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October 2015

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

October is upon us. We are in the middle of autumn and heading toward winter. We have leaves to clean up off the ground but soon it will be snow instead. Despite the fact that we are slightly inconvenienced by Mother Nature this time of year we also have pleasant things to look forward to.

With the exception of cleaning up leaves October is one of my favorite months of the whole year. Before the leaves fall to the ground, they turn beautiful shades of orange, red, and yellow. This happens to be something that I think a lot of people in Pennsylvania take for granted, at least until they talk to someone who is from a state that is flat and arid. People from states such as Texas aren't as privileged as we are to be living in the midst of an esthetically pleasing landscape this time of year. By the time October rolls around football is also in full swing. This is the time of year for any football

fan to enjoy, assuming that you are one. More specifically any individual with hometown pride or who perhaps has one or more children participating in cheerleading, marching band, or a football team all get to experience the freshness of the outdoor air this time of year as they cheer on the home team and possibly join in on a homecoming celebration. This doesn't mean, however, that it's not possible to enjoy the atmosphere of college and professional football games in much the same way. So in closing, this time of year try to focus on all of the beauty that surrounds us and marvel in the wonders of Mother Nature.

Fraternally Yours,
Lee

Chaplain's Message

“Respecting Life and Praying the Rosary”

*By
Father Anthony J.
Legarski, Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

October is a month of focus; students focus on another year of school, governments focus on budgets and elections, society focuses on the upcoming holidays, and many athletic teams in various sports focus on successful seasons. During this month the Church finds herself focusing as well. This focus is on two basic facets of our faith as we live it in our day and age: respect for life and the Rosary.

Some years ago the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) designated October as a month of heightened awareness of the things that threaten the reverence and the sanctity of human life such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicides, embryonic stem cell research, etc. In doing so the Bishops exhort all of us a members of the Church and disciples of Christ to stand and speak for Christ against these tragic offenses that degrade and cheapen God's most precious gift. The ways in which we can and should be actively involved in pro-life activities and education are varied and numerous. We should be open to all the possibilities of doing so that the Holy Spirit shows us.

Among the ways in which we respond to the call to promote a respect for life, prayer must be first and foremost; and the most effective prayer to defeat such tragic sins is the daily praying of the Rosary to end abortion and other sins against human life. This too is part of our focus during the month of October. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Since the Rosary has been revealed to us by the Blessed Mother it has proven time and again to be a most effective weapon against the most horrific of sins, such as those against human life.

In whatever way the Holy Spirit moves us to stand and speak for Christ by promoting a respect for human life, we are greatly advantaged by a devotion to the Rosary. Praying the Rosary for God's help through Mary's intercession in this regard is something all of us must include in our pro-life activities as Catholics in general and as Knights in particular. It is Mary who is the model of respect for life, it is Mary who intercedes for us as we seek her help, it is Mary who crushes the head of the serpent, and it is Mary who can lead us back to a culture of life. If we go to her she will most certainly come to us with a fervent desire to help.

As Knights of Columbus, may we be on the front line of promoting a respect for life and may we arm ourselves with a most powerful weapon against sin: the Holy Rosary. In doing so, may we continue

to find ourselves guided on our journey as Knights by Mary, Star of the Sea.

September 3, 2015 Monthly Meeting Minutes



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The council was called to order at 7:00 PM by GK Lee Zimmerman with 38 members present.

Officers absent: Dennis McGeehan

Meeting Minutes for the previous month were read and accepted without changes.

Application for membership: NA

Degree Ceremony: NA

Grand Knight Report: GK Lee Zimmerman presented information related to the recruitment of new member as the focus for the K of C during the month of October. Discussion occurred around recruitment efforts at our respective parishes and conducting a recruitment

weekend. During this event, we need to insure that we have coverage at all masses and at all exits points. Suggestion was made to collect the names of interested men and then follow up with additional information and recruitment efforts. New flyers are available. David DePastina will compile a communication for the bulletins. Additional discussion will occur at the October meeting along with a formal sign up and commitment to recruit at our respective parishes. Tentative dates are the weekends of October 17 or 24th.

-Ron Harella will also set up a K of C table during the Birth of Mary Celebration at St. Catherine of Sienna on September 8, in an effort to promote the K of C.

Chaplains Report: Father Legarski reiterated the need to recruit good men given our current environment. He encouraged us all to be active volunteers and continue to reach out to other faithful men to join our organization.

Donation Request:

- We received a request from The Spiritual Arts Foundation to participate in the funding of a bronze bust of Pope St. John Paul II which will be installed on October 22, 2015 at the Pope John Paul II Manor in Cresson, PA. The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus operate the Manor and the family of a former Manor resident

(now deceased) is seeking a way to repay the kindness their mother was given at the Manor by donating the bust. Jim Zimmerman motioned to table the discussion pending further information; motion was seconded by David DePastina. Motion passed.

