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Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
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May 2015

From the Grand Knight

As I write my last Grand Knight message to my brother knights I am reminded of a quote from Mother Teresa. "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

This quote applies in so many ways to the main principle of our order, charity. As we all know from taking our first degree, charity is much more than giving financially. Over the past year, as your Grand Knight, I have worked with you to give financially to those in need. Without the hours of volunteer work offered by our brothers who cook chicken, make sandwiches, collect for the ARC, help with our 40 Cans for 40 Days, set up and tear down for functions, and much more, none of those financial

gifts would have been possible. I truly believe my brother Knights do this because they love what they are doing.

As your Grand Knight I can say I have "for the most part" loved being your Grand Knight. I have to be honest here since I am quoting Mother Teresa, there were also trying times, but the end result always came back to "I'm doing this because I love being a Knight of Columbus" It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.

I look forward to following Mother Teresa's quote in my new role as your financial secretary. I have some big shoes to fill taking over for Lou and want to extend my appreciation for the many years of service he gave to this council, not only his current position, but in everything he has done.

I'll leave you with "I love being a Knight" and I hope you all will continue to love giving to those who call for our help.

Fraternally yours,

Tim

Chaplain's Message

Taking God On Vacation

*By Father Anthony Legarski,
Chaplain*

Most of us undoubtedly have made some kind of vacation plans for the summer. This is of course a good and healthy thing to do. Vacations are necessary for us to rest, renew, and replenish ourselves for the daily routines of life, work, and profession. I hope that all of you will in some way be able to take a vacation.

When we take a vacation we usually make sure that we make the right plans and pack the right things. In all of this, we need to remember to take God with us. There are different ways that we can do so.

May 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes



One way is of course to be sure and take a Bible with us. Beginning and ending each day with the Word of God enables us to focus on the presence of God among us as we rest and unwind.

We should also set aside some time each day for personal devotion. The Liturgy of the Hours, a Rosary, a Litany, a Novena, or perhaps praying the Psalms. Most Catholic publications and periodicals offer daily devotional booklets that are a very good thing to make use of while on vacation.

Many of us like to catch up on reading while on vacation. Spiritual reading is a very good thing to include in our reading. Perhaps we could read the biography of a favorite saint or the story of one's struggle with faith and how they overcame it. The parables are a very wonderful way to reflect on life's daily challenges to our faith.

If we take in performing arts, museums, or nature walks while on vacation we should look for the gifts of God to individuals, society and nature in these things. In essence we should try to

experience things while on vacation through the eyes of God and see His hand in them.

Most importantly, we cannot forget to nourish ourselves with the Eucharist by participating in Mass on Sunday and if possible, daily in the local parish.

More than anything else, I strongly recommend that in addition to vacation, my Brother Knights endeavor to make a Retreat. This is fundamental to our spiritual renewal. It should also be included in our summer plans or at some point during the year.

Whatever you choose to do, wherever you choose to go this summer, it is my hope that you enjoy a summer that is an enjoyable and safe one. Moreover, may it include the presence of God and the guiding assistance of Mary, Star of the Sea.

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The Council was called to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by GK Surkovich with 37 members present.

Officers absent were: DGK Husick, Outside Guard Tom Mathews, Trustee 1st Year, Gerry Kovach

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the previous were read and accepted.

Reading of Applications:

Degree Ceremony:

Grand Knight Initiations:

Grand Knight Report:

- Thank to all the ARC Collection participants
- Remember to honor your Mother on Mother's Day and say the Rosary in Mary's honor.

Chaplains Report:

May 14, 2015 is Ascension Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation

May 24, 2014 is Pentecost Sunday which concludes the Easter Season

Bills and Communications:

We received a thank you from:

Ms. Jean Cassidy to the 4th Degree Color Corps for their participation at the funeral of her husband Sir Knight Joe Cassidy

Mr. Mark D. Mielnik, Jr., grandson of original member John J.

Hazenstab, Sr. His letter was inspirational and complimentary of the Council for all it meant to his grandfather and to him as well.

Donations/Donation Requests:

Other Communications:

There is a new Form 100 for new member applications - All previous applications are void and should be discarded.

Monastery Gardens: Brother David DiPastina presented the information about the communal garden project to benefit local Food Banks and other Charities. The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is the coordination of this project which is headed by Pat Trimble (814-327-1555), website:

monasterygardens.weebly.com.

The blessing of the gardens will take place on May 30, 2015. There are three ways you can be a part of this project and a call to Pat will explain what you can do to help!

