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August 2016 From the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

We are now entering the month of August, and soon summer will be over. There are a few key points that I associate with the month of August. St. Patrick's Church festival, the birth of my daughter Jerica, and the death of my aunt Kathy Rentz all occur within or close to the month of August. There is a common thread that is shared amongst these three occurrences, and that common thread is group effort.

My beloved parish, St. Patrick's, holds their annual Festival in the Shade every August. The festival by no means would be possible without the cooperation of many individuals. There are people needed to run each booth, to man the indoor and outdoor kitchens, and various other integral parts of the operation. Next, on to the topic of parenthood - for anyone who has one or more children, you know as well as I do that it is absolutely necessary as well as beneficial to have both parents put forth effort to take care of children in any given instance. I'm sure you've heard the old saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Finally, my Aunt Kathy, who died of pancreatic cancer, had received the love and support of many family members and friends during her last days on earth. This includes the Pancreatic Cancer walk/marathon in Ohio that many of my family members participated in wearing purple to show their support and to help raise money and awareness.

Just like group effort is always beneficial and sometimes a virtue in

the above instances it is also an integral part of the Knights of Columbus. We brother Knights must continue to ban together as much if not more than we have already in order to keep our order strong.

Fraternally Yours, Lee

Chaplain's Message

Be Merciful: Bear Wrongs Patiently and Shelter the Homeless

By

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

As I am mentioned in my previous articles, the Church depends very much on organizations such as ours to be on the "front lines" of demonstrating and witnessing to the Catholic faith. This is especially true of the Works of Mercy. The Knights of Columbus can and must always demonstrate these both as individuals within the community and as a Catholic fraternal organization. Thus far, I have reflected on the first four Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

The fifth Spiritual Work of Mercy is to **bear wrongs patiently**. The call to this particular work of mercy is something that everyone experiences to one degree or another as we go through our earthly pilgrimage. Let's face it, people hurt us. From time to time we have all felt the consequences of another's thoughtlessness or carelessness. As a result, at times we find ourselves having to suffer inconveniences which perhaps in justice another should bear. It happens. It is part of the fallen human condition and the imperfection that is concomitant to it. There are times of course when fraternal correction is in order, but more often

than not, we find ourselves having to bear it. This however is an opportunity for grace because it gives us a share in the cross of Christ. After all, Jesus suffered for ALL of us and He was innocent. Could there be any clearer example?

The fifth Corporal Work of Mercy is to **shelter the homeless**. Everyone needs shelter. Some people live in cardboard homes; some people live in homes made of discarded materials; many people are simply homeless and live wherever they happen to be sitting, standing, or lying at a given moment. To help the homeless obtain shelter is not only an act of mercy but also an act of love. Like the other works of mercy, there is both a strict and wide sense of how we can practice this one.

Sheltering the homeless when taken in the wider sense, extends into areas of neighborly and charitable hospitality. Helping a single parent, a widow, or an elderly person do some repairs on their house is a very good example. Taking the time to talk to the neighbors and being good listeners are also part of this work of mercy. Greeting new people in the neighborhood and welcoming strangers too are examples of this work of mercy, as is materially or financially supporting missionary activity that includes making shelter for the homeless.

From these works of mercy, we as Catholic Christian men and as Brother Knights, can grow stronger in our love of others and participate in a unique way in both the mercy and the suffering of our Lord, as did His mother—Mary, the Star of the Sea.





July 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report:

No Report.

Donation Request:

Donation request received from the K of C Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Seminary, Education Endowment Fund, Endowment Fund Committee requesting support by placing an ad in the program which will be used as part of the Bishops Annual K of C Vocation Mass & Dinner to be held on October 9, 2016 at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto. John Brown presented a motion to donate \$100; Dan Casey seconded the motion; motion passed.

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

Thank you letter was received from the Shriners Hospital for the \$3600 donation (Hand-in-Hand)

Thank you letter was received from Michael Elder, BSA Troop 3031 in support of his Eagle project (flag retirement pit at the VFW Post 8724). Invite to the dedication ceremony will be forthcoming.

Thank you letter was received from The Allegheny Club for the chicken dinner donation (Hand-in-Hand).

Thank you letter was received from Fr. Tony for our prayers, support and card.

Thank you letter was received from St. Leonard's Home for the donation of 33 chicken dinners (Hand-in-Hand)

Financial Secretary Report:

Apologies for lack of attendance at the meeting (conflict with the Columbus Shelby event)

Those that still owe Dues, Please pay.

Hand-in-Hand Chicken Barbeque netted \$3600 – thank you

Ham and Cheese sale will take place in July; orders due 7/19, assembly 7/21, delivery 7/22. Sales will benefit the council

Fund Raising and Committee Reports:

Shelby Committee – Information presented by GK Lee Zimmerman on behalf of Tim Surkovich

We have reached breakeven point and the Shelby can be paid off!

The Shelby was shown at Leighty's Flea Market on 6-19-16 and 257 tickets were sold.

Promotion on the Facebook page has been helping to foster ticket sales. "Shelby" Shirts have been printed and can be picked up from Tim at a cost of \$20/each.

Your help is needed at the future shows, please contact Bob Hazenstab at 696-4206 to schedule your time; see the list of upcoming shows on the council website.

See <http://www.kofc4245shelby.com> for more details.

At the Good Guys East Coast Nationals - Rhinebeck, NY June 10-12, 2016 the Governor of NY – Andrew Cuomo stopped by to see the Shelby (see Gary Ellis for photos) and purchased tickets.

New Business:

The home association is selling tickets (\$1 ea) based upon the PA lottery and the drawing will Ron Harella #452.

