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Our Lady Star of the Sea - March 2019



Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month at 7 pm.
Rosary at 6:30 pm., Council Home Telephone: 814-695-4752
[HTTP://www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org)

*"In a world which demands of Christians a renewed witness of love and fidelity to the Lord, may all of us feel the urgent need to anticipate one another in charity, service, and good works."
-- Pope Benedict XVI*

40 **CANS FOR**
LENT



A joint project of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

\$\$\$ Cash Bash!! \$\$\$

Benefits the Knights of Columbus, Council 4245 of Hollidaysburg

March 30, 2019 at the Duncansville National Guard Armory.

\$30.00 ticket price includes one raffle entry 2 Dinners/beverages.

For Tickets: Contact the Council Home (695-4572), Bob Hazenstab (935-4562), Ray Gregorchik (232-6557), Mike Metzgar (931-9871)

Basket Raffles include one \$200.00+ Basket of Lottery Tickets.

2018 Proceeds were \$9,400.00

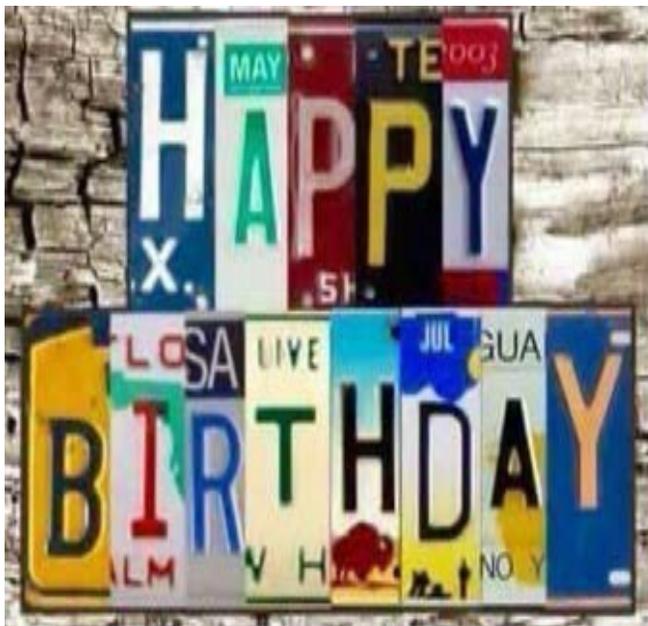
Brother Knights,

Please bring lottery tickets to the next meeting or drop them in the Council Mailbox marked for the Cash Bash "Basket of Lottery Tickets".

Please plan to **volunteer** your help at this Saturday night fund raiser.....Contact the Council Home (695-4572), Bob Hazenstab (935-4562), Ray Gregorchik (232-6557), Mike Metzgar (931-9871) and sign up!.

Thank you, the Fund Raising Committee

March Birthdays



WILLIAM	GILDEA	03-01
TIMOTHY	SLEETH	03-03
ROBERT	STUBLER	03-04
DAVID	SHRIFT	03-07
DAVID	MONTRELLA	03-08
MICHAEL	KELLEHER	03-09
RICHARD	RABER	03-13
THOMAS	MATTHEWS	03-16
JOSEPH	KACZOR	03-22
JOSEPH	FAGNANI	03-23
ALLAN	KELLY	03-24
WILBUR	HENRY	03-25
LARRY	LASHINSKY	03-27
RAYMOND	HIPP	03-29
CHARLES	SMITH	03-30

March 2019

From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights:

I do apologize for not making it to the last meeting. Now that we are in February I hate to rush time but I'm ready for warmer weather the Groundhog didn't see shadow which means we are going to have an early Spring. I am praying he is right! Soon March will be upon us and that means we will have to start preparing ourselves for Easter and the Lenten season.

We are having a 40 cans for 40 days food drive starting March 6, and that starts Lent. Please try to say a prayer every day for the less fortunate as you collect food.

March 21 is the Hand in Hand spaghetti dinner starts at 5pm so please try to attend.

Ham and cheese sales have been down recently so let's see if we can get the sales back up. Please call your order in by 4pm March 18. Sandwiches will be made on Wednesday the 20th and delivered on Thursday due to the Lenten season.

March 30 is the Cash Bash. Ticket sales are going good. We are asking members for a donation of lottery tickets to fill a raffle basket. This fund raiser requires a lot of work and we are in need of 40 workers for the night of the event so if you are available please come help.

Our Blood Drive is April 8th. There is always a demand for blood so please stop in. Unfortunately that day and times aren't available yet.