Certificates:

Awards:

Financial Secretary Report:

Hand in Hand BBQ Tickets are being sent to each Knight for sale

or purchase. The BBQ is June 7, 2015

The **May Ham and Cheese Sale** (Order Sheet attached): Orders to Chairman Paul Gargon by noon on May 19, 2015, Make the sandwiches at the Council home May 21, 2015 at 4pm, Deliver the sandwiches on May 22, 2015.

Lou Endress is retiring as Financial Secretary and Tim Surkovich will fill his position.

Audit:

Report of Standing Committees:

Mothers Day Dinner chaired by Brother Dennis Dombrosky, will be held at St. Patricks in Newry on May 10, 2015. There will be one seating from 11:30-2:30. 140 tickets remain available at \$10 each. To reserve tickets contact Dennis at: dinopapt@aol.com. or (814-695-7870)

Mothers Day Dinner Volunteers: Dennis will be at St. Patricks at 7:30 to begin the set-up for the dinner. Please volunteer all the time you have available to assist the Council and make this dinner a great success.

Mothers Day Dinner Attendees: Please bring desserts for the dinner by 11:30 or when you plan to attend near the noon hour.

ARC Collection chaired by Chancellor Dennis McGeehan

The collection effort was a great success with \$4,825.15 collected including the \$1,000 donation from Giant Eagle Corporate.

Brother Gary Ellis made a motion to raise the amount to \$5,000 which was unanimously approved by Council.

It was noted by the Chairman that all old materials for the ARC collection should be culled and new materials ordered.

Unfinished Business:

Car Raffle: Tim Surkovich reported that he has met with Matt Stuckey and a Ford representative to determine the availability of the 2016 Shelby Mustang. "We will get a 689 hp car.... but don't know when, what color, MSRP, or from what dealer in the US". The Stuckey Ford allocated car was sold some time ago as will be the case for the future.. The planning for the sales will begin soon. Tim was told that tickets sales will be brisk on our website once all of the details are known and the car is listed.

New Business :

First Degree Team GK Dave Karl expressed concern that the Team needs to be reorganized and that new officers and alternates be solicited at the next meeting. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the missing 1st degree robe, or is interested in becoming a Team Officer, please contact Dave Karl or the Grand Knight.

Calendar of Coming Knights of Columbus Events:

The date for the next meeting is June 4, 2015.

Nominations of Officers:

which passed.

Nomination of Officers: Financial Secretary Lou Endress

District Deputy Report:

June Birthdays:

- Grand Knight: Zane Treece, Sr., Lee Zimmerman
- DGK: George Husick
- Treasurer: Dave Karl
- Recorder: Mike Metzgar
- Chancellor: Dennis McGeehan
- Warden: John Longenecker
- Advocate: Ed Zang
- Financial Secretary: Tim Surkovich
- 3rd Year Trustee: Tom Mathews (Immaculate Conception, Dudley, PA)
- Inside Guard: Dan Moringiello
- Outside Guard: Jeremy Folk

Prayers requested for the return to good health for:

- Mike Metzgar's father, Henry
- Jim Zimmermans's daughter and a donation to her healthcare fund raiser of \$100.00 – Passed
- David DePastina's Mother
- Victor Balash Sister who passed away.
- Pray for all Brother Knights

Francis	Madden	06-01
Richard	Zenosky	06-22
William	Thompson	06-15
William	Wilson	06-01
James	Woomer	06-07
Richard	Pielmeier	06-26
Gregory	Michelone	06-01
Philip	De Vecchis, Jr.	06-05
James	Adams	06-01
Brian	Drum	06-12
Earl	Eger	06-30
Mark	Sault	06-20
Richard	McIntyre	06-29
Stephen	De Vecchis	06-28
Brian	Gahagan	06-08

Chaplains Summation:

Father spoke about the 'Holy Spirit' and that it gives life to the Church through "His gifts, fruits and charisms". Fathers summation is attached to these minutes and is very enlightening about the 'Holy Spirit' and what it means to be 'filled with the Holy Spirit'.

Nominations remain open for anyone that is interested in these Officer positions. Please contact Lou Endress if you wish to be nominated for any position.

The Council sang the closing ode and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by GK Surkovich.

4th Degree:

- 4th Degree Mass will be held at St Joseph's. Williamsburg, PA on May 17, 2015
- Brother Ray Baker asked the Council for a donation to help purchase a chalice. Brother Dan Moringiello made a motion for \$200.00



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