



1ST DEGREE
 FEB 3- ST. PAUL'S
 FEB 23- ST. PATRICK'S
MAJOR DEGREE
 MAR 24 - TBC



COUNCIL MEETING
 FEB 14, 2017 7:00PM
 CORPUS CHRISTI
 PARISH



Blood Donor Clinic
MARCH 2-VIVOS 4-6PM
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ASH WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 14

"ASH WEDNESDAY"

By: Carl Spitzweg, (1855-1860)



"No better illustration of the contrast between Carnival and Lent than this work by the 19th century Bavarian artist Carl Spitzweg. Spitzweg, though classified as a Romanticist, admired and emulated the genre paintings of the 17th century Flemish school. His style is often humorous and down-to-earth.

Note how the character here is still wearing his cheerful Carnival costume. Only he probably pushed the spirit of revelry a bit too far and gets to spend Ash Wednesday in jail, a pitcher of water as his sole company.

The projection of the bars of the window and mournful attitude of our character bring home his contrition, and yet sunlight floods the cell, symbolizing the forgiveness and hope that follow atonement."

<http://blog.catherinedelors.com/ash-wednesday-mercredi-des-cendres>

Watch this 3 mins video for a more in depth contemplation of Carl Spitzweg's

"ASH WEDNESDAY"

<https://youtu.be/2LGQOb10SoU>

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As we prepare ourselves for the Lent Season I wanted to remind all of our Council Members that we will running our '40 Cans for 40 Days' Program for Lent again this year. Last year we ran this program for the first time in our Parish, in support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We were absolutely thrilled with the response from our parishioners and members. During Lent last year we received over \$6000.00 in Store Card Donations and nearly 5 tons of non-perishable food items. We are very confident that we can exceed last year's donations. Please note that all of the donations collected this year will be staying here in Ascension Parish and will be used to stock our new SSVP Pantry. The '40 Cans for 40 Days' is one of our Premier Family Programs for 2018. We look forward to your continued support!

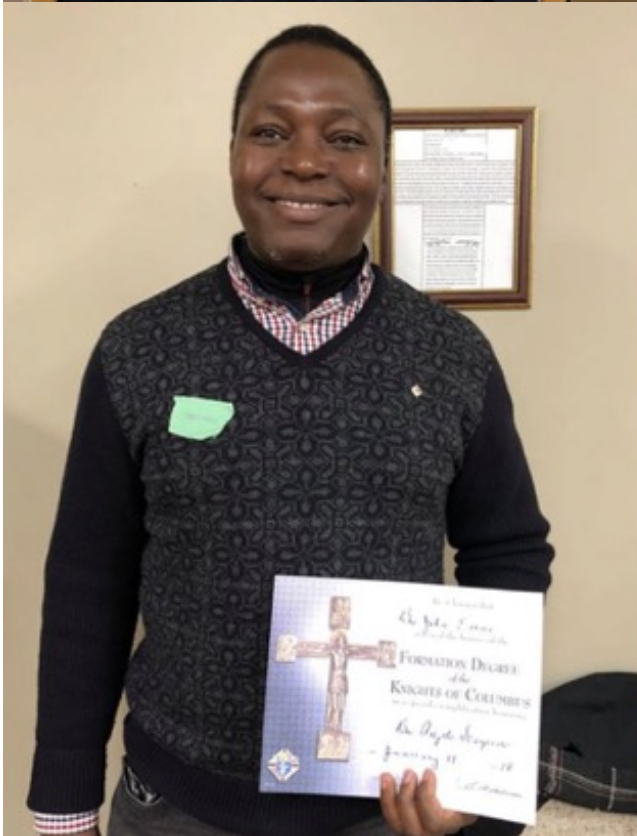
Reminder, 2018 Membership Cards are ready for pickup from the Knights Table. You can pay your membership dues by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Unpaid dues have to be paid by the Council to Supreme from our annual revenues. This can often be a significant expense to the Council and directly impacts the funds that we make available for our charitable programs. Even if you are not an 'active member' please remember to pay your dues on time, your parish and your Council is counting on you.



Ceremonial Degrees

January was a busy month for Ascension Council. Congratulation to Sir Knight Adekunle Sanyaolu, Sir Knight Daniel Santos and Sir Knight Moses Onmonya who received their Fourth Degree. Congratulations to Br. John and Br. Chidi who received their First Degree.







Robert Pettigrew,
Field Agent



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Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

KofC Agency News

This is the 17th year of continued growth for the KofC.

RRSP season is upon us, see what a Single Premium Whole Life RRSP can do to protect your family.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/annuities.html>



Padre Night is fast approaching. This event will be held on 8 February at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. Tickets are \$50 each. We have ten tickets allocated to our Council. More details on how to purchase your tickets will be outlined at the January Council Meeting. For more information you can contact the Grand Knight.

2018 Ascension KofC Service Programs

Church

- Keeping Christ in Christmas
- Support for Vocations
- RSVP
- Alter Servers' Appreciation
- Building the Domestic Church

Community

- St. Dismas Prison Ministry
- Blue Mass
- Mustard Seed
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

Council

- Blood Donor Clinic
- Wives' Appreciation
- Stampede BBQ
- Rorate Mass
- Christmas/Easter-Mass Setup

Culture of Life

- March For Life

Family

- Pumpkin Carving
- 40 Cans for Lent

Youth

- Coats for kids
- Basketball Free Throw
- Scholarship Program

Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland



With Lent fast approaching, perhaps now is a good opportunity to consider joining one of the ministries that support our Sunday Masses. Right now the parish needs help with serving communion and reading the Mass readings. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Lectors are critical to the liturgical celebration. Training is provided for both ministries and can be a very rewarding experience. As described in the bulletin, "Sharing in the Eucharist is the main reason we come together. It is the defining moment of the Mass where we profess our belief and faith" and "The role of Lector is a vital one, because for many people, it is the only time they hear the Scriptures." EMHC training is on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Lector training is on Wednesday, January 31st from 5:30-6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Since we are in renovations right now we will be joining St. Luke's for Friday evening Stations of the Cross. The Stations are after the 7:00PM Mass.

Our Parish Lenten Mission this year is very early in the Lenten season. The mission is February 15, 16 and 17. The Thursday and Friday evenings sessions start at 6:30 with Rosary and Mass followed by talks. The Saturday session starts at 8:30 AM with Rosary and Mass and then a talk. Confessions will be available at all three sessions. Please join in to deepen your personal Lenten experience.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14th. The Masses at the parish are at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm. Here are a few tips from the bulletin for your days of fasting. "Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat for those 14 and older; fasting means one full meal and two smaller meals that do not exceed the food of the full meal; no snacks are permitted. The Church prescribes fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting applies to those 18 to 59 years of age. Pregnant women and people who are ill are not required to fast."

The bulletin reminds us that "Palms are blessed objects and should be treated with reverence. To dispose of old palms, you may burn or bury them. They should not be thrown in the garbage. Palms can be returned to the Church before Ash Wednesday. Containers are available in the Narthex."



"We did not happen to be - we were chosen by God to exist. His Providence placed us in a time and state of life that would bring out our greatest potential."

- Mother Angelica

New Year's Coffee Break

On Wednesday, 24 January, 2018, Ascension Council had its first informal coffee break of the year. Eleven Brothers were able to attend to witness Br. Dale and Br. Larry go toe-to-toe in the first annual muffin crushing contest. Without surprise, Br. Larry held the early advantage when, from out of nowhere, Br. Pete swooped in, dislodging the final bites from Br. Larry's grasp, knocking the morsels to the floor. The ensuing melee at the centre table left considerable doubt as to the outcome. Goaltender interference has to be the call, but as of yet, we have not heard back from video review. Surely a rematch is in the offing.

If you would like to receive email notification of future get togethers, please send me your email and I will add you to the list.

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***“Unless there is a Good Friday in your life,
there can be no Easter Sunday.”***

-Ven. Fulton Sheen



Greetings from Br. Mark Drapal

Ascension Council received the following postcard from our sponsored RSVP Seminarian, Br. Mark.

RSVP funds are donated by Councils and Assemblies to a seminarian or religious aspirant, not to cover the cost of their education charged by the seminary or institution; rather funds are to be used for personal needs. Councils get \$100 refunded by Supreme, for each \$500 given to men and women who are studying to become a priest or religious sister. Supreme will return a maximum refund of \$400 annually, per individual. Reminder that Councils participating in RSVP, meeting all of its minimum requirements will fulfill all four Church Activity requirements for the Columbian Award.



Double Star Council Award

Worthy District Deputy Boone Learmont presents Grand Knight Kevin Power with the KofC Double Star Council Award. Deputy Grand Knight Dale Rundell and Membership Director Nnamdi Ahajumobi are recognized for their contributions.





An atheist named Stephan was walking in the Serengeti. He looked around and said to himself "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!"

As Stephan was walking alongside the river, he heard a voice in the bushes behind him.

He turned back to look. He saw a giant lion charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the lion was closing in on him.

Stephan looked over his shoulder again, and the lion was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the lion was right on top of him reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist Stephan screamed out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The lion froze. The forest was silent.

As an incredible bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky.

"You refuse my existence for all these years, you taught others that I didn't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident."

"Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist Stephan looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make that lion a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice.

The incredible light disappeared. The forest was alive again.

And the lion dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."



[Links to K of C Publications](#)

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