Fraternally yours,... Rich



Chaplain's Message

Lent: A Journey with Christ Back to Christ

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

This year, the arrival of the month of March simultaneously brings with it the arrival of the start of the Lenten Season.

Like so many other traditions and practices within our faith community, if we do not renew and rethink the meaning of things like Lent, they can easily lose their intended meaning and purpose. This begs the question: How are we going to observe Lent this year? We know the basics, but that is precisely what they are—basics. We hear about them every year: fasting, abstinence, self-denial, alms giving (charity), reconciliation, penance, etc.

The key to a rewarding and spiritually fulfilling Lent is for us to take these practices and traditions and open ourselves up to them transforming our lives not just for Lent, but for the entire journey of our life on this earth back to the Kingdom of God.

If Lent is about refocusing our lives on what is eternal, if it is about realigning ourselves with what is required of us as disciples, then we must look to this experience from the perspective of our own lives. In doing so, we discover the same things in our day and age that tempted our Lord in His: material things, power, and pride.

What can we do during Lent that will take our minds off of the things of this world, and put them on the world that awaits those who

follow Christ?

What can we do to make God the priority and the life he promises our true objective? Are we reluctant to share the material and spiritual blessings we may have with those less fortunate?

If we are in a position to supervise or lead others, we must examine our motive in the way in which we do so. Whether we are a parent, clergy, older sibling, teacher, boss, whatever capacity in which we find ourselves, humility must be our objective. Do we find ourselves pursuing goals at the expense of others?

This will necessarily demand of us a more intense prayer life. This will bring out of us a desire to be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and live and act in the right way and for the right reasons in our relationship with others. In the end we will have worked our way back to Christ, who himself became one of us in order to lead us in that direction.

It is often said that "*the love of money is the root of all evil.*" Perhaps there is a great deal of truth in this observation. But the account of the fall of Man in Genesis and the temptation of Jesus teaches us that the love of self, i.e., pride, is truly the root of all evil. Pride traps us into making ourselves the priority. It is all about us. It is obvious how this impacts our relationship with God. Life, because of pride, is all about us—not those around us who are vulnerable, marginalized, or less fortunate. Our Lenten agenda therefore, must necessarily include us taking the initiative to reach out to others, to put the needs of others ahead of our own. In short, Lent demands of us humility and an altruistically driven effort to truly be Christ for others.

If our observance of Lent is approached in this way, we afford ourselves the opportunity and the incentive to confront and conquer the things that we face everyday that hamper our willingness and ability to follow Christ as disciples and as brother Knights. Throughout the course of this journey we must also remember that we have as a model and intercessor—Mary, Star of the Sea.

February 7, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The council was called to order by Chancellor Dennis McGeehan on behalf of GK Rich Moyer with 34 members present.

Officers absent:

Phil Claar, Ed Dunning, Rich Moyer, Dan Moringello

Minutes:

- Minutes from the January 3, 2019 meeting were accepted as published and distributed by email.

Application for membership:

- 1st reading for Jesse Ickes - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; motion passed.
- 1st reading for Daniel Norris - St. Mary, Hollidaysburg (Readmission); motion passed.
- Exemplification of the 1st degree will be held at the Council Home during the April meeting.

Grand Knights Report presented by Dennis McGeehan on behalf of Rich Moyer: NA

Chaplains Report presented by Father Legarski:

- Lent begins on March 6, 2019

Treasurers Report: Information Presented by Dan Weaver:

Balance as of 1-1-19 \$10782.54
Balance as of 1-31-19 \$11190.44

Bills and Communications:

- Thank you, letter, received from WALY Warmth

Donation Requests:

- Request for donation to Ganister Station. Brother Jim Zimmerman presented a motion to donate \$100; Second by Tim Surkovich; motion passed.
- Request for donation to St. Leonard's Home fund raiser. Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich presented a motion to donate \$100; Second by Trustee Matt Becker; motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report - Information Presented by Tim Surkovich:

- Please pay your 2019 dues.

Standing Committee Reports:

Audit Report - Information Presented by Matt Becker:

Trustee Matt Becker said that Audits are done twice per year. Three issues were acknowledged in the audit:

1. All Chicken BBQ fund raisers will now be charged a fee of \$30 for the maintenance of the pits and supplies.
2. The Treasurer (\$74.00) and Financial Secretary (\$1,100.00) stipends provided for in the bylaws were not paid for a period. Motion by Zang and 2nd by Detwiler to pay the stipends - Motion Carried.
3. Newsletter savings were not as anticipated with the new printing company due to fluctuation in membership, bulk mail postal requirements, insertion of materials.

