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August 2018
From the Grand Knight



Chaplain’s Message

Brother Knights:

I got some great feedback on the family picnic. We had a good turn out my family and I had a blast! It’s been at least ten years since I have been to Delgrosso’s. The park has added a few rides but has added a lot too the water park! It turned out to be a nice sunny day with no rain, which was welcome given the summer of rain we’ve had. I look forward to continuing our family day picnic in the future. Thanks to everyone who made it a great family day!

The ham and cheese sale is coming up in September. The form is on the back page of the cover of the newsletter. Please try help out in the sale of the sandwiches. Unfortunately sales have been down lately.

If you haven’t sold any COAL sweepstake tickets or need some please contact me or Tim, the sale of these tickets benefits the council

It’s important that we make an effort to sell or get involved in these fundraisers. Every effort helps keep the council going strong so we can continue our mission of charity, unity and fraternity.

Thanks god bless

Faternally yours,

Rich

“Exalted with Christ”

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

Traditionally, when we think of the cross, sacrifice, etc. we do so with greatest focus during the Season of Lent, as indeed we should. However, we soon realize that our faith as it is lived out each day in our lives is not that easily “compartmentalized.” No, we can identify with the cross and the sorrows of this life each day in one way or another. Some of those times are rather minor; a disappointment, an unkind remark, a failure to be recognized, etc. Others are much more serious or even traumatic; the suffering of a friend, the death of a loved one, the loss of employment, etc. We see it on the news, we hear about it on the street, we experience it in our own lives—however great or small—the Cross.

This month celebrates a very special and important Feast in the liturgical year of the Church: The Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Cross. This is observed each year on September 14th. The miraculous discovery of the relic of the True Cross on September 14, 326,

by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating this Feast on this particular date. It should be noted that the following day, September 15th is the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, for obvious reasons.

It is most appropriate that as we celebrate this feast and the message it conveys, we remind ourselves of the fact that our human suffering has redemptive value. Our sufferings in this life can and do take us toward the exaltation of the cross. Through them and with them we are united with suffering of Christ. Consequently, we share that same exaltation.

The work that we do as Knights, the message that we seek to live every day as Knights is in many respects an acknowledgement of that triumph over life’s challenges, disappointments, and sorrows. If we see the exaltation of Christ as our own, then it is much easier to understand why our sufferings and those to whom we minister are a share in His.

May we who share Christ’s sufferings in the daily living of our calling also share in his exaltation; and may we be guided in our journey as Knights by our Mother and Patroness: Mary, Star of the Sea.



August 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Application for membership:

Second reading for Joshua Kelly, a member of St. Thomas More parish. Motion to accept this application was made by George Husick and seconded by Vic Ballash. Motion passed unanimously.

Grand Knights Report:



Reminded the members that the family picnic is Sunday, August 5th at Del Grosso's Park.

Awards:

1st and 2nd Degree certificates presented to Charles Smith and to Paul Jr. and Justin Detwiler. (accepted on their behalf by their father Paul Detwiler Sr.) •

2nd and 3rd Degree certificates presented to Gary Vassalotti.

Field Insurance Agent Report:



For any 2nd degree brother interested in taking the 4th degree in October, there is a 3rd degree ceremony being held in Huntington in September. Contact Tim or Mike for more information.

Through satisfaction surveys and other criteria, as of August the 1st Mike has been named the #1 Insurance Field Agent in PA and # 22 in the world. He expressed his sincere thanks to our council as many of the surveys were completed by our members. Council reacted with a congratulatory round of applause.

Communications/Thank You Notes:

Thank you letter received from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown for the donation of \$75 made on 5/30/2018.

Post card from The ARC of Blair County the Family Day of Fun that

was scheduled for July 15 was postponed until the fall.

Financial Secretary Report:



COAL ("Chance Of A Lifetime") tickets are now available. As always, they will be mailed to each member along with our annual "Basket of Cheer" Christmas tickets, but Tim explained that the sooner the tickets are sold and returned to the State Council, the larger the refund will be to us (refunds to the local councils are the largest in October and decline from there until the cut-off date). Call the council home (695-4752) to request COAL tickets now.

We are down to a few members with outstanding dues but history suggests that they will all (hopefully) settle their accounts and there will be no reductions to our membership count; Tim continues to pursue.

Standing Committee Reports:

Trustee Report – Information Presented by Lee Zimmerman

The semi-annual audit was completed by the trustee's and submitted as required - the books are in order.

Fund Raising Committee - Information Presented by Bob Hazenstab:

No firm plans for the fall fundraiser (the demand on our local National Guard Reserves is currently very high leaving rentals of the armory, uncertain). The next meeting for the fundraising committee will be on August 27th @ 6:00PM at the Council home. All are welcome to participate.

The Home Depot grant is still pending.

