



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

March 2017

KNIGHTS OF OLDE ST THOMAS

Council No. 11051

SAVE THE DATE!

KofC Officer's Meeting	Mar 9
KofC Hospitality Sunday	Mar 12
STA Confirmation	Mar 16
KofC General Meeting	Mar 23
Billy Mock Run	Mar 26
Cook @ Capt'n Chucky's	Apr 1
Pancake Breakfast	Apr 8
STA 1 st Communion	Apr 29
5 th Sunday Rosary	Apr 30

Happy Birthday Fellow Knights!

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
Robert A. McGreevy	04-04
William R. Bernert	04-12
Leo T. McGlynn	04-13
Robert C. Morrow	04-14
David J. Shuttleworth	04-14
Howard J. Gallagher III	04-16
Daniel G. Walsh	04-16
Thomas F. Ludlow	04-17
Joseph A. Savage	04-18
John J. McGlenn	04-19
John A. Rahner	04-20
Robert A. Kannapel Jr.	04-21
David J. Urso	04-29

Next Cook Slated for April 1

Our next cook at Capt'n Chucky's will be Saturday April 1. We will need help to transport the trailer on Friday, March 31 @ 10 a.m. The grills will be fired up around 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, all are welcome anytime to help out! We usually finish up around noon depending on the number of volunteers.

Pancake Breakfast

Note the date change! This year's pancake breakfast supporting St. Thomas the Apostle 8th grade events is slated for **Saturday April 8st**. As always, we will need Knights to man the grill and to shuttle food. The 8th graders are the hosts and waiters/waitresses.

KofC Lottery Calendar selling now!

This new fund raiser is based on the PA evening daily number and gives participants a chance to win a cash prize every day of the year. Nearly \$10,000 in total cash rewards available throughout the year, daily winnings range from \$25 to \$200.

The calendars, which run from May 1st 2017 thru April 30th 2018, cost \$20.00 each and are available in the narthex after mass or by contacting Joe Fagan at (484)574-1012 or via email joefagan1@verizon.net.

New KofC Insurance Agent

Contact our new insurance agent **Ralph Gritt** for all your KofC insurance needs. You can contact Ralph at (610)459-0329 or ralphgritt@verizon.net.



*Thanks to all for organizing another successful
March for Life bus trip to Washington DC*



Message from our Grand Knight

...everyone had a great time and our Council gained \$961.00 for our charities

On Friday (Feb 10th) Chuck Mitcheli hosted our Texas Hold'em Poker Night. For a \$30.00 buy-in each player received \$900.00 in Poker chips. There were 25 players that night, with the first place winner taking home a \$200.00 prize. The second place winner was our own Brother Knight, Tom Ludlow, who donated his winnings back to the Council, as well as the third place finisher. There was good food, drinks and door prizes, as well as a 50-50 chance, and that winner took home \$135.00. I'm certain everyone had a great time and our Council gained \$961.00 for our charities. I would like to see more Knights come out and participate in the fun and laughter at our next Texas Hold'em Event. Thanks again to Chuck, Tom and all Brother Knights who helped make this event a real success.

SK Robert Morrow GK

Message from our Membership Director

All we ask is for you to ask eligible men to join

What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Ralph Gritt

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Another big win for the Annual St Thomas Poker “Knight”

Congratulations to Pat Burke for winning the 12th annual poker tournament followed by Tom Ludlow who came in 2nd; it was a great night! Pat is our 3rd 2x winner! A special thanks to all who attended and or contributed in some way, especially:

- D&I Beverage (Steve Blaisse) located on route 1 and Cheney Road for donating a nice Budweiser chair and a large Coors cooler on wheels
- DT Truck Services (Rich Ruch) for donating the Pizzas
- Delightful Detail (Anton Dell’Orefice) located on route 1 near the Concordville Fire Department for donating a lot of embroidered shirts and mugs

Hospitality Sunday

We will be hosting Hospitality Sunday in the social hall after morning masses on Sunday **March 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.

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.

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** and the remaining services this year are July 30, October 29 and December 31.

Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child

The international Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child takes place on March 25. The Knights of Columbus has been a leader in the pro-life movement for over 40 years. This is an opportunity for Knights to stand up and speak out against the evils of abortion. The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child was instituted as an addition to the Order's commitment to build a culture that respects and protects every human life from conception to natural death. Learn more at kofc.org/prolife.

Prayer for the Unborn

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby’s life!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of an unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

You and your family are invited!

Start making plans now to attend the 119th Pennsylvania State Convention at the Kalahari Resort, Mt. Pocono, **May 19-21, 2017**. The resort features the largest indoor waterpark in North America. Complete details can be found in the [convention invitation](#).



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: 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 Ron 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. You can also go here to get copies of our past newsletters!

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Calendar of Events & Holidays

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9  Officers Mtg	10	11
12  KofC Hosp Sunday	13	14	15	16  Confirmation	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  General Mtg	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  KofC Cook
2	3	4	5	6	7	8  Pan- cake Breakfast
9 	10	11	12	13  Officers Mtg	14  good friday	15
16  Happy Easter!	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  General Mtg	28	29  1 st Holy Communion
30  5 th Sun Rosary Recital						

