



# The Explorer



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## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and your Families:

Well, here we are in the middle of winter. I just hoped that the groundhog predicted correctly, only a few more weeks of winter. By the way, here is a little history lesson about the groundhog: as you know, we have a famous groundhog his name is Punxsutawney Phil. His name comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means the town of sand flies. Woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of Wojak. The ground hog is considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

Here are some thoughts about the past year: I feel that our council did some special things in helping out our community where needed. On the parish side, our dinners were a great way of having the parishioners and our neighbors get together. Personally, it was always a great joy to be there, along with my family, helping out wherever needed.

For those members who have not paid their dues, the January 15<sup>th</sup> date has passed. Unfortunately, you will have to pay an additional \$3.00 to cover late fee expenses to the council. Please remember that our council dues are a main source of revenue; so, if you are not active in the council, your dues help tremendously. I thank you for your attention in staying up to date.

My wife, daughter, and I were proud to once again be part of our council's March for Life bus trip to Washington, D. C. I had planned a few months back by scheduling my day off work. I feel everyone should make an attempt to attend. I realize getting a day of work is not always easy for some but as parents we have to make sacrifices for our children who in my eyes are so precious. We should be thankful to God for giving us our health, families, and the ability to share the love and joy of Our Lord every Sunday at Mass.

May God Bless,  
*Bill Breidenbach, F. S.*

## PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

### MEMBERSHIP

Our Retention Chairman has reported that we have quite a few of our Brothers who have not paid their dues for 2007. A break in your continuous membership will prevent you from becoming an Honorary, or a Life Member. Msgr. Mc Hugh Council needs the support of all. We are doing more things than ever before. Just check out the events listed on the back page of The Explorer and you will see that our council keeps busy.

The month of January brought us a record high participants in the K of C Basket ball Free Throw contest. We had a successful evening in raising funds at the Night at the Races to support the March for Life Bus trip, with many of the Brother Knights helping out or being part of those in attendance. Then we sent a full bus load of passengers to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D. C. , more people attended this year than any other year that we have sponsored the March for Life bus. We conducted a First Degree and hosted the District Second Degree exemplification on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The council did not stop there, on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> we held a Prime Rib Dinner. The great reputation of our dinners is becoming known not only in our parish but throughout the Pocono's.

A Membership Blitz is in the works to recruit some more good men, but what we really would like to see is no loss in our current membership. We understand that sometimes it is difficult to attend meetings or to help out. At the same time, we hope you understand the good that is being able to be done through your membership payment. Please take a moment to drop your dues in an envelope and forward them to our Financial Secretary Bill Briedenbach. Bill hates to have to forward suspension notices to Supreme.

We would, also, like to inform any current Second Degree member who would like to advance to your Third Degree that on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> an exemplification is being held in East Stroudsburg. Please contact Membership Director John Dolan or GK Mark Tichy and let them know you are ready, willing, and able to take your Third while it is being held so close to our own council location.

### KNOWING YOUR RELIGION

We are entering into Lent and most of us use this time to sacrifice in one way or another. This is not mandatory but as Catholics we observe the fact that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to prepare for his undertaking of establishing the one true religion which His Father had sent him on this earth to do. He was severely tempted by the devil during this period of trial just as we will be when we

sacrifice. Our sacrifice is based on the fact that we are preparing to give thanks to God in recognition of the Crucifixion, death, and Resurrection of his Son to atone for our sins.

The Lenten season has special significance. It is the time when many attend Mass on a daily basis. Others may give up something they enjoy, such as foods or forms of entertainment they favor. While others may attempt to make their lives more meaningful by doing special things for others, such as visiting someone they know is ill, or who may need company but no one has time to devote to them during the year. Still others use this time to go on retreat, while others attend the Stations of the Cross weekly. The Precepts of the Church advise us to avail ourselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

However you observe this Lenten Season is of your own accord. It is during this time that we should establish a closer relationship with our Lord and Master. However, we should not only make this a Lenten event. We should carry it forward onto an everyday basis.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Drew Hoffman	Feb 5
John Prezkop	Feb 5
Bill Bock	Feb 7
Franklin Smith	Feb 8
Greg Biner	Feb 10
John Dolan	Feb 10
Mike Vuotto	Feb 10
Vincent Capria	Feb 12
Ralph Giandomenico	Feb 16
Kevin Duswalt	Feb 18
John Barattini	Feb 26
Andy Chizmadia	Feb 26

### CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY

Bernardine & Jim Andrews Feb 7

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Bob Tucker

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Paul Carpenito Family

### BASKETBALL FREE THROW RESULTS

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, with the largest turnout in council history, 23 students from Pleasant Valley School District area participated in our council's K of C Free Throw Contest. The winners were: the girls first, 11 year old Arden Cislucyus, 12 year old Lauren Mundy, 13 year old Lisa Pazienza, and 14 year old Emily Nuyen; the boys winners were 10 year old Cody Shanley, 11 year old John Weaver, 12 year old Jeremy Schessler, 13 year old Mike Sharpe, and 14 year old Allen Conklin.

