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St. Augustine's Council No. 7273, Knights of Columbus, Peru, New York

DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015



January 2015

- 1 – New Years Day -
The Epiphany of The Lord
- 5 – Officers' Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5 – Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6 – Bingo Team #2
- 8 – Degree Team Practice 7 p.m.
- 11 – Baptism of Our Lord
- 11 – 1st Degree at 1 p.m. hosted
by our council
- 13 – Bingo Team #3
- 15 - District Mtg Hosted by
Morrisonville Council #6067
- 17- Spaghetti Dinner at the
Calkins Memorial Hall
4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 19 – Martin Luther King Day
- 20 – Bingo Team #4
- 22- Day of Prayer for Legal
Protection for the Unborn
Child & DC March for Life
- 27 – Bingo Team #1
- 30 – Empower New York
Presentation in
Parish Center
- 31st – Fraternal Survey
(Form 1728) Due

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to wish all my Brother Knights a blessed and safe New Year. May 2015 afford you with all of God's blessings and graces.

I can not believe that 2014 is over. It seems like yesterday we were welcoming the new year and now we are saying goodbye. Time certainly does fly. Before you know it, 2016 will be knocking on our door, and fast!

I want to thank Brother Joe Purtell for manning the refreshments at the Ecumenical concert. It was a successful affair that was enjoyed by all. I also want to thank him for, once again, chairing the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. It is always a difficult task to oversee and judge the talented works of our youths.

I want to thank Brother Keith Kemp, and his lovely wife Shirley, for their leadership in the 'Kids Day Out.' From running the crafts center, to prepping the delicious hotdogs, to attaing the puppet show attraction, your successes were clearly evident.

Thank you Brother Don McBrayer and Brother Dwane Bast once again for treating the students and staff of the St. Augustine's Religious Ed program with some delicious egg muffin sandwiches. Always a welcome treat for the morning so that the students can learn their studies of the Church in which they are members easier.

I want to extend Brother John Ryan's invitation to attend the discussion on the many different benefits that NYSERDA can provide. The presentation will be held at the Calkins Memorial Hall on January 30th. This is truly an interesting topic that I am sure will be informative as well.

I thank you for all your work and and your contributions this past year and I look forward to working with you this new year as well. May God Bless you now and always!!

Vivat Jesu,
Tony

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Last month's Apple Tree did not get out as scheduled. I completely apologize for the lack of the newsletter. I apologize to our worthy advertisers who have contributed to us in an effort to get their company and product out to our readers. I apologize to my Brother Knights and I apologize to anyone else who may have been inconvenienced by this.

Council To Host 1st Degree

Our Council will host a 1st Degree on **Sunday, January 11th at 1 p.m.** Candidates should arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Councils with candidates are asked to notify Allen Dixon at 643-9239 **no later** than Wednesday, January 7th. Our 1st Degree Team has scheduled a practice session for Thursday, January 8th at 7 p.m.

Current members are encouraged to attend for three reasons: to welcome the new members; to support our excellent degree team and to renew your knowledge of the lessons taught in this wonderful ceremony.

Dinner Season Is Upon Us Once Again

With the return of the month of January, comes the return of the Spaghetti dinners that will be hosted by Council #7273. Last year we tried a variety of different dishes and it did not meet the successes that we were hoping to get. We will be returning to the traditional spaghetti dinners that brought us to the dance to begin with. The dinners will be held the third Saturday of the months of January, February, and April. We leave the month of March to the Catholic Daughters so that they may treat us with a phenomenal St. Patrick's Dinner. If you can help out with the dinners it would be greatly appreciated!

Dues Notices Sent

By now, you have received your notice for your 2015 Council Dues by our Financial Secretary Don McBayer. He is hoping to collect as many dues in the first round so that he does not have to send a second, or third, notice to his Brother Knights. Brother Don has informed me that he has already received a number of dues already.

Let's make this a strong response for Don on the first notice. I strongly encourage you to send your dues to Don forthwith so that extra postage and labor does not have to be extended. I appreciate your efforts in attending to this matter and I am sure Brother Don extends the same message.

Help Wanted

After much consideration and deep soul searching, yours truly would like to offer the editorship of "*The Apple Tree*" to another Knight who would be willing to share his time and talent towards a very worthy venture.

"*The Apple Tree*" has been a staple to Council #7273 for many years and has been the 'go-to' spot for Council news and information. I was blessed to have been offered the position back in 2008 and I have treated it like the baby I never had. I am seeking a Knight that would hold the newsletter with the same care and consideration. I will gladly walk the new editor through the processes so that he can be comfortable with the position.

