



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

April 2017

KNIGHTS OF OLDE ST THOMAS

Council No. 11051

SAVE THE DATE!

Cook @ Capt'n Chucky's	Apr 1
Pancake Breakfast	Apr 8
STA 1 st Communion	Apr 29
5 th Sunday Rosary	Apr 30
1 st Day for Lottery Calendar	May 1
PA KofC PA Convention	May 19-21
2018 March for Life	Jan 19

Happy Birthday Fellow Knights!

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
Joseph F. Bradley	05-02
John Koenig	05-06
Gregory P. Ciminera	05-09
Vito J. Greto	05-13
Jeffrey B. West	05-17
J. Raymond Williams	05-20
Charles Mitcheli	05-31

All hands on deck for "The Cook"

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 to join us at 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. Cash rewards ranging from \$25-\$200 each day are auto mailed to winners. The calendars cost \$20.00 each and run from May 2017 thru April 2018. Get yours in the narthex after mass or by contacting Joe Fagan at (484)574-1012 or via email joefagan1@verizon.net.

5th Sunday Rosary

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.



KofC Free Throw Regional Championship

Following winning their individual age groups at our Parish free throw contest, Lilliana Dell'Orifice, Pauline Hartman, Rita Hartman, Anthony Manzi, and Melina Trautman represented our Council at the regional KofC free throw contest at Cardinal O'Hara High School in late February. All of our contestants performed well at the contest.



On Thursday, March 16th, our parish was blessed with the presence of Bishop McIntyre, who confirmed 110 children.

I would personally like to thank my Brother Knights: Ron Coppola, Joe Fagan, Harry Hartman, Anton Dell'Orefice, John Bielski, John Rahner, Tom Ludlow and Kirk Trautman for their participation as the Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus.

Job Well Done!
Bob Morrow, GK



WHAT'S IN A LABEL? ([3/1/2017 article](#) by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)

AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD, WE MUST REPLACE DIVISIVENESS AND SNARK WITH CHARITY AND CIVILITY

LABELS ARE USEFUL. When buying milk, I look for a label that tells me it contains 2 percent milk fat. If I'm shopping for a shirt, I read the label to see the size and material. When taking medicine, I read the label to find out the dosage and possible side effects.

However, labels don't tell us everything. They won't tell me if a particular food is actually good for my health. They won't say who designed a product, how it was manufactured or how much it cost to make. In truth, labels often provide more hype than help, and many are misleading.

Labels can be even more inappropriate and misleading when they are applied to persons. Our society rightly rejects labels that demean or humiliate a person on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, looks, mental capacity, illness, disabilities and so on.

The Church embraces societal efforts to speak with charity and goes further by teaching that a person is not the sum of his or her weaknesses or sins. No one's humanity should be reduced to and summed up by labels such as "cheater" or "liar" — even if one may be guilty of those offenses. Such labels do not do justice to the whole person, nor do they recognize the possibility of repentance and reform. Rather, they are a way of writing off that person as unworthy of our consideration.

IN THE TRENCHES

All around us, we find disparaging labels applied to others with little hesitation — and sometimes with outright enthusiasm. We saw this in the bruising 2016 political season and have sadly seen it even in some Catholic journalism. We who are consumers of the news media — both secular and Church-related — too readily apply pejorative labels to other people.

In the heat of political battle, for example, candidates often hurl epithets at one another and their supporters. Last year's presidential race in the United States gave us many painful examples of this. Ad hominem insults such as "crooked" and "deplorable" took the place of the reasoned political discourse that candidates owe to one another, to the electorate and to the country.

Of course, the fault for the negative personal tone of politics does not lie entirely with politicians. Rather, it reflects a society already accustomed to snarkiness.

Added to this are two other currents in political life. The first is to reduce an opposing point of view to a malevolent ideology. For example, Christian teaching on marriage and sexuality is increasingly labeled as bigotry, especially when Christians seek to live according to their beliefs. Indeed, a host of "isms" and phobias are tossed about and attributed to people with minimal regard for what these terms actually mean or for the persons so described.

