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May 2016 From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As many of you know, I am the father of a very active 3½ year old daughter named Jerica. So this month I thought I would write about lessons that can be learned from a toddler.

My daughter is fond of adopting lady bugs and likes to call them her pets. She was letting one crawl all over her hand recently, and she said to it, "I just love you so much. Sometimes I think I love you too much." This leads me to Lesson #1 – Love deeply and from the bottom of your heart at all times. Sometimes a kind word or a simple smile can brighten someone's day in a way that you never thought possible. Be a shining light in others lives.

Jerica attends preschool in a class of about a dozen kids. As an only child, she isn't afraid to stand up for herself and others. She came home from preschool one day with a bump on her head. Her teachers told me that Jerica was intervening when another boy was picking on her friend in class (who happens to be a little boy who is small for his age). In the process of coming to the rescue of her friend, Jerica was knocked over by the other boy. When I questioned her about the incident, she seemed happy to have been able to come to the aid of her friend. Lesson #2 – Stand up for the little guy and never be a bully. In life we have too many cruel individuals. On a daily basis, strive to be a thoughtful and compassionate person.

As many of us do, my daughter has quite a sweet tooth. If she spies me eating a piece of cake, she will crawl into my lap and give me the most innocent look and say, "It's good to share." Lesson #3 – Share your blessings with others. Maybe what you share is your time by going to visit a friend that you haven't seen in a long time. Maybe what you share

is a prayer with a friend who just lost someone they love. Maybe what you share is a piece of cake with your adorable daughter. Whatever you share with others will bring goodness into your life and theirs.

Fraternally Yours,

Lee

Chaplain's Message **Be Merciful:** **Instructing the Ignorant and** **Giving Drink to the Thirsty**

By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain

Brother Knights:

As I am mentioned in my last article, 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 Catholic fraternal organization.

The second Spiritual Work of Mercy is: "Instructing the Ignorant." Ignorance in this context of course, is different from our normal understanding of ignorance. It has nothing to do with people who do not behave well socially or who find it difficult to learn things academically. The kind of ignorance this work of mercy addresses is a spiritual ignorance, an ignorance of truths that one must know to save their souls.

The work that we do as Brother Knights lends itself to responding to this work of mercy in a very direct way. We must be as it were, a moral and spiritual compass within the Church and within society. When we reach out to those who have been scandalized away from the Church or for some reason have withdrawn from

the community of faith, we must demonstrate to them how important it is to receive the Sacraments; especially Reconciliation and Eucharist. We must also be vigilant with issues such as protecting human life. We must encourage and lead others to Baptism and catechize others as the situation calls for in the ways of the faith.

When scandal has impacted itself upon the Church, we must help others understand the difference between the Church as the mystical Body of Christ and Her members who individually are wounded by sin. In short, we must do all we can to ensure that others both within and outside our community of faith are lead to know, love, and serve God in this life so that they can be happy with Him in the next.

The importance of prayer, Mass, and of course devotion to Our Lady have a rightful place in instructing the ignorant as well.

The second Corporal Work of Mercy is "Giving Drink to the Thirsty". This seems like a "no-brainer", but it is nonetheless an act of charity that brings refreshment to a person and thus a weary soul.

What is said of "feeding the hungry" also applies to drink. Whether it is offering a stranger or neighbor a drink on a hot day, giving a baby its bottle, helping to provide drinks at the dinner table, refreshing those who visit us, or simply helping a small child or elderly person get a drink from a water fountain, it is a simple and practical act of kindness that pleases our Lord because it satisfies a physical need of others and brings them refreshment. Christ himself sought this work of mercy (*cf. John 4:7 and John 19:28*).

How we instruct the ignorant or when we are able to provide refreshment to the thirsty depends of course on the situation in which we find ourselves. But we will always be able to recognize them with the help of the Holy Spirit as well as Mary, Mother of Mercy and Star of the Sea.



April 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report:

Fr. Legarski regrets his inability to attend the meetings but will resume when possible.