Motion was made by Brother Robert Hazenstab to discontinue the inserts in the printed newsletter and continue them in the electronic version, 2nd by Advocate Zang; Motion passed. A second motion was made by Advocate Zang to have the printer continue to tab the newsletters - motion passed.

Fund Raising Committee - Information Presented by Bob Hazenstab:

- The Cash Bash event, is scheduled for March 30, 2019. All tickets are in the hands of the Knights. If you need tickets contact: Council Home (695-4572), Robert Hazenstab (935-4562), Ray Gregorchik (232-6557), Mike Metzgar (931-9871)
- The Council is sponsoring the Lottery Ticket Basket Raffle at the Cash Bash and have guaranteed at least \$200 in tickets. Please contribute tickets or cash to meet the goal or it will be fulfilled by the proceeds of the event.
- We need 40 Knights to participate the night of the event as Ticket Sellers, Food Servers, Runners, Set-up and Take-down, Cleanup. Please contact the above-mentioned Knights to volunteer.
- The first Cash Bash proceeds were \$9,400.00.

40 Cans for 40 Days Committee - Information Presented by Ron Harella:

- Lent begins March 6, 2019
- A motion was requested for continuing the 40 cans for 40 days project and to involve

the Catholic Daughters to again participate. Motion presented by Brother Gary Ellis - Motion passed for both.

Blood Drive Committee - Information Presented by Tim Surkovich:

- Blood Drive is scheduled for April 8, 2019; times TBA

Ham and Cheese:

- Orders to Brother Paul Gargon by March 18, Make the sandwiches by March 20, Deliver on March 21, 2019.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

- Hand in Hand BBQ Kickoff Spaghetti Dinner - March 21, 2019

Report of the 4th Degree - Information Presented by Ron Harella:

- Next meeting will be held on 2-28-19 at 7:00 PM at the Altoona Council Home

Field Insurance Agent Report – Information Presented by Mike McAndrew:

- Mike presented the question for your consideration, “Is your spouse Insured”?

District Deputy Report – information presented by Mike McAndrew on behalf of Mel McConnel:

- The St. John Vianney event was well attended by the K of C.
- At a lunch with Bishop Mark, 5 Seminarians are unsponsored. Star Council requires one seminarian sponsorship.

Good of the Order:

Please pray for the following:

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all Brother Knights and their families that are ill especially the Baker Brothers, Charlie Houser and the sister of Chaplain Father Legarski’ s sister Dottie.

Chaplains Summation by Father Legarski:

- Father read a message from Father Stephen Freeman a priest at St. Anne Orthodox Church in Oak Ridge Tennessee. The piece is entitled "Candlewax and Hedgehogs" which provided a factual reflection on the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and funny expansion to the German folk custom of Hedgehogs (now groundhogs) and their influence on 6 more weeks of winter

Announcements: NA

Council recited the closing prayers and sang the closing ode. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes taken by SK Mike Metzgar on behalf of Recorder – SK Ed Dunning eedunn6@gmail.com 814-695-3998

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2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

Date	Brother Knight
1/3/2019	Ed Zang & Ray Gregorchik
2/7/2019	Bill Hiergeist
3/7/2019	
4/4/2019	Gary Nocek
5/2/2019	Phil Claar
6/6/2019	
7/4/2019	Jim Zimmerman
8/1/2019	Bob Hazenstab
9/5/2019	
10/3/2019	
11/7/2019	
12/5/2019	Brian Drum



**Thought for the Month
"Miracles of Forgiveness"**

Very few people experience the miraculous healing of illness. There are far more who know the miracles of the forgiveness of sin and the kind generosity of friends and strangers.

We may yet look for the extraordinary in life. But it is God who gathers a crowd and works miracles through them. We call it the Church.

*Fr. James Stephen Behrens, O.C.S.O.
Living Faith*



Charity



Unity



Fraternity



Patriotism

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28 Meeting of the 4th Degree	1	2
3	4 Fundraising Committee Meeting	5 Fat Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday 40 Cans for 40 Days Collection Starts [Host: 4245]	7 Home Association Meeting Praying of the Rosary Regular Council Business Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Ham and Cheese Orders Due	19	20 Make Ham and Cheese Sandwiches	21 Deliver Ham and Cheese Sandwiches Annual Spaghetti Dinner	22	23
24	25 Fundraising Committee Meeting	26	27	28 Meeting of the 4th Degree	29 K of C Founder's Day	30 Spring Cash Bash
31	1 Fundraising Committee Meeting	2	3	4 Home Association Meeting Praying of the Rosary Exemplification of the First Degree [Host: 4245] Regular Council Business Meeting	5	6