Related to this is another current: so-called identity politics. It is, of course, reasonable that people with common backgrounds and interests who feel oppressed would come together to improve their lot in society. That has always been a part of politics. Yet this form of politics, which involves self-labeling, is now pursued so vigorously and single-mindedly that it has deepened divisions in the country along lines of racial, ethnic and sexual identity. It's as though we're all consigned to World War I-style trench warfare. This sort of "self-branding" actually discourages tolerance and compromise, especially when it slaps disparaging labels on those who seem to hold contrary views.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Unfortunately, the Church is not immune to all this. While not "of the world," the Church is most assuredly "in the world." The style and content of the speech all around us affects us deeply. Yet, if we are striving to follow Christ and live the Beatitudes, our regard for others should be markedly greater than what we find in the secular media. We should be very reluctant to pin labels on others.

Labeling a Church leader is a way of putting that person in a box so that one does not have to deal thoughtfully with what the leader actually says or does. For example, some parishioners may readily refer to their priest as "conservative" or "liberal" without ever really talking to him. Though labels may contain a grain of truth, they often short-circuit important conversations. And, sadly, ideological labels readily degenerate into uncharitable, ad hominem attacks on the integrity, abilities and worth of fellow Christians with whom we are supposed to be united in the Body of Christ.

The net effect of labeling our fellow Christians is to weaken the Church's mission by weakening the Church's unity. This unity is based on truth — not only the revealed truth but also basic truths about our common humanity and what constitutes a just and peaceful society. If, instead of building bridges, we find ourselves obscuring the truth by pitting Church leaders and fellow parishioners against one another, we are breaking down that oneness that the Lord willed for his followers — so that the world may believe (cf. Jn 17:21).

So, here's an idea for Lent 2017. Let's abstain from labels. Let's abstain from snarky, uncharitable speech. Let's contribute to making our society a less divisive place by making the Church less divided. Doing so will take a lot more grace, self-control and self-sacrifice than giving up candy, liquor or caffeine. Yet, as winter gives way to spring, such a sacrifice will yield a harvest of truth, joy, peace and love.



Hospitality Sunday

Please plan to attend Hospitality Sunday each month and wear your KofC jacket or pin so our fellow parishners get to know who is in our brotherhood. We usually host Hospitality Sunday in the social hall on the second Sunday of each month after all morning masses. Our next event is on [Palm Sunday, April 9](#). This is an excellent public relations and recruiting opportunity!

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.

119th Pennsylvania State Convention

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

KofC Insurance

The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality insurance products to our members and their eligible family members.

- Permanent Life Insurance – Insure Your Life for Life
- Term Life Insurance – Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs
- Retirement Annuities – Give Yourself a Paycheck for the Rest of Your Life
- Long-Term Care Insurance – Protect Your Assets / Prepare for the Future
- Disability Income Insurance – Shield Your Income from Illness and Injury

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

Label Program

You have probably received a set of return labels with the Knights of Columbus emblem and wondered why. Well, they were sent to you as part of the Pennsylvania K of C Label Program. This is a voluntary, but highly encouraged program for all members to participate. Please use the labels to promote our the KofC and consider making a donation. Your support for the Labels Program directly benefits Pennsylvania Special Olympics, promotes vocations awareness in our 10 state Dioceses and provides a rebate to those qualifying councils attending the State Convention.

The information on your labels is based on your record at Supreme as of January 1, 2017. If there is a discrepancy contact Ron at ronaldcoppola@aol.com so he can correct your record at Supreme. You can also contact Labels Chairman Mike Conroy conroy1603@gmail.com for new labels.



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: April 11; May 9; June 13. 1st Degree starts at 7:30 PM, 2nd Degree begins 15 min after end of 1st Degree. **JUST ADDED: 3rd Degree Exemplification** slated for Apr 23rd at 2 pm. 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

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  KofC Cook
2	3	4	5	6	7	8  Pan-cake Breakfast
9  Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13  Officers Mtg	14 <i>good friday</i>	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						

May

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

