

Grand Knight Corner: Mickey Kelly

Grand Knight Report Council Newsletter Winter 2017

- Hope 2017 is off to a great start. Continue to add members to our order. We are on the verge of two million members. Now our order has expanded to France, so there is much room for potential.
- I also want to take this time to encourage every man to attend Man Up Philly on Saturday March 4th. Visit manupphilly.com to register and to learn about this year's speakers such as Mark Forrest, Damon Owens (member of the order), Kevin Reilly, and Marcellus D'Ambrosio.

Pro-Life Report: Guy Vacca

- **VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MARCH FOR LIFE** <https://shar.es/10Ve8s>



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly talk with Vice President Mike Pence prior to his address to the tens of thousands attending the rally prior to the March for Life (Photo: Matthew Barrick).

- The next 40 Days for Life initiatives will be held at 12th & Locust St., and at 777 Appletree Street in Philadelphia from March 1 through April 9. The hours for these vigils are from 8 am till 5 pm. Both of these facilities perform thousands of abortions each year, 1st and 2nd trimester abortions, as well as medical abortions. The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish have been assigned Thursday, March 2nd at 12th & Locust, and Friday, April 7th at 777 Appletree Street. Please mark your calendars for these two dates. Ask your friends to go with you to spend an hour praying for women and their unborn children. Remember, lives are saved when we lovingly and peacefully pray in front of abortion facilities.

Chaplin: Father George

- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY SATURDAY, March 4, 2017 Parish Hall 641 N. 24TH Street 6:30 P.M. \$30.00 Per person in advance (\$35.00 at the door) St. Francis Xavier will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 4th. Sean Fleming and his band play live classic Irish tunes, Motown classic and great covers of everyone from U2, Van Morrison, Springsteen, The Proclaimers, The Ramones, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, to

ABBA and much more. The Mc Dade Dancers will also make a special appearance. Come, wear your green, bring your friends, and enjoy this happy evening of Irish food and entertainment.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. hors d' oeuvres will be served followed by Buffet: ham & cabbage, Hot Roast Beef, Irish potatoes, green beans, roll and butter, coffee, tea and homemade desserts. B.Y.O.B, set ups will be provided, pitchers of beer, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, Irish Goodie Baskets and much more. For ticket information please call Christine Powell at 215-765-4568. Tables of ten will be reserved.

Patriotic Report: Robert Moran

- **Important Dates:** The 2017 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage for the 59th International Military Pilgrimage will take place May 16-23, 2017*
<http://www.warriorstolourdes.com/en/index.html>

- **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA:** Created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. <http://www.milarch.org>



- **Chaplain Charles Watters receives Medal of Honor:**
For action this date, Chaplain (Major) Charles Watters of the 173rd Airborne Brigade is awarded the Medal of Honor. Chaplain Watters was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry when it conducted an attack against North Vietnamese forces entrenched on Hill 875 during the Battle of Dak To. The Catholic priest from New Jersey moved among the paratroopers during the intense fighting, giving encouragement and first aid to the wounded. At least six times he left the defensive perimeter with total disregard for his own personal safety to retrieve casualties and take them for medical attention. Once he was satisfied that all of the wounded were inside the perimeter, he busied himself helping the medics, applying bandages, and providing spiritual strength and support. According to reports filed by survivors of the battle, Father Watters

was on his knees giving last rites to a dying soldier when an American bomber accidentally dropped a 500-pound bomb onto the group of paratroopers. Father Watters was killed instantly. He was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor on November 4, 1969, in a ceremony at the White House.

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/chaplain-charles-watters-receives-medal-of-honor>

Insurance: A PORTFOLIO OF PROTECTION <https://shar.es/1ON2Py>

Upcoming Events:

- **Upcoming Degrees:**

Thursday March 30th, 2017 - Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Trinity Center, 611 Knowles Avenue, Southampton, PA will host a **2nd & 3rd Degree**. **Candidates report at 7:00pm. 2nd Degree will begin at 7:30pm**, 3rd Degree will immediately follow 2nd Degree. Candidates and attendees should dress appropriately (coat and tie). For scheduling purposes, please contact Grand Knight Karl Jones at: olgckofc@gmail.com to indicate the potential number of candidates from your Council.

REVISED Tuesday, April 11, Peace Council #4518 will host a **1st & 2nd Degree** at 1195 Haverford Road, Crum Lynne, PA 19022. **Candidates report at 7:30 PM, the 1st Degree will begin at 8:00 PM**. Please instruct all candidates to wear Business Casual attire. Contact FDD Mike Yuknek at either 610-909-2930 or mcygk4518@aol.com or FS,FSW Fran O'Hara 610-733-1812 or fran@ridleypa.us

Sunday April 30th, 2017 - Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Trinity Center, 611 Knowles Avenue, Southampton, PA will host a **2nd & 3rd Degree**. **Candidates report at 1:00pm. 2nd Degree will begin at 1:30pm**, 3rd Degree will immediately follow 2nd Degree. Candidates and attendees should dress appropriately (coat and tie). For scheduling purposes, please contact Grand Knight Karl Jones at: olgckofc@gmail.com to indicate the potential number of candidates from your Council.

News:

- **FRATERNAL LEADER TRAINING WEBINARS:**
[HTTP://WWW.KOFC.ORG/EN/MEMBERS/RESOURCES/MEMBERSHIP-
WEBINAR.HTML](http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html)



- **NEW DEPUTY SUPREME KNIGHT APPOINTED:** <https://shar.es/1OVwuX>



- **MARIST POLL: MAJORITY WANTS SWIFT ACTION ON
CONSTITUTIONALLY RIGOROUS SCOTUS NOMINEE**
<https://shar.es/1ONqBY>

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Knights of Columbus Insurance <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/contact.html>

Prayer in Time of War

God our Father,
Maker and lover of peace,
To know you is to live,
And to serve you is to reign.
All our faith is in your saving help;
Protect us from men of violence
And keep us safe from weapons of hate.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Military Chaplains

Heavenly Father, bless and protect Military Chaplains and fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation as personal ministers of Christ in preaching your word and nourishing us with the Sacraments. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

