

Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski GRAND KNIGHT - Ron Harella DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Wilbur Henry
CHANCELLOR - Dennis McGeehan WARDEN - Lee Zimmerman FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Louis Endress TREASURER - Clarence Becker
ADVOCATE - Edward Zang, Esq. GUARDS - Dan Moringiello RECORDER - Mike Metzgar
TRUSTEES - Vince Scheider, Dave Karl, William Brill



July 2012

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

To all my brothers, I thank you for the opportunity to serve this council as your Grand Knight. I know my experience for this office is limited, however, I remember not so long ago when asked to serve as your Chancellor with limited experience, how rewarding that office came to be for me personally. The council's desire to pray the holy rosary was an awesome experience, especially with the amount of participation we have had before every meeting. I invite any members who missed the devotion to our blessed mother, to show up on meeting night a little bit earlier. Trust me, it's worth it! A special thank you is in order for our past Grand Knight, Gary Ellis, and all our past leaders. Their innovations have served our council well, and it is my hope your continued proposals will keep this council moving forward. The stations of the resurrection given to us by Father Tony made the whole fifty days of the great Easter celebration a true joy. The Lord has risen indeed! As the month of July falls upon us, we remember Independence Day and give thanks to our God for our freedom. Let's keep this national holiday a safe one.

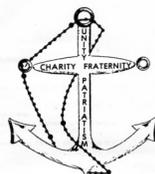
In council news, we will be having a ham and cheese sandwich sale to be made on the 19th of this month and delivered on the 20th. Eat one and you will see how tasty they are. That will make it easier to sell them. Also in the month of July, we have more than just heat. We have baseball. Knights of Columbus day with the Altoona Curve on Sunday July 29th at 6pm. Tickets are \$7.00 each for all Knight's and their families. If planning to attend, please pay for tickets at the next council meeting on July 5th, or if unable to attend the meeting, drop off your payment in the council mailbox payable to the K of C. We will write one check to the Altoona Curve due by July 10th. What a great idea, we can all get together and have some fun.

In Diocese news—Family Faith Day at the Altoona Curve will be held on Sunday July 8th. Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate mass on the field at 3pm, with various activities for children and the annual parade of parishes before the game at 6pm.

With all members help, we can work together and make our council the best. Smile! You're a Knight of Columbus.

Fraternally Yours

Ron



Election of Officers:

Grand Knight-
Ron Harella

Dep. Grand Knight-
Wilbur Henry

Chancellor-
Dennis McGeehan

Warden-
Lee Zimmerman

Treasurer-
Clarence Becker

Advocate-
Ed Zang

Recording Secretary-
Mike Metzgar

Inside Guard-
Dan Moringiello

Outside Guard-
Tom Matthews

Trustee (three year)-
Vince Schneider



Happy Birthday

Rev. Bradley C. Baldwin	7/28
William Brill	7/9
Harry J. Creek	7/18
William F. Gildea	7/3
John W. Harshberger	7/2
Charles B. Hauser	7/26
Edward P. Hazenstab	7/23
Luke S. Hughes	7/31
Robert F. Kelly	7/30
J. Martin Kooman	7/8
Anthony Labriola	7/18
Guy J. Luciano, Jr.	7/8
David J. Mason	7/28
Albert P. Plummer	7/13
Gary L. Selwitz	7/24
John H. Swope	7/12
Michael L. Varlotta	7/28
Alan M. Viglione	7/19



June Council Meeting Notes

The Grand Knight Report:

The Grand Knight explained that because of illness he was unable to be at the Ladies Night on May 23rd. He thanked everybody for their participation. He thanked the cooks who did a great job with the spaghetti.

Gary expressed his appreciation to all of the members for their cooperation and support during the two years of his term as Grand Knight. He encouraged the members to continue that same spirit of coop-

eration with the incoming officers. Gary went on to tell members of his recent illness and said that, because of that, he may have to curtail some of his activities including the chicken cooking for the Hand-In-Hand barbecue. He said that a successor, in the person of Mark Solt, was in place. He thanked the brothers for their work at this year's barbecue and all their efforts in previous years.

The members expressed their appreciation for Gary's work of the past two years, especially the Ladies Nights and the trip to New Haven. In a show of approval the members gave Gary a rather lengthy standing ovation.

Treasurers Report:

Balance on hand May 1, 2012:

\$12,968.16.

Balance on hand: June 1, 2012

\$11,059.60.

Communications:

A letter from the District Deputy indicating there will be a First and Second Degree at the Altoona Council on September 16th. at 2:00 PM.

Plans are also in the works for a Third Degree. The tentative date is October 14th. This has not been finalized.

Standing Committee Report:

Dennis McGeehan reported that he has sent out thank you letter to the businesses and Parishes for their generous support in allowing us to make our ARC collections at their various establishments and churches.

Misc:

Ron Harella talked about the K Of C night at the Curve game on Sunday July 29th at 6:00 PM. You must

sign up by July 13. Tom Sault also commented that the Altoona Horseshoe Chorus of which he and Brother Clarence Becker's are members will sing the National Anthem at the game.

Dan Casey said that he recently talked to Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Barry Lindsey, who told him that he still thinks often of the Knights, although he's not able to make the meetings.

Brother Jerry Kovach related an interesting story about a now deceased member of the Knights Of Columbus, Martin J. "Matt" Winn, who in 1902 put together a syndicate to help the financially troubled Churchill Downs. This saved the race track and he is considered the one primarily responsible for the growth of the Kentucky Derby.



