



**From the Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt:**

## Introduction to the Foster Father of Jesus Challenge

When conducting research for a presentation I made on the 1955 National Convention of the Holy Name Society held in Pittsburgh, I encountered a very interesting quote from the Archbishop of Washington, DC. I was using the *Washington Post* Archives because it contained records of publications, of the greatest antiquity, which could be electronically accessed. The Archbishop was lamenting that from his perspective there was too large a disparity between the numbers of men and women who were active in church ministry. He was hoping to increase the number of women who actively participated in the life of the church.



Today as one realistically appraises the relative percentages of participation, we must say that the Archbishop's hopes have been fulfilled. We thank God for the great numbers of female altar servers, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir members, etc., who generously devote their time and talent to serving in our Parishes. It is even possible the balance has swung the other direction. I have observed in many Parishes that not only do they have very active female participation in the ministries I referenced above but also on an organization level.

Almost all Parishes previously were supported by active Knights of Columbus Councils, Holy Name Societies and other fraternal organizations. It is my hope to reinvigorate these fraternal organizations in our Parishes.

I participated in a men's retreat at the Bishop Connare Center last weekend. My presentation was on intercessory prayer. For the nine days prior to the retreat, the organizers electronically provided a Novena to St. Joseph for those scheduled to participate. The focus of the Novena was the extraordinary virtues of St. Joseph. It praises him for his role of foster father of Jesus, husband of Mary, protector of the Holy Family, skilled artisan and provider. However, with all these virtues that reflect his strength, the greatest recognition given him is for his humility, humble as a foster father of the Messiah and spouse of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary.

I was so impressed with the Novena that I would like to share it with our Council. It is an inspirational account of the great strength, sacrifices and love St. Joseph exercised as he fulfilled the vocation God the Father had given him. —

*Thanks, Fr. Tim*

**Please access this Novena via my Parish website: <http://www.stpeterstcecilia.org> (click on the bar that says "Introduction to the Foster Father of Jesus Challenge")**

**or call our office if you wish to have a copy mailed to you 724-785-7781.**

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### Brother Knights:

**Feast of the Annunciation:** Our Council 1275 celebrated the Feast of the Unborn Child at the St. John Evangelist Church on Friday, March 24, the 8:30 Mass. Over 100 people came to the pro-life Mass that morning with over half remaining to pray the rosary led by our brother Knights. Many thanks and appreciation to Fr. Jim Tringhese for the beautiful liturgy and homily that day.

**Church Drive:** A church drive for recruitment of new members into the Knights of Columbus was conducted at the St. John Evangelist Church at the three weekend masses of March 4 and 5. A most pleasing total of 8 applications for membership were obtained. Many thanks to Membership Director, Don Vogelsang, for his diligence and hard work in coordinating the event and making the recruitment drive a success. Also, eternal thanks to Fr. Jim Tringhese for his cordial invitation and permission to do this.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees / New Members:** Our Knights of Columbus Council 1275 held a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on Sunday, April 2, 2017, at the Uniontown Columbian Hall. Our 12 new members who joined our Knights of Columbus Council are **Michael Brown, Russell Bryant, Brian Crackovich, Ernest DeHaas, Dr. Mallard George, Joseph Hlavach, Matthew Kalich, Gregory Pikulsky, Geoffrey Pikulsky, James Preamble, Mickey Quince, and Chris Valentovich**. New members who transferred to our council from other councils are: **Joe Hudak, Jack Miller, and Jack Schuessler**.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:** Our Council 1275 hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree this past April 23, 2017, with 21 candidates making their Knighthood degree, 9 of which were from our Council. Congratulations to the following: **Michael Brown, Russell Bryant, Frank Conchilla, Brian Crackovich, Ernest DeHaas, Thomas George, James Preamble, Mickey Quince, and Justin Ward**.

**A Wall of Reverence and Honor:** With the most gracious cooperation of Columbian President and brother Knight, Paul Kachur, a wall of reverence and honor was renovated and restored so to hang portraits of persons of our faith and the Knights of Columbus on both sides of the adored crucifix in the Columbian Hall where our Council meetings are held. Along with Paul, many thanks to Uniontown Columbian members Randy King and Mary Jewel Palya for finishing the wall by sanding and painting to make suitable for these distinguished people. The portraits were prepared and framed by Brother Knight Thomas George donating as did the others his time and expertise. Our Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Kruthaupt, blessed the portraits in the name of our Founder Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney. We proudly display to all who enter this hall *who we walk with and who we are*. May God bless them all for their time and talents.

**Text Alerts:** In an effort to keep our membership better informed about our projects, activities, meeting etc... we have set up a Remind account. Remind is a service that allows an organization to send a brief text that will go out to everyone that has set it up. It is traditionally used in schools, so if you choose to sign up for the app on a smartphone please choose the Parent option.

- **If you use text messaging on your cell phone, Text the number: 81010 and send @kofc12 as the message. This will automatically sign you up!**
- **If you would rather set up the app on your smartphone or prefer emails, go to [rmd.at/kofc12](http://rmd.at/kofc12) in an internet browser and sign up that way.**
- **If you are uncomfortable setting these up, please contact Justin Ward [724-309-0668](tel:724-309-0668) or [jlward1128@gmail.com](mailto:jlward1128@gmail.com) and provide him with your email or cell phone and he will see to it that you are signed up.**

**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](mailto: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 (Mr. Mine Rescue) if you have not already done so. Quarterly newsletters are announced in church bulletins giving our website [www.kofc1275.org](http://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.

**Deceased Knight:** Angelo Giachetti passed away February 17, 2017. He was a member of St. Therese Church. Angie was a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight who joined our Council on October 29, 1997. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

**Center of Hope/Ultrasound Project:** In these past 2 months, brother Knight Gerald Andrews, who is the Greensburg Diocesan representative to the Western Section Ultrasound Initiative, and his associate brother Knight Paul Herbert, visited the Center of Hope on separate occasions and gave their recommendations on how this pregnancy crisis center in Uniontown can acquire an ultrasound machine that would be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We are all optimistic and things seem to be moving in the right direction.

**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.

**New Insurance Agent:** Our Knights of Columbus field agent is **Eric P. Harris**. Eric states the following: "I look forward to working with my Brother Knights from the Uniontown council, and hope to meeting with you soon, to insure your family's security and financial well being." Please contact him for all your insurance needs; he may be reached at 724-689-2581 or [eric.harris@kofc.org](mailto:eric.harris@kofc.org).

**Reflection:** *"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."* Saint Augustine

Respectfully,

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Assembly 926  
4<sup>TH</sup> Degree Report  
May 2017  
By Marty Gasparatz

Any 3rd Degree member wishing to become 4th Degree member this June will have to report to Marty Gasparatz as soon as possible, at 724-438-6828.

Color Corp date corrections:

Sunday, July 30, at St. Cyril and Methodius in Fairchance. Mass starts at 9 a.m.

Sunday, October 29, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Masontown. Mass starts at 11:30 a.m., not noon.

- Please try to arrive 30 minutes early at all events.

This year's annual Rosary Walk starting at St. George Maronite will be the third Sunday of September at 2 p.m.