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NEWS

Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month

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Saturday, November 15th K of C Hall
Drinks and Appetizers 6:00 PM
Dinner, choice of chicken or steak
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September 2014

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary"
-Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

September is the month of Mary. The power of prayer is a wonderful thing and praying the rosary this month as much as possible is a beautiful way to honor our Holy Mother. All can join in unity at the Mary's Day Celebration at St. Catherine's on September 8th. You will find more detailed information about this special celebration in the newsletter.

Our family picnic went well but like all things, there are just some events that you can't control. A caterer with a power outage is one of those things! However, the upside was that we were able to experience a great deal of fellowship due to a delay in the food. I heard many comments about how people used this time to get to know one another. Thanks to my brother Knights who stepped up and helped serve drinks and snacks while waiting for the food to arrive. Also thanks to brother Ron Harella for taking care of the pavilion clean up in my absence. The kids had fun with crafts and a scavenger hunt. Thank goodness I am married to a teacher!

This year I am working on something a little different for the ladies of the council who support us in all our efforts. A sit down, served dinner theatre with a murder mystery theme will be a lot of fun for all of us and our special ladies. See the ad in the newsletter for additional details.

As summer draws to a close I am looking forward to a busy and productive new season as your Grand Knight.

Fraternally yours,

Tim

Chaplain's Message

Angels and Knights

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

When we think about the role models of the life we live and the work we do as Knights of Columbus, we think of course of our Lord Himself and the apostles. We think of Our Lady and the saints. We think of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, our founder, whose cause for canonization is presently in Rome. After all, we are about the work of these individuals in what we do.

Perhaps we could look further and discover even more models and intercessors for us as Knights of Columbus. Have we ever thought of the Archangels?

On September 29th we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Prior to Vatican Council II, this day only commemorated St. Michael and was known as "Michaelmas". On the present church calendar, this day commemorates all three. Each one is known for a special function they demonstrate in the Bible.

In Revelation 12:7-9, we see Michael as the warrior against evil, Captain of the Heavenly Host. In Daniel 12:1, we see him as protector of Israel and the Church. In Daniel 9, Gabriel is a messenger who announces the Messiah's coming. In Luke 1, he announces the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Finally, in Tobit 5-12, Raphael serves as a guardian angel, protecting Tobias on his journey.

As Knights of Columbus, are we not called to be warriors against evil—such as sins against human life, blasphemies and discrimination against our God and His church, the creeping secularization of our society and religious holidays? Are we not also called to be announcers of Good News by reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the sick and dying? Are we not also called to be guardians of others by sponsoring and supporting programs and activities for young people, supporting vocations, defending the rights of the elderly, the terminally ill, and the unborn?

Yes, in all of this, the work we do as Brother Knights is in many ways a microcosm of the work of the angels. We should turn to them often for their example and intercession—just as we do the saints and Mary, Star of the Sea.



August Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Applications:

2nd reading- Zane Treece Jr, sponsored by Zane Treece Sr.

Grand Knight Report:

At our last meeting, I requested a donation for my attempt to ride the MS 150. I'm happy to say I completed the entire ride without any assistance and that my wife did not have to move to her mother's once I got home. That is in reference to the joke we had that if I rode and didn't die that she didn't want to hear me moaning and groaning about how much I hurt. I actually was doing yard work all day Monday and did a 20 mile ride on the Wednesday after.

So I have so far kept one of my quote campaign promises by "Taking up the Fight" for charity, in this case for the MS Society. Even though we are not at bills and communications, I want to sincerely thank each and every one of my brother Knights for your generous donation towards my ride.

The family picnic is set for August 17th at 1pm. I know I stated in the Star News to reply by the 3rd, but if you have not replied there is a sign-up sheet on the Deputy Grand Knight's Table. Remember we are NOT required to do anything. Just show up and enjoy. The menu is wonderful. My wife has crafts available for the kids, a scavenger hunt and I have the game corn hole for both the adults and kids. We will also have music. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Remember to bring a po-

tential knight and their family. Menu for the picnic is steak and chicken kabobs with several side dishes.

August 16th at 8am will be the clean-up day for the picnic. The first person to sign up was Ron Harella so I am delegating my authority as Grand Knight to make him chairperson of the clean-up. Unfortunately or fortunately I will be returning from vacation that day and then taking my twins back to college so I will not be able to attend the clean-up. Once again I have a sign-up sheet on the Deputy Grand Knights table.

As Grand Knight I experienced my first audit. I would like to thank our trustees and treasurer for doing a fine job. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to Jerry Kovach for developing the spreadsheet to expedite the process.

