

**December 2011**

- **Chaplain.**  
**Msgr. Flanigan**
- **Grand Knight**  
**Matthew Lenzinski**
- **Immediate Past Grand Knight**  
**S. Michael Kelly**
- **Deputy Grand Knight**  
**John Atkins**
- **Chancellor**  
**Rick Ray**
- **Recording Secretary**  
**Henry O'Hara**
- **Treasurer**  
**John Rossi**
- **Advocate**  
**James Rebarchak,**  
**PGK**
- **Warden**  
**Tim Lescoe**
- **Financial Secretary**  
**Charles McGovern**
- **Inside Guard**  
**Toma Lazar**
- **Outside Guards**  
**Adam Zajac and**  
**Steve Finley**
- **Trustee Three Year**  
**S. Michael Kelly**
- **Trustee Two Year**  
**Robert Kozloski**
- **Trustee One Year**  
**Michael Covais**
- **Lecturer**  
**Robert Patey**

# Knightly News

## From the Grand Knight!



Brothers:

Many of us are still mourning the death of our hard working Deputy Grand Knight, Ed Koza. While I certainly didn't know Ed as well as some of you, I was struck by his passing. Even though Ed had certainly lived a long life, I never considered him "old", as he was tireless in his work for the Knights of Columbus. It was a true testament to how much Ed was loved and will be missed by the council that we had more than a eighteen brother knights in 4th degree attire at Ed's Funeral. He certainly deserved the honor, and we will miss him.

With the suddenness of Ed's passing, I would be remiss if I didn't remind all of you that the Knights of Columbus has an insurance program that we all, by virtue of our membership, have access to. As we learn in the first degree, death will come to all of us and we seldom know the hour that it will arrive. As I recently did, I would suggest you take an hour to meet with our insurance agent, Matthew Fischetti (267-257-5956 or [matthew.fischetti@kofc.org](mailto:matthew.fischetti@kofc.org)), to review the plans you have in place should the worst occur.

Another consequence of Ed's passing was the vacancy of his position of Deputy Grand Knight. After conferring with our trustees, I have recommended that our District Deputy nominate several new officers. First, John Atkins will assume the position of Deputy Grand Knight for the remainder of Ed's term. In addition, Rick Ray, our current Warden has agreed to move to replace John in the Chancellor role. Finally, in order to bring our council in line with the requirements of the order, we have eliminated one Guard position through the promotion of Tim Lescoe to Warden. While these changes were made in response to a truly sad event, the newly promoted officers are excellent leaders and I look forward to their support for the balance of the year.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
*Matthew Lenzinski*  
Grand Knight

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## Project Updates

### Ultrasound Program

After just over a year of hard work and sacrifice, our council has completed the fundraising for the ultrasound program. With our pasta dinner at St. Rose of Lima and a final collection at Corpus Christi in October, our total amount raised for this program is \$19,855.34. This is \$4705.34 more than the money needed for the purchase of the machine itself. The excess funds raised allowed us to make an additional donation to A Baby's Breath to cover the costs of their first year's malpractice insurance, a new exam table, and some supplies. To dedicate the machine, Bishop John McIntyre visited A Baby's Breath in Collegeville to bless the machine. As mentioned in the last newsletter, our council has the distinction of being the first in the state to raise all of the funds for the program at the local level. We have received several notes of thanks from A Baby's Breath, and every member of our council should be proud of this great accomplishment.



Ultrasound dedication on October 10, 2011. From L to R: Msgr. Sweeney (St. Eleanor's Parish), Bishop John McIntyre, Karen Patota (Founder of A Baby's Breath), Msgr. Flanigan, GK Matthew Lenzinski)

### Blood Drive

Giving blood in many cases is truly giving the gift of life. It is a charitable cause than can not necessarily be satisfied with writing a check, it really requires a gift of your time. The council once again sponsored the Corpus Christi Parish Blood Drive on November 25th (Black Friday) from 1 to 7 PM. This year, our goal was to have 70 units of blood donated and we got very close, with a result of 61 units collected. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Red Cross, and especially to the 8 donors who did double red cell donations.