I honestly feel that "*The Apple Tree*" needs a new mind and a fresher eye to take it to a new direction. It has been a great six years, but I think that it is time for me to give the pen to someone else. I want to thank John Ryan, PGK and Don McBayer for all of their contributions to "*The Apple Tree*" without these men, the newsletter would be blank pages. I am humbly asking for your help in stepping up to the plate. I will support you in any way possible. If interested, please contact me directly. Thank you for your consideration

Are You Concerned About Home or Apartment Energy Costs?

If you think a free home or apartment energy audit might save you money you should attend the "Empower New York" presentation at the Parish Center on Friday, January 30th at 7.p.m. Jamie Rogers, a NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) Program Coordinator, will explain how you can qualify for a free audit, a written report of the audit findings, interest free loans and/or energy improvement funding. St. Augustine's Parish recently underwent a NYSERDA energy audit. When the recommendations are implemented, the parish should save thousands of dollars in energy costs.

2015 Free Throw Contests

Peru Free Throw will be held in AuSable Forks Council on Feb 1st at 12 pm. The District free throw will follow afterwards. Feel free to come and support our local youths.

Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, State, and Local Councils and Assemblies contributed over \$167 million to charity in 2012. The figure includes \$30,947,974 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$136,601,843 in contributions from state and local councils, assemblies and Squires circles.

Councils in our area joined with the New York State Council to donate over \$16,000 to St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga following its recent tragic fire.

Our Order recently donated its 500th ultrasound machine to a local pregnancy center. Council #7273 donated \$200 to support the Bus For Life traveling from Plattsburgh to Washington D.C. for the January 22nd March For Life.

On December 12th, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented a \$1.6 million check to Pope Francis to be used for his personal charities, plus a \$400,000 check from Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund to supplement the relief efforts of the Holy See in the Middle East.

Another Major C&B Winner in North Country

Joseph McCarthy, a member of Watertown Council #259, was the \$25,000 winner in the 2014 C&B Drawing. A few years ago, Plattsburgh's OLV Parish won the top prize. New York State Councils sold nearly 61,000 books, a good C&B year. There will be enough money to assist our eight bishops in their charitable works; to contribute disaster aid when needed; to support the Special Olympics, to assist seminarians and religious and more. All C&B monies go to worthy charities.

Council #7273 members sold 91 books, meeting our C&B goal. We extend our thanks to all the members who participated in the C&B Program and especially to Brother John Theisen who coordinated C&B for our council. The rest of the winners are (Council #'s are in parenthesis)

\$ 25,000	Joseph McCarthy (#259)	\$10,000	Linda Schook (#428)
\$5,000	F. Capbianco (#4257)	\$1,000	Mark Ricafuerte (#337)
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Brother Allen Dixon's Wife, Marion, Recovering

Recently, Marion Dixon suffered a fall and it caused a serious fracture in her leg. The recovery process will be a long and extensive one. She is currently recovering at Meadowbrook Rehabilitation. It would be a real fraternal thing to show our support for Al by stopping by and saying 'hi'. Due to the severity of the injury, there is no slated discharge date, so breaking the monotony of the day, I am sure will be well received. She is in Room 116.

November Knight of the Month Fr. Alan Shnob



December Knight of the Month Len Jozwiak



Good of the Order



Please keep the following people in your prayers: Jack LaFave PGK, Bill McBride, Jr., Len & Noela Jozwiak, Dolores Durgan (Mother of Robert Durgan), John and Shirley Longware, Anna Purtell, Lynn and Ann Wilke, Mary Miner (wife of PGK Bob Miner), Deacon George Benson, John "Jack" Lawliss, Helen Bisallion, Rev. Gilbert Menard, Rev. Gerald Cerank, Peggy Banker, Justin Plumadore, Alton Stevens, Dick Jenkins, Bill Patnode, Dan Froehlich, John Soulia, Marian Dixon, Guy Banker PGK, Ellie Durgan, Paul Miller, Kelly O'Callaghan (sister-in-law of Cormac O'Callaghan), Christopher Goheens, Herman Durocher, Janet Alexander, Sandi Andrews, The McSweeneys, Roger Long.

In Memoriam

The past few months were not great months for some of our Knights in Council #7273. Within the last two months, our DGK Bill Allan and our Council Chaplain, Fr. Alan Shnob lost their mothers: Patricia and Connie, respectively, and PGK Gary Liberty lost his father, Carlton.

John 6: 53-57 says 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day'. This faith that we are taught shows that they who believe will grasp the eternal gift God has promised us. If the character of these three Knights are any reflection upon the parents who raised them, it is assuring to know they have received their reward in heaven and are now staring down upon us, intercessing on our behalf.



May the souls of the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

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May the Best Day of Your Past, Be the Worst Day of Your Future!

Anthony Andrews

Editor, Apple Tree Council #7273 District 95

If all articles, news items, announcements, etc. could be sent to me by the 14th of the month, that would be greatly appreciated.

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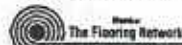
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