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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

February 21, 2007, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This is, above all, an organization of Catholic men, and this would be a good time to take that extra step that brings us closer to our Faith. Consider attending a Mass in addition to your regular Sunday obligation. I would like to thank Brother Andy DiJoseph, and all who helped in our basketball free throw contest. I would also like to thank Dan Riiff for his time and efforts on the blood drive and everyone who helped. THANK YOU.

Fraternally  
Robert E Calabro,  
Grand Knight

### BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

We held our semi-annual Red Cross Blood Donor Drive on January 26<sup>th</sup>, in the St. Agnes Parish Center. We would like to thank Dan Riiff for his efforts to coordinate, publicize and cater the food for the drive. Blood supplies are always particularly short during the holiday season and we were glad to help. We would also like to thank GK Bob Calabro and George Fuchs for their help with the drive. Thanks to their efforts and the support of our members, families and friends 71 pints were collected. We thank all of you that helped.

### KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for January was Andy DiJoseph (Free Throw Contest). Our Family of the Month for January was Rob Dietrich and family (Pro-Life March). Congratulations and thank you.

### DEGREE NEWS

We would like to welcome and congratulate Victor J. Ingurgio into our Council. Brother Victor took his First Degree on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Child Council.

### ANNUAL DUES

The initial response to the billing of annual dues was pretty good, but not complete. Please take care of this requirement before you do another thing. Thank you.

### FREE THROW CONTEST

On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, our Council sponsored our annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest, in the St. Agnes Parish Center. We would like to thank Andy DiJoseph for directing the program and the following members who helped: Barry Start, Bob Stefano, Bob Calabro, Dan Tumolo, Dave Lusardi (and daughter Allison), Dan Worstall, John Gandolfo, Ed Yurick, and Jim McGovern. Here are the winners, by age, that will advance to the district competition: Boys 10 Alex Ross, 11 Sameen Swint, 12 Nicholas Lawson, 13 Dominic Scafidi; Girls 10 Sydney Lawson, 11 Monica McGarvey, 13 Alexis Riiff.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When we are happy with such spiritual gifts as love, beauty, and goodness, we find ourselves less interested in worldly pursuits. But then we are bombarded with flash ads for things we can barely afford, and the cycle of greedy desire, over-expenditure, debt, insecurity, plans for reform and fresh yearning to possess still another thing begins anew. The saints, many of whom chose poverty as a way to avoid the burdens connected with possessions, have much to teach us about greed and simplicity.

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

The March for Life was held on Monday, January 22nd in Washington DC. Our Council provided bus transportation, free of charge, to those wishing to travel to Washington and demonstrate their support for the unborn. We thank Rob Deitrich for his efforts in coordinating this important and moral program.

### MALVERN RETREAT

The annual Malvern Retreat, during the weekend of Jan. 12-14, was a wonderful experience for all who attended. We are very proud of the large group that attended, from our Council. Twenty four of our members, friends and family members attended. Our members included Barry Start, John Sirolli, Vince & Fred Durso, Anthony & Joe Infanti, Tony

Rutigliano, Rus Mogavero, Al Guarini, Sal Polo, Chip Tolen, John Gandolfo, John Colaianni, Mario Monaco, Dennis Westfall, Joe Tiberii and Bob Enos. This is a wonderful and spiritually uplifting experience and we highly recommend it.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Our Financial Planning tool, which we call our Forecaster program, is used to provide our members with a highly accurate, multi year analysis of future retirement funding, college funding for their children, long term care estimates and life insurance needs. The Forecaster process is fairly simple: we enter the pertinent current family information into the system, including everyone's dates of birth, the family's current income level, assets including retirement savings, pension information, other income, liabilities, and life insurance information. Then our program "forecasts" the likely future financial outcomes for the family, in the event of a death, or retirement, as well as Long term care and College funding events.

In summary, the Knights of Columbus Forecaster program offers our members a scientific, analytical basis to evaluate their progress toward their financial goals, and to make decisions that will help them achieve those goals. The cost to the member is nothing – aside from the 20 to 30 minutes to run the program. Please call me, I'd be happy to provide this service for you as I have for many dozens of our Knights of Columbus families. I have no greater responsibility.

Please give me a call.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr., FICF, Field Agent

### SPECIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

Please make a note of this date. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a Mass for the deceased members of our Council at 9:00 AM in St. Agnes Church. We have asked for and received your support for many of our major programs e.g. Monte Carlo Night, hoagie sales, etc. We are again asking for that support. Our Council has over 200 members and we think that a strong showing to remember our deceased brothers at Holy Mass would be a very

important part of what we do. We are a family organization so we encourage you to bring the family. A social with the Altar and Rosary Society will follow. Ernie Aukerman (227-2731) is coordinating this program and needs to know the number in your group. If you need further information, please call him.

#### ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

In accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Council, our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity was filed. This report is an estimate of the many hours our Council dedicates to our many programs. It is a number in which we can all take much pride.

#### EMBLEM OF THE ORDER

The emblem incorporates a shield mounted upon a formee cross having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, and the formee cross is a artistic representation of the cross of Christ. Mounted on the shield are three objects: a faces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The faces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, February 2nd, 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). Please try to stop in during the day to spend time with the Lord.

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal Aversa, Tony Cannata, Rev. Jeffrey Cesarone, John Colaianni, Edward D'Andrea, Bill Dunn, Caitlin Gallagher, Al Guarini, Paul Heim, Sr., Bill Higgins, Ron Kentrus, Ron Lawrence, Mike Malatesta, John Muldowney, Jeremiah O'Connell, Mike Poiez, Dan Riiff, Anthony Rutigliano, Gina Sirolli, John Venuti and Paul Woyciechowski.

The following members will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chatburn, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lisanti, Mr. & Mrs. John Gandolfo. CONGRATUALTIONS

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

#### EDITORIAL

Brothers, please take notice that February 21<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday, and marks the start of the Lenten Season. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our active charitable and fund raising programs that we can lose sight of the fact that we are, first and foremost, a Catholic organization. Lent is a time to prepare and focus on the very foundation of our Faith, that being the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. You will find many Church services to help observe these events and you should make a special effort to attend some of them. Vivat Jesus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- 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.)
- Mar. 1 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Mar. 2 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
- Mar. 8 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Mar. 11 Mass For Deceased Members (9:00 AM St. Agnes Church)
- Mar. 22 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
- Mar. 24 Hoagie Sale (Parish Center)
- Mar. 29 Founder's Day (1882)

# **ASH WEDNESDAY**



**LENT BEGINS  
FEBRUARY 21st**