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

- St. John the Baptist Council 8891 of New Freedom, PA sent a thank you letter in acknowledgement of our support as they hosted the 2015 K of C PA State Golf Tournament on August 15, 2015. They raised \$10,000 for the PA Special Olympics.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Ham and Cheese sale - Assemble sandwiches on 9-17-15; pick up on 9-18-15. Orders are due by 9-16-15 at 12:00 PM. Additional order forms should be included with each order delivered, in an effort to "advertise" for the following sales. Future sales will be held in November, January, etc. and at a frequency of 6 times per year.
- Football tickets are available for \$10.00 each. (\$2.00 profit/ticket) available for sale now, money

must be returned by October 15, 2015. See Tim Surkovich if interested.

Fund Raising: NA

Unfinished Business:

- Ron Harella provided flyers related to the Mary's Day celebration at St. Catherine's of Sienna on September 8, 2015. There is a donation box for religious articles, please donate if you have any new or used articles.
- Fund Raising - Tim Surkovich reported that the Ford Shelby Mustang has been ordered and is due in November 2015. The planning committee will meet on 9-10-15. Tickets have been ordered. We will need significant participation from our Knights to make this fund raiser a success. Additional information to follow as the project begins.

New Business:

- The "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard will require funding for the 2015 season. Motion presented to fund the project was offered by Dan Casey; Gary Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The "Feeding America Back Pack" program was discussed as a

worthy cause to aid in providing easy to prepare meals over the weekend, for children in need. Motion to donate \$200 was created by John Brown and seconded by Dan Moringiello. Motion passed.

District Deputy Report:

- George Husick provided the District Deputy Report - The Second Degree Team needs a volunteer for the District Deputy position. Please consider volunteering for this important role - contact George for further information.
- K of C is looking for a Field Agent for our area. Comprehensive training is provided. If you are looking for a career change or if you know of someone who is, please see George.
- Tyrone and Bellwood K of C Councils have tentatively agreed to sponsor The K of C Ultrasound Initiative. This program provides funds to pregnancy centers for new medical technology. The K of C launched a new initiative aimed at providing women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them in an effort to reduce abortions. Funds provided by the Councils will be matched by Supreme.

The Diocese will review the program and then if they approve, fund raising can begin. This is part of the Every Life Matters. Ed Zang presented a motion to table any action until the Diocese completes their review process. Victor Ballash seconded the motion. Motion passed. See the Columbia magazine for additional information.

and absolution for the sin of committing an abortion. He also discussed RESERVED sins and the relationship to the new decree.

October Birthdays:

Mr. Ball	Joseph	10-14
Mr. Felus	Bruno	10-24
Mr. Filby	Donald	10-01
Mr. Hazenstab	Robert	10-22
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Mr. Hess	Stephen	10-31
Mr. Johnston	Michael	10-24
Mr. Joseph	John	10-05
Mr. Kelly	Louis	10-27
Mr. Korhan	Robert	10-30
Mr. Lechman, Esq.	Joseph	10-22
Mr. McGeehan	Dennis	10-21
Mr. Metzgar	Michael	10-12
Mr. Buskey, Jr.	Clark	10-20
Mr. Nelson	Mark	10-06
Mr. Hughes	Jesse	10-28
Mr. Casey	Daniel	10-15
Mr. Dively	William	10-26
Mr. Ellis	Gary	10-17
Mr. Moore III	John	10-15
Mr. Cantos	Javier	10-12
Mr. Hughes	Adam	10-07
Mr. Treece	Zane Jr.	10-07
Mr. Settlemyer	James	10-26
Mr. Nocek	Gary	10-13

Announcements:

- David DePastina provided an update on the Monastery Community Gardens. Volunteers are still needed on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Due to Labor Day, volunteers will be needed on September 8 & 10th at 5:30 PM. ~ 3 tons of vegetables have been donated thus far, this season.

Council sang the closing ode and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Note - hospitality meal to be provided by Bob Stubler at the October 1, 2015 meeting. Reminder, council reimburses up the \$50.00 for these meals; Roasters are available for use, see Jim Zimmerman.

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Report of the 4th Degree:

- 4th degree exemplification will be held at the State College Council, Sunday, October 25, 2015. Forms are due by September 24, 2015. Cost for the Knight is \$70; Spouse \$55
- 4th degree dues are due NOW.

Good of the Order:

- Get well cards will be sent to Gary Selwitz and Wilbur Henry

Chaplains Summation:

- Fr. Legarski discussed the Popes decree during the Holy Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 thru November 20, 2016). He provided details related to this decree and provided clarity to address the respective changes regarding the Sacrament of Penance



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