



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

--A Newsletter for Brother Knights and Parishioners--

KNIGHTS GATHER TO BLESS FR. MARK'S HEADSTONE



This month, the Knights invited Fr. Casey to bless the headstone of Fr. Mark in the St. Brendan cemetery. The Knights were joined by a group of parishioners, as Deacon Raymond played the hymn

“You are a Priest Forever” to begin the ceremony. Although Fr. Mark’s family could not attend they sent their prayers, and thanked the Knights for their continued remembrance of Fr. Mark. In his brief homily, Fr. Casey mentioned, as we all knew, how Fr. Mark touched the heart and souls of everyone. Lets continue to pray for him and his family.



KNIGHTS SUPPORT BACK-PACK FOR KIDS PROGRAM



The Council is again working with Holy Rosary parish to provide weekend nutritious snacks for the students at Washington District Elementary School. Brother Mike

Gasper is serving as our event chairman, and is working with Amy Williams to collect the snacks, and pack the sacks for 25 kids each week. The Knights provided funds to help stock the shelves with snacks to kickoff the program to assist Holy Rosary and other community partners. Brother Mike is also helping to supply apples from the eastern panhandle, a few bushes at a time, to add a piece of fruit to the snack packs. The sack of nutritious snacks will be delivered to the school each Friday for distribution. Fr. Joe and the Holy Rosary parish thanked the Council for assisting with this program.



FOOTBALL FRENZY TICKET SALES

Brother Knights have you bought your ticket, have you sold a few. The sale of these tickets help us fund our charitable works, and the State Council support our Catholic Schools. The tickets are available for a \$10 donation, which gives the buyer a chance to win over 90-times. If the 4-teams on your ticket score the highest cumulative total you win. And if they have a bad week and score the lowest you also win. If you buy two tickets, you can obtain a third one **FREE ONLINE**. Nine winners each week from October 29th to December 31st. Need more tickets, contact Brother John Vallelonga.



AN EVENING OF “Christmas Celebration”

The Knights of the Weston Council are collaborating with the WVU School of Community Music program to present the St. Patrick Church’s Festival Orchestra and Chorus program. It is scheduled for **December 29th at 7:00 PM** at the Creative Art Center in Morgantown. It



features Maestro Brother John Collins, and baritone Fr. DeVisce along with PSD Jerry Somazze. Come out and enjoy the great evening of Christmas music offered by the Knights. Tickets are \$11.00, available by calling Brother John Collins at 304-222-3333

Tickets Available For Knights Dinner/Dance

The Elkins Council will host its annual Christmas Dinner-Dance on Friday December 2nd at Orchard Hall. The Knights will be selling tickets beginning in mid-October. The evening of good food, an Italian fest, dancing to the sweet sounds of Dan Dilettosa and a chance to win some cash for the holidays. Brother Knights, we need your help in selling/buying tickets, preparing/serving the dinner and helping with cleanup. Tickets are \$40 a couple, See any Knight for a ticket, and enjoy a great evening. Additional details at our next meeting.



KNIGHTS ASSIST LOCAL AUTISM CENTER



The Knights provided support to the West Virginia Autism Support Center in Elkins. The goal of the center is to empower purposeful living, independence and choice to individual who live with autism. The center will create opportunities for people of all ages from throughout the state with a primary focus on young adults and an emphasis on agriculture. The facility provides the outdoors space for gardens that will be used for growing vegetables, and help those who participate gain useful life skills. Brothers Frank and Neil present a check to Denise Campbell to help develop the program and the Elkins center.

BROTHER KNIGHTS ASSIST WITH “Daily Living with Fr. Chapain” STUDIO



Brother Knights, working with Father Chapain, helped setup the new film studio for the show in the St. Brendan rectory. The main feature of the set is the altar from the “Old” St. Brendan church. The “Last Supper” was repainted, and Brother Knights Ken, Tom, Jerry and other helped Brother Patsy raise the altar one to two inches at a time to the proper level. Brother Sean Kelly installed LED-lights to highlight the relief, and Brother Dan Kelly helps to film and edit the weekly shows. Take the time to watch the show “Our Daily Living” with Fr. Chapin.

