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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2007

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brother Knights, I wish all of you and your families the best for the coming year. If you are a believer in New Years resolutions, let your first be to practice your faith. If you've been away for a while, let your second resolution be to return to your Council meetings. Some of the activities that are planned for the second half of the Columbian year include our Free Throw Contest Jan.20, Blood Drive on Jan.26, both in the parish center, and the March for Life Jan 22, meeting in the church parking lot, and a hoagie sale March 24 also in the parish center, and many more. With all these activities we could use your help. So please get active in your Council.

Fraternally

Robert E Calabro, Grand Knight

ANNUAL DUES

Included with this copy of your newsletter is your bill for your annual dues. Before you do another thing, pay this bill and be done with it for another year. The great majority of you do this, and for this we are very grateful. Don't put us through the ordeal of follow-up billing, phone calls, etc. Thank you.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

We are planning a Red Cross Blood Donor Drive on Friday, January 26th, starting at 1:45 PM until 7:45 PM in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Blood supplies are short particularly 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. Thank you.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for December was Bob Vogelsong (Christmas Gift Distribution). Our Family of the Month for December was Jim McGovern and family (Monte Carlo Night). Congratulations and thank you.

DEGREE NEWS

We would like to recognize four of our Brother Knights who received full knighthood in the Third Degree on Dec. 8th, at Santa Maria Council. We congratulate Joe Infanti, Vince Mento, Dennis Westfall and John Milligan. Our Grand Knight, Bob Calabro, witnessed the degree.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Over the past 33 years, more than 2.5 million boys and girls, ages 10 to 14 have participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. On Saturday, January 20th, 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. The competition starts at 10:00 AM; we need you there by 9:15. 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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

All men, if they repent and do good, are included in the love and mercy of God. The Lord is patient with them and pours out his mercy upon them. Even Judas the traitor could have obtained mercy had he repented. Hence, no matter how serious or great the sin, God's mercy and love are greater. God is infinitely just. He is also infinitely merciful.

POSTER CONTEST

Our Council sponsored the annual poster contest to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Contestants came from all grades at St. Agnes School as well as students in the CCD program. Here are the winners by grades: Grade 1 Ryan Smalley, 2 Ethan Mueller, 3 Caroline Cristina, 4 Angela Cardella, 5 Patrick O'Hanlon, 6 Jewel Wilson, 7 Paya Patel, 8 Moira Frain. Winners at each grade level will receive a \$50 savings bond. We would like to thank Andy DiJoseph for directing this timely program.

ST VINCENT dePAUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We would especially like to thank Bob Vogelsong and family for their efforts in assisting the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the collecting and distributing gifts for local families in need. We also thank the volunteers that helped with the program.

WASHINGTON D.C. PRO-LIFE MARCH

The March for Life will be held on Monday, January

22nd in Washington DC. There will be a bus, provided free of charge, departing from the St. Agnes Church parking lot on January 22nd at 8 AM. For further details or to arrange for seating please contact Rob Dietrich at (856) 672-1094.

MALVERN RETREAT

The regular retreatants have received the reservation forms for our Malvern retreat on Jan. 12-14. Fred Durso (627-3574) is our coordinator and, if we send our forms and deposits to him, he can get us booked in the same area. You can use the additional blank form to recruit someone else.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

In Case of Disability...

Each year, as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I attempt to contact every member and offer to review their policies, update our files, and illustrate new services available from the Knights. During one such call earlier this year, a member candidly stated that I should probably speak to his wife, as he really felt it better that she decide if we should meet. This was not so unusual, and in fact I recalled speaking with the Brother's spouse the previous year, but this time our conversation fortunately went into more detail, and she mentioned that the family was under some financial pressure, as her husband had been disabled. As I had prepared for my telephone call by reviewing our file, I knew our policies had been written with the Disability Premium Waiver, which provides that the Knights of Columbus will pay the Insured's premiums in the event of a disability lasting longer than six months. In this case, our Brother Knight had been disabled for four years! When I visited the family we completed the paperwork necessary to file a claim, and as a result, the family has been completely relieved of all future responsibility for premium payments, assuring his spouse an eventual insurance benefit of over \$150,000. at his death. In addition, the member's term insurance policy will be automatically converted to a whole life plan at age 65, premiums paid by the Knights. Finally, the family received a full refund of all premiums paid to the Knights of

Columbus for the past four years, in this case a sum in excess of \$8,000. Knights of Columbus' service makes a difference for our families! Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Please give me a call.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr., FICF
Field Agent

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 13th the annual Chapter Christmas Dinner was held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights. The dinner was attended by our state officers. The message from the state included "Keep Christ in Christmas," our opposition to same sex marriages, and careful controls surrounding stem cell research. And finally, "Trounce Michigan" in the area of membership recruitment.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the third Wednesday of the month, at 8:00 PM, Holy Family Church Hall, Sewell.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, January 5th, following the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. We are committed to "watch" in half-hour shifts throughout the day. To schedule your time call John Colaianni (228-9528). Try to stop in during the day and spend some time with the Lord.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Michael Amos, Dana Aversa, Steve Avery, Kira-Noelle Berstecher, John Biscardi, Alex Breve, Mark Broadbelt, Mrs. Barbara Brusco, Tom Conway III, Vincent Conway, John Corbett, Neil Della Greca, Tony DiCarlo, Andy DiJoseph, Michael Gatto, John Heck, Mike Infanti, Michael Joas, Michael Lewis, Alanna Massaro, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Shawn McGovern, Anthony Morrone, Kate Muldowney,

Bob Rigney, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Dan Tumolo, David Vega, Bob Vogel song, and Karen Woyciechowski.

The following will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Casserly, Mr.&Mrs. Robert Massaro, Mr.&Mrs. Nicholas Marcantonio. CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

EDITORIAL

The cover of the latest issue of Cavalcade magazine featured our annual watchwords to "Keep Christ In Christmas." As we now look around at the opened boxes and bags of torn wrapping paper, and await the bills for it all, are we now asking ourselves whether or not we really heeded this advice. Would the season have been a lot more meaningful and comfortable for us if we did? The newspapers describe the "Holiday Season" as a shopping frenzy or commercial orgy. Unfortunately, they're right. As long as we are in the Order we will hear this message every Christmas. Let's take it more seriously.

Now it's time to get back to work. We have completed a very successful first half of our Columbian Year, but we have a number of interesting and important programs that will require our attention and dedication. Be a part of it, starting with the New Year. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 4 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Jan. 5 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Jan. 11 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Jan. 12-14 Malvern Retreat
- Jan. 20 Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
- Jan. 22 March For Life (Washington D.C.)
- Jan. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Jan. 26 Blood Drive (1:45-7:45 PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 1 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Feb. 2 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Feb. 8 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
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