New Business:

Brother Knight Ron Harella spoke on the annual Birth of Mary celebration at St. Catherine Church in Duncansville on Saturday, September 8th. Since the occasion this year (and next) falls on a weekend, the parochial schools will not be requesting a donation for bus trans-

portation from the schools to the church. George Husick made a motion to donate \$100 directly to the Mary's Day committee in place of the donation that would have gone towards the bus. Motion was seconded by Gary Nocek and unanimously approved by the council.

The Hand-in-Hand thank you evening will be on September 24th at the council home.

Jerry Kovach made a presentation that he was asked to deliver by a missionary visiting from India, who was visiting several parishes in the Altoona-Johnstown diocese in July. The request was to sponsor a partial or full year of education for a child or seminarian who are being supported by this mission. Dan Turcovsky made a motion to donate \$180 to sponsor a seminarian, seconded by George Husick and approved unanimously by the council.

Jim Zimmerman reported that his daughter is still battling her cancer and that there are fundraising activities being held to help defray the cost of transportation to Cleveland for treatments. Vic Ballash made a motion that was seconded by Lee Zimmerman to donate \$200 to Jim's daughter. Motion was unanimously approved by the council.

Joe Dodson read a letter regarding a fundraising effort for donations to be made to the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in the name of Ryder McDermitt, a young boy who survived two bouts of leukemia but required a heart transplant because of damage done by the cancer treatments. This is in conjunction with a fundraiser being done by the Holidaysburg police for Ryder's benefit. Joe's request was not that the council make a donation, but that all of the members contribute what they could. John Brown made a motion to donate \$100 from the council (and that every member still contribute individually). The motion was seconded by multiple voices and unanimously approved by the council.



Pray for the following:

Pray for the recovery of SK Dan Casey who recently underwent open heart surgery.

Condolences offered to Brother John Longenecker and prayers requested on the passing of his father John Longenecker (grandfather of Brother Kevin Longenecker and grandfather-in-law of Brother Lee Zimmerman).

Prayers requested for a Brother who recently had to make the difficult decision to seek assisted living arrangements for his wife's care. Pray for the two of them that she is able to transfer to Garvey Manor soon.

Grand Knight Rich Moyer asked for prayers for the needs of all members and their families.



Fellowship Meal

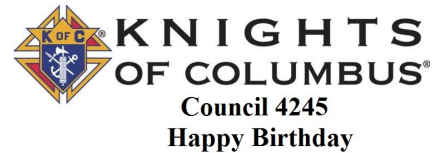
2018 Hospitality Meal List

September	Jeff Muriceak
October	Tim Surkovich
November	Bob Hazenstab
December	Brian Drum



Council Home Work Day

Friday the 14th September we are planning to remove the roof over our side entrance. Saturday the 15th we are planning to rebuild the roof, raising it up and omitting the chain idea. If we get enough help on Saturday another team can repair the stairs, as well. Bob Hazenstab has enough new/old stock laying around that we should not need to buy anything for the day except shingles. We can also cover the roof with a high quality roof paper and wait for the Home Depot funds to buy the shingles.. If you can run a saw, gun nails, use a drill to run screws in, lift and hold material, help keep cleaned up then your the guy we are looking for. The jobs we are trying to get done before Home Depot arrives will save us money. If we should not secure the grant then we just did two of the projects that needed done on out to do list. On Saturday we will be starting at 7 AM.



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

Ralph Blodgett	9/5
Lawrence Harker	9/13
Gerald Kovach	9/13
John Longenecker	9/13
Eugene Polmueller	9/14
Joseph Gallagher	9/16
John Frank	9/21
James Zimmerman	9/23
Robert Lonero	9/24
Timothy Sullivan	9/24
Salvatore Ganino	9/26
William Lersch Jr	9/27
Stephen McGeehan	9/30

In Memoriam



In Memoriam to all Brother Knights that passed away throughout our councils history.





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September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27 Fundraising Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Home Association Meeting Praying of the Rosary Regular Council Meeting	7	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15 Council Home Work Day
16	17	18 Ham and Cheese Sandwich Orders Due	19	20 Make Ham and Cheese Sandwiches	21 Deliver Ham and Cheese Sandwiches	22
23	24 Annual post Hand in Hand Steak Dinner	25 Fundraising Committee Meeting	26	27 Meeting of the 4th Degree	28	29
30	1	2	3	4 Home Association Meeting Praying of the Rosary Regular Council Meeting	5	6

Upcoming Events:

- September 15th** Work Day at the council home.7AM
- September 20th** Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4PM
- September 24th** Annual Post Hand in Hand Steak Dinner 6PM
- October 6th** Exemplification of the 4th Degree, Altoona PA
- November 10th** Annual Ladies Night
- November 18th** Annual Memorial Mass for our Deported Brothers

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