Our next meeting will be held on May 12, 2016 due to the conflict with Ascension Thursday on May 5.

Supreme is encouraging us to participate in the Sunday Rosary Program, each month in which a 5th Sunday occurs. This would also be a good opportunity to recruit new members.

Please see Lee for vocations materials and the resource packet.

Donation Request:

Request received from the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA for a spine board at a cost of \$128.50. Motion presented by Dan Moringiello to donate \$128.50; Second by Mike Metzgar; motion passed.

Request received from Michael Elder of BSA Troop 3031 to support his Eagle Scout project which will create a Ceremonial Flag Retirement Area at the VFW post 8754 at a projected cost of \$3392.60. Motion presented by Dan Casey to donate \$50; Second presented by Dave Karl; motion passed. Further discussion by Jerry Kovach to increase the donation. Dan Casey withdrew his original motion. Jerry Kovach presented a motion to donate \$100; second presented by John Brown; motion passed.

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

Thank you letter received from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Pennsylvania – Keystone Chapter to acknowledge receipt of the \$100 donation used in support of Arthur L. Chamberlain and the 2016 MS walk.

Thank you letter received from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to acknowledge the donation of \$100 which is used to help families in need.

Financial Secretary Report:

2016 annual dues are currently due; ~70 accounts are delinquent.

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be sold during the third week of May 2016; order forms will be included with the Star News. Assembly-May 19th; Delivery-May 20th; Sales benefit the Home Association.

2 Seminarian tickets are available for sale; due by April 15, Tickets are \$20 each

If you know the address for 2 of our “lost” brothers please see Tim (John Shank and David Kirsch)

Fund Raising and Committee Reports::

Blood Drive Committee – Information provided by Dan Casey:

The blood drive goal was achieved.

Mother’s Day Committee – Information provided by Dennis Dombrowsky:

The dinner will be held at the K of C hall on May 8, 2016 from 11:30-1:00 with a limit of 100 tickets sold at \$10/ticket. See Dennis for tickets.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up, starting at ~10:00 AM; please sign up.

Desserts are needed, please help if possible.

Menu of stuffed chicken breast or ham, choice of potatoes, vegetables, salad, roll, dessert and drink.

Shelby Committee – Information provided by Tim Surkovich

5250 tickets sold to date.

The Columbus show resulted in \$4,350; thank you to all who helped. 2 additional shows have been added.

The March 13th show at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Duncansville, PA was a success with \$1900 realized.

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.

Tim has notified all PA K of C councils and has received many requests for tickets.

The next show is in Charlotte, NC (April 6-10) at the Spring Auto Fair. See <http://www.kofc4245shelby.com> for more details

ARC Committee – Information provided by Dennis McGeehan

2016 collection is planned for April 23-24 at the East Freedom Walmart, the Hollidaysburg Home Town Market and the Altoona K-Mart.

Collections at the local parishes will occur on April 23-24. Dennis has notified the parishes.

Please use the sign-up sheet and take supplies for each location.

40 Days for 40 Cans Committee – Information provided by Ron Harella

1175 lbs. of food was collected and provided to the Hollidaysburg Rescue Workers.

\$40 cash donation has been received.

\$100 will be received from K of C Supreme.

The cash donations will be split equally between the 2 food pantries.

Next year, the food will be supplied to St. Vincent DePaul – Altoona, PA

New Business:

The home association is selling tickets (\$1 ea) based upon the PA lottery and the drawing will be held at the monthly meeting. The winning number at the April meeting was 352.

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.

The Annual spaghetti dinner will be held at the Council Home on May 10, 2016 with happy hour starting at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM. Please bring a potential new member. Tickets are \$5 each.

Report of the 4th Degree:

Dues need to be paid.

Next meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 at the Council Home.





Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

John Donley II	5/2
David Kirsch	5/2
Daniel Turcovsky	5/5
Peter Berggren	5/6
Albert Brown	5/7
Chad Eger	5/7
Clark Liebegott	5/7
Douglas Keating	5/11
Philip Claar	5/12
Barry Ray	5/12
Clarence Becker	5/13
Mark Mielnik Sr	5/14
John Hazenstab Jr	5/16
Robert Moyer	5/16
Ronald Harella	5/17
Louis Endress	5/19
Stephen Kovach	5/20
Donald Harrington	5/22
William Bogel	5/24
Edgar Dunning III	5/25
C Daniel Brogdon	5/29
William Creek	5/29

DUES ARE DUE:

2016 Dues are Due! By now if you received a Second Notice it's either because you haven't paid or we did experience some problems with the mail on 1st Notices. For that we apologize for any confusion. You also received an Information Report. Please make any and all corrections to the Information Report including your address, phone numbers, email addresses, church parish you belong to, etc, be sure to include the year with birthdays and anniversaries and return it with your payment to Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich. Per Supreme Billing Procedures, anyone not paid by May 15, 2016 will be moved to Knight Alert Status and will receive another Bill.



Pray for the following:

Bill Hiergeist has requested our prayers for the health improvement of his high school friend.

Please pray for the health of Fr. Legarski

IMPORTANT!!!!

The Home Association Mustang Shelby Super Snake Fundraiser is in full swing!! 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 25,000 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





Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting: 5/12/16
Hospitality Provided by
Jim Zimmerman and Lou Endress

5/8/16 Mother's Day Dinner 11:30
-1:00 Council Hall

5/12/16 Regular Council Meeting,
Hospitality provided by Jim
Zimmerman and Lou Endress
***NOTE DATE CHANGE**

5/19-5/22/16 Shelby being shown
at the Ocean City Cruise In,
Ocean City, MD.

5/20/16 Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Sale, Orders Due: 5/17, Make 5/19

6/2/16 Regular Council Meeting,
Hospitality provided by Rich Mo-
yer

6/3-6/5/16 Shelby being shown at
Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA

6/10-6/12/16 Shelby being shown
at East Coast Nationals
Rhinebeck, NY

6/23/166 Shelby being shown at
Wheels and Wings in Ebensburg,
PA



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*A career with the Knights of Columbus
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We all know someone who is “looking for a new career.” Someone who, despite their best efforts and their tireless commitment has reached a point in their career where they feel stuck or underwhelmed.

Even during the best of times, we know there are a number of men who are looking to chart a new path. While we pray that the livelihood of no member of the Order is affected by the economy, we know better. It's a fact of life.

To anyone reading this who is looking for a new career – the Knights of Columbus can offer you a conversation about the future; a conversation – not a commitment. We don't ask for one, nor do we offer one automatically. But we do offer the opportunity to sit and talk with someone about the possibility of [a career as a Knights of Columbus field agent](#).

There is great privilege and great potential in working for our beloved Order. There is great pride in knowing that you are helping Catholic families each day, and helping to further Father McGivney's founding mission for the Knights of Columbus.

It may be tempting to dismiss the possibility up front because of lack of experience or lack of knowledge. But before you do, understand that most of our agents had never sold life insurance products before we contracted them. So while your first reaction may be that this is not for you, we urge you to think again.

As a field agent for the Knights of Columbus you control your own destiny. Working with your exclusive market of Knights of Columbus families, you change people's lives for good – and

your own. There is no cap on your success. There is no maxing out or laying off. There is a protected territory with a whole host of training and resources – including a working visit to our headquarters in New Haven, Conn. -- and there is a vocation. There is an opportunity to blend your faith and your work, and to be truly fulfilled by your daily duties.

This really could be the opportunity you have been looking for.

So let's start with a conversation, not a commitment. We have a process we go through, beginning with an informal interview. For the right man, with the right attitude, the right effort, and the right heart, a career as a Knights of Columbus field agent can not only be a career, but a calling.

So if you are looking for a new career these days, give me a call or email me, and we can talk. Remember: it's just a conversation.

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