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Union Council 345 Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Now that the holidays are over, we look forward to a prosperous and productive new year for the council. On behalf of Frank Gualano, I want to thank all of the brothers and their families for their support in making the Christmas Card Sale and the Kiddies Christmas Party a success.

I also want to thank Joe DeMarco for his efforts with the Diocesan Essay Contest with the help of the St. Jane's Women's Group, Brother Knights and others in reading the 274 essays.

I want to thank our Council Chaplain Fr. Keith for presiding over the memorial Mass for our departed Brother Knights.

Thank you up front to all the people who will give their time and support to this year's Lenten Fish Dinner.

Grand Knight Walter D. Evancho Jr.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

My brother Knights,

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States comes to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness." This quote from Pope Benedict found on the cover of the March issue of Columbia magazine is a reminder to all of us that we must recognize the deep implication by the recent HHS Mandate.

Last month, the Department of Health and Human Services announced a federal mandate that will require employers to purchase health insurance plans that cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs, even if doing so violates the employer's religious beliefs.

A supposed compromise offered by the HHS only shifted the responsibility of this coverage from the employers to the insurance provider. However, many Catholic institutions are self-employed and still face the dilemma that to follow the mandate would violate their conscience.

The Bishops of the United States, other non-Catholic religious leaders, and many Health Care providers have spoken against this mandate as being a grave threat to our religious freedoms.

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We must be reminded that the HHS mandate is not about contraception or women's health care. It is about the fact that the government is forcing the institutions of the Catholic Church to violate her conscience. Our country is founded on the inalienable rights including the freedom of religion expressed in our First Amendment.

Our Founder, Rev. Michael McGivney, founded the Knights so Catholic men could gather and grow in their faith in a time that was often hostile to Catholicism. The Knights have always been proud defenders of our Catholic faith. I encour-

age you to read and keep up to date on this important issue. I encourage you to take action and exercise your patriotic duty to defend our 1st Amendment rights.

Go to www.pacatholic.org and contact your Congressman. We have a proud history as Knights of being advocates for the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

May your Lent be fruitful and may God Bless you families!!

Fr. Keith R. Laskowski

New Council 345 Officers for 2012

<i>Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Walter D. Evancho Jr.</i>	<i>Warden:</i>	<i>Vincent P. Condello</i>
<i>Financial Secretary:</i>	<i>William J. Bogari</i>	<i>Trustee for 1 Year:</i>	<i>William T. Eismont</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Phillip L. Katz</i>	<i>Trustee for 2 Years:</i>	<i>Frank S. Gualano</i>
<i>Chancellor:</i>	<i>Robert S. Frederick</i>	<i>Trustee for 3 Years:</i>	<i>William D. Abert Jr.</i>
<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>Gregory V. DeSalva</i>	<i>Inside Guard:</i>	<i>Peter M. Luzzo IV</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Thomas J. Rafferty</i>	<i>Outside Guard:</i>	<i>John P. Vaughn</i>
<i>Advocate:</i>	<i>Kenneth E. Haney</i>		

Quarterly Review: 2012 Events

January 2012	Council votes to support The Miracle League of Northampton with a check for \$1,000. Winners chosen for the Diocesan "Stand Up For Life" Essay Contest (See Noteworthy Section for names of winners)
Jan 29	Council 345 hosts Second Degree ceremony in the MGMR at St. Jane Frances De Chantal Church. (See Noteworthy Section for names for our new 2nd Degree Brothers)
February	Council 345 - \$1500 Essay Contest Scholarship for all 8th grade student children of Knights of Columbus Council 345 members in good standing who will be attending Catholic High School in the Diocese of Allentown Sept 2012. Winners will be announced next quarter. Visit www.kofc345.org and click the Essay Contest link for details.
February 15	Council 345 annual audit done.
March 2	Lenten Fish Dinner starts and continues on all Fridays of March
March 18	Third Degree Ceremony St. John Vianney Council 14840, Limeport, PA. Visit www.kofc345.org and click the Third Degree Ceremony link for details.
March 24	Patriotic Ball, \$60 per couple. Hosted by Banger Council. Contact Frank Gualano.
March 28	First Degree Exemplification, Council 345, St. Jane's MGMR
TBA	Pancake and Egg Breakfast
June 16 & 17	Knights of Columbus Council 345 Bake Sale at St. Jane Frances De Chantal Church in the Gathering Space.

Upcoming: 2012 Events



Congratulations to the winners of the Diocese's "Stand Up For Life" Essay Contest:

Junior Division

- Luke Kenyon, Holy Family School, grade 8
- Christopher Walakovits, Holy Family School, grade 7

Senior Division

- Brittany Cloutier, Bethlehem Catholic H.S.,
- Mary Cotturo, Bethlehem Catholic H.S.

Congratulations to our Brother Knights Who Received their 2nd Degree on Jan 29th

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| Michael E. Adams | Frank G. Wismer |
| Danny Carrion | Anthony A. Bulzer |
| Thomas C. Duffy | William R. Carter |
| Barry E. Laudenslager | Michael Furman |



In Memoriam

To Our Brother Knights who have recently passed on

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| Paul E. Amenta | October 11, 2011 | Donald J. Keirnan | December 14, 2011 |
| Gene F. Roscioli | November 30, 2011 | Anthony Cardell | December 28, 2011 |



2nd Quarter Meeting Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Purpose	Meeting Room
April 11, 2012	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
April 25, 2012	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR
May 9, 2012	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
May 23, 2012	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR
June 6, 2012	WED	7:00 PM	Home Association	MGMR
June 13, 2012	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
June 27, 2012	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR

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