



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

January 2017

KNIGHTS OF OLDE ST THOMAS

Council No. 11051

SAVE THE DATE!

KofC Hospitality Sunday	Jan 8
Joe Conklin night	Jan 13
KofC Free Throw Contest	Jan 15
March for Life DC Bus Trip	Jan 27
5 th Sun Rosary Recitation	Jan 29
St Thomas Poker "Knight"	Feb 10
STA Confirmation	Mar 16
STA 1 st Communion	Apr 29

Happy Birthday Fellow Knights!

Richard T. Wroblewski	01-06
Lawrence H. Taylor	01-08
Joseph W. Conte	01-15
James Ryan	01-15
Christopher M. Waychunas	01-18
John E. Gaimster	01-20
Francis P. Groarke	01-24
Joseph J. Fagan	01-31
Sean J. McGillen	01-31
Lewis Atella	02-06
Thomas J. Kelleher	02-13
John E. Travia	02-17
Dale E. Bolger	02-18
John W. Gourdier	02-28

Blood Drive Thursday January 5

Due to a severe blood shortage, the Red Cross has asked our church to host another blood drive ASAP. It will be held in the Social Hall from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Donation times can be reserved online at <http://www.redcross.org>. Enter 19342 in the "Find A Drive" search box, then click on the By Distance tab, and scroll down to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Volunteer captain Tom Kelly needs more volunteers, if you can help even for just an hour or two please contact Tom at Thomas.P.Kelly@boeing.com.

Hospitality Sunday

Anton needs our help in order for our council to continue this event on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact Anton at anton@delightfuldetail.com to sign up for the day(s) and mass times where you can help for January 8.

KofC Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 15th 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at St Thomas the Apostle old school gym. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. Come on out and compete against your friends and teammates. Advanced registration is not required.



Message from our Grand Knight

I hope everyone has had a Happy and a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the new year brings you good health and happiness.

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Please don't forget to send in your annual dues, the charitable help that we give to the various organizations count on our support. Three members have moved and transferred to other councils. We are in need of new members to pick up the slack. Don't forget to ask your friends to join the Knights, note the dates listed in the newsletter to make their first degree after they complete a form 100. I ask that you notify Ronald Coppola if someone is going to attend their First Degree so that he can make preparations for them.

Meetings will return to the second and fourth Thursday every month in the Church Hall (substitute location is the School Meeting Room)

Don't forget to support saying the rosary on the Fifth Sunday after the 9:30 Mass on January 29th. Try saying the Rosary every day it only takes 20 minutes at the most and carry your rosary with you.

Robert Morrow GK

2016 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

[Click here](#) to download our annual member survey. Please update 2014 to 2016, complete the form, and return in a meeting, mail or e-mail by December 31.

2017 DUES DUE NOW

This year we will be sending out 2017 assessment notices via email to save on postage. Please let Ron know if you would prefer to have it sent via postal mail or to a different email address. The \$25 annual fee plus \$5 charity fund donation is due January 30, 2017. Thank you for responding on time; your membership card is the receipt for the above.

SK Ronald Coppola, F.S.



Support needed for Joe Conklin comedy fund raiser

Last year's *Late Night Catechism* show was a big success in many ways including the participation of our Council. Knights dressed up in tuxedos served as bartenders, greeters, and ushers inside the church to help people find their seats. There is assigned seating and many who attend these types of events are not parishioners.

This year's show will be held on January 13 featuring Joe Conklin plus two opening acts. The organizers think our presence brings a huge amount of class to these events and would be honored if we could assist again as ushers and bartenders. Doors open at 7:30 pm for drinks in the lounge, the show starts at 9:00 pm. The show is 90 minutes long plus a mix and mingle time with Conklin after the show. Contact Harry Hartman at hjhartman@verizon.net for more details.

March for Life bus trip to Washington DC

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. All Knights and their families, particularly those in the greater Washington, D.C. area and nearby states, are urged to join the march. St Thomas the Apostle will have a bus going to this year's march to be held on January 27. Attending Knights are asked carry council banners and KofC posters, wear jackets with the KofC emblem, and walk together to show the Order's support for the right to life. More info on KofC activities and materials supporting this campaign can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/march-for-life.html>. Information specific to the March for Life event: <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017>.

5th Sunday Rosary

We will be hosting this event after the 9:30 mass on the 5th Sunday of each month that has five Sundays. For example, the next next two months that have five Sundays are January and April (5th Sunday Rosary service will be January 29 and April 30).

12th Annual St Thomas Poker "Knight"

Our annual Texas Hold'em Poker night is slated for Friday, February 10 in the social hall. For those who haven't played, it's very low key and a lot of fun. Volunteers are also needed to help manage sales, distribute poker chips, and serve snacks and beer. Mark your calendar and invite your friends! Contact Volunteer Captain Chuck Mitcheli at mitchelilends@comcast.net for more details.

KofC Lottery calendar coming soon!

We have approval to go forward with the Lottery Calendar Fundraiser which provides a chance to win cash based on daily lottery numbers. Watch for more details as they become available.



Our Council Needs Your Ideas and Support

We need your help to expand the opportunities our council supports. While we have many members that are will ready, willing, and able to participate in events and charitable causes, getting volunteers to plan and organize new events has been a challenge. Please share your ideas and ready to lead for the ideas you submit.

Here are some examples of charitable events we could do with your leadership:

- Crab festival, clambake, lobster & corn boil
- Local craft beer and wine festival
- Your charitable event idea ☺

Peace Council Exemplifications and Conclave Meetings

1st and 2nd Degree Exemplifications will be held at the Peace Council each month (1195 Haverford Rd, Crum Lynne, PA 19022) on the following dates: December 13; January 10; February 13; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13. 1st Degree starts at 7:30 PM, 2nd Degree begins 15 min after end of 1st Degree. For more info CONTACT: RONALD COPPOLA at ronaldcoppola@aol.com

All 4th Degree members are invited to attend Conclave meetings held at the Peace Council. The address is: 1195 Haverford Road, Crum Lynne, PA. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 PM in order to include the Rosary. Food will be ordered and consumed BEFORE the meeting.

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Calendar of Events & Holidays

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  KofC Hosp Sunday	9	10	11	12  Officers Mtg	13  Conklin	14
15  Free Throw Contest	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  General Mtg	27 March for Life Bus Trip 	28
29  5 th Sun Rosary Recital	30	31				

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9  Officers Mtg	10  Poker "Knight"	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  General Mtg	24	25
26	27	28				

