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“ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6TH!!”

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Dear Brother Knights: With the New Year already 2 months old you would have thought that anticipation and uncertainty of what was to come in the New Year would have subsided by now, but it hasn't. The uncertainty of staying in our current home for the last 61 years is most likely the cause. Leaving may create some emotional moments, but it could also trigger many good memories of days gone by. But being overburdened to save the building has been very stressful; maybe it's time to lighten our burden?!? Why did we become a Knight in the first place? Was it to focus on the operation and maintenance of running a Social Club? Deep down inside, probably not! By focusing on the core mission of the Knights, it really doesn't matter where our council home is. Our focus today is no different than that of our 1st charter member, Venerable Nelson Baker. Focusing on service to those in need, and not on a building, and feeling that you've made a difference is the key to being successful. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie, it is being INVOLVED with our community, supporting your local Catholic Church while enhancing your own Faith and it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7PM to hear more and get up to speed! Arrive at 6:30PM and enjoy some food & refreshments prior to our regular meeting. Our Lady of Victory Pray For Us! Fraternally. *Gene Mendrysa - GK*

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues Mar 3rd	LCC Board 6:30PM	Wed Mar 6th	Ash Wednesday
Thur Mar 7th	Sr. Knights 1:00PM	Wed Mar 13th	Council Meeting 7PM
Sun Mar 17th	St. Patrick's Day	Tues Mar 19th	St. Joseph's Day
Wed Mar 20th	1 st Day of Spring (Hooray!)	Sat Mar 23 rd	4 th Degree Exemplification

4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY # 2038

The next assembly meeting is Thursday, March 7th, 2019 Nash Council, 7:30PM. The 4th Degree Exemplification ceremony is being held in Niagara Falls on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. Information pertaining to the day's events & costs for current 3rd Degree members interested in advancing to the "Patriotic" Degree is available by Contacting John Radwan 675-1804.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

– Congratulations to our newest member Alan Checko who obtained his 1st & 2nd Degrees on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at ceremonies at Fr. Justin Council. Welcome Alan! Upcoming Degree: **3rd Degree** – Based on the principle of "Fraternity" a third Degree ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Fr. Justin Council located at 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Current 2nd Degree members should arrive by 6:30PM; Degree starts at 7:00PM. Refreshments to be served afterwards. No cost, just 2 hours of your time in order to advance to this "Knighthood" Degree! Contact John Radwan (675-1804) to make reservations. Because of inclement weather and conditions in our building the Feb. 13th, council meeting was canceled.

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DARTS – Well a few glitches in our season so far this year but we manage to move on. Thanks to all the players for their understanding with the unfortunate building conditions but we're back in business and having our fun as usual. We continue to look forward to each Wednesday and will do so until completion of this round. April will be here before we know it and our finale will be better than ever! Thanks, guys, for your patience and understanding.

FREE THROW CONTEST Nine winners of Fr. Baker Council's Free Throw Competition that was held on Saturday, January 19th went on to compete in the District Level Competition held on Sunday, January 27th at the Hamburg Council. Winners from the local contests held at Fr. Baker Council, Msgr. Nash Council, Hamburg Council, Bishop Burke Council and Christ the King Council met at Hamburg Council to compete in the District Level Competition. Miss Taylor Zajac, age 11, a student at OLV Elementary School, was a winner at both our Council Competition and at the District Level Competition, and at the Regional Competition held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Out Lady of Hope Council in Kenmore *she won again!* She will now move on to the NY State level in Syracuse in March. Congratulations Taylor and Good Luck (*you Go Girl!!!*)

A "KNIGHT" OF BASEBALL – Fr. Baker Council will hold an event called "A Knight of Baseball" on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00PM in the council lounge. This event includes 2 baseball films, "The Golden Decade of Baseball" & Mickey Mantle – "The American Dream Comes to Life". Admission is only \$6.00 which includes the 2 movies, pizza, wings, snacks & one free beer. Please come early seating is limited!

LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS – This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th and continues through Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday which leads us to Easter Sunday on April 18th. The Church recommends three paths to help us with Lenten observance: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Prayer:** During Lent we try to deepen our relationship with God through prayer. This can be private, done quietly in your home, on the way to work or attending daily Mass during the Lenten Season. **Fasting:** The Church encourages us to Fast, that is to give up some of the food we eat each day, as a personal sacrifice. The Church's regulation is that on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday (no meat) and that we consume one full meal & two smaller meals.

Almsgiving: the act of Charity toward the poor. We have ample opportunity to follow through on the Lenten regulation in our Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal during Lent and in donations we send to our favorite charities & our own parish. As you all know the more we put into Lent the better we are able to celebrate Easter!

SENIOR KNIGHTS NEWS

MEETING: Next Sr. Knights meeting Thur. March 7th, 2019 @ 1:00PM.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS – Bill MacDonald, Gene Mendrysa & Art Pluta, enjoy your Special Day Gentlemen and make each birthday count!

2019 DUES ARE DUE! - Dues are still only \$5.00, if paying by check payable to Fr. Baker Sr. Knights and forward to: Otto Johnson, 5680 Rice Rd, Boston, NY 14025 or bring them to the meeting on the 7th.

BINGO – We all know how important BINGO is to the survival of our council, we are in dire need of not only floor volunteers but a few people who will be willing to accept administrative positions as a member of the BINGO team, these roles **Must Be Filled** please give it some serious consideration, for more information please contact Otto Johnson via the club 825-5150.

BROTHERS-In-Need. Please remember in the Kindness of Your Prayers council member Dave Schaefer, recent bypass surgery, now recovering at home. And our recently departed: 3rd Degree & Honorary Life member John "Jack" Farrell, age 94, member 36 yrs., Ronald A. Zelak, 3rd Degree & Honorary Life member for 53 yrs., Frank Adamczyk, age 89, 3rd Degree & Honorary Life member for 45 yrs., and John F. Johnson, age 97, 4th Degree and Honorary Life member for 57 yrs. Fr. Baker Council would also like to extend their deepest sympathy to council member Ken Kovach and his wife Tina on the recent loss of their son Brad. Ken you are experiencing every parent's worst nightmare may God grant you both the Peace and Strength of His unending mercy to help you through this; our prayers are with you!

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