### Advent Calendar Sale Results

Our second advent calendar sale went extremely well, with exactly 300 calendars sold. Thanks to a decrease on our cost on the calendars and an increase in the number sold, we were able to raise \$1,357.50 to donate to the Visitation BVM school in Philadelphia. Visitation BVM is Corpus Christi's sister parish and it is the recipient of the Christmas gifts that the parish collects. A special "thank you" goes out to Tim Lescoe for running the sale and personally putting in many hours of selling.

### Annual Awards Dinner

Our second annual Awards Dinner is quickly approaching on Saturday January 14th. The dinner is a great opportunity for you and a guest to enjoy an evening with your brother knights and recognize the achievements of the council and several individuals. Our Knight of the Year and Family of the Year will be recognized at the dinner along with council members who have reached milestones in their service to the order. As dinner is catered, please RSVP by January 5th to GK Matthew Lenzinski with your \$15 per person payment.

## Upcoming Events

### January

- 12—Council Free Throw Contest (Corpus Christi Gym)
- 14—Annual Awards Dinner (Corpus Christi—Fr. Doyle Hall)
- 19—First Degree Ceremony (Corpus Christi—Meeting Room B/C)
- 22—Pancake Breakfast (Corpus Christi—Fr. Doyle Hall)
- 23—March for Life (Bus to Washington, DC)
- 26—District Free Throw Contest (Corpus Christi Gym)

### February

- 4—Spaghetti Dinner (Corpus Christi Gym) **TENTATIVE**
- 17—Lenten Crab Cake Orders Due
- 24—Lenten Crab Cake Pickup (Corpus Christi)

### March

- 16—Lenten Fish Fry
- 25—Pancake Breakfast (Corpus Christi—Fr. Doyle Hall)

### April

- 7—ARC Campaign Begins

### May

- 5—Trivia Night (Corpus Christi—Fr. Doyle Hall)
- 20—Pancake Breakfast (Corpus Christi—Fr. Doyle Hall)
- 20—Spring Blood Drive (Corpus Christi Gym)
- 27—4th Degree Exemplification (Dolce Hotel King of Prussia)
- 27—ARC Campaign Ends

## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings — Rosary at 7 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **General Council Meetings:**

- January 3 (Tue) - Meeting Room B
- February 6 (Mon) - Meeting Room A
- March 5 (Mon) - St. Rose of Lima—Fr. Murphy Rm
- April 2 (Mon) - Meeting Room A

### **Officer Monthly Meetings:** open to all

- January 30 (Mon) - Meeting Room D
- February 27 (Mon) - Meeting Room D
- March 26 (Mon) - Meeting Room D
- April 30 (Mon) - Meeting Room D

### **Non-strategic Donation Policy**

At the November 1st executive meeting, the council officers approved a non-binding resolution to clarify the council's policy on donations to "non-strategic" charities. The officers voted on the resolution that said, "The council officers agree to a non-binding policy that donations by the council to non-strategic charities will be limited to \$50 per event." Non-strategic charities were agreed to be those that the council doesn't target as the recipient of the proceeds of an event or an organization that is not specifically supported through a program of the Supreme Council. The motion was approved with the following vote: 5 yea, 0 nay, 2 abstentions.

## **Contact the Grand Knight**

If you need to contact Grand Knight Matthew Lendzinski, for any reason, please feel free to call **(215) 917-7774** or email at our NEW e-mail at **kofc9715@gmail.com**.

## **Awards Nominations**

If you know of a brother knight or a family that deserves a nomination for Knight of the Month, please contact Awards Chairman, DGK John Atkins.

Find us at **www.kofc9715.org**. We have many photo albums, special interest pages, calendar of events, the latest news, links to State & Supreme councils, the Holy See, my grand knight message and more!



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Email is the fastest and most cost effective way for us to stay in contact, so please help us to strengthen our communications tools.