SEMINARIANS SUPPORT -- FROM DISCERNMENT TO ORDINATION

The Council continues to support **Seminarian Daniel Callahan**, as he continues his journey to the priesthood at the St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC. He is beginning his second year after completing his summer assignment at St. Leo in Inwood. He said, these assignments help to recharge the batteries of the seminarians, seeing the face of God in those we minister and gives us the purpose of our studies and the papers we write. He expressed that he is blessed to have a great brotherhood and supportive faculty that wants the best for his future of greater faith. He, also, want to thank his Brother Knights for their continued support. Another seminarian is a fellow Knight of our Council, **Brother Martin Smay**. He was ordained to the diaconate this past spring, and is now in his final year in his journey to the Priesthood at the Pontifical College in Rome. This past summer, he assist Fr. Stephen Vallelonga at St. Margeret Mary in Parkersburg. He will be ordained to the priesthood this coming June Also, **Brother Tyler Boyd** has transferred to Franciscan University to begin his discernment to a vocation of serving Christ and our Catholic church. Tyler is a member of the Elkins Council and Holy Rosary parish. Currently the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston has “10” Seminarian, the Knights help support vocations to the priesthood through our RSVP-program with prayers, encouragement and financial support. Lets keep our seminarians and future seminarians in our prayers.

UPCOMING ACTIVITES:

- ▶ **Our Lady of the Mountains, Assembly #3159:** Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30PM in the St. Brendan parish hall.
- ▶ **Forest Festival Chairs:** Load Friday October 6th at 5:00, Setup Saturday October 7th at 6:00 AM, take-down immediately after parade, See Brothers Roger, Bob, Ray or Grand Knight John.
- ▶ **Council #603 Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday October 10th, at 6:30 in the St. Brendan parish hall
- ▶ **Tootsie Roll Drive:** October 14-15 & October 21-22, contact Brother Roger Ware -- (304) 621-2051
- ▶ **Men’s Retreat:** October 28 Bishop Hodges’ Ctr.

COMING SOON:

- ▶ **KCIC card sales:** November, weekends TBD
- ▶ **Christmas Dinner/Dance:** Friday, December 1st
- ▶ **WV-State Mid-Year:** Saturday, December 2nd

REMEMBERING

OUR PARISH PRIESTS

A nurology of the priests that served us at our parishes are being posted monthly by the WV-State Council. The Knight hope, we will all keep them in our prayers. August anniversaries included for St. Brendan's are:

August 12th **Fr. Lawrence Becker**, CCC-Chaplain

August 13th **Fr. Charles Teufel**, Adm-1970-71

August 14th **Fr. Victor Leeber**, Native of Coalton

August 16th **Fr. Edward Belanger**, Sixth Pastor

Although, we had no anniversaries in September, there are two in October:

October 13th **Fr. John J. Daly***, First Pastor

October 13th **Fr. Charles McCallester*** Native of Elkins

Please continue to pray for our present and former PARISH PRIESTS including for the canonization of our founder the **Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney**. We will work to identify others that served our parishes in the future issues.

* Donates burial at St, Brendab cemetery

SEVERINO MEMORIALS

Brother Joseph T. Gasper, father of Brother Mike, who died in this month, to Holy Rosary's Backpack program.

Brother Roger Ware needs your HELP! with,,,

OUR TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES

Each year, the Knights of the Elkins Council collect funds to help the atheletes in the Randolph and Upshur County Special Olympics and Special Educational [TMI] programs in local schools. Brother Roger Ware has been chairing this important and worthwhile program for the Council. He is assisted in Buckhannon by Brother Ron Elmore. With these funds we can continue to help individual with intellectual disabilities. Call Roger and sign up to help for an hour or two on the weekends of October 14-15 or 21-22, so we can continue to help those in need.

NEXT MONTH'S KNIGHTLY NEWS WILL INCLUDE THE FOLOWING:

- Report of the Council & Assembly's Installations
- Listing Officers and Chairmen of the Council
- Additional Information on our Dinner-Dance
- Knights in Action in the parish and community
- "Keep Christ in Christmas" program

Again, I would like to thank the Brother Knights who shared photos and idea with me for the NEWS.

