



Grand Knights Message

My Brother Knights,

HAPPY EASTER!!

Your worthy Deputy and Grand Knights decided to collaborate on the April message as we enter the heart of the Easter season and move towards the end of the council year. Both of us want to thank everyone for their hard work and efforts in making all our events the success they have been. The Polish festival and Lenten dinners have met with huge success and the scheduling of the 2020 Polish Festival is already in the works. Without the support of the council members and their families, council 8891 would not continue to **ROCK!!**

Looking ahead there is one more Lenten dinner scheduled April 12th. The roadside cleanup of Campbell road is scheduled for April 13th, with the rain date April 20th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11 PM mass on Palm Sunday, April 14th. We will continue to sell seminarian raffle tickets at the Lenten dinners and the drawing will be held at the business meeting on April 25th. The Seniors Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 5th. Unfortunately, your worthy Grand Knight will not be at that event as I will be representing the council at the State Convention. The council has submitted 4 award applications in the Faith in Action categories.

The Faith in Action program has challenged the council to move outside of the council to involve everyone in the parish in the Domestic Church initiative. With that said the Family of the Month for March was given to Matt and Christy Saunders. Matt, Christy and their daughter Emily epitomize the commitment to their faith. The family prays together and attend mass regularly. Christy is a lector, school board president, and perpetual adoration member. Emily is an altar server and works closely with Sister Jane in youth and school activities. The Knight of the Month is John Schwarzman. Always there when you need him.

In May, the council will be taking nominations for officers for the new fraternal year beginning in July. When I took the role of Grand Knight for a second time, I said I would only do so for one year and will be holding to that promise made to my family. If approached, please consider running for office. The wealth of knowledge from past grand knights and officers is always there for your support and success.

Finally, Mark and I are including an interesting article concerning the Lenten season by the State Chaplin, Rev. Gregory J D'Emma. There were things in the article that I as grand knight was not aware of. (See page 4A)

Vivat Jesus!
Sam Bongiovano, GK



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Deputy Grand Knights Message Addendum

Brother Knights,



During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts, and also through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "*Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs*".

The first Lenten dinner went well. Fortunately we had enough help and the dinner orders were ready and served many times before the customer sat down. Please tell your friends about the upcoming Lenten dinners on March 29th and April 12th. The menu will have a few different items for each dinner. Also, please remember to keep your schedule open for the upcoming Sr Breakfast, Roadside Cleanup on April 13th, the Fr. Bob Yohe's Wild Game BBQ on May 3rd, our Memorial Day Rest Stop on May 25th, and the Pro Life Bingo event tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 9th from 12:30 to 5:00.

Peace,

Mark Phipps, Deputy GK - mrphipps18@gmail.com

Pro Life Report

Brothers,

By the time you get this, we (8891) will have completed our Rosary Novena, nine Sundays of pro-life Rosaries in our Lady's Chapel. Attendance has been pretty good, 25 - 35 each week. Remember that on the 3rd Sunday of each month the Respect Life Committee leads a pro-life Rosary right after the 9:00 Mass. Please consider joining in.



If you have not already seen it, please consider going to see UNPLANNED, a movie about Abby Johnson journey from being a Planned Parenthood Manager in College Station/Bryant, Texas to becoming a staunch pro-life advocate and a very busy mom. You may have to search around to find out where it's playing. At this writing, it is playing at the West Manchester Mall in York.

We have to report that sadly the number of abortions being performed at PP York seems to be on the rise. Heretofore we said that they did between 15 and 20 abortions each Wednesday. Recent numbers seem to reflect that more than 20 abortions each Wednesday is the norm. Keep those prayers coming.

We have decided that we WILL head up another 40 Days for Life Campaign this Fall (Sep 25 thru Nov 3) in York.. If you have been with us before, please consider joining in again. If you have never taken part, please consider doing so this time. Have doubts? Feel funny about it? Afraid? Come up some time before then. Give us a call, we'd be glad to introduce you to this effort.

Tom Evans - tomevans54@comcast.net - 717 235 8833

Food for Families Report



Brothers,

The Food for Families effort continues on thanks to the generosity of the council. With recent food donations of 61 pounds our grand totals for this fraternal year now stand at 2,074 pounds of food and \$ 2,111.25 for the pantry. Good job everyone!

I would like everyone to bring at least one non-perishable and non expired food item to the next meeting. The Food Pantry needs canned chicken, spam, canned soup and beef soup, condiments in plastic bottles, and baking items.

You may also drop off larger and perishable donations directly to the food pantry. If dropping off to the pantry directly between the hours of Monday-Saturday 9am to 11:30am or by appt 717-235-6370, please let them know that it is a donation from the Knights of Columbus for us to capture our effort.

Thanks and God Bless,

Joe Grohal - jegrohal@zoominternet.net

Council Activities - Perspectives from the Chancellor



you ask me what one member can do?

