

The Chester Light



Hudson Valley
Knights
of Columbus

Hudson Valley Knights of Columbus St. Columba Council No. 8637

August 2016

“In service for our Parish”

Greetings Brother Knights:

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Our Council meets for the start of the Fraternal Year and we are poised to have our best year ever. We have a great team of Council officers who have created a solid schedule of events to lead us forward in our mission of helping our Parish and Chester communities.

This year I look to guide the Council in more traditional Knight activities to both reaffirm our Catholic beliefs and reestablish our Council's moral leadership during a time that we see no positive leadership from those who should be providing examples to our families and community.

Kent D. Fletcher
Grand Knight

Fr. John S. Bonnici
Our Chaplain

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Deputy Grand Knight

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Chancellor

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Trustees

Grand Knight's Letter



As such we will be going forward with our own strong examples: Masses to honor our past members and first responders, food drives to feed the community, and a children's coat drive to support the most vulnerable of our Parish members.

These are ambitious programs that need the help of all of our members.

Worthy Warden Carl D'Antonio is running the C & B raffle again this year and is looking for help to cover the church and Shoprite locations. He'll have a signup sheet at our Council meeting for this important fundraiser. Please help us to better fund our fraternal activities by helping to sell the C & B raffle tickets.

On a lighter note, we have a newly redone Hap Murray Hall; come see the improvements. Other activities including Army vs. Air Force Football November 5th. Details at the meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone this coming Monday.

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Kent Fletcher, GK

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Reminder

If you are not getting our emails or wish to change from standard mail delivery of our newsletter to email delivery, please update your records at the next meeting. If you also wish to see your birthday printed, include it with the update.

Schedule of Events for the Fraternal Year

In The News

2016

All dates subject to Coordination with the Parish

Dates to Note:

- Aug 21 Family Rosary & Communion
- Sept 11 Officer Installation after 12 noon Mass
- Sept 17 - 18 C&B Raffle Sales St Columba
- Oct 8 - 9 Membership Drive Open House Starts after 10:30 Mass
- Oct 15 - 16 C&B Raffle Sales St Columba
- Oct 21 Chester Council 1st Degree (Friday)
- Oct 30 Family Rosary & Communion
- Nov 1 Council sponsored Mass for Christopher Furey, 12 noon
- Nov (TBD) Knights memorial Mass
- Nov 5 Army v Air Force Football outing

In Service to our Parish

August is here and with it another fraternal year. As you can see within the `Dates to Note` column, we are hitting the ground running. During the summer we have not stopped, however.

We have painted the School classrooms, cleaned and polished the floors in BVH and installed high speed internet within Hap Murray Hall and every floor of the school, in addition to cable TV access for which we are in the process of completing, with the purchase of a TV.

As in anything in life, we recognize a need then go about implementing a plan to realize it.

To help realize our goals we need participation from the membership. We only ask your participation for one evening a month. Some do much more, based upon a skill set or retirement status or a job that is local, usually a combination of all the above. The only way an organization such as ours thrives is when the members are engaged.

We are blessed to be in a group that, besides charity work, also involves the defense of our faith. As Catholics, we are in a group that takes much flack from the press and those in the government, as well as non Catholics. I recently took note of a speech Carl Anderson, our Supreme Knight made against abortion. It was a strong message to all, especially to Catholics that have fallen asleep. I am printing his comments within this newsletter.

I'm making a call today for all who read this to please `re-engage`. We need you! And for those new members who have yet to engage, please consider doing so. What do you do? Can your skill be used to help our Parish? Our Council? At the very least, your presence at meetings will allow you input towards our direction or a forum to contest it.

Good of the Order

If a Brother Knight or a member of the family who is seriously sick, hospitalized, or has passed away, please call or email:

PGK Joe Furey
845-469-2726 or furey68@optimum.net

Let's make the card you have in your pocket be your tool, our tool, to show the community and the world what we Knights are made of.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Nelson DGK

More News

Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

The next date coming up will be
*When published in Church
Calendar.*

Times: 4:00-5:30pm & 6:00-7:00pm

Contact Kerry Hannifan
krhannifan@hotmail.com



Catholic Pulse - News
Catholics need to know
catholicpulse.com

The Cardinal's Annual Appeal

The Chester Council fully supports the St. Columba Cardinal's Annual Appeal. Please support our church and Father John who has supported our efforts since the Council was reformed.

You can make a contribution at church or at:

www.cardinalsappeal.org

Council Member Birthdays

Kevin Hogan	08/03
Nick Said	08/03
Scott Salotti	08/04
Robert Conrad	08/21

Catholics and Abortion

Toronto, Canada, Aug 2, 2016 / 08:46 pm ([CNA/EWTN News](#)).- Catholics need to stop voting for pro-abortion politicians, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told an international gathering of the Knights of Columbus.

"Pope Francis has emphasized how important it is for Catholics to be engaged in the political process," Anderson said Aug 2. "His words regarding the importance of Catholics being faithful citizens are especially important for us."

Anderson's remarks to the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus meeting in Toronto reiterated his comments to the 2008 Supreme Convention in Quebec.

"We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates," he said. "It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians."

"Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale," he added.

Anderson said politics does not mean partisanship, but a stand for the common good and for moral and religious values that make free, democratic institutions possible.

Foremost among these values, he said, is "the equal dignity of every human life and the right of every person to freely practice their religion."

"We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death."

He reflected on the political question of whether one should support a candidate attractive for many reasons but who supports abortion.

"Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion candidates through a complex balancing act. They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion," he said.

"But the right to abortion is not just another political issue," Anderson said. "It is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths."

He noted that 40 million is a figure greater than the entire population of Canada.

"What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation?" he asked. "The answer, of course, is that there is none."

His 2008 remarks urged faithful Catholics to build a new politics not according to the status quo, but according to their dedication to "building up a new culture of life."

In his latest remarks Anderson said he would add that Catholics need to "think in new ways" to build "a civilization of love."

His speech discussed legalized euthanasia, threats to religious freedom, the persecution of Middle Eastern Christians and the 2015 racial murders at a black church in South Carolina and new racial violence in the U.S. this year.

Anderson added that about 8 in 10 Americans would significantly restrict abortion, while almost 6 in 10 Canadians would support substantial restrictions.

A significant majority of Americans consider abortion morally wrong and do not want taxpayer funding of abortion, he said.

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Council Meeting

Monday, August 15th 2016
7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
Hap Murray Hall

*Note: The monthly food basket will be placed at the door,
please bring a contribution to help make our goal*