I still have two rosary pictures on the Deputy Grand Knight's table that were ordered and not picked up (Dennis Dombrosky and Bill Moyer). They are \$35 each and \$5 goes back to the council. Pictures taken by my son Todd who is a second degree member and the rosary is the one he received during his 1st degree. Orders can still be placed and again the order sheet is on the Deputy Grand Knight's Table.

I still plan to assemble a small committee to form a survey to be sent to all our members to gather information that can be stored in the supreme council database but will also help our council with fundraising activities and communications. This would be such things as parish information, contact information, etc. Just not ready yet.

Bills and Communications:

We received thank you notes from:

- Blair/Clearfield Assoc for the blind for \$100 donation
- Pictures online of Eagle Scout Project

- Annual K of C convention: Message from Pope Francis conveying "warm greetings to all in attendance with the assurance of his closeness in prayer and imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ". The letter also "Thanks Knights of Columbus for Supporting Families".

Donation Requests:

St. Patrick School in Newry to sponsor a bus to transport the children of the school to the Birth of Mary celebration at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville on September 8th. Cost is \$72.79

St. Rose of Lima in Altoona to sponsor a bus to transport the children of the school to the Birth of Mary celebration at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville on September 8th. Cost is \$106.82

Motion by Brother Guy Luciano to pay for the transportation for both schools.....Motion carried.

Other Communications: Degrees:

Degrees planned for this summer at the State College Council Home.
24 August 1:00pm 1st/2nd Degree
21 September 2:00pm Potential 3rd Degree

Watch our web site <http://www.statecollegeknights.com/kofc/home.html> for additional information. If interested see Lou Endress.

Financial Secretary Report:

'29' Club has two openings for this football season. Cost is \$85.00. See Financial Secretary Lou Endress for details.

District Deputy Report:

The area is still in need of a District Deputy. If interested contact Bill Erbeck at 814-684-1327 or Grand Knight Tim Surkovich at 814-696-1209

Unfinished Business:

The council needs a clean-up committee for the picnic. Brother Ron Harella is the chairman and requested helpers to meet at the Council Home at 8am on August 16, 2014.

New Business:

- Steak Dinner for Hand in Hand? Usually September? Date will be set at the September meeting.
- New member challenge. Points to purchase merchandise for the Council. Our goal is one new member per month.
- Mary's Day Celebration September 8, 2014 at St. Catherine's. Ron Harella asked for volunteers to man the K of C recruitment table.
- Ladies night for October 16, 2014. Discuss menu and entertainment at the September meeting. Date, Menu, entertainment still TBD
- Reminder: Council shirts can be purchased at New Look Uniform Shop (across from Health South in Altoona).
- K of C hats can be purchased here at the council home.

Report of Standing Committees:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale. Make September 18th for delivery September 19th. Orders to Paul Gargon 695-7870 by 12 noon the 16th.

4th Degree:

Fourth Degree meeting will be held on September 25, 2014, 7pm, at Altoona Council #551.

Awards:

Gold Book Certificate from Shriner's Hospital



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

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
John K Longenecker	9/13
Joseph W Muri	9/24
Thomas D O Leary	9/20
Dr Eugene F Polmueller	9/14
Francis J Serenko III	9/22
Francis C Shaw	9/6
Timothy M Sullivan	9/24
Robert E Walters	9/21
James H Zimmerman	9/23



Birth of Mary Celebration

Date: Monday, September 8th
Place: Saint Catherine of Siena Church
Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA

Masses: 7:45AM - 12 Noon and 5:00PM
Holy Rosary begins:
8:30AM – 11:30AM
1:00PM – 4:00PM
All day in the church

Celebrant Homilist for the 7:45AM & Noon Mass:
Monsignor Robert Saly
5:00PM Evening Mass:
Reverend Daniel Sinisi, TOR, SFU
Candlelight Procession, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Benediction at Fatima Shrine

Food available from Noon – 4:00PM, soups, salad, and sandwiches

Coffee and Cake after 6:00PM

Church hall: Displays of Mary's Shrine, Rosary Makers and more





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 9/4/14

- August 16, 2014, 8am, cleanup at the Council Home for the picnic.
- August 17, 2014 K of C Family Picnic at 1pm, Council Home
- September 4, 2014 Next Council Meeting at 7pm. Rosary precedes the meeting. Meeting Hospitality provided by Brother Jim Zimmerman.
- September date to be determined. Steak Dinner for Hand in Hand participants.
- September 8, 2014 at St. Catherine's.....Mary's Day Celebration.
- November 15, 2014 Ladies night dinner at the Council Home. Murder Mystery sit down catered dinner. 6PM



Pray for the following:

Pray for the following return to good health for: Anita Popovich friend of Brothers Mike Metzgar and Gary Nocek, Patricia Goldinger, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Metzgar.



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The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or

beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.475 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

Ken Scott

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