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NEWSLETTER JULY 2004

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

My Brother Knights, our Council has grown and prospered every year since its' beginning. This past year has been no exception. On behalf of the Officers and myself, I would like to thank you and your families for all of your efforts and hard work to keep this trend alive. The Officers and I are looking to make next year an even greater success. But this can't be done alone, we need the help of ALL our Brother Knights to step up to the plate, to give of their time and ideas, so that our Council will continue to prosper. So I'm asking you to come to the meetings and bring your ideas, and become more active. This will not only benefit our Council, but it will also benefit the Church and community. But the best thing about it is how it makes you feel about yourself. Fraternally,

Paul Chatburn, Grand Knight

KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Our June 24th meeting was our year-end social and on that occasion we honored our Knight and Family of the Year, and celebrate our successes of the past Columbian Year. We are very pleased to announce that our Knight of the Year is Bob Vogelsong. Bob's participation and guidance had much to do with the success of many of our programs. Our Family of the Year was Dan and Joan Riiff whose combined efforts made many of our social programs a delight and a financial success. Congratulations and thank you.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The grand prize for this year's raffle, a Sharp 32" Color TV with Panasonic VHS recorder valued at \$400, was won by Cathy DePaola. This successful program raised \$2,155 and \$1,800 will be used to fund our scholarship program for middle school graduates that will be attending a Catholic High School. The recipients of these awards will be published as soon as they become available. We thank all of you who supported this program and Dan Riiff for his direction and efforts.

KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for June was George Fuchs (successful duties as Financial Secretary). Our Family of the Month for June was Herb Maddren and family. Congratulations and thank you.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our Council elections were held at our June 10th business meeting. The following nominees were elected to lead our Council during the coming Columbian Year: Grand Knight Paul Chatburn, Deputy Grand Knight Bob Calabro, Chancellor Bob Stefano, Warden Frank Maggio, Treasurer Jim McGovern, Advocate John Gandolfo, Recorder Tullio DeLiberalli, Inside Guard Joe DeLiso, Outside Guard John Wolnski, (3yr) Trustee Mario Monaco. We congratulate our elected officers and pledge our support to them for the coming year.

BACKYARD BARBEQUE

On Thursday, July 22th, Bob & Pauline Vogelsong will once again generously open their home to host an annual barbeque. <u>No meeting on this night.</u> All are invited to join us for swimming, bocce, horse shoes, ping-pong, or just socializing with brother knights and families. Their address is 3 Rainbow Place, Gloucester Twp.(near the corner of Little Gloucester Rd. & Erial Rd.) Starting time will be 6:00 PM. If you would like to bring a covered dish or dessert, coordinate with Bob or Pauline. For further information call (435-0414).

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

We are sponsoring a blood donor drive on Thursday, July 8th, from 1:30 PM to 8:00 PM, in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in particularly short supply during the vacation summer months so, if you are physically able, please try to donate. Dan Riiff will even provide you with dinner if you're worried about being too weak after giving. We need your help, please support this effort.

(K)NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

We are planning a night with the Camden Riversharks on Friday evening, July 9th. Tickets are only \$11 and they are going fast. The price includes bus transportation, admission to the game, and snacks on board the bus. The bus will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 5:45 PM. This is a great way to see a good baseball game at an affordable family price. Make your reservations now by calling Dan Riiff (228-0334). We are planning another outing on September 10th.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

How can we ever be lonely? The love of God is so real, so intense, so much a part of us, how can we ever be alone? God's love accompanies us wherever we go, and it remains in us every minute of the day. God's impenetrable love keeps us going all the time, and it is this great affection that guides us in everything we do. It is so embedded in us that it keeps us company always. If you ever feel lonely, it is probably because you never felt this love pulling at your heartstrings.

FREE CONCERT

Our Council is sponsoring a free concert on August 10th in the St. Agnes Church parking lot, in front of the Parish Center (if it rains we can easily move the concert inside the parish center). Tommy Darro and his band will provide the music from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, and we'll provide free hot dogs, soda and soft pretzels. Admission is free so bring the family and friends. <u>Also bring your own chairs</u>. We're going to need some help setting up and running the show. For further information, contact Bob Stefano (227-6715). We know we can count on you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis, it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced -- sometimes dramatically -- when you retire. And furthermore, in our fast and ever changing economy, retirement may be a sooner rather than later event. Plan a complete needs analysis, review it with your Knights of Columbus agent and find out exactly where you stand.

Call me today for an appointment. Thomas J. Conway, Jr. Field Agent (856) 753-4458

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The new "Bishop Shad Assembly" is meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, at 8:00 PM, at the Holy Crusaders Council home, Church Street. The applicable sir knights are requested to transfer from the Damiano Assembly to the Bishop Shad Assembly. Transfer requires completion of Form 4. For further information or to expedite your transfer, please contact Ernie Ackerman (227-2371). The annual Deborah Social is scheduled for Oct. 15th and Ernie Aukerman will be the honoree. They are also putting together a basket of cheer and would appreciate your donations of unopened bottles.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Big 50/50 Drawing, first mailing, Aug. 18th. (K)Night at the ballpark, Sept. 10th, Riversharks. Crab Feast, Sept. 11th, Parish Center. Monte Carlo Night, Nov. 20th, Parish Center.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

This year's Monte Carlo Night will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th, in the Parish Center. At this time it may seem like a long way off, but with the enormous amount of planning and work to be done, it really isn't. To help, or to offer your suggestions for improvements, contact John Colaianni (228-9528) or Dan Riiff (228-0334).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, July 2nd, following the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. Our Council would like to schedule specific times when a knight will be present for adoration. There is a sign-up sheet by the door, in the chapel.

EDITORIAL

It wasn't too long ago that our elected Council officers were sitting out there with the membership at our meetings possibly with some doubts, as to whether they would have the time to perform the duties of a chair officer. But they did and they will tell you that it was not only possible, but also satisfying. There will future years and future elections and the Council will always need leadership. Think about it. Vivat Jesus.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Knights or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Ted Anderson, Steven Armenia, Kenneth Aukerman, Pete Brusco, Mrs. Judy Calabrese, Chris Chiaro, Bob Coyle, Mick DiCamillo, Andy DiJoseph, Lisa Gandolfo, Anne Ibekwe, James Kennedy, Charles Murray, Mike Russell, Anne Chin, Timothy Smith, Ed Steward, Lisa Toner, Mrs. Pauline Vogelsong, Elizabeth Vogelsong and Marie Woyciechowski. The following members will celebrate their anniversaries: Mr.& Mrs. Tony DiCarlo, and Mr.& Mrs. Nick Pascale. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!** If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- July 2 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- July 8 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- July 8 Blood Donor Drive (2-8 PM Parish Center)
- July 9 (K)Night at the Ballpark (Camden)
- July 22 Barbeque Picnic (6 PM Bob Vogelsong's)
- Aug. 5 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Aug. 6 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Aug. 10 Free Concert (St. Agnes Church Grounds)
- Aug. 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Aug. 12 Fr. McGivney's Birthday (1852)
- Aug. 14 Fr. McGivney's Death (1890)
- Aug. 26 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

FREE CONCERT TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH ST. AGNES CHURCH PARKING LOT (IN FRONT OF THE PARISH CENTER, IF IT RAINS WE MOVE INSIDE) ENJOY AN EVENING WITH TOMMY DARRO AND HIS BAND FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 PM



FREE HOT DOGS, SODA AND SOFT PRETZELS ALL ARE WELCOME SO BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS (ALSO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS)