins of the whole world (*cf.* <http://www.catholicculture.org>)

Our meditating and reflecting upon the seven sorrows of Our Lady can help us appreciate more fully her role in the plan of salvation as well as draw us closer to sharing more fully in her life of discipleship. The seven sorrows of Our Lady are:

The prophecy of Simeon  
(*Luke 2:25-35*)

The flight into Egypt  
(*Matthew 2:13-15*)

Loss of the Child Jesus for three days  
(*Luke 2:41-50*)

Mary meets Jesus on his

way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)  
Crucifixion and Death of Jesus  
(*John 19:25-30*)  
The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross  
(*Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)

The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)

During this month of September, in the light of these two celebrations, let us pay honor to Mary our Mother, asking her to help us by her grace and powerful intercession that we may see in her birth and the sorrows of her life a cause for hope. May we be guided by her in this endeavor throughout this month and beyond as she remains for us our Lady of Sorrows, our 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, September 6, 7:00pm

Thursday, October 4, 7:00pm

September 8—Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday, St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville

September 9—Blue/White Mass in remembrance of 9/11, 5PM The Cathedral

Sunday, September 16, 2:00pm, First and Second Degree Altoona Council

Wednesday, September 26, Life Line Screening, Council Hall

Sunday October 14th, Tentative Third Degree.



## Knights Mourn Passing of Nellie Gray

Statement of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

It is with great sadness that I learned today that Nellie Gray had passed away. Nellie worked tirelessly to protect the life of the unborn, and the Knights of Columbus helped her in this work from the very beginning. She never gave up. In those early days when Nellie and I worked together in the cause of life more than three decades ago, the idea that America would have a moral awakening on abortion seemed far-fetched, but she never became discouraged. She simply worked harder. Today, as polling indicates that the tide of public opinion has shifted significantly in defense of human life, we see just how important the March for Life and her hard work have been. Nellie will be missed, and it is now up to us to make sure that her work in defense of life continues.

## Knights of Columbus Plan Shrine to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C.

Site will include shrine as well as exhibits on the life and legacy of Blessed John Paul II and on the Catholic heritage of North America.

The Knights of Columbus announced today that it will establish a shrine to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C. The announcement was made during Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's annual report at the Knights' 129th International Convention being held in Denver.

In addition to the shrine itself, the preliminary plans for the site include exhibits on the life and legacy of Blessed John Paul II, and an exhibit on the Catholic heritage of North America. The shrine and related exhibits will be located at the site of the present John Paul II Cultural Center in Northeast Washington. The building and land at 3900 Harewood Road – which the Knights of Columbus is purchasing for this purpose – are currently owned by the Pope John Paul

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