

Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

Council 7926

St. Martha's Church

March / April 2007

Grand Knight's Message

Cead Mile Failte! (100,000 Welcomes!)

This month's newsletter is being combined with April. Before St. Patrick's Day, an unwanted Irishman, the infamous Mr. Murphy, known for his law, showed up and caused some mix-ups and problems for the Deputy Grand Knight and I in our attempts to get the newsletter out early in the month. Therefore, I have revised my message here to make a combined March and April newsletter.

Last month I mentioned it probably wouldn't snow significantly this winter since we bought a sled and my dad bought a snow blower. I'm happy to say that this late arriving winter has extended into March and while there wasn't enough snow for the snow blower, there was just enough for Bridget to enjoy her first sleigh ride, and enjoy she did! Unfortunately, the snow didn't last long enough for me to be in on the fun since I was working, but Mommy and Bridget (and 3 of her babies) had a great time.

It's been an active month for membership. We welcome new members Richard Stanton and Tom O'Connell, who made their first degrees on March 13 and their second degrees on March 21. Many of you know Tom already; Tom and his wife Pat, run the Learning Center at St. Martha's on Sundays. Congratulations and welcome to both of you. Congratulations to Carl Apgar, who made his third degree in February. Congratulations also to Al Etzel who made his 1st and 2nd Degrees on March 23rd at Red Bank Council 3187. We also welcome back Robert Cinotti. Rob had a lapse in his membership, but he decided to rejoin us and we're happy to have him back. My thanks to Mike Touhy for his energetic efforts to recruit new members.

I'm disappointed to announce that our Worthy Warden, PGK Warren Frey, has submitted his resignation because he and his wife, Alice, will be moving to Florida in April. Warren has been a valued member of our Council for many years and we will miss him and Alice greatly, but wish them the best. I will also miss Alice's crumb coffeecakes, which she made for several occasions. She makes the only crumbcake I've ever had that is better than Entenmann's. Thanks to the magic of email, we can continue to stay in touch and keep receiving Warren's emails.

Brother Bill Wright has agreed to finish Warren's term as Warden. If you don't know Bill by name, you may have seen him wearing his chef's hat during our breakfasts or other functions involving food. (Do we actually have any functions that don't involve food?)

We have just completed our breakfasts for the First Communion children and their families. Over 3 weeks, we served over 500 people and recruited at least one new member!

We also completed our St. Patrick's Day dinner. We had the largest turnout in years and used virtually all the space we possibly could; we even had to throw a table together in a corner that night, as well as turn away about 20 people. As usual, a great time was had by all in attendance and we received raves about the food. Thanks to our kitchen staff for a job well done, as well as to everyone that helped in the many ways required to pull the night off. Be sure to check our website, www.kofc7926.org, for many pictures from the evening, including the newest and

youngest dancing partners, Jocelyn Mastronardi and Bridget Morris.

Congratulations to the winners of our local Free-Throw competition. At our February social, Youth Chairman Ed Callahan presented awards to the winners. Thanks Ed for all your hard work in this and all your Youth endeavors that you do such a great job with. We also held an open house that night where we picked up 2 re-admits and 2 new candidates.

We don't give Ed much chance to rest as preparations are underway already for the Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Egg hunt will be on Saturday, March 31, the day before Palm Sunday. If your children or grandchildren have attended in the past, you'll likely get a phone call soon from Ed. You can also give Ed a call to let him know, or if there are children in the family that haven't attended previous Easter Egg hunts and would like to come this year.

Easter Sunday is on April 8th this year and the week after is our April breakfast on April 15th. Because April 15th is on a Sunday this year, you have an extra day to get your taxes in. If you're going to be doing your taxes at the very last minute, stop by that morning to fortify yourself with a good breakfast before you tackle your tax returns! It's also Brother Dick Andrejack's birthday, so stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday!

Please note that our April business meeting is much later than usual because of Holy Week, Easter, and other events. The April business meeting will be on April 26.

We will also host a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on April 29 for the Religious Education teachers and their families.

Congratulations to Brother Al Etzel and his wife on the birth of their fourth child!

The annual Pride in our Priests dinner has been scheduled for April 19 at Mike Doolan's in Spring Lake. Tickets are \$44.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to attend. If you plan to attend, please let me know before April 2. If you have never attended this event or haven't heard of it, it is a night that the State Council and all the local councils honor all the priests of the diocese. A separate dinner is held for each diocese (not on the same night!). You get to have a good dinner and it's always a joy to see so many priests in one place and enjoying themselves. Not only do the priests appreciate the Knights, but for many of them it's a chance to catch up and socialize with fellow priests that they don't see that often, sometimes only once a year at this dinner.

Now I have some really good news to close with. Last month, I offered Congratulations to our Deputy Grand Knight and his wife, Lisa, on their first wedding anniversary. Since then, Bryan has announced that they are expecting their first child in September. Congratulations to you both and welcome to the ranks of parenthood!

Please keep Brother Ed Garguilo in your prayers. Last month I mentioned that shortly after Christmas, Ed took a fall, and has been recuperating in rehab. I'm happy to report that Ed is recovering nicely. He is now home and going to rehab on an outpatient basis.

I hope you've all had a Blessed Lent and find yourself spiritually refreshed as we head into the most holy time of the year. Erin Go Braugh and a very Happy Easter!

God Bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Morris

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Brother Warren! We'll Miss You!

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Next Business Meeting is April 26th!!!

Please note that due to the Easter Season schedule for the Church, the Council's monthly Business Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 26th.

Retarded Citizens Collection

The Council's annual Retarded Citizens Collection Drive will occur on Saturday 28 April and Sunday 29 April at several businesses around Point Pleasant. This is one of our most important projects of the year. Please help us out by volunteering for a shift or two. Call the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for more information and to sign up. Our Retarded Citizens Collections at St. Martha's and Sacred Heart Churches will be in June. More details to follow.

Upcoming Council Elections

The elections of the Council officers will take place at the June Business Meeting. In April, the Grand Knight will be appointing members of the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in being considered as a candidate for Council office should contact the Grand Knight who will then forward this to the members of the Nominating Committee.

Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, Warren Frey, Joseph O'Brien and family, Ed Garguilo, and Tom Tamburo, and for the deceased brothers and family of Council 7926 especially Thomas Casey who passed away in March.

Need a Prayer?

Do you or someone you know need prayers for health, personal difficulties or a deceased loved one? If yes, please submit your requests to our Grand Knight at grandknight@kofc7926.org or call him at 732-295-1103. He will then send an email to everyone on the council email list to request the prayer.

Schedule of Coming Events

- March 29th 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus
- March 31st Easter Egg Hunt
- April 1st Palm Sunday
- April 5th Holy Thursday
- April 6th Good Friday
- April 8th Easter -- Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
- April 15th Divine Mercy Sunday -- Communion Breakfast
- April 19th Pride in Priests Dinner
- April 26th Monthly Business Meeting
- April 28th-29th Retarded Citizens Collection Drive
- April 29th CCD Teachers Appreciation Breakfast

“Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.” (John 16:1-2)

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