All participants were awarded certificates and patches. Congratulations to all! On January 14<sup>th</sup> Lisa Pazienza, Cody Shanley, Jeremy Schessler, Mike Sharpe, and Allen Conklin competed in the District Free Throw Championship. I am happy to report that Mike Sharpe will move on to Regional Free Throw Championship on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. Mc Hugh School in Cresco.

Many, many many thanks to Hope Smith, President of the PVYBA for all of her help for the past two years. She has been key to making this event a success. Thank you, Hope.

Thank you to Grandpa Tucker for assisting with the score keeping. Bob's grandson was a one shot second place in a shootout to determine the winner in his age bracket.

And, one last final thank you to Matt Schessler, parishioner and father of Jeremy, for also keeping scores for the tournament. Thank you for all the support and well wishes. We hope to see everyone again next year.

*Jim Nuyen, Youth Director*

### OUR NEWEST KNIGHTS

Friday evening, January 19<sup>th</sup>, our council hosted both a First and a Second Degree held in OLQP Hall. Exemplified into both the First and their Second Degree were John Keeley, Albert Lanigan, and Frank Tatu. Congratulations and please become active in your council by attending business meetings!



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**WIVES APPRECIATION DINNER**

Cupid's arrow has struck Council 7141. A long overdue night of appreciation for our lovely ladies will take place on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 P.M. in the church hall. A surf and turf meal, along with a DJ for dancing after dinner, and a few surprises are in store for the evening. The cost will be \$30 per couple and the evening is open to all who would like to join us. All reservations must be paid in advance, there will be no tickets sold at the door. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses up until February 11<sup>th</sup>, or at the church office during regular business hours. Once again, this is by advance ticket purchase only! Show your appreciation for your sweetheart and take her out for a nice dinner and evening of dancing. Keep Valentine's Day going!

**FLY THE FLAG ON**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**FISH AND CHIPS DINNERS**

On three Saturday evenings during Lent our kitchen crew will be serving fish and chips dinners after the 5 o'clock Mass in the church hall. The dinners will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the dinner will be \$7 for adults and children for \$4.



**UPCOMING DATES**

Adoration in the Chapel	Feb 2
Council Business Meeting	Feb 8
Valentine's Day	Feb 14
Wives Appreciation Dinner	Feb 17
Third Degree at Notre Dame E.S.	Feb 18
President's Day Celebrated	Feb 19
Ash Wednesday	Feb 21
Fish & Chips Dinner	Feb 24
Adoration in the Chapel	Mar 2
Council Business Meeting	Mar 8
Fish & Chips Dinner	Mar 10
Fish & Chips Dinner	Mar 24

**VALENTINE'S PRAYER**

*God of power and mercy,  
Through Your help  
St. Valentine has overcome the tortures of  
His passion*

*Help us who celebrate his triumph  
To remain victorious  
Over the wiles of our enemies.*

*Amen*

**BISHOP MOLLOY MEN'S RETREAT**

It is hard to believe, but it is almost time for the annual retreat weekend. The men's retreat to Bishop Molloy Retreat House will depart from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church parking lot on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and return on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. All reservations must be made by advance deposit of \$35 with the \$140 balance to be paid upon checking in at the retreat house. The retreat house

estimates their costs to be \$200 for the weekend, so if you can give more it is appreciated. The cost includes your private room and six meals starting with Friday evening dinner and ending with a brunch on Sunday after Mass. This is a spiritual weekend that those of us who attend each year look forward to. The retreat team has a full schedule to keep you busy, but your time is yours to spend the way you decide. If you have never been on this retreat I suggest you try it once and I am sure you will want to go back again.

We car pool to New York City and Tom Jenkins will be leaving around 2 P.M. Bill Carduck will drive the second vehicle departing about 3:15 P. M. Anyone interested in getting more information or making a reservation please telephone me at 570-629-9197.

