



FATHER MURPHY COUNCIL 5535

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THE LAST WEEKS OF LENT

The Council was active during the last weeks of Lent before Easter, with a membership drive at St. Paul's Church. Perhaps, the most significant event of the month was the Eucharistic Congress held at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. The essential role of the Eucharist in our



faith was also celebrated with the March 16 Eucharistic Procession, attended by many of our members. We continued to support Stations of the Cross in front of the abortion facility (left) and are gratified that abortions

have not yet been performed there. God is good!

The Eucharistic Congress was a great success with an attendance Saturday in excess of 4000 people. Bishop Felipe Estevez and the assembled speakers emphasized the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. The Knights of the Father Murphy Council were active in the Eucharistic color guard, as noted to the right, as sponsors for speakers, and as supporters of the young men and women of Cenacolo. These latter contributors performed the living Stations of the Cross. Bishop Estevez said he had never seen them performed more movingly.

Council 5535 April Newsletter

As mentioned last month, our Council provides many opportunities for charitable work. One of these ventures is the annual Easter Dinner prepared and served in our Hall for residents of area retirement homes.

The experience seems more heart-warming each year. We are assisted by a large contingent of Girl Scouts confirming our firm belief that the future is in good hands.

What better time is there than this Easter season commemorating Christ's great sacrifice for each of us to review his/her life and see where else we can be of service to others.

Have a great Easter with family and friends and reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. Had Christ not risen from the dead our great Christian faith would be hollow. He died to reopen Heaven for us. He rose from the dead to confirm His divinity. As the hymn so clearly states, "Our God is an awesome God"!

Vivat Jesus!





GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Our Grand Knight, Dave Woodruff, has had a family emergency calling him out of town. We are all praying for a happy resolution to this crisis.

In the interim, Dave wishes the blessings of Christ's resurrection upon the entire membership. May we all incorporate Christ's message of love and forgiveness into our activities throughout the year.

Let us all try harder to support the Council in its tremendous efforts to promulgate these teachings.

Conservi tui in Christi
Dave Woodruff, GK
Father Murphy Council 5535

Note From The
Chancellor, Chris
Collins

I wish to thank our Brother Knights who came out Sunday morning (March 17) to hand out literature and man the coffee and donuts at St. Paul's. We have three potential new candidates. Twelve Brother Knights helped, which tells me two things. 1) We need your help!!! Our Order was founded 130 years ago to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members. It is time for us to strengthen our council,

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our fellow Catholic Brothers, and their families. 2) We need to ask and keep asking! We need to be more visible in our Parishes. I ask you to wear your Knight's shirt, name badge, pins, etc. as you attend Mass, Don't be scared to ask the man next to you if he is interested in joining the Knights! I understand that many of you are involved in other ministries, which is great! We want you to do these things; we just ask that you do them as Knights.

We have a great opportunity with Bingo. I know some of you are turned off by Bingo, but hear me out. Bingo, BY FAR, provides for the operating costs of our building as well as the charitable donations that we make. With the recent closing of the sweepstake centers, we have a chance to gain additional patrons that will aid our efforts. I ask that each of you donate a minimum of three hours per month to our primary fundraising activity. There are no difficult jobs. Any help you provide will do our entire council a great service.

You will be glad that you did!

Calendar

April 1, 2013

General Business Meeting. Light Supper, 6:30 PM with Meeting to follow in the Council Hall

April 6, 2013

Past Grand Knights' and Founder's Day Dinner, 6:30 PM in the Council Hall

April 15, 2013

Council Officers' Meeting, 7 PM in the Council Hall

April 20, 2013

St. Vincent de Paul Low Country Boil, 6:30 PM in St. Paul's School Gym

April 27, 2013

Penman Road Cleanup, 8:30 AM, Council Hall

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**DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTES
CHUCK BOLL**

State Reports time is upon us. There is still time to qualify for newsletter competition by posting at least six newsletters



on the State Council website. Also, the scrapbook competition will be held once more this year. It will be replaced with a website competition next fraternal year.

