

The Service Section:
“THE KNIGHTLY NEWS”



Elkins Council

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NEW OFFICERS, INITIATIVES & RECOGNITION...

Editors Note: Service is the key in the motto of the Knights of Columbus. “The Service Section” of the KNIGHTLY NEWS has been created to describe some of our activities beyond just the short news article found in the regular issues.

Council Installs “NEW OFFICERS”



At the Council’s August meeting, our Worthy State Advocate, Frank Koenig, standing in for District Deputy Robert Angotti, installed the Council Officers for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. He read the charge of each position, led their pledge of office and presented each elected Knight with the jewel of their office. After which, his wife JoAnn presented each of the new officer’s wife with a rose. The evening began with a dinner for the Brother Knights and their spouses.



The new Elkins Council Officers are:

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| Grand Knight | John Meader |
| Dep. Grand Knight | Neil Williams |
| Chancellor | Frank Koenig |
| Financial Secretary | Jay Saseen |
| Treasurer | Ray LaMora |
| Secretary | Ed Burda |
| Warden | Richard Humphery |
| Advocate | Michael Gasper |
| Lecturer | Mike Ashley |
| Inside Guard | Jim Guire |
| Outside Guard | Roger Ware |
| One Yr. Trustee | Tyke Kyle |
| Two Yr. Trustee | John Vallelonga |
| Three Year Trustee | Mark Joseph |

We have just finished a great year of service, and Worth Grand Knight John said, “Now our challenge is to continue that service to our church and communities. It is up to us as Knights to help strengthen our parish and our families. If each Brother Knight would get involved in one more Council or Parish activity, it would be amazing what we could accomplish.” Ask a Brother to become active or a parishioner to **JOIN US!**

OUR LADY OF MOUNTIANS ASSEMBLY
Join Others to Install Officers

Our newly elect Officers of the Elkins’ Our Lady of the Mountain Assembly joined the Sir Knights of the Marian and Our Lady of Peace Assemblies at the Fairmont Council home to be installed. The Sir Knights and wives of the Elkins, Clarksburg and Fairmont assemblies gather annually for this joint installation. Prior to the ceremony, the evening was started with dinner, served by the Fairmont Assembly. After a welcome from the Sir Knight Louis Marra, the Worthy Faithful Navigator of Fairmont, our Worthy State Master Al Mussili conducted the installation. He recited the description of each office and bestowed the jewel of office on each new Officer.



District Master Al congratulates Faithful Navigator Ray surrounded by other Elkins’ Officers

Our 2016-2017 Assembly Officers are:

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| Faithful Navigator: | Ray LaMora Jr. |
| Faithful Captain | John Meader |
| Faithful Admiral | Ron Elmore |
| Faithful Pilot | James Leombruno |
| Faithful Friar | John Vallelonga |
| Faithful Comptroller | Jim Gurie |
| Faithful Bursar | Jay Saseen |
| Faithful Scribe | Ed Burda |
| Inside Sentinel | Frank Koenig |
| Outside Sentinel | Mike Ashley |
| One Yr. Trustee | Tyke Kyle |
| Two Yr. Trustee | John Walsh |
| Three Yr. Trustee | Lawrence Williams |

Our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Sir Brother Ray, asked that all Sir Knights take up our patriotic mission and assist the Assembly in two areas, take part in our patriotic activities and recruit one **NEW SIR KNIGHT.**

“THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

The theme of the 2016 Supreme Convention and the Knights’ actions are “The Light of the World”. When Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced this as the theme of the convention, he was looking at all the great work of the Order. The charitable works of the Knights of Columbus reach around the globe. The Knights are there to assist the relief efforts in the Middle East, construct clean water wells in Africa, provide support for World Youth Day in Poland and maintain community parks in Rome. The Order’s Vocation scholarship fund is named for our Founder, the Venerable Michael J. McGiveney, and along with Councils and Assemblies throughout the United States established the “Military Chaplain Fund”. The Knights have placed Ultrasound machines in all 50-States, more than 700 in all. We have supported Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Foundation, and Gary Sinise in building SMART homes for wounded warriors. And with Councils in Canada, Mexico, Poland, Philippines, South Korea, Ukraine, Dominican Republic, Guam, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Lithuania and the United States, the Knights have helped those less fortunate in thousands of communities. And of course, they are helping their parishes around the world, too. Locally, the Elkins Council has worked, and continues to work to be the “Light of World” in our community and parishes.

“SPREAD THE JOY”



Pope Francis asked us the laity, especially the Knights of Columbus, to Spread the Joy of the Gospel, of the Family, of our Faith and of Love. This year, our Worthy State Deputy Jerry Somazze used it as the

slogan on our WV-State pin. Now, it is up to us to spread that joy through our charitable giving and our evangelization throughout West Virginia. Our Supreme Council established a new program, “Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes.” It is designed to build up Catholic family life and strengthen parish life. It builds on the tradition of two of the Knights programs, Church and Family. We can assist in our parish activities and encourage individuals and families to grow in their Catholic faith. This year let us help to “SPREAD the JOY”.

SISTERS OF THE POOR RECEIVE THE KNIGHTS HIGHEST HONOR

The Gaudium et Spes Award, the Knights highest honor, was presented to the Little Sisters of the Poor at our recent Convention. Sister Loraine Marie Maguire, the order’s mother provincial, accepted the award for the religious order.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted: “Today, the sisters are still helping the poor, the sick and the dying. They are still doing incredible work in their communities, and they are still doing all of this without violating their conscience.” Founded in 1852 to serve the elderly poor, the Sisters are a truly ***“inspiring community of religious sisters for their wholehearted response to the Gospel, and for recognizing Jesus in the face of the poor,”*** noted the award citation.



The Little Sisters became a household name when they were ordered — as part of Obamacare — to sign a form that would have triggered contraception, sterilization and abortifacient coverage in their employee health plan. They stood firm in their refusal to do so, appealing all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Knights also filed a brief on their behalf and helped fund the attorneys who defended them. The decision was widely seen as favorable to the Little Sisters. Last year, Pope Francis wrote: “Precisely for the sake of this dignity of conscience, the Church strongly rejects the forced state intervention in favor of contraception, sterilization, and even abortion.” We applaud their strong Catholic faith, values and courage in standing up for religious freedom.

MEMBERSHIP AND

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

The opportunity of a lifetime is ours, the chance to grow in our faith, help those in need, serve the Church and protect our families. Yes, that’s what it’s all about, an organization of Catholic men built on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Knights are that organization. Avail yourself of these opportunities, ONE is join, to learn more contact Frank Koenig or Ron Elmore. Two is take advantage of our fraternal/ insurance benefits, again to learn more, contact our local Field Agent--Jim Gildein at (304) 260-1487.