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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2005

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brother Knights, I hope that you are enjoying the Holidays and I wish all of you and your families the best for the New Year. I hope you can, in this New Year, make a resolution to return to the Council if you have been away, be more involved in upcoming activities, and maybe come up with ideas for new activities. Always remember that the welcome mat is always out. We must always keep our Faith alive. The ways we can accomplish this is by helping and giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. By doing this, our Faith grows.

Fraternally,

Paul Chatburn, Grand Knight

### ANNUAL DUES

Included with your copy of this newsletter is your bill for your annual dues. Please give this your prompt attention and pay it now, before you do another thing. While most of you do, there are always a few procrastinators that put it aside and forget about it, and that's when we get involved with follow up bills and phone calls. This takes a lot of time and bother that we don't need. Please cooperate.

### FREE THROW CONTEST

Over the past 31 years more than 2.5 million boys and girls ages 10 to 14 have participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Last year alone 179,053 contestants took part in 3,229 local competitions. On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Council will sponsor our annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest, in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Andy DiJoseph (784-5577) will, once again, be directing this program, and he's going to need your help. Your help will be needed to line up the shooters and keep score. Give Brother Andy or Bob Stefano (227-6715) a call for further details. Thank you.

### KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for December was Joe Casserly (Service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for December was Anthony Wojciechowski and family. Congratulations and thank you.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY

On December 14<sup>th</sup> Deacon Henry Custodio and Santa Claus (Dan Riiff) visited the residents of the Nursing Care Center, Washington Township, to bring them some Christmas cheer. They delivered the gifts that were donated by you and the Council, to the grateful residents. We would like to thank Brothers Henry and Dan for their efforts and to all who donated the gifts.

### ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIFT DISTRIBUTIONS

Once again our Council was successful in assisting the St. Vincent dePaul Society in the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts for the many needy families in our area. This was made possible by the help of many volunteers who gave their time during this holiday season. We would also like to extend our thanks to Teen Life for their help in transporting the gifts to the Parish Center.

### MALVERN RETREAT

Our second Council group of the Columbian Year will be attending a retreat at Malvern during the weekend of Jan. 14-16. Experiencing a weekend of prayer and conferences has been an uplifting experience for all who have attended. If you would like to attend, give or obtain and give, your reservation form to Fred Durso (627-3574) or John Gandolfo (227-0447).

### BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

We are planning a Red Cross Blood Donor Drive on Tuesday, January 11, starting at 1:45 PM until 7:45 PM in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Blood is always in short supply anymore and this is particularly true during the holiday season. Dan Riiff will even provide you with dinner if you're worried about being too weak after giving. If you're physically able, please roll up your sleeve and give.

### SOCIAL MEETING

Our January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a social meeting that will feature a guest speaker. A spokes person from the ARC of Camden County will describe their services and programs for citizens with mental retardation. We have consistently donated to them a

portion of the funds we collect from our drive and they are very grateful for our support. We think you will find what they do with our donations very interesting. All are welcome.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

How can we ever feel lonely? The love of God is so real, so much a part of us, how can we really find ourselves alone? God's love accompanies us wherever we go and it remains in us every minute of the day. His love guides us in everything we do. And why not? God knew us before he put us on his drawing board. When we were born, God said "at last, at last, my breath has enlivened you."

### DEGREE NEWS

Our Council is pleased to welcome and congratulate Jeffrey S. Lilley into our numbers. Brother Jeff took his first at a ceremony in another Council and was welcomed into our Council at our Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### MARCH FOR LIFE-WASHINGTON D.C.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Knights from all parts of the United States will join tens of thousands in the rally. With the \$712.00 raised from our Rose Sale, we will be providing free bus transportation to Washington for those protesting abortion. The bus will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 8:30 AM. For further information or to make your bus reservation, contact our Pro-Life Director, Rob Dietrich (227-6779), who will be directing this program.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

From its humble beginnings, our insurance program has grown into a formidable institution, providing billions of dollars in future death benefits to our members and families. Prudent management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing adequate backing for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to insured and their beneficiaries. Feel confident that we'll be there when you need us. The independent rating services of IMSA, Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best agree. Because we're a Fraternal Benefit Society, we have

no stockholders. Our owners are our members. We return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

Call me today for an appointment.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr.

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#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Shad Assembly meets on the third Wednesday of the month, at 8:00 PM, at the Holy Crusaders Council home, Church Street.

#### CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

We would like to thank Deacon Henry Custodio for directing another successful poster contest by the St. Agnes school children. The topic for the poster was "Christ Belongs In Christmas" and the winner in each of the 8 grades received a \$50 savings bond. The winners were, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as follows: Dorothy Missimer, Gianna Pizzo, Summer Morris, Erica Lanser, Niclole Page, Tara Crittenden, Danielle Evans and Anthony Calabrese. We congratulate our winners and thank all who participated.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, Jan 7th, following the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. Try to stop by during the day and spend some time with the Lord.

#### IN MEMORIUM

Once again, it is our sad duty to report the death of one of our members. On Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Fred Ware passed away. Brother Fred was an active member until a serious illness prevented his further participation. Keep him in your prayers.

#### EDITORIAL

We start the New Year feeling pretty good about our accomplishments in the first half. Now we must focus on some additional programs that have distinguished our Council in the past. This always begins with membership. We keep repeating this because it is extremely important, and a requirement that never goes away. We will be organizing

recruitment drives in the near future but you don't have to wait. If you have someone in mind, start lining up this prospect now.

This is always a good time of year to start getting more active in your Council's activities. If you've been away for a while, come on back. We'll all be glad to see you and welcome your participation. It's your Council and the door is always open to you no matter how long you've been away.  
Vivat Jesus.

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Dana Aversa, Steve Avery, Kira-Noelle Berstecher, Alex Breve, Mrs. Barbara Brusco, Tom Conway III, Vincent Conway, John Corbett, Neil Della Greca, Tony DiCarlo, Mrs. Delores Fini, Michael Gatto, John Heck, Mike Infanti, Michael Joas, William Lemon, Michael Lewis, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Shawn McGovern, Kate Muldowney, Bob Rigney, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Bob Vogel song, and Karen Woyciechowski.

The following will celebrate their anniversary this month: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Massaro.

CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 6 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Jan. 7 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Jan. 11 Blood Donor Drive (1:45-7:45 PM Parish Center.)
- Jan. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Jan. 14-16 Malvern Retreat
- Jan. 22 Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
- Jan. 24 March For Life (Washington D.C.)
- Jan. 27 Council Meeting - ARC Guest Speaker (8 PM Church St.)
- Feb. 3 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Feb. 4 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Feb. 9 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Feb. 24 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

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