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Upcoming Events

March

- 2 Fri. Fish Fry
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 4 Sun. 2nd Degree
- 5 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 9 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- 15 Thu. Early St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
5:00 - 8:00 PM
- 18 Sun. 3rd Degree 1:00 PM
- 19 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 23 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- 26 Mon. Assembly Mtg. 7:30
- 30 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 PM

April

- 2 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30
Rosary 6:30 PM
 - 16 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30
Rosary 6:30 PM
 - 23 Mon. Assembly Mtg. 7:30
 - 27 Fri. **Last** Fish Fry (until Sep.)
5:00 - 8:00 PM
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7:00

Grand Knight's Message

As Grand Knight I oversee the activities of the Council. I offer my thanks to all the active members who attend the meetings, help in the kitchen, work the fundraisers and work at maintaining our Council Home.

I am writing in response to the turnout for Chef Bill Jouberts' wake and funeral. I know that it wasn't the best weather to come out, but I'm disappointed in the small number of Brothers that came to pay their respects during the wake and next day's funeral and luncheon. As Catholic Gentlemen we should treat our Brothers families as we would like our families to be treated. More attendees would show respect to the grieving families.

As a reminder, our four foundations are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Can we all resolve to meditate on those principles and see what we can do to improve and help our Council. Some members are only active when writing a check for our annual dues. Is it possible for you to attend a meeting or get involved with a program or event this year?

We work all year, fundraising for our Veterans Dinner in November. I thank Lavern Utter for his tireless work in selling Bon Ton Books and being very active in supporting this event. Frank Bunch, Dan Matrazzo, and I will need a great deal of help this year in raising money for our Veterans Dinner. In years past, there have only been a handful of members and their wives, not Knights, working on this worthy cause. Please contact me or leave a message at the hall to discuss how you can help.

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March Birthdays

Allen A Hills, Jr.	3-1
Jeffrey A Koppi	3-4
Bertram Barber	3-5
Christopher Querrard	3-5
Stephen R Toussaint	3-5
James E Lambalot	3-7
Paul J Gagnon	3-8
Vincent J Verro	3-9
Paul J Drezelo	3-13
Emory E Taylor	3-13
Dennis J DeSain	3-14
Timothy M Breen	3-15
Wendell Neugebauer	3-15
Joseph J Rocco	3-15
John McNamara	3-16
Allan P Perry	3-17
John P Franck	3-20
Christopher A Signor	3-20
Anthony A Dematteo	3-21
Thomas F Galliher	3-22
Joseph D Freshwater	3-23
Robert D Reinhardt	3-23
Michael J Smith	3-25
Michael B Fitzgerald	3-28
Frank Scarpinato	3-28
Todd C Spratt	3-29
Vincent D Cunningham, Jr.	3-29



Grand Knight's Message (continued)

I hope all of you have had a chance to see the video of the interview we did with Channel 13 News. Catholic Daughter Gina Ponessa set it up and it gave us the opportunity to get the word out as to what we do to help in our community.

Our first 2 Fish Fry's have been successful. You probably don't know how much work goes into cooking for 200 people every week, not to mention cooking for Code Blue and the Homeless Veterans home's once a week. Weekly we drive to Albany and shop for supplies that fill a large SUV, unload and store the product. We also prep and cook for many long hours over a couple of days. Fortunately Frank and I have support from two Catholic Daughters and a few Knights and their families. I am thankful for our regular help and those that come when they can.

Unfortunately there is more to our Fish Fry's and other meal fundraisers than coming for a couple hours to help on Friday night. When volunteers show up at 4:45 we are already set up and ready to go. I understand people work during the day but it would be a great help to have volunteers help after with clean up, take out the trash and clean down the floors. I would love to see all our Knight volunteers help until the job is done and not sit while others are working. Remember these events are what keep our organization running and it's getting very easy for the regulars to get burned out.

Again thank you to the few who work hard in different positions for our Council and the many who have put in their time in the past.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Fredette
Grand Knight

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

Chaplain's Message



Ash Wednesday was February 14 so we are already into Lent a couple weeks. Lent is the forty day liturgical season of fasting, almsgiving and special prayer in preparation for Easter. It is a time for us to take a good look at ourselves and see what it is in our lives that is keeping us from being closer to God. It is a good time to take advantage of the graces that we receive when we use the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Giving things up for Lent is a good but it is also a great time to make an effort to enhance our prayer lives and also to consider what we can give to the poor.

The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring". Forty days is the imitation of Jesus' fast in the desert before His public ministry.

Good Friday is March 30 and it is a day of fast and abstinence. Easter this year is April 1, it is the feast of the resurrection of Christ. It is the high point of the Christian year. The Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday May 20.

"Everything that one turns in the direction of God is prayer." -St. Ignatius of Loyola

Everyone have a happy and holy Easter

Vivat Jesus

Deacon Bill Gaul

Chaplain

Catholic Daughter's



Our Court will be holding it's next meeting on March 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be holding our "Birthright Baby Shower" in which our Members bring in items to be donated to the local Birthright in Ballston Spa, together with money raised at our "Red Auction" during our February meeting.

Our Court will be holding a Morning of Reflection, with brunch following, on Saturday, March 24th from 9AM to 1PM in the small meeting room at the Knights of Columbus. I would like to invite, on behalf of Court McLaughlin, all members of the Knights of Columbus and their families to join us. Refreshments are at 6PM with the meeting immediately following.

Our Court always welcomes new members or anyone who would like to attend a meeting to find out what we are about. If anyone has questions regarding membership please call **Eileen Tuohy**, Membership Chairperson (518-584-3472) or me, **Aileen Thomas**, Regent (518-583-2905).

Pro-Life Corner



6. Planned Parenthood doesn't believe in a "right to choose" against abortion. "Freedom of choice" does not apply to those who disagree with PPFA. It opposes laws recognizing conscience rights for doctors, nurses and health facilities with moral or religious objections to abortion, dismissively referring to conscience clauses as "refusal clauses." Planned Parenthood strongly supports U.S. funding of the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA); in recent years it has announced "a new level of partnership" with that agency internationally, despite its involvement in the Chinese population program using coerced abortion and involuntary sterilization. Such coercion is recognized internationally as a crime against women. PPFA also opposes conscience rights for pharmacists who object to providing "emergency contraception" drugs due to their abortifacient potential, and thinks even religious orders like the Little Sisters of the Poor should be forced to include these in their health plans.

(to be continued)

Quoted from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/upload/Planned-Parenthood-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Submitted by **Wendell Neugebauer**

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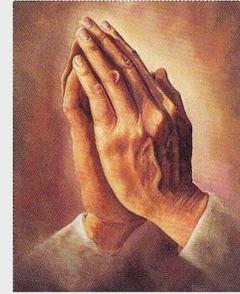
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Please keep in your hearts and prayers the many Brother Knights and their family members who are ailing and recovering.



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