

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Santa Anna Council #4461

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SANTA ANNA INFORMER

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT MARCH 2017

What is going on with the weather? Some days it is so cold you don't want to get out of bed and the next day you don't even need a coat and we are in shorts and t-shirts. Our February meeting was well attended and the Valentine social was outstanding. Again thanks go out to the ladies for a great time.

As we discussed at the February meeting we must develop some new approaches for our free throw competition for next year. Please consider what options we have for 2018, before we know, it will be on us.

Our new District Deputy was in attendance at our February meeting and we must decide that since May is our Council's month at Camilla Hall what Saturday we will do our painting. Although our Council is not the largest we were by far tops in time spent helping the old Nuns last year. I can speak from experience that the time I spent with the nuns was so rewarding. They are a great group to be with besides having a great lunch!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 st. Give some consideration as to what you, as an individual, will do for Lent. Remember to keep the Fast and Abstinence even if you, because of age or health, are excused. The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as a minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting

themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

In addition to the Lenten Season, the Holy Father has invited dioceses and parishes to join with him in participating in the *24 Hours for the Lord* initiative. It calls for parishes to open the doors of their Church for a period of 24 hours preceding the Fourth Week of Lent and many parishes have added confessions during Lent at other than usual times. Remember it is still Church Law to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. Our March Meeting is March 9th and our St. Patrick's social will follow. This will be the last social before the summer so please attempt to attend and have a great time. Hope you all can attend!!!!.

Vivat Jesus *Terry Gumpper*
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PRAYER LIST

SICK: Devin Doyle, Joe Stanton, Dave Doney, Francine Auclair, Alison Auclair, Ken and Patty Forest, Mike Petry, Mike Wilson, Frank Del Viscio and Bob Pryor.

DECEASED: John McHugh, Jim Dugger

2016-17 ACTIVITIES

March 9 th	Regular meeting	followed by St. Pat's social
March???	St. Phils fish fry	TBA
April 6 th	Regular meeting	no social 4 th degree candidates night
May 11 th	Regular meeting	Nom./ officers
June 8 th	Regular meeting	election of officers for 2016-17

Please hang this schedule in a prominent place in your home. So many times we hear that you just forgot about the meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Past Grand Knight Dennis Schaeffer has been in monthly contact with our sick and housebound. If you would like to talk, give him a call at 610-449-5495 or e-mail him at xadjk7905@yahoo.com. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers just let him know.

CORNY JOKE OF THE MONTH

Timmy O'Leary was sitting in the beer garden of his local pub having a cold one on a beautiful sunny day. A nun happened to be passing by and starts preaching about the evils of drinking. "Drinking is evil and all it will get you is a place in hell!", cried the Nun. She continued to lecture Tim and after about five minutes of her ranting he became annoyed. "Sister", he asked "Are you a reformed drinker?" "I've never had a drop in my life!", answered the nun. "If you never drank then how can you say it's evil?" asked Tim. "Why don't you have a drink and then you will know if you are correct?", Tim questioned. "Well, I would be willing to try but what would people walking by think of a nun in a beer garden drinking alcohol?", the Nun asked. "I'll have them put a shot of whiskey in a coffee mug, and no one will be the wiser." The Nun reluctantly agreed and Tim walked inside and asked the bartender for a shot of whiskey in a coffee mug. "Is that Nun here again!", asked the bartender.

TRINITY CHAPTER

Our chapter has two ongoing programs. First, **Camilla Hall painting project is on the last Saturday of each month.** We need volunteers. Also, the ultrasound program has raised the necessary \$11,500 dollars needed for the purchase of a new machine. Supreme Council sent the matching funds for the purchase and it will be delivered soon. Possibly a new campaign will begin for a second machine. Contact Joe Paoletti for more info. paolettiproperties@yahoo.com

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to our chaplain, Fr. Paul Castellani, Joe Coyle, Chuck (basking in the sun) Dittmer, The Honorable John Dukes, Randy Ristine and our newest member Dexter Lanctot. Just remember, yes you are getting a year older but also you are getting a year smarter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Our insurance agent is Jim Siermine. He is well experienced in his field and would love to hear from you, especially if you have a question or concern. 610-497-2299 or james.siermine@kofc.org

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We mail less than 25 monthly newsletters at a cost of about \$200.00 a year. If you have an e-mail address and haven't given it to me yet, I would be most grateful. A few years ago our yearly cost was over \$1,000. I am still shooting for 100% electronic mail. Besides that, you get several updates as they happen during the month. Also, if you would like to be removed from our mailing list, just contact me.

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM

Through the Knights of Columbus **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**, councils, assemblies and Squires circles "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations. You can donate to this very worthwhile cause at any time. Please take advantage of it.

- Mike Keller, editor

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