On Sunday, October 9, 2016 The K of C Annual Mass and Dinner will be celebrated by Bishop Bartchak at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto, PA. The theme is *Diocesan Holy Family Observance*. Recitation of the Rosary will start at 2:00 PM, followed by Mass. Following Mass, dinner will be served in the Loretto Community Hall at a cost of \$15/adult; \$7.50/Child. Dinner registration and funds must be received in advance and the deadline is September 30, 2016. Registration and funds may be sent to:

Wm. Stasko
8 Entrance Drive
Johnstown, PA 15905

See Lee Zimmerman for sign up information with regard to attending the Altoona Curve on August 14 @ 6:00 PM.

Report of the 4th Degree:

Next meeting will take place on September 26, 2016

We are invited to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dudley to celebrate the 40 hrs. Eucharistic Devotion on July 14, 2016. Meet at 6:15-6:30.

Announcements:

Please be sure to visit the Council website at <http://www.kofc4245.org> to view the Calendar of Events, ham and cheese forms, Star News, links, etc. You can also view the "Members Only" secure area by entering your membership # and DOB. Always new content.

Ads are still available for the Star News. Discounted rate for the remainder of the year of only \$12. See Tim Surkovich

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Knights of Columbus on 7/20/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**



Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

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| Arthur Ollinger Jr | 8/1 |
| John E Brown Jr | 8/2 |
| Robert V Hazenstab II | 8/2 |
| Joseph P Schenk III | 8/2 |
| Robert J Spinazzola | 8/5 |
| David A DePastina | 8/7 |
| James A Lytle | 8/7 |
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| Michael Syroid | 8/9 |
| William M Hiergeist | 8/11 |
| M Paul Andrews | 8/12 |
| Rev Joseph V Adamec | 8/13 |
| Dr Paul J Gallagher | 8/13 |
| Robert M Spinazzola | 8/16 |
| Richard C Gildea | 8/23 |
| Stephan Janosik | 8/23 |
| Mark Frew | 8/27 |
| James G Letcher | 8/27 |
| Carmine F Fedesco | 8/29 |
| Kyle R Surkovich | 8/30 |
| Todd R Surkovich | 8/30 |

DUES ARE DUE:

2016 Dues are Due! By now if you haven't paid you received a Knight Alert from the Grand Knight. Please make payment and return it to our Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for the soul of Brother Bill Wilson and his family. Bill passed away July 5th.

Please pray for Harry Creek

Please pray for Bill Moyer

Please pray for Gary Selwitz

Please pray for Fr. Legarski

Please pray for Fr. Christopher

Please pray for Phil Baker



IMPORTANT!!!!

The Home Association Mustang Shelby Super Snake Fundraiser is now in the Black. The car is paid off! It is now up to each and every member to make this as successful as possible. The MSRP on this awesome Mustang is \$96,954. It has a whopping 750+ horsepower engine. It is absolutely beautiful! The raffle date is October 2, 2016. Tickets are only \$10 each! We are asking that each member **sell at least 10 tickets**. Each member received their first 10 tickets. Members are finding them easy to sell. You should try to always have tickets on you. In the event you are completely unable to sell all of them, please return them, but better yet if you need more call the council home at 814-695-4752 and let us know how many more you need. The more you sell the more we are able to accomplish. Once again, we suggest you have tickets on you at all times, you never know when an opportunity may come along to sell some. Our goal is to sell 35,000 tickets.

Besides selling tickets we could still use volunteers to go to car shows with us. This would lessen the burden on all those who have already volunteered. If interested call the council home or email us at kofc4245@gmail.com





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felt his work on Earth was done. Mike was there for me immediately. He was at the wake and the funeral, and then stayed by my side and helped with whatever I needed. He cried for my husband just like I did

I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.

Beverly Buchanan

One life lost. One life continues. One chance to help. A strong shoulder there when she needs it the most.

The choice of what happens after we're gone is ours. When your life here ends, do you want someone you know and trust to be there to help your wife, to console her, and, yes, to cry with her? Knights of Columbus agents will do that. The man, and the organization, will be there for her. That's a comfort that you can't get anywhere else.

Ken Scott, General Agent
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Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 8/4/16
Hospitality Provided by Tim Surkovich

7/24/16 Shelby being shown at Pirates Cove, Patton PA

8/4/16 Regular Council Meeting, Hospitality provided by Tim Surkovich

8/4-8/7/16 Shelby being shown at NSRA Nationals, Louisville, KY

8/11/16 Shelby being shown at a Cruise In, Bloomsburg, PA

8/12/16 Father Michael J McGiviney's Birthday

8/13/16 Shelby being shown at St. Patrick's Festival, Newry, PA

8/20/16 Shelby being shown at Mustang Club Show, Lakemont, PA 3-8PM

9/1/16 Regular Council Meeting, Hospitality provided by Jim Zimmerman

9/17/16 Shelby being shown at the Masonic Lodge, Hollidaysburg, PA

In 1882, when Father McGivney began our organization, his primary concern was the care of widows and orphans. Even though 130 years have passed, we should never forget his mission. Last month we talked about widow benefit. This month it's a benefit that most don't think about.

As you can imagine, we gets lots of correspondence at the Supreme Council Office, but every now and then a letter or email stands out from the rest. That is what happened when the widow of a member wrote us.

While the name of the person writing has been changed to protect her privacy, the letter appears nearly word for word. This is what she said:

Dear Supreme Knight,

When my husband became a Knight, we were introduced to our insurance agent, Mike Walther. We could sense right away that he thought of his career as more of a 'ministry' than a sales position. Little did I know then how much his sense of ministry would mean to me.

During our meetings, we weren't easy to persuade. Never willing to give up, Mike worked to show us that we had a need, and he was able to help us understand the value of being protected with life insurance.

My husband died suddenly last fall. His death was a shock to everyone. Although from a medical standpoint it shouldn't have happened, I guess God

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