Degree News

There will be a First and Second Degree held at the Altoona Council on September 16th at 2:00 pm. Anyone that is interested should contact Lou Endress for details.

Plans are also in the works for a Third Degree. The tentative date is October 14th. This has not been finalized.



Council Calendar

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

The next meetings are:
Thursday, July 5, 7:00pm
Thursday, August 5, 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 19, Make Ham and Cheese Sandwich's

Wednesday, June 20, Deliver Ham and Cheese Sandwich's

Sunday, July 8, Family Faith Day at the Altoona Curve Game

Sunday, July 29, 6:00pm, Knights night at the Altoona Curve Game

Sunday, September 16, 2:00pm, First and Second Degree Altoona Council

Sunday October 14th, Tentative Third Degree,



The Knights of Columbus have an excellent resource available on their website to help you pray the rosary. Here is the link:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf>



'Right to Apply' helps widows in need

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the Knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Se-

cond, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

Another important step to take for your family is making sure all your papers are in order. During a review of your benefits this is a free service we provide that makes sure your family not only is protected but can easily navigate all the paperwork and forms.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at 724-719-2324 or

ScottAgencyMail@KOFc.ORG

Call me – let's talk.

Ken Scott



Thoughts and Prayers

Bernie Mikesic has experienced some set backs in his recovery from the stroke he suffered. It now looks like he has developed dementia and may have to eventually be confined to a home.

Gary Selwitz is still recuperating slowly from his illness.

Dan Kubitsky is very ill with cancer and his condition is now terminal.

Jim Lytle and Tom King are still recuperating.

Keep praying for all of our brothers and family members who are sick.

Chaplain's Message

“Remaining Vigilant “

This month, on July 4th, our great nation will celebrate the 236th Anniversary of our independence. 236 years ago a group of far-sighted and freedom driven individuals fashioned a new and struggling democracy that we have come to know as the United States of America.

Democracy was nothing new to an educated and civilized world. The Greeks, the Romans, and other cultures had possessed it for centuries. What was unique about our new nation was that it was fashioned as not just a democracy; i.e., government by the people, but a “Jeffersonian Democracy”. This “new” form of democracy emphasized not only government by the people, but it went further in declaring that once a people has chosen their form of government, the powers of that government are determined by the people who are governed.

The challenge before us as American-Catholic-Christian-Knights 236 years later is that we cannot relinquish that power and those freedoms to any political party, chamber of the Congress, Chief Executive, or Court. We must be vigilant and through the means provided by our founding fathers, endeavor to ensure that our religious liberties are preserved and guaranteed by those whom we elected to protect them. Catholics in general and Knights in particular must communicate with our President, our Senators, our Representatives, and yes, even our Supreme Court Justices (six of whom are Catholic), to demand through peaceful but assertive means, that our conscience, our faith, and the teachings of our Church are safeguarded every moment of every day—demanding that we cannot and must not have to compromise our faith for any law, policy, decision, or

executive order.

Not only must we communicate our concerns and demands to the Executive, Legislative and Judicial cornerstones of our democracy, we must be active--active in peaceful assembly, active in voting, and most especially active in prayer. We cannot let others assume this responsibility. We must take the lead. We must place ourselves at the helm.

By the time you read this message the Bishop's Fortnight for Religious Freedom will have been a past event. But the mission and the obligation continue. We must remain vigilant. Keeping ourselves informed, continuing to be active, and praying fervently is the way our freedom is protected and evil is defeated. It is only when we let it up to others that we experience defeat. In the words of President Dwight Eisenhower: *“The best way for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.”*

We must continue to pray and actively safeguard our religious freedom through peaceful but assertive means. More than anything else we must include fervent prayer in our initiatives and allow ourselves to be motivated by the Holy Spirit, led by our Bishops and assisted by Mary, our Mother and Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski

[Knights of Columbus Sets New Records for Charitable Giving](#)

The Knights of Columbus set new all-time records for charitable donations and volunteer service hours in 2011, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who released the results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity in a presentation to state deputies June 10.

The results of the survey indicate that total charitable contributions reached

more than \$158 million — exceeding the previous year's total by approximately \$3.4 million. Volunteer service hours to charitable causes grew to more than 70 million hours.

"When we talk about the power of one, the necessity of growing the Order, the importance of charity — this is the reality," Anderson said of the numbers.

At the grassroots level, Knights are involved in a large number of service projects that range from programs with well-known groups like Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics to smaller-scale initiatives that have a large impact on the community, like building wheelchair ramps, organizing blood drives and collecting food for the needy. Among the largest contributions was \$515,000 for the Order's Coats for Kids initiative and \$1,593,000 from the Supreme Council and \$5,950,073 from state and local units to support those studying for the priesthood and religious life.

"I don't think there's any other Catholic volunteer association that is making this kind of a difference day in and day out in our communities and our parishes than the Knights of Columbus," Anderson added.

The supreme knight also extolled state deputies to continue building the Order by constantly recruiting new members. It is only through a dynamic and expanding membership that the Knights can continue to make such a definitive impact on society and as the strong right arm of the Church.

"I hope one of your priorities is to have more brother Knights go forward on the journey of knighthood," said the supreme knight. "If we make the Knights stronger, we make the Church stronger. If we make the Knights stronger, we make our communities and our countries stronger. That is our mission. And we are going to grow and accomplish that mission." Over the past 10 years, Knights have contributed \$1.4 billion and 653 million volunteer hours to charity.