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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2005

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

I would like to thank my Brother Knights and their families for all their help with the Parish Appreciation Breakfast and our membership drive. It took some extra effort, this time, to ensure the success of these programs and you came through again. We needed a strong recruitment effort to get our membership program back on track and I am optimistic about the results of this drive. The "Family of the Month" program is an important program encouraged and recognized by the State of New Jersey Knights of Columbus. I would like to thank Barry Start for taking the time to send the "Family of the Month" forms to the State. Thanks to his efforts, two of our members and their families have been recognized by the State.

As we all know, Spring has sprung, and with this brings new life. Let us all add new life in our faith in God and our commitments to the Knights. With that being said, I hope we all can take more time to help in our upcoming endeavors.

Fraternally,

Paul Chatburn, Grand Knight

HOAGIE SALE

We will be having another hoagie sale on Saturday, April 2nd. Our telephone blitz began during the week of March 18th. (A reminder, if you place an advanced order, please honor it and pick up your order). We are going to need your help to prepare the ingredients on Friday, April 1st starting at 6:00 PM in the St. Agnes School Cafeteria, Church St. We will start making the hoagies at 7:00 AM on Saturday morning in the same place. After we make the hoagies we will be selling them at several business locations and at our Churches after Saturday Masses. This has proven to be a popular and important fund raiser, but we will need your help to make and sell our quality product. Our inflation fighting prices will continue to be \$3 each, 2 for \$5. Gus Urbano (228-2974) is our program director so let's get on board and make this one another success.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for March was Tullio DeLiberali (Service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for March was John Gandolfo and family. Congratulations and thank you.

PARISH APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On March 20th our Council demonstrated its appreciation to our supporters by providing a free breakfast to all of our parishioners and their families. Breakfast was served from 8:30 until 11:30 in the Parish Center. Thanks to an exceptional effort by our members, the program was a huge success. More than 364 guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast of sausage, ham, eggs, waffles, toast, juice, doughnuts and coffee. We would like to thank John Colaianne, Bob Calabro, Bob Stefano, Jim McGovern, Paul Chatburn, Andy DiJoseph, Tullio DeLiberati, George Fuchs, Bill Means, Bob Vogelsong, Bob Foley, John Gandolfo, Dan Ruff, Jack Wolnski, Jeff Lilley and Mike Russell. We sincerely hope we haven't missed anyone. Running concurrently with the appreciation breakfast was our Church membership blitz. Tom Conway, Insurance Field Agent and Membership Director, led an outstanding drive and we are optimistic about the large number of prospects that we came away with.

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 7th, at 7:30 PM, prior to the start of our regular Officers Meeting. On this occasion we will be orienting the prospects coming out of our recent Church membership drive.

On Thursday, April 28th we will be hosting a First Degree Exemplification in our Council home.

On Thursday May 19th, we will be hosting a Second Degree Exemplification at 8:00 PM in our Council home.

And finally, ATTENTION ALL SECOND DEGREE KNIGHTS, on Friday, June 3rd we be hosting a Third Degree Exemplification in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Scheduling this degree has been very difficult so, by all means, don't miss out on it. Contact our District Deputy, Jack Beckett, Grand Knight, Paul Chatburn or Bob Vogelsong (435-0414) and make your reservation to attend.

CITIZENS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

During the weekend of April 22-24, our Council will participate in the annual Knights of Columbus fund raising drive for "Citizens With Mental Retardation."

We will be taking up a presence at Kmart and Super G. You will soon be receiving a call from our program coordinator, Bob Vogelsong, as he prepares our solicitation schedule. Please cooperate with Brother Bob and make yourselves available to cover our stations and, when you schedule a time and place, please honor that commitment. If for some reason you can't honor your commitment, please let Bob know so that coverage can be arranged. Remember that we have always tried to make this a family participation program, so we will welcome help from wives, children, friends, or anyone who wishes to help make this very worthy cause a success. Brother Bob (435-0414) could really use help to co-chair this rewarding program. If you are available, please contact him. Thank you.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What does it mean to turn over your life to Jesus? It is this: You don't like the way you are; you try to run your own life and you haven't succeeded; I'm not very loving, I'm not peaceful; I'm not a kind person; I'm sorry I left you out of my life. Now you want to change all that. Come into my heart and share your life with me. Let me experience your presence and your power in my life. And you say "Amen" reverently.

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.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our annual Council elections will take place at our June 9th business meeting. As required by our bylaws, our Grand Knight, Paul Chatburn has formed a nominating committee, that includes John Gandolfo and Bob Vogelsong, to develop a slate of candidates. This slate will be presented to the Council at the May 12th business meeting. If you are a third degree knight in good standing (dues paid), you are eligible to hold office in the Council. The offices open for election are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Treasurer, Advocate, Recorder, Inside and Outside Guard.

Think about it. If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination or would like to discuss the election further, contact Bob Vogelsong, John Gandolfo or Grand Knight, Paul Chatburn for additional information. Finally, nominations may be made from the floor at the election.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. Many new features have been added to www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." Here, "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are, one of them will sound a lot like you. The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to estimate the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family.

Call me today for an appointment.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr.

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, Apr. 1st, 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.

COUNCIL EMAIL FILE

Your Council would like to develop a file of members Email addresses to disseminate important messages in a timely manner, when necessary. We

are requesting your participation and you can do this by Emailing your Email address to Bob Vogelsong at vogelsong3@comcast.net. Security and privacy of this file will be maintained.

ANNUAL DUES

If you have not done so already, please pay your annual dues. Thank you.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

State Convention May 13-14, Wildwood Convention Center.

Year-End Awards Dinner, May 26, Church St.

June 3rd - Third Degree, St. Agnes Parish Center.

EDITORIAL

We would like to focus on the importance of the last quarter of this Columbian Year. All of our programs, so far, have been enormously successful. However, there is still some work to do in the area of membership. We have a quota to meet to win the Fr. McGiveny award, which is 1/3 of the Star Council Award requirement. We are coming off a very successful membership drive and we must follow through on it to meet our goals. Make a note of our Open House and Degree Schedule and if you know someone that you can fit in, please make him known to us. This would be a great way to finish off a great year.

Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 1 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)

Apr. 2 Hoagie Sale (Church St. Cafeteria)

Apr. 7 Open House (7:30 Church St.)

Apr. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

Apr. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

Apr. 22-24 Campaign For Citizens With Mental Retardation (Designated Stores)

Apr. 28 First Degree (8 PM Church St.)

May 5 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

May 6 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)

May 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

May 13-14 State Convention (Wildwood)

May 19 Second Degree (8 PM Church St.)

May 26 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Ernie Aukerman, Roseanne Aversa, Adam Berstecher, Karynlee Berstecher, Richard Calabrese, Annette Calabro, Msgr. James Checchio, Robert Colleluori, Mrs Jo-Ann Gandolfo, Harry Hamp, Dave Lusardi, Richard Nelson, Lester Pilangi, Theresa Porcellini, Mrs. Linda Tolen, Ted Trafka, Jack Werner, and Diane Woyciechowski, Raymond Zarzecki. Members celebrating their anniversaries are: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Enos, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Riiff, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pettineo, and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Woyciechowski. CONGRATULATIONS.
If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

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