



Brother Knights,

Recapping our council's activities and accomplishments this past year can be summed up as rewarding and productive. Here are some of our most noted achievements and practices worth mentioning and continuing.

Email Account and Website: A better communication with our membership of our council's events was implemented with an email account USMRA.rob@gmail.com. We now have close to 120 members who can easily be contacted when needed. Also, quarterly newsletters are announced in church bulletins giving our website www.kofc1275.org. This can be viewed by anyone interested in what our council has done and what we are currently involved with. A good recruiting tool for a future brother knight.

Pro-rating of Dues: Taking into consideration for new brother Knights who join our council throughout the year, a pro-rating of dues was established to curtail the initial expense. A significant drop in cost starting the 2nd quarter of the year and every quarter after that can be seen.

Memorial Committee: A Memorial Committee was re-established to express our fraternal brotherhood when a fellow Knight from our council passes away. The committee will have a Mass offered for him, a visitation to the funeral home, and bereavement card will be sent to the family. The Memorial Committee set up Memorial Mass that was celebrated in November at St. John the Evangelist Church for six brother Knights who died in year past. Be assured a memorial Mass will again be planned this coming November. The committee also set up a Mass at St. Joseph Church in April to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season as a group.

Keep Christ in Christmas: For the true meaning of Christmas and to combat secularism during the holy season of Advent, 51 "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs were sold with 9 donated to the Catholic churches for display. Proceeds from this were used towards our annual Christmas gift to the Center of Hope and also to the Pro-Life ad on April 4 in the Herald Standard. This ad was initiated by Mrs. Helen Nypaver in memory of her son Thomas, a deceased brother knight. The K of C Assembly 926 played a major contributing part to the ad. If you missed this ad, please visit the H/S website for the April 4 edition, section C on the weather page.

Pro-Life Masses: Two masses were offered by our Council this year for the "Protection of the Unborn Child." The first was at St. Mary Nativity Church during the March for Life in DC in January and the second was on the Feast of the Annunciation, April 4, at St. John the Evangelist Church. Both morning masses were followed by the rosary and then a one-hour stand at five corners in Uniontown.

Contributions: Since July 2015, our Council donated \$1325 to well-known local and national organizations. A couple of our larger contributions went to sponsoring the Pro-Life Booth for the Greater Fayette County Respect Life Committee at the Fayette County Fair and most recently to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to help cover expenses after the unfortunate fire at their facility.

Degrees: Our council held two 1st and 2nd Degrees in November 2015 and April 2016 and will have another one this coming October 30. We also hosted a 3rd Degree in April where 30+ Brother Knights from around the diocese attained their 3rd Degree.

Solidarity Crosses: Assembly 926 purchased solidarity crosses which our council then distributed to the 7 parishes associated with our council. These solidarity crosses were developed by the Knights of Columbus to give support and increase awareness of the persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Along with the crosses, a letter explaining the efforts of the K of C and a prayer composed by our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori were presented. To learn more, visit www.christiansatrisk.com.

Officers for 2016-17: Grand Knight, Thomas Palya / **Deputy Grand Knight**, Tom House / **Chancellor**, AJ Gasparatz / **Recorder**, Mike Aesoph / **Financial Secretary**, Paul Mihalko / **Treasurer**, Rich Pikulsky / **Lecturer**, Bernard Quarrick / **Advocate**, Tony Bartock / **Warden**, Chuck Kosco / **Inside Guard**, Dave Mihalko / **Outside Guard**, Tim Mari / **3rd yr Trustee**, Ted Crable / **2nd yr Trustee**, Bill Martin / **1st yr Trustee**, Joe Korelko

Rosary Walk: The 27th Annual Rosary Walk sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society of St. George Maronite Church will be held Sunday, September 18, 2016. Let this be an opportunity to show your devotion to the Mother of God for all to see. The Color Corps of the 926th Assembly will be present that day. Check church bulletins for details.

Chaplain: Probably one of the most important tasks our council had to do was to replace Fr. Micah Kozoil who retired as our council chaplain this time last year because of health issues. Since then, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt was our acting chaplain and then was appointed by Bishop Malesic in February. Fr. Tim continually gives inspirational and informative talks during his address at our council meetings. Some of his priestly duties in the diocese includes having masses at 4 different nursing homes in the Uniontown area where brother Knights assist him at Mass as well as assist the staff with the residents who attend. Brother Knights also accompanied him during the Forty Days for Life this past March protesting abortion in front of the Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh. In addition, each first and third Saturday Fr. Tim travels to the abortion clinic in Pittsburgh to do the same prayerful protest. During these protests, our Pro-life K of C banner has been displayed.