As soon as possible notify Arturo Serrano about the intention to participate. (aserranofsc@gmail.com)

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ED MAXTED**



Our Council is stabilizing financially. After more than two years of declining balances, we have leveled and

begun to recuperate. This is a direct effect of bingo revenue. Attendance has risen slightly and may be on the path to recovery with the Internet cafes closing. If the trend continues, we may soon be able to restore our Charities and relax our anxiety about the survival of the Council. Now our biggest problem is getting helpers to run the bingo. Our Chancellor has explained this eloquently. Let us act Fraternally.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
MARK PARKULO**



Annual Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to Connor O'Brien (7th and 8th grade) and to Wendy Parkulo (9th and 10th grade). Both finished second in the State Spelling Bee competition in their respective age groups in February. Connor outlasted six other contestants and Wendy went head to head with the eventual champion for twenty-six rounds. It is truly a great accomplishment for a single council to have two of its competitors progress to that level.



Connor O'Brien holds his trophy as his parents proudly look on.



Wendy Parkulo (on right) holding her trophy along with her twenty-six round opponent.

Past Grand Knight and Founder's Day Dinner

Dewey Marshall has been working very hard to present an outstanding PGK and Founder's Day dinner dance for the Council. The event is open to all members and their wives. The cost of the evening is \$25 per couple or \$15 single. We are past the March 26 cutoff date for reservations, but if you still wish to come, call Dewey at 221-6282. He has a heart of gold and will likely squeeze you in.



2012 Past Grand Knights' Dinner

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE COUPLE - NORMA AND GORDON SCOTT



Our wonderful Pro-Life couple did a great job for the Father Murphy Council during the past Lenten season, but the fight for life goes on. Gordon and Norma ask us to check out Father Ed Murphy's homily at the Eucharistic Procession, March 16 (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Family-for-LIFE/182038851828609>).



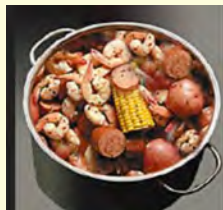
LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES
JUDY BLACHE



Our April First Friday theme will be spring flowers. We will meet at the hall around 6:30 to decorate the tables. First Friday is of course April 5th. Last names beginning with A-N, please bring vegetables, O-V, dessert and W-Z, salads. After Mass and dinner we will have a short meeting. We will be setting up the tables for the Past Grand Knights dinner which is April 6th. We will make up baskets to raffle off to get money for our charitable endeavors. Please bring wine or things that go with the wine. Please bring these items on First Friday so that we can make up the baskets. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Does the picture make you hungry? Support St. Vincent de Paul by attending the



Low Country Boil at St. Paul's School Gym, Saturday, April 20. Enjoy great food, music, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$30 each and include two free drinks and are available through the Parish Office or calling 246-5240.

THE CLERGY CORNER
DEACON TOM HUGHES

Bill Wilson, a Christian physician, is head of the Psychiatry Department at Duke University. One of his patients, a Vietnam veteran, had been non-functioning for years. He had been responsible for the deaths of many people while in Vietnam. The hospital staff was convinced that his illness stemmed from an inability to forgive himself.

One day Dr. Wilson visited this particular patient. He entered the room, sat on the bed, and said, "I want to tell you that your sins are forgiven." "What did you say?" asked the patient. Dr. Wilson continued, "I have the authority to tell you that through Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven." That exchange marked the beginning of healing for this guilt-ridden man. He is now functioning in society. Dr. Wilson dealt a miracle of healing, not as a psychiatrist, but as a follower of Jesus.

When Jesus appears to the apostles after He rose from the dead, His first word is "Peace." By this word Jesus forgives the apostles of their sins-- their unbelief, their flight during his passion, their amazement at being told He had risen from the dead. All is forgiven, Jesus is saying.

Jesus says this in particular to one apostle, Thomas, who was not with the eleven on that first Sunday. And Thomas also found that peace - forgiveness - comes with belief.

