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NEWSLETTER JULY 2007

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

It is a special honor to be elected Grand Knight for another year. I would like to thank all of the officers of the past Columbian Year and also congratulate welcome all the officers for the new Columbian Year. I hope that we have as good a year as the last one. We could accomplish this only with the help of our membership. We meet on the second and sometimes on the fourth Thursdays of the month. It would be nice to see some new faces at our meetings. The meetings last about one hour, followed by refreshments. Hope to see some new faces.

Fraternally

Robert E Calabro,
Grand Knight

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The grand prize for this year was a 32" color TV (donated by Frank Maggio and we are very grateful to Brother Frank for his generosity). Tickets were sold at the St. Agnes Family Festival, Gloucester Twp Day and to the membership. We needed to raise \$1800 to fund our scholarship program. Scholarship distributions consisted of awards of \$300, \$200 and \$100 to 3 middle school graduates each from Charles Lewis, Glen Landing and St. Agnes who are planning to attend a Catholic High School. After funding the scholarships and printing expenses, the program grossed \$1917. We thank Dan Riiff and all the members that helped with ticket sales. The winning ticket holder was Brian Smith of Glendora.

Here are the recipients of the scholarship awards: From Charles L. Lewis-Amanda Bengel \$300, Margaret Madden \$200, William Mendek \$100; From St. Agnes-Tyler Pheasant \$300, Joseph Greenfield \$200, Kyle Gould \$100; From Glen Landing-Nazzareno Acchione \$300, Aja Coronado \$200, Eric Crescenti \$100.

NEW ADDRESS LISTING

Included with this copy of the newsletter is the latest membership listing of our Council. Please take a moment to check your listing for accuracy. Report any changes to John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for June was Dan Riiff (Blood Drive). Our Family of the Month for June was Bob Vogelsong and family (Backyard Barbeque). Congratulations and thank you.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Our Council will sponsor a Red Cross blood donor drive on Thursday, July 12th from 2 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always short during the summer vacation season. If you are physically able, