



Brother Knights,

From the Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt:

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will come to a close on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. When Holy Father Francis announced that the Jubilee Year would be opened on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of 2015, he noted "I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time."

The Knights of Columbus have produced a powerful documentary entitled "The Face of Mercy." It encapsulates the history of Divine Mercy, St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis' roles in bringing this devotion to the world. During this year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked you and I to make practical applications of Divine Mercy as we served the Lord in his people.

If you did not have an opportunity to participate in any Corporal or Spiritual Works as a source of the Lord's Mercy for others throughout the year, there are still a number of days that remain. Perhaps feeding the homeless or helping those so severely affected by the flooding in Connellsville would afford you an opportunity to help out.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will celebrate the closure of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at The Historic Church of Saint Peter. Starting at 12:30 PM we will play the KofC production of "The Face of Mercy." At 2:00 PM, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Formal Vespers and Benediction will follow at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to participate.

New Members: Our Council held a 1st degree this past Sunday, October 30. We have 3 new members to our Council; they are Frank Conchilla (St. Therese Church), Thomas George (St. Mary Church), and Justin Ward (St. Joseph Church). May our new members enjoy the fruits of our brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus. Plans are being made to have a 1st and 2nd degree sometime in January 2017.

Dues: You will be receiving in the month of December your annual dues notification for the upcoming year 2017. It is important to pay these dues on time and we especially thank and appreciate those who do so. Unfortunately, there are some members who have neglected to pay their dues in past years which depletes our council treasury significantly. Our Retention Committee has taken certain steps to correct this problem and work to eliminate it in the future. **Please pay your dues by check for proof of payment**, mailing them directly to our Financial Secretary Paul Mihalko. You can also pay your dues at Council meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. The Uniontown Columbian (bar) will not accept regular membership dues so as to avoid misplacement and confusion as was last year.

Deceased Knights: Listed below are the five brother Knights who passed away since the last newsletter.

Dwain Monahan passed away August 22, 2016, and was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church. Mr. Monahan was a 4th degree Knight receiving his 1st degree on April 15, 1961. He was a member of Council 1275 and Assembly 926 and a lifetime member with 45 years of service.

Stephen R. Haky Jr. passed away August 30, 2016, and was a parishioner of St. Mary Nativity Church. Mr. Haky was 3rd degree receiving his 1st degree on July 1, 1956. He was a lifetime member with 60 years of service.

Joseph A. Fani passed away October 16, 2016, and was a parishioner of St. Therese Church. Mr. Fani was a 3rd degree Knight receiving his 1st degree on February 1, 1969. He was a lifetime member with 48 years of service.

James S. Calhoun passed away October 23 and was a member of St. Therese Church. Mr. Calhoun was a 3rd degree Knight who received his 1st degree on October 1, 1980. He was a lifetime member with 36 years of service.

Eugene E. Figas passed away October 25, and was a parishioner of St. Joseph Church. Mr. Figas received his 1st degree on July 11, 2008. He had 8 years of service.

May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

Memorial Mass: A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt for our brother Knights who have passed away since November of last year. The Memorial Mass will be Thursday, November 17, at 6 pm at the Columbian Hall. All are invited to attend.

The names of our thirteen departed Knights who will be remembered at mass are: **Father Matthew Brozovic OFM** (former chaplain); **James S. Calhoun**; **Lawrence V. Doolittle**; **Thomas Elek**; **Joseph A. Fani**; **Eugene E. Figas**; **Stephen R. Haky Jr.**; **Dwain B. Monahan**; **James A. Myers**; **James J. Rice**; **Theodore S. Sova**; **Bob Tadj Sr.**; and **Jerome E. Tucker**.

K of C Scholarship: The Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, is offering scholarships for members, sons and daughters of members, and qualified members of the Columbian Squires. Each scholarship entitles the awardee to receive up to \$3000 over a 6 year period to defray expenses for tuition, books, or maintenance in any college or school of nursing approved by the committee. If interested, contact Tom Palya 724-366-0933 for an application. Applications must be mailed by the applicant and received by the Awards Chairman no later than December 31, 2016.

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.

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: Currently, there is a brother Knight in a nursing home that we are aware of. He is:
Robert Cerjanec (304) 599-9480
Golden Living Center
1379 Van Voorhis Road, Morgantown, WV 26505

If you know of any Brother Knights that are in assisted living and may want an occasional visit, please call Tom Palya 724-366-0933 or Tom House 724-366-6970.

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.**

Christmas Party: The Knights of Columbus Uniontown Council 1275 will hold its annual Christmas parties at the Columbian Hall, Sunday, December 18. The tentative time for the children's party will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and the adult party for members and spouses/guests will be held from 5 p.m. to ?? Further details and announcements will be sent via email sometime in early December.

March for Life: In recognition of the *March for Life* in Washington D.C. on Friday, **January 27, 2017**, a pro-life Mass will be celebrated that day at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown, at 8 a.m. After mass, the Knights will recite the rosary for the protection of the unborn child followed by a one-hour stand at the five corners. Hopefully, we will have a good response as last year and will continue to grow in the years to come.

Reflection: *"The best Way of the Cross is when people accept willingly the crosses that are sent to them."*
St. André Bessette

Respectfully,

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