What was the apostles' principal emotion on the occasion of the resurrection? If we are to believe the Evangelist Mark, it was fear. In fact, Mark ends his gospel with these words: "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid."

What a way to end a gospel! And yet Mark was nothing if not an honest man. He told it like it was. And, truth be told, we probably would have been seized with fear also to find empty a tomb in which we expected to find a dead body.

Fear is a good start in the Christian life. C. S. Lewis says: "The Christian Religion is, in the long run, a thing of unspeakable comfort. But it does not begin in comfort; it begins in dismay, and it is no use at all trying to go on to the comfort without first going through that illusion and dismay."

Jesus gives the apostles the same power of forgiveness he has just extended to them. This was as new as the first day of creation itself where, in Genesis, we read that the Spirit brooded over all of creation, giving it life. Jesus was announcing a new creation here - the creation of his Church and the empowerment of his followers to forgive sins.

Some speakers stress proof of Jesus' resurrection, but no proof is needed except the actions of his followers. No one would give his life in service unto death for a man who had not risen from the dead.

We say the peace and forgiveness Jesus breathed on the apostles had to be received with belief. The apostles were not big on faith right at that time. And Thomas especially was a little short on faith.

Paul Tillich, the great Protestant theologian, said, "Doubt is not the opposite of belief, but without doubt there can be no belief. Faith is asking the tough questions. If we do not really believe but are only going on a "hand-me-down" faith, it will take its toll on our mental, physical, emotional and spiritual life.

The risen Jesus promises us and gives us His peace.



MARCH PHOTOS



Top row from left: Pat McLaughlin, GK Dave Woodruff, Dick FitzPatrick, and Chris Collins during the membership drive at St. Paul's. Reggie Dubay guards the Adoration Chapel during the Eucharistic Congress. Kathy and Mike Nicoletti hosted First Friday dinner much to the enjoyment of Theresa and Joe Sganga. Second row: Chris Collins, Gordon Scott, and Dave McNerny take a break during the post-Mass coffee and doughnut event. Amy Michalski, Marie Parkulo, and Grace Wawzynski decorate the Hall for Easter. Third row: The Hall is decorated! Easter Saturday work at Mission House. The Hall is filled with dinner guests on Easter Sunday. Bottom left: the Easter dinner would not have happened without the tremendous work of Don Bruning, Gordon Scott, and Chuck Boll - great Knights and disciples of Christ!



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - JEFF REGAN

The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year," or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium

commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 35,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.



April Birthdays

- April 1:** Jeff Regan
- April 2:** Carl DeBlasio
- April 3:** Philip Harville
- April 5:** Andy Abate
- April 12:** Fred Turek
- April 16:** Gary Anderson
- April 20:** Robert Byman
- April 21:** Jerry Long
- April 23:** Steve Burgess
- April 23:** Armand Riendeau
- April 26:** Patrick Sullivan
- April 27:** Bob Kosoy

right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let's talk today.

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A CLOSING NOTE



Bob Bilik has been a vital member of Council 5535 for years. He progressed through the various offices eventually becoming Grand Knight and then District Deputy. More recent members of the Council know Bob as the long-standing Bingo Director; in which role he has dedicated countless hours every Sunday and Wednesday, arriving well before opening time and remaining on duty until the last patron has left. Penman Road cleanup each month has also been Bob's chore, ensuring workers have coffee and doughnuts each appointed morning. In addition, he edited this newsletter with great flair for many years.

Bob had two major surgical procedures in the last few years, and the trauma has taken a toll. He stepped down from his bingo duties several months ago. But, he and his lovely wife, Merrilea, remained loyal attendees at First Friday and holiday functions.



Now Bob is facing severe medical problems and is hospitalized at Baptist Medical Center. Please keep him in your prayers. No one better represents the principles of our order: charity, unity, fraternity,

patriotism. May God keep and protect this great Knight of Columbus, and may He give comfort both to Bob and to Merrilea.