*PGK Bill Carduck*

### APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year our council awards two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to deserving young men and women graduating from high school in the Spring and planning on attending an accredited college in the Fall. The only requirement we make is that the applicant be a registered member of "OLQP" as verified by Father Mc Cawley. These applications are now available, and may be obtained by either stopping by the church office or calling me at 570-992-6797. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Again, our sincere gratitude to the many who participated in last Fall's COAL fundraiser, 100% of our commission from those sales goes into the Council Scholarship Fund.

*Larry Decker, Scholarship Chairman*



### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The council golf tournament will be taking place in a few short months. Negotiations are being conducted with some of the local golf courses to put together a package that will include golf, your cart, and a dinner following the outing. We plan to have this be more of a fun event than a heavily competitive event. Mixed foursomes are allowed and if you do not have your own we will match you up in one. If you are interested in a fun day of golf with your fellow parishioners, Knights, and friends, please contact Joe Falotico at 570-646-4656. The cost for the outing will be \$75 per golfer.

### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

We gave it the old college try, but not enough were interested in doing an overnigher to Atlantic City. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. We are still going to go on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> for a day trip leaving at 8:30 am and returning at 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$28 and we will return the fare to one randomly picked passenger. In addition the casino we attend will give us a refund upon arrival. We always wait until the month before to allow the bus company to give us the best refund deals. It is usually around \$15, but we will see. Anyone who is interested in going, please contact Tom Whitehead (570-646-8174) ASAP. If you have been with us on these trips before you know that we fill the bus up fast, once it is full we place late comers names on a waiting list in the order of their contacting us. If a cancellation occurs we refer to the next person on the list and offer it to them.

### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mountain Laurel Resort Hotel in White Haven. Any current Third Degree Knight who has been a member of the Order for one full year is qualified to take the Patriotic Degree. You will be required to wear a tuxedo and I have information on where you could purchase your own at a reasonable rate, as opposed to paying a hefty bill to rent one.

The cost of the Degree is \$90 for each candidate. There will be a Ladies Luncheon while the Degree takes place and the cost for the Luncheon is \$25. Shortly after the exemplification is completed a Dinner will be held. Any current Fourth Degree member who would like to join us for the dinner after the exemplification the cost is \$35 per person, the dress code is tux, social baldric, and a shirt with a standard collar. Please telephone me at 570-992-7350 if you need an application, more information, or want to make your reservation.

*PFN, PGK Chris Sweeney*

### K of C COUNCIL SHIRTS & HATS

Please contact PGK Tom Whitehead if you are interesting in procuring a council shirt or K of C baseball style cap. The shirts are \$20 and you must specify your size, color desired, and if you want with or without a pocket. These are short sleeve golf style shirts. The baseball caps are \$8 each and one size fits all. They are available in either black or blue with the words "Knights of Columbus" in block style embroidered on the front.

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a goodnight story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. Then, she would touch her own cheek, thoughtfully.

Finally she spoke, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Did God make me too?" she asked.

Yes, indeed, honey," he answered. "God made you just a little while ago."

She touched his face and then her own again.

"He's getting better at it, isn't He?" she said...

### PARKING

A clergyman parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

### EDITORIAL

Please join with me in wishing the best to PGK Steve Signorello and his wife Joanne on their recent move to Adams County. Steve had taken the time to keep an up to date mailing list and provided the mailing labels so *The Explorer* could be sent to you each month. Steve, also, has been the ARC Campaign Chairman annually and dedicated much of his own time in going out and filling collection times for those who did not show or cancelled out. He annually headed up cooking for us all while running the Father's Day breakfasts each June. He was a Grand Knight and held many offices and directorships in our council. As Brother Knights we would like to offer our sincere thanks to Steve and Joanne for all they did for our council, as well as for our church. May God Bless you!

*PGK Tom Whitehead, Editor*

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

You are requested to remember in your prayers: Bill Breidenbach's mom and dad, Bob and Mickey Caffrey, Carol Falotico, Ralph Giandomenico, Michael Guercio, Tom Haggerty, Marilyn Haggerty Blohm, Theresa Johnstone, Mercedes Machalick, Charles and Patricia Middaugh, Al Namer, John Peterson, John Prezkop, PGK Vince Sansone, Margaret Tichy, Stan Zaleski, all the members of the U. S. Armed Forces, and for all children (born and unborn), as well as any unassisted Brother who is sick or in distress.

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