



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

February 2017

KNIGHTS OF OLDE ST THOMAS

Council No. 11051

SAVE THE DATE!

KofC Officer's Meeting	Feb 9
St Thomas Poker "Knight"	Feb 10
KofC Hospitality Sunday	Feb 12
KofC General Meeting	Feb 23
Crab Cake Sale	Feb 25-26

KofC Officer's Meeting	Mar 9
KofC Hospitality Sunday	Mar 12
STA Confirmation	Mar 16
KofC General Meeting	Mar 23

Pancake Breakfast	Apr 1
Cook @ Cap'n Chucky's	Apr 8*
STA 1st Communion	Apr 29

* tentative date

Happy Birthday Fellow Knights!

Lewis Atella	02-06
Thomas J. Kelleher	02-13
John E. Travia	02-17
Dale E. Bolger	02-18
John W. Gourdier	02-28

Dominic J. Cardone	03-10
Daniel L. Koenigsman	03-13
Anton J. Dell'Orefice	03-14
Brian K. Rebisz	03-16
Richard J. Ruch	03-22
Richard C. Williams	03-24

New Fundraiser! KofC Lottery Calendar

The Knights of Columbus are offering a lottery calendar based on the PA evening daily number giving participants a chance to win a cash prize every day of the year. Prizes will be a minimum of \$25 and as high as \$200 dollars.

The calendars will cost \$20.00 and run from April 1st, 2017 thru March 31st, 2018. We will begin selling the calendars after masses starting February 5th. Please help support our various charities, most importantly, feeding the poor and homeless. Calendars will be available in the social hall or contact Joe Fagan at (484)574-1012 or via email joefagan1@verizon.net.

12th Annual St Thomas Poker "Knight"

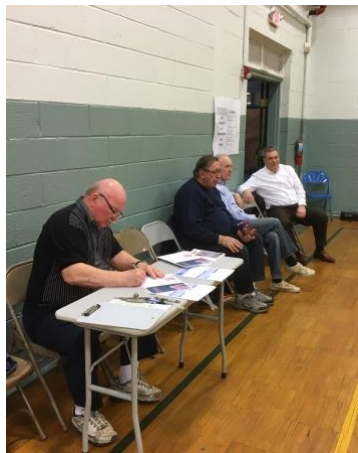
Our annual Texas Hold'em Poker night is slated for Friday, February 10 in the social hall. For those who haven't played, it's very low key and a lot of fun. Volunteers are also needed to help manage sales, distribute poker chips, and serve snacks and beer. Mark your calendar and invite your friends!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

Introducing our new Membership Director & Insurance Agent

Thank you [Ralph Gritt](#) for volunteering to be our Membership Director! Ralph is also our new insurance agent. You can contact Ralph as needed at (610)459-0329 or ralphgritt@verizon.net.



Thanks for the help! STA Conklin Night & KofC Basketball Challenge



Message from our Grand Knight

My Brother Knights, we are undertaking a new and somewhat risky venture to hopefully achieve more profits for the charities we support. The KofC Lottery Calendar based on the PA evening daily number enables participants to have a chance to win cash prizes every day for a full year for only \$20. Similar programs have been very successful for other groups bringing in thousands of dollars.

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Our success depends upon every Brother Knight purchasing at least one calendar for their family and encouraging many others to participate as well. Please stop by after mass and support this worthy cause. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated, for the success of this endeavor.

The Principles of the Order

A reminder to those who only made their First Degree and those thinking of joining. There are three degrees in the local Council. The Fourth Degree is a separate council, the Cardinal Doughier Assembly.

First Degree is Charity - As Saint James reminds us, "faith without works is dead", therefore as Knights we are committed to charity, easing the plight of those less fortunate.

Second Degree is Unity - Today the Order uses that strength to speak out for religiously grounded moral values in a culture that has forsaken them.

