

Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski
GRAND KNIGHT - Ron Harella
CHANCELLOR - Dennis McGeehan WARDEN - Lee Zimmerman FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Louis Endress
ADVOCATE - Edward Zang, Esq. GUARDS - Dan Moringiello, Tom Matthews TREASURER - Dave Karl
TRUSTEES - Vince Scheider, Jerry Kovach, Dan Casey RECORDER - Mike Metzgar



March 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

It is my hope that each and every one of you grows closer to the Lord during this special season of Lent. One way to do that is to spend time with him everyday in prayer. Another way is by helping God's People. Our council will have two fundraisers during this sometimes cold, and sometimes warm month of March. We will have our bi-monthly **ham and cheese** sandwich sale with a slight change due to lent. Due to the Lenten season sale orders must be turned into Gary Selwitz (695-5826) on Monday March 18th. Sandwiches will be made on Wednesday March 20th at 4PM at our council home. This way all sandwiches will be delivered no later than Thursday. The participation for this fundraiser has been extremely high and I thank ALL of YOU.

We have a new project food drive,

40 Cans for 40 days. The council voted to start on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Holy Thursday. Each knight is asked to place one can or any non-perishable food item into a box, and PRAY FOR THE HUNGRY every day throughout this Lenten season. The food boxes

are to be dropped off at the council home on Holy Thursday March 28, between 8-10AM. Volunteers will be needed to deliver this food to the American Rescue workers, Scotch Valley Road, Hollidaysburg. The pantry's run short of food around the Holy days of Christmas and Easter. So do what you can to help people in need.

Our Annual spaghetti dinner will be held on Thursday March 21st, set up at 3PM, social at 5PM, dinner at 6PM. The council will appreciate any volunteers to help out and also meeting new people who may consider joining the K of C. Please, bring a friend.

Congratulations to Jack and Jennie Frank on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on February 7th. I'm sure Clarence Becker would say they're only kids.

Applause to author, Dennis McGeehan, a brother knight who wrote a story which was accepted and published in the current issue of *The Word Among Us*, a catholic magazine.

Lastly our 1st degree scheduled for the March meeting has been rescheduled for the April meeting with hope of more applicants participating.

To all my Brothers, have a very *Blessed Easter*.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron



Happy Birthday

Ronald J. Benton	3/19
James G. Burke	3/12
Robert C. Burley	3/27
David S. Eger	3/7
Joseph N. Fagnani, Jr.	3/23
William F. Gildea	3/1
Joseph P. Glass	3/1
Dwayne A. Harker	3/29
Wilbur K. Henry	3/25
Raymond J. Hipp	3/29
John A. Jubas	3/13
Dr. Joseph L. Kaczor	3/22
Michael J. Kelleher	3/9
Allan S. Kelly	3/24
Larry D. Lashinsky	3/27
Harold E. Leahey II	3/5
Barry L. Lindsay	3/14
Thomas J. Matea	3/22
Thomas L. Matthews	3/16
Joseph P. Merilli	3/18
Dr. David J. Montrella	3/8
Gregory F. Nearing	3/25
Richard W. Raber	3/13
David C. Shrift	3/7
Robert J. Stubler	3/4



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights and their families that have passed away,



February Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2013

The Grand Knight Reports

First Reading: John Lord III, Holy Rosary in Altoona, sponsored by Brother Robert Walters.

Comments

The Council lost 3 4th Degree Knights recently, William Kovensky, John (Stu) Lord, and Painter Surkovich

What makes a good Council? Many events throughout the year in the service of God's people.

What makes a great Council? A lot of participation from its members. This Council continues to have outstanding participation. If you have not volunteered and are able give it a try! All are invited .the Grand Knight, the Council and Jesus himself thanks you.

Congratulate Brother Jack Frank on his 60th Wedding Anniversary

Chancellor Dennis McGeehan is now a published Author "The word among us"

Chaplains Report:

Reminder that Lent begins on February 13, 2013, a reminder to read your church bulletins for guidance on fasting and abstinence during Lent.

Grand Knight Ron Harella Communications:

Thank-you:

A thank you donation of \$25 from Ms. Barbara Mikesic for Brother Bernie Mikesic

From Mr. Joe Doyle owner of the Tea Merchant in Hollidaysburg.

From the Most Reverent Bishop Joseph Adamec for all the good works of the Knights of Columbus, Hollidaysburg

A thank you and moving letter was read from Brother Tim Surkovich on the passing and remembrance of his service dog Sir Knight Painter Surkovich.

From Sister Cynthia at St. Leonard's Home.

From the Ecumenical Conference of Altoona, PA

From the Shriners Hospital Board of Governors in Erie: Jaffa Clown Ken Davis donation.

From St. Jude Hospital for our \$2,150.00 donation from our sandwich sale. A special St. Jude Christmas ornament was awarded to Brother Wilbur Henry as the top seller of sandwiches (200+)

Donation Requests:

Humanitarian Interfaith Ministry- Tabled.

Awards:

A medallion was presented to Brother Dennis Dombrowsky for recruiting new members

Financial Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

Auditor's Report:

Audit: Brother Dan Casey reported that the Council is in need of more income each year as the carryover treasury balance to each New Year is getting smaller. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that more money is being donated each year due to the fund raising efforts of the Council.

Copier: Brother Dan Casey reported that the Council is in need of a copier for the Financial Secretary. The discussion was that there is limited need for a copier and that if needed a computer printer would do the job for much less money.