KNIGHTS SUPPORT & PARTICAPTE IN "TMIY" ON MEN'S LEADERSHIP

Brothers Skip Gjolberg, John Weber, John Kriner and Sal Carmone are working with Father Joe to offer Brother Knights and parishioners the opportunity to strengthen their male leadership in their family, the Church and society. The group



gathers on Sunday mornings at 7:00 for a light breakfast social, followed by a program to stimulate discussion and thought. Then the participants break into

discussion groups to reflect on our potential and impact in our family and parishes as a husband, father, parishinor and man. Topics included the price of failed leadership and role of strong Catholic families in society and the Church. They began by discussing the story of King David, and the consequences as described in the bible. The four leadership roles of men in our families, and the three means for discovering GOD's presence in one's life will be discussed. The sessions are open to all men of the parish, as we explore and discuss "THAT MAN IS YOU".

KNIGHTS TO HOST A MEN'S RETREAT AT HODGES CENTER



The West Virginia State Council is hosting a "Catholic Men's Formation & Service Weekend Retreat" at the pastoral center in Hunttonsville on October 27-29. The event is being planned for Knights and all Catholic men throughout the State. It is being organized by the



Rev. Mr Helgi Nelson, WV-State Church Chairman. It will begin with a social gathering on Friday evening, a work day on Saturday, with the Angelus and lunch at noon. Two spiritual sessions will be held, one Saturt day evening and one Sunday morning. These sessions will be lead by Deacons Rev. Mr James

Munuhe and Thomas Soper. The cost of the weekend will be \$100, which covers your meals and bunkhouse lodging (bedding needs to be brought). Register with Deacon Helgi, forms can be gotten from Deacon Raymond at the parish office. Or, Deacon Helgi at (304) 620-2965.

FOR THE 135TH SUPREME CONVENTION KNIGHTS GATHER IN ST. LOUIS



THE ARCH and the skyline of St. Louis (above) and the Arches of the baldacchino at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (below)



The 2017 Supreme Convention was hosted in August by the Missouri State Council in the historic city of St. Louis. Supreme Knights Carl Anderson said, “This year marks our 135th anniversary, and we celebrate our anniversary in a city named for a great and saintly Catholic king, a city of missionaries, and the gateway city that opened up the promise of a new continent.” He continued by saying “...that like those early missionaries, they gathered in St. Louis with the words of this year’s convention theme, *‘We are convinced of God’s love and power.’*” Our Worthy West Virginia State Deputy Scott Nale and Immediate Past State Deputy Jerry Somazze led the West Virginia delegation. Every morning the convention activities were opened with Mass. The initial Mass was offered by Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis along with 10 Cardinals, 70 Bishops and over a hundred priest. His homily encouraged us to continue to build the Domestic Church. Thursday mornings Mass was offered for all the deceased Knights by our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori, where IPSD Somazze and his wife Diana were presenters of the gifts and our State Chaplain Fr. Rice assisted in distributing the Eucharistic. Included in the nerology was our former State Chaplain Father Ed Bell, uncle of our Brother Jared Deproposo. Supreme Knight Anderson reported a record world-wide giving of the Knights of \$177.5 million and 75 million hours of service. He also announced the Order’s newest initiative to assist in the rebuilding of the town of Karamdes in Iraq. Service Program awards were presented, new resolutions approved and three new Supreme Directors elected. Next years Supreme Convention will be in Baltimore hosted by the Maryland State Council.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivers the Knight’s annual report (left) and the opening pitch at the pre-convention Cardinal’s game (right)

THE SILVER ROSE RUN TO REMEMBER OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



The Elkins Council has run the Silver Rose annually to honor of Our lady of Guadalupe, and to remind all of us of her message to respect ALL human life. Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego, as he was on his way to Mass in 1531 on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She told him, I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives; I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States started the run to highlight Our Lady’s message. Today, Councils around the country participate in the run along six route from Canada to Mexico. The Silver Rose entered the State from Kentucky and was passed on to Maryland. The Rose was run from Weston to Holy Rosary, led by Brother John Weber and his wife. An honor guard of six Sir Knights brought it into the evening liturgy. Fr. Ron Nikodem gave a brief history before Mass, and led the parish in a litany to Mary at the closing. Sir Knight Nick read, and others served as Eucharistic Ministers. Brother Bob Hammer brought the Rose to St. Brendan for Sunday service. It was then passed on to the Thomas Council, before being taken on to the Cumberland Council in Maryland.