Third Degree is Fraternity - In the 19th century America, life insurance was beyond the financial reach of many poor Catholics, and social services did not exist. Through the Knights of Columbus men were able to band together as brothers to help one another in times of distress, sickness and death.

Fourth Degree is Patriotism - Today Knights in full regalia, the visible arm of the Order, serve as witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.

The above is only a short description of each degree to give you an idea of all the principles of the order that you should strive to achieve. Each degree only takes about an hour of your time. In order to hold an office in the council you should be a third degree. I am asking you to advance in each degree so that you may become a participating member. Don't get me wrong we appreciate all your contributions but the more men that help the easier and shorter the job becomes. So please step up and participate as a Third Degree Knight and maybe a Fourth Degree.

SK Robert Morrow GK

December 2016

Expenses

Lottery calendar	\$1,490.00
KofC Council	\$8.34
Total Expenses	\$1,498.34

Income

Membership dues	\$410.00
Charity fund	\$90.00
Christmas card sale	\$100.00
COAL	\$54.00
Total Income	\$654.00

2017 DUES DUE NOW

The \$25 annual fee plus \$5 charity fund donation is due.

Notices were sent via email. Please let Ron know if you did not receive your notice so he can confirm your email address or know to send it through postal mail. Thanks to all who responded on time; your membership card is your confirmation/receipt.

SK Ronald Coppola, FS

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Joe Conklin comedy fundraiser

Thanks to all Knights who turned out to support our school. Ten Knights of Columbus Brothers attended and assisted with the Joe Conklin comedy night held at the church on Friday, January 13, 2017. Over 600 parishioners and community members turned out for the comedy show. The event was a huge success both for the parish and the St. Thomas the Apostle School with all profits from the event going to the school's endowment fund.

Another Successful Blood Drive

At the request of the Red Cross, the K of C ran another blood drive on Jan 5th to ease a critical shortage of blood from the busy Christmas season. The drive collected 32 pints which was the goal of the Red Cross. Thanks to Knights Tom Kelly, Bob Morrow, Joe Fagan and John Bielski for supporting another successful St. Thomas blood drive!

Hospitality Sunday

We will be hosting Hospitality Sunday in the social hall after morning masses on [Sunday Feb 12](#). Please plan to attend to help out and more importantly to mingle with our fellow parishners so they can learn more about who we are and what we do.

KofC International Free Throw Championship

Thanks to Tom Ludlow for managing this year's Free Throw Championship and to all Knights, students, and parents who helped make it a success. We had 22 boys and girls aged 9-14 participate. Our 10 winners received an award certificate and will be invited to attend the district championship (date & venue TBD).

CYO Knights Before Christmas Basketball Tournament

Our Council will be hosting and running the CYO Knights Before Christmas Basketball Tournament on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the month of December 2017. The event will allow our Council to market itself to a diverse group of men within the Parish and we will use it as fundraiser to support both our Council and the St. Thomas the Apostle CYO program. More information on the tournament in the coming months.

Pancake Breakfast

Save the date! This year's pancake breakfast supporting St. Thomas the Apostle 8th grade events is slated for [Saturday April 1st](#). As always, we will need Knight support on the grill and to shuttle food. The 8th graders are the hosts and waiters/waitresses.

5th Sunday Rosary

Thank you Deacon Fran for leading the 5th Sunday Rosary service on January 29th. We will be hosting this event after the 9:30 mass every month that has five Sundays. For example, the next 5th Sunday Rosary service will be April 30.

Crab Cake Sale

We will be having a crab cake sale after each mass February 25-26. Please help man the sale tables, or help create packages on Saturday, February 25 at 9:45 am.



Our Council Needs Your Ideas and Support

We need your help to expand the opportunities our council supports. 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: 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.

Pa State Council Info (<http://www.pakofc.us/>)

You can get more news and information on the KofC Pennsylvania State Council website, including annual convention info, regional events, and news from other councils. Soon you will even be able to get copies of our past newsletters!








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Calendar of Events & Holidays

February

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

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	 9 Officers Mtg	10	11
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