Blood Drive: Brother Dan Casey said there would be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Council home on April 15, 2013. Plan to donate and volunteer your help.

Standing Committee Report:

Brother Dennis Dombrowsky announced that 10 Knight helped with the basketball Free Throw event. He said there were lessons learned by him that will make this a better event in 2014.

Brother Mike Benton reported that all the supplies for the 'Roses at Baptism' are in including the rosaries. **An evening work session will be held on February 26, 2013 at 6:30pm to assemble the packages. All are welcome to attend and help.**

Brother Gary Selwitz commented on the recent ham and cheese sandwich sale where 960 were sold.

Brother Mike Metzgar had nothing to report on the Canal Basin Park Cleanup Project for Hollidaysburg, PA.

Brother Dennis McGeehan reported that planning has begun for the Measure Up Campaign.

Unfinished Business:

The Grand Knight again discussed the '**40 cans for 40 days**' National Knights of Columbus project to help the hungry in our community. The program asks that each Knight and their family to places a can in a box and say a prayer for the hungry. **On Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 8-10am bring your food to the Council home. Food can be brought earlier .contact GK Harella at 814-696-3295 to make arrangements.**

New Business:

Recorder Mike Metzgar made a motion for the Council to donate \$250 to Father Legarski for his trip to Rome with Bishop Bartchak....motion passed.

New Business Cont.:

Brother Gary Selwitz announced the next sandwich sale on March 20, 2013. Orders are due to Gary on March 18, 2013. **Please call all sandwich orders to Gary at H: 814-695-5826 or C: 814-312-7071 allowing for accurate production of the sandwiches.**

The 1st Degree initiation will be moved to the April meeting as the candidate is completing the RCIA process.

The Annual stag Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 21, 2013 at the Council Home, Setup is a 3 pm, Social Hour at 5:00 pm with dinner to follow. **Please bring a potential new member to the dinner.**

From the Supreme Council please remember recruiting new members is a priority.

Brother Dennis Dombrowski made a suggestion that we have a recruiting weekend in our Parishes. Brother Mike Benton agreed to chair the event and asked that those interested in helping organize the event to contact him at MichaelBenton420@Atlanticbb.net.

The 'Year of Faith' incentive program was announced by the Supreme Council

Brother Dennis Dombrowsky said that he felt it was time for the Council to establish a fund raising committee to explore new ways for the Council to raise money. He will chair the committee and welcomes all interested Brothers to contact him at: dinopapt@aol.com

Good of the Order:

Brother Bill Hiergeist announced that Brother John Sullivan is now residing at Garvey Manor.

Brother Dennis McGeehan said that family friend Mr. Bells who was injured at the Conrail shops in a steam line explosion is recovering well ahead of schedule and reminded us of the power of prayer.

Fourth Degree:

The 4th Degree meeting will be held February 28, 2013, 7pm at the Altoona #551 Council Home.

Chaplains Summation:

Father read an excerpt of the Pope's Lenten message: Charity is the extension of God's love. The focus and primary message in the Pope's message is that "Faith precedes charity, but Faith is genuine only if crowned by Charity". (A tenet of the Knights of Columbus)

Correction from last month:

A \$200.00 donation to St Leonard's home was omitted from the minutes.



Council Calendar

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



Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for all Knights and their families that are experiencing illness or other problems especially Brother John Sullivan is now residing at Garvey Manor and Brother Dennis McGeehan's family friend Mr. Bells who was injured at the Conrail shops in a steam line explosion.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, March 7, 7:00pm
Thursday, April 4, 7:00pm
March 9th and 10th, Retreat with Father Aron
Ham & Cheese Orders Due, March 18th (Gary Selwitz 695-5826)
Make Ham & Cheese, March 20th, 4PM
Spaghetti Dinner, March 21st. Social starts at 5PM
40 Can Drive ends, March 28th, Deliver to council home between 8-10AM
Holy Thursday, March 28th
Good Friday, March 29th
Holy Saturday, March 30th
Easter Sunday, March 31st
April 4, First Degree Ceremony at Star of the Sea
April 15, Blood Drive at the Council Home.



May the good work that we do as Brother Knights throughout the year remind not only ourselves, but those whom we serve of the joy that awaits us. May our work as Brother Knights truly manifest the faith that is in our hearts and that we profess each week in the celebration of Mass.



Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights:

As we move forward to the celebration of Easter at the end of this month, I take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your loved ones my blessings and prayers for a blessed and joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead and His triumph over sin and death.

May all of us remember throughout the coming Easter Season and beyond that we who endeavor to accompany our Lord to His cross in this life will be with Him forever in the life to come. The joy that abounds in the Easter Season is intended to keep us focused on the eternal life won for us and promised to us by the Risen Lord.

Please know that you and your loved ones will have a special remembrance in the Masses that I am privileged to offer at Easter. Moreover, may we continue to be guided toward eternal life through the intercession of our mother and patron—Mary, Star of the Sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Daily Meditation for Lent:

Bring us back to you.
This week we pray for a renewal of our lives.
We are beginning to be more attentive and alert.
We are trying new patterns.
The difficulties we encounter keep us humble.

Our desire is clear.
We want the “self-sacrificing love of Christ” - which brings us mercy and healing - to be “reproduced in our lives.”
In our journey, we seek to savor the meaning of Jesus' self-less love, that we might reflect that love to others.
At the end of our journey, we will renew our baptismal promises.
Dying with Jesus in baptism, we have a new life in him.
Today, we desire nothing less than God's re-creating us - breathing new life into us.