From the Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt:

GUARDIANS FOR LIFE

Trips to Planned Parenthood Clinic during 40 Days for Life, Fall 2016. The schedule below reflects the actual times we'll be at the clinic. Pickup times vary for different locations please monitor this schedule or contact Fr. Tim (724-785-7781) for information. Departure times from St Peter's parking lot in Brownsville will be 10:00AM on Wednesdays and 7:00AM on Saturdays.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday September 28th, 2016	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday October 1st, 2016	08:00 am –10:00 am
Wednesday October 12th, 2016	11:00 am –1:00 pm
Saturday October 15th, 2016	08:00 am –10:00 am
Wednesday October 26th, 2016	11:00 am –1:00 pm
Saturday November 5th, 2016	08:00 am –10:00 am

40 Days for Life began as an activity of a Knights of Columbus college council. Texas A & M University College Council 10624 in College Station, TX helped organize the first 40 Days for Life in 2004 and within a couple of weeks involved over 1,000 people, leading to a 28% decline in abortions in that community. Since then, this program of prayer, fasting and silent witness has energized the pro-life movement across the nation with 40 Days for Life events occurring this fall of 2016, from September 28 – November 6, in over 342 cities, as of this year all 50 states and 24 countries throughout the world.

Here are some amazing statistics of what 40 Days for Life has accomplished since its inception: over 700,000 volunteers, praying in 636 different cities, in 36 distinct nations. More than 11,800 babies have been saved. It is known that 133 abortion clinic employees have resigned and 74 clinic have closed following a 40 Days for Life campaign at the site.

The Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion. As noted on the KofC website: "St. John Paul II famously said that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is "false and illusory." Human rights of every kind are "incomprehensible" without the right to life." Our Order, therefore, joins the universal Church in acknowledging the dignity of human life and in its efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection for every human person at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Eucharistic Adoration/Program for Priests: 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. Pray for priests and for vocations.

Nursing Homes: There are two brother Knights in nursing homes that we are aware of. They are:

Robert Cerjanec

Golden Living Center (304) 599-9480

Dwain Monahan (and wife Lois)

Golden Living Center (724) 439-5700

Soccer Shoot-out: Our K of C Council soccer shoot-out has been set for September 24 at 10 a.m. at Menarchick Field, South Union. Contact Dave Mihalko at 724-430-0482 or David.Mihalko@jmus.com for more info.

Insurance Agent: Our Knights of Columbus general agent is 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.**

Reflection: *"God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."* St. Louis de Montfort

Respectfully,

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Grand Knight Council 1275

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**From Joe Korelko, Faithful Navigator and Marty Gasparatz, Color Corps Commander
Albert Gallatin Assembly #926, 4th Degree Report**

The 4th Degree Color Corps has been very busy so far this year. We have participated in three 5th Sunday Masses at St. Peter in Brownsville, St. Mary in Uniontown, and St. Joan of Arc in Farmington. We had one wake service for Brother Knight Larry Doolittle in April. May was an especially busy month with a service every weekend. May 7th we presented the icon at St. George. On May 22nd, we were back at St. Peter for the May Crowning mass, and then on Monday, July 4th Independence Day. Upcoming events are the Rosary Walk, starting at St. George in September, and then our final 5th Sunday Mass will be October 30th at St. Thomas in Footdale.

Our annual Steak, Priest Appreciation Dinner, will be held on September 13th at the Home Association Hall with doors opening at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Tickets will be made available soon. Contact Tony Bartock, dinner chairman, at 724-880-6206 for advance tickets and any additional details. This dinner is open to all Brother Knights and their guests.

Tom House, our Veteran Affairs ambassador, has been consulting with various Veterans organizations including the American Legion for projects to benefit veterans in our area. If you have any suggestions, contact Tom at 724-366-6970.

A.J. Gasparatz is the chairman of the Flag project where we put out flags on the streets of Uniontown during special holidays and events. Our next tentative date to put out the flags for Labor Day will be September 2nd or 3rd. A.J. will confirm the day and time. All volunteers are welcome.

Also on Labor Day weekend, our 4th Degree members help support the Council 1275 volunteers at Mount St. Macrina events. Again, all persons wishing to help can contact Paul Mihalko at 724-437-2462 for details.