



Brother Knights,

Memorial Mass: Many thanks to Father Jim Tringhese and the parish family of St. John the Evangelist Church for inviting us to use their beautiful church for our memorial Mass last November 19. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Father Timothy Kruthaupt who gave an excellent homily on the role of the Knights of Columbus within the Catholic Church of today. The extraordinary music played during the Mass was done by church organist Gwen Takacs and sung by cantor Don Hogan. A job well done to Brother Knight Don Vogelsang, Chairman of the Memorial Committee.

New Members: On November 28, our Council 1275 held a 1st and 2nd Degree at the Uniontown Columbian Hall. Congratulations to the new members of our council who are Don Walters, Curt David, and John Davidson. There are also two more additions to the council. Dan Visnauskas who is a transfer from New York and Bernard Quarrick who returned to Uniontown from Severn, Maryland.

March for Life: In recognition of the 43rd annual *March for Life* in Washington DC on January 22, 2016, our Council 1275 offered a Mass for the Protection of the Unborn Child at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown. Pastor Peter Peretti celebrated the Mass with Father Jim Tringhese concelebrating. There were approximately 100 people in attendance for the Mass and the recitation of the rosary following the Mass. A one-hour stand at five corners followed where 15 determined souls with Fr. Peretti endured the bitter cold. Many thanks to all the Brother Knights who helped and attended and thanks also to Nancy Kalasky and choir for providing the liturgical music at Mass that day.

Nursing Homes: A small group of Knights have been assisting Father Tim Kruthaupt as he celebrates Mass at the four nursing homes he is assigned to. We also help the staff, when needed, by taking the residents to and from their rooms to where the Mass is being said. We may need more help in the future. If any brother Knights are interested in doing this, call Tom House at 724-366-6970 or Don Vogelsang at 724-438-9064. Currently, there are two brother Knights in nursing homes that we are aware of. They are:

Robert Cerjanec
Golden Living Center (304) 599-9480
1379 VanVoorhis Rd.
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dwain Monahan (and wife Lois)
Golden Living Center (724) 439-5700
129 Franklin Ave.
Uniontown, PA 15401

If you know of any other Brother Knights that are in assisted living and may want an occasional visit, please call Tom Palya 724-366-0933 or Ted Crable (724) 437-0193.

Eucharistic Adoration/Program for Priests: As I stated in the fall newsletter, what better way can we ask God to replenish our church's priestly vocations than before the Blessed Sacrament. Recently, the Catholic Men's Fellowship (led by Timothy Kirsch), and a group of ladies from neighboring parishes formed an Adoration Cenacle for this purpose. A cenacle is a gathering of the faithful for the purpose of prayer in imitation of Mary and the Apostles in the Upper Room. The ladies in imitation of Mary pray for their own spiritually adopted priests or seminarians of the diocese while the men with relationship to the Apostles pray for the increase in vocations and the continued holiness of priests and seminarians. Brother Knights, if you or if you know someone who may be interested in contributing to the Adoration Cenacle for our beloved clergy, you can call the following phone numbers for further information. The ladies may call Denise Reilly at (724) 438-2698 and the men may call Tom Palya at (724) 366-0933. Eucharistic Adoration at the following churches is: St. Therese, Mondays, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; St. Joseph, Wednesdays, 2:30 to 6 p.m.; and St. John the Evangelist, Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Forty Days for Life: This largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history will start again this February 10 through March 20, 2016. Twice last fall, Tom House and I had an opportunity to accompany Father Tim Kruthaupt in Pittsburgh where he led a group in prayer and in song. There were about 25 people who gathered in a peaceful vigil at the Planned Parenthood protesting abortion and showing our pro-life message. We plan again to attend these gatherings with him when the time comes next month. Contact Fr. Tim (724-972-9446) for further information. The schedule for trips to Planned Parenthood Clinic during 40 Days for Life:

Saturdays, **Feb 20, March 5, March 19** from 8:00 to 10:00 (depart St. Peter's, Brownsville, at 7 a.m.)

Wednesdays, **Feb 24, March 2, March 16** from 11:00 to 1:00 (depart St. Peter's, Brownsville, at 10 a.m.)

Feast of the Annunciation: Every year on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), the Knights of Columbus celebrates the Day of the Unborn Child. However, with an early Easter this year, Good Friday falls on March 25. For this reason, the church's liturgical calendar for the Annunciation was moved to Monday, April 4. Therefore, our Council will have a Mass offered for the Unborn Child at St. John the Evangelist Church, Uniontown, on Monday, April 4, at 8:30 in the morning. The rosary will be recited immediately after; then a one-hour stand at the five corners. This is our 3rd year in doing this and will be very similar to what was recently done for the March for Life this past January 22. Please try to attend.

3rd Degree: We will be holding a 3rd degree at the Uniontown Columbian Hall, on Sunday, April 10. If you know of anyone that is interested in this, please call Tom Palya (724-366-0933).

Deceased Knight: James J. Rice, brother Knight and member of St. John the Evangelist Church, passed away January 11, 2016. Thoughts and prayers to his family at this time. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

New Insurance Agent: Our Knights of Columbus field agent is now Michael F Burkitt. Please contact him for all your insurance needs; he may be reached at (office) 304-212-5573, (mobile) 919-272-7794 or michael.burkitt@kofc.org. **Career opportunities are available; please contact Michael to learn more.**

Newsletters: A new method of informing every one of the council's activities in periodic newsletters has been established. Our current and past newsletters can now be viewed on our website, www.kofc1275.org. The newsletter can also be sent to your email if you register at usmra.rob@gmail.com. For those without computer access, spread the word that copies of the newsletter will be available at the Columbian hall along with a copy posted in the vestibule (hours: weekdays 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., weekends 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Members can add their names to a postal mailing list by calling 724-366-0933. The newsletter will be mailed to a random selection of brother Knights to help spread the word. Many thanks to Mike Aesoph for upgrading and maintaining our council's website and Rob McGee (Mr. Mine Rescue) for handling the email accounts for the future newsletters. The next newsletter will be announced through church bulletins sometime in April 2016.

Rosary/Meetings: Prior to our council meetings at the Columbian Hall on the first Wednesday of every month, we will recite the rosary at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will start shortly afterwards, at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Reflection: *"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."* Pope St. Leo the Great

Respectfully,

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Grand Knight Council 1275

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