Well, it reads as an awkward question, so let's think about it! Now, what if it read, "you ask me how one member can see us through." What if the response to both questions is: "just want to make a difference?" We have over 200 members; let's consider why and how one member can make a real difference. **IF:**

- Each one pays his dues;
- Each one attended just one meeting a year;
- Each one read the Knight's Edition each month;
- Each one worked just one event/program a year;
- Each one provided just 10 service hours (that's over 2,000 service hours a year);
- Each one bought a ticket to one event/program a year;
- Each one bought the three raffle ticket books for C.O.A.L.;
- Each one contributed to the golf tournament;
- Each one contributed to the food-for-families program;
- Each one bought a football sweepstakes ticket raffle and maybe one extra to give to a family member;
- Each one bought a seminarian raffle ticket;
- Each one prayed for the success of our Council Activities;
- Each one realized the importance of our Council Activities and the important role that each could play in supporting them;
- Each one asked another man to consider joining the Council; and
- Each one continues to be the difference...

Am I asking too much? I don't think so! All too often, we look around and wait for someone to take the lead; for someone to say something; for somebody, anybody to do something. All too often, nobody shows up! Now, that can't be true for everybody, right? And what truly amazes me is that we do get things done – BUT – for how much longer and at what costs?

I am truly amazed at all that was accomplished this year by the same members. Twenty-five or so members carry a Council of over 200. How many more years can this happen before all of the 25 hit 80? THEN WHAT? When Council #8891 is recognized for its fine work and accomplishments, and that is often the case, it is not just the 25 being recognized, but the entire Council is recognized as it should be. I was recently asked, "Why can't you get more help?" What is your response? Please share it with me.

Our Council Activities are many and cover so many different categories – there has to be at least one that catches the eye of somebody, or anybody. I'm not convinced that nobody is struck by at least one activity. Yet, nobody shows up way too often. Where is everybody else? You and I need to come with a way to change this. What are your ideas? Let me HEAR from you – have you heard this before?

We all have time constraints, family commitments, workload, kid's activities, and special time with our spouse and families. I get that, we need that, and I accept it. But why not engage family, kids and spouse with Council functions and activities. There are just too many excuses or perceived ones and no real justifications to not get involved. Sometimes, there aren't even excuses, just plain lack of interest, recognition, support or commitment. Why is that? Did I mention, let me hear from you?

As a Knight years ago, my boys were by my side in support of a number of events. I'm reminded of those days when I see Joe Grohal and his son, or Joe Mazziot and his son, or Ken Scheper and his daughter supporting one or more of our activities. What a great message each dad is providing; what a great learning experience each child is provided.

Since joining this Council, my wife, Carol, has on many an occasion, not only contributed to decorating the social hall but also supported raffle and ticket sales, food prep and serving as well as playing a key role in organizing some events. Nothing like working together! And what truly has been rewarding is to see other spouses contribute to our events. It is always great to see the smiling faces of Liz Green, Shirley Wargo, Sandy Brown, Carolyn Vosnick, Barbara Taylor, and Pattie Evans. So, why is it always the same spouses?

Council Activities - Perspectives from the Chancellor (Continued from page 3)

As mentioned above, "Each one continues to be the difference." That one can be you, it needs to be you, and what a difference you can make. As we close out one fraternal year (a key transitional one) consider what is next for you and for the Council. Are you ready to BUILD on this year? Consider why and how you will take a lead, fill a void, or assist in an activity or promote a new activity. Elections are coming, consider an office or a program chair. This is your year.

WHY NOT !

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Message from the Financial Secretary

We still have a number of Brother Knights who have not paid your 2019 dues. Please make your checks out to "Knights of Columbus #8891" and drop in the Council mail box in the Parish Office or mail to me at:

Greg Gering - Council #8891
95 Smokebox Circle
Stewartstown, PA. 17363

If you need to discuss any issue that would prevent you from paying, PLEASE reach out to me by calling me at 717-552-8173 or email me at kocgering@yahoo.com . I can't help you if you don't let me know ☺

*Vivat Jesus,
Greg Gering, Financial Secretary*



Annual Fr. Bob Yohe's Wild Game Bar-B-Que!



Friday, May 3rd starting at 3:00pm at Neumann Hall

Featuring a sumptuous assortment of North American organically-fed mammals (some off the side of the road) cooked several ways – Barbequed, smoked, broiled & deep-fried - & served with an array of hand-picked adult beverages (to help you wash it down in case you have issues eating it ☺)

All Prepared under the supervision of St. John's Renown Gourmet Chef

Chef Roberto Yohe'

& His Faithful Students at the Knights of Culinary Council #8891

(No cost – just bring yourself and some beef jerky in order to be cool ☺)

Fr. Bob says: The Knights HAVE THE MEATS! AND you can eat MEAT on Fridays NOW!

Note: The following will not be allowed at this event: Tofu, foo-foo girly drinks, salads (unless it has meat in it), cupcakes, pink anything, flowers, critics from any newspaper, the Police (unless they are off duty and want some meat), nutritionists, the USDA, the US or State Health Departments, vegans or anyone else who wants to be critical of a bunch of guys who want to get together and eat MEAT!

P.S. "The Wild Boar" is not the only thing that will be roasted that day – (hint: Father Bob – LOL!)



The Lenten Season by the State Chaplin, Rev. Gregory J D'Emma

Now that Ash Wednesday is over and we are into Lent, I would like to talk to you about this Season and about what it means. The Lenten Season is the six-weeks before Easter and starts on Ash Wednesday. It is a time when we focus on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus died to pay for our sins and rose from the dead. We will also rise from the dead and abide in heaven. Here are some facts about the Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday begins Lent, the 40 days of fasting and abstinence (more about this later). It is known as the “Day of Ashes”, because the faithful have their face marked with ashes in the form of a cross. The name “Day of Ashes” comes from *Dies Cinerum*” in the Roman Missal and early copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. The custom originated somewhere in the Sixth Century. While the exact origin of the day is not clear, the custom of marking foreheads with the sign of the cross appears to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604). In the Old Testament, ashes were used for two purposes, as a sign of humility and mortality, and as a sign of sorrow and repentance for sin. Christians have taken on the Biblical Custom. Originally, the use of ashes was a matter of private devotion. Later, it became a part of the official rite for reconciling public penitence. Still later, the use of ashes passed into the current rite of all having ashes placed on the forehead in the form of a cross. The word “Lent” means “Lengthen” and stands for that time in Spring, when the days grow longer. The original period of Lent was 40 hours spent in fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ and the 40 hours He spent in the tomb. In the early 3rd Century, Lent was lengthened to 6 days. About 800 AD, it was changed to 40 days. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. Sundays are not included in those 40 days. The 40 days correspond to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting. The French call it “Mardi Gras”. the Germans call it Fasching. The feasting comes from the custom of using up all the fat in the household, prior to the 40 days of Lenten Fasting. The word “carnival”, in relation to Mardi Gras means “good-bye to meat” *carne-meat, vale - goodbye*.

There are some simple rules for Lent. There are only two fast days in the church calendar, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All from the ages 14-60 must fast these two days. This means you may eat one full meal and two smaller meals but, together do not equal a full meal – and no solid food in between these meals. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, along with all the Fridays in Lent, are days of Abstinence from meat by all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. The Season of Lent is built on three pillars, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer. I will not go into an explanation of these three. If you want to know what these three are about, read and meditate on the Gospel for Ash Wednesday from Matthew, Chapter 6, which is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Read it carefully and think about it deeply. On a more personal note, I would like to add a little more. I would personally add a fourth pillar, that of reconciliation, the act of going to confession, receiving absolution, and doing penance. There is one last thing, in the Season of Lent, we are encouraged to give something up. The process of giving something up is intended to help us focus on what is really important, namely growing closer to Jesus Christ and to focus on His sacrifice for our salvation. Sometimes though giving up candy, chocolate, smoking, drinking, etc. could have the opposite effect and make us difficult to live with or become so painful we simply give up. Here is a suggestion, do something positive – pick one day a week and go to Mass, say a Rosary, spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, or volunteer at a Soup Kitchen. Here is another thought, you know that appendage we carry in our left hand or in our back pocket? How about turning it off for a while? I read on the internet today that in order to keep those cell phones working at peak efficiency, they should be completely shut down for a full minute then restarted, once a week – it is supposed to keep it working well. As I have said, how about having it shut down an hour or longer or how about for a whole day? Well, you get the idea and I am sure you can think of many other positive things you can do. I wish you a blessed Lent. You pray for me and I will pray for you and your families. God Bless.

Saint Michael the Archangel Protect us.

Father Greg

FTGOTO: Please keep the following in your prayers:

Our Religious	Farrell Family	Sue Ward
The Catholic Church	Powers & Price Family	Sr Gloria
Fr. Capitani	Schwarzman Family	Steve Rickrode
Our Troops	Dee & John Nycz	
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Cipko Family	Angela Casiero	Robyn Barone
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Card Social & Luncheon

May 5th & June 2nd



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Knights of Columbus April 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1  APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7 ✚ Don't forget your Sunday Obligation	8	9	10	11 Rosary 7:30 General Mtg 8pm NH	12  Fish Dinner 4 – 7pm	13 Roadside Cleanup after TMIY Seminarian Raffle after 5pm mass
24 ✚ PALM SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt after 11am mass Seminarian Raffle after all masses	15  IRS Tax Day & Monday of Holy Week	16 Tuesday of Holy Week	17 Wednesday of Holy Week	18 Holy Thursday	19 Good Friday  Fast and Abstinence	20 Holy Saturday & Vigil of Easter Roadside Cleanup Rain Date
21 ✚ EASTER SUNDAY	22	23	24	25 Business Mtg 8pm NH	26	27
28 ✚ Don't forget your Sunday Obligation	29	30	1 May	2 May	3 Fr. Bob Yohe's Wild Game Bar-B-Que! 3pm NH	4  State Convention May 3 rd – 5 th