



Knights of Columbus Newsletter Council #15373



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From the Chaplain - Fr. Salvatore R.

Lamendola

This month, January 22nd marks the Forty fourth anniversary of the infamous Roe vs Wade decision of the Supreme Court made in 1973 that legalized abortion in the United States. This provides us an opportunity to review our belief as Catholics on the absolute right to life from conception until natural death.

Prayer to God the Father of All Life

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

Vivat Jesus,

From the District Deputy #115 - Timothy D. Shields

While at the annual mid-year meeting of State Officers, we were introduced to new ideas on recruiting new members and retaining current ones. Did you know that member retention begins as soon as a new member receives his Admission Degree? You might have spent a lot of

time recruiting this new member, and now you have to hold his interest and keep him fired up about our Order. This is what a good program director can do. Good programming gets good members, and vice versa.

My congratulations to your council for coming together to help a Brother Knight in need. This is TRUE charity and TRUE Fraternity. Our Order can use a few more men like yourselves. It is true that we Knights save lives and change lives. Our good works tell the story. Vivat Jesus !!!

From the Grand Knights Table - David Swierkosz

Brothers, As a reminder, keep Brother Knights Paul Ukish and Alex Corridoni in your prayers. Both are recovering from recent heart operations. And let's not forget Charlie Angell, who is on the road to recovery from extensive knee surgery. Thanks again to all the Knights and Parishioners who constantly help make our events and fundraisers possible. Let's make 2017 another banner year. May God Bless our Partner Parishes

Did You Know - Calvin Kulik

Did you know... that our local Council #15373 participates in the state Free Throw Contest for youth that is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus? All boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the contest which runs from January through March every year. There are 3 levels of competition - Council (local), District, and State. This year at the Council (local) level there were 33 total participants, 21 boys and 12 girls. Winners of each age have been identified and are eligible to compete in the

District competition scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2017 from 1-3 pm at the former Mary Queen of Apostles School Gym, 1125 Leishman Ave., New Kensington. The Knights would like to thank school officials at the Saltsburg School district for their assistance with the Free Throw Contest including principal Tracy Richards and husband Glenn, and physical education teachers Justin Kulik and Jared McCormick.

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Field Agent - Michael Steele

Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Now, the first quarter of 2017 is starting to fly by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

From the Newsletter Editor and P.R. Chairman-Ken Nath

Let's get the New Year off to a good start! There will be plenty of opportunities for our Brother Knight's to get involved and help us have another fruitful year. If anyone has any potential projects for the "Hardly Able Construction Crew" please let me know. I look forward to making this newsletter the best that it can be and for it be a source of good information to all. I rely on input from you all to improve it in any way possible.

Upcoming events:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 PM** - Officers meeting.
- **Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 PM** - General meeting at St. Sylvester's.
- **Monday, Feb. 19 - at 7:00 PM** - Chapter meeting at a place to be determined.

Current Officers:

Chaplain.....Fr. Salvatore R. Lamendola
Grand Knight..... David Swierkosz
Deputy Grand Knight.....Paul Ukish
Prog. Dir./Lecturer.....Brad Ronian
Recorder.....J R Martin
Membership Director.....Calvin Kulik
Financial Secretary.....Ralph Sabedra
Treasurer.....Steve Rado
Advocate.....Charlie Angell
Chancellor.....Chuck Colton
Warden.....James Baker
Inside Guard.....Andrew Cup
Outside Guard.....Andy Hill
Trustee (3 year).....Calvin Kulik
Trustee (2 year).....Stan Kanick
Trustee (1 year).....Ken Nath
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