



Brother Knights,

From the Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt:

The March for Life this year was once again a powerful experience. Our group participated in the opening and the closing Vigil Masses at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The magnificence of the Basilica is more than enough to be awe inspiring. However, when you add 500 priests and deacons, an equal number of seminarians, 40 Bishops, 6 Cardinals and 10,000 lay faithful in attendance for the Mass words cannot adequately describe the event.

The March for Life included the yearly hundreds of thousands of participant. This year was a little more complex because of security requirements surrounding the Rally. VP Pence and Presidential Advisor Kelly Ann Conway both attended and spoke. Therefore, metal detectors and clearances for all the backpacks, etc. were time consuming and restrictive. However, the price they entailed was worth the much greater level of support shown for prolife issues by the new administration.

Needless to say the Knights were very visible at each stage of the events. The KofC paid for the construction of the bell tower and carillon at the National Shrine. They also provide ushers for every liturgy. During the Rally and the March Knights were ever present assisting logistics, collecting funds for next year's March and powerfully reflected in thousands of placards and signs they produce and provide at no cost for the marchers. The KofC should be justly proud of its sponsorship of the March and the continual shout outs and recognition they received from the organizers of the events.

KofC WITNESS FOR LIFE

Trips to Planned Parenthood Clinic during 40 Days for Life, Spring 2017. 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>
Saturday March 4th, 2017	08:00am -10:00am
Wednesday March 8th, 2017	11:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday March 18th, 2017	08:00am -10:00am
Wednesday March 22nd, 2017	11:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday April 1st, 2017	08:00am -10:00am
Wednesday April 5th, 2017	11:00am - 1:00pm

March for Life Mass: In recognition of the *March for Life* in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 27, 2017, our Council offered a Mass for the Protection of the Unborn Child at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown. The Mass was well attended with approximately 80 people, 15 of them brother Knights. About 60 people stayed for the recitation of the rosary and 20 continued for a peaceful demonstration at the five corners for a one-hour stand. Many thanks to Fr. Peretti, Fr. Tringhese, Sr. Annette, church organist Nancy Kalasky, and all brother knights and people who attended.

Feast of the Annunciation: Our Knights of Columbus Council will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation one day early this year. On Friday, March 24, the 8:30 Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church will be offered for the Unborn Child. As we have done in the past, the rosary and a one-hour stand at the five corners will follow.

Deceased Knight: John Pedro passed away January 23, 2016. He was a member of St. Therese Church. John was a 3rd degree Knight who joined our Council February 23, 1969 and was a lifetime member with 48 years' service.

May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

New Members: Our Council held a 1st and 2nd degree Sunday, January 29. We have 2 new members to our Council; they are **Armand Spooner** (St. Mary Church), **John Gebe** (St. John the Evangelist Church). John Gebe continued that day to get his 2nd degree with other members of our Council who were Frank Conchilla, Thomas George and Justin Ward. May our new members enjoy the fruits of our brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus.

1st and 2nd Degrees: Our Knights of Columbus Council 1275 will again be holding a 1st and 2nd degree for candidates on Sunday, April 2, 2017, at the Uniontown Columbian Hall. Candidates for 1st degree are to report at 12:30 p.m. The 1st degree will start at 1 p.m.; the 2nd degree will start soon after the conclusion of the 1st degree.

3rd Degree: A 3rd degree is scheduled at the Uniontown Columbian Hall on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Candidates for 3rd degree are to report at 1 p.m. The degree ceremony will start at 2 p.m. Suggested dress for candidates is your Sunday best, ex: suit, sport coat and tie. Candidates, make sure you bring your current 2017 membership card stating that you are presently a 2nd degree member.

Blood Drive: In association with the American Red Cross, our Knights of Columbus Council 1275 will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, March 18, at the Uniontown Columbian Hall from 8 am to 2 pm. Many thanks and appreciation to Deputy Grand Knight Tom House for making all the arrangements to make this happen this year; it is our intention of making this an annual event in the years to come. Please come that day giving from the heart, a Life Source others so desperately need.

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. Please register your email account with Rob McGee if you have not already done so. 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. For more information on program for priests, ladies may call Denise Reilly at (724) 438-2698 and the men may call Tom Palya at (724) 366-0933.

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.**

Reflection: "The so-called right to abortion has portrayed the GREATEST OF GIFTS – a child – as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience." Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Respectfully,

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4TH Degree Report
February 2017
By Marty Gasparatz

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on Sunday, June 4, 2017 for PA West District in Beaver Falls. Any 3rd Degree member wishing to advance should contact Marty Gasparatz by May 1st, 2017.

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Plans are already underway for our annual Priest's steak dinner this September, and also our Christmas event to honor local veterans. Any members wishing to help or make suggestions are welcome.

Members of our 4th Degree flag committee will begin setting out flags on Morgantown Street and Beeson Avenue for the Memorial Day weekend on May 26th or 27th. Time and date to be confirmed.

Our 4th Degree Color Corp will be busy again this year by celebrating five "5th Sunday" Masses. The first mass was celebrated January 29th at St. Mary in Uniontown. Our next Mass will be at St. Joan of Arc in Farmington, April 30th. The Rosary will be said at 10:40, followed by Mass at 11 AM. Color Corps members should arrive by 10:30 AM. All members are welcome.

Masses are tentatively set for July 30th at St. Cyril & Methodius in Fairchance, October 29th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Masontown and December 31st at St. Peter in Brownsville. (Weather permitting)

Note to all KofC members & families: The Masontown Knights of Columbus council will begin Fish Fry dinners this coming Ash Wednesday and continuing every Friday through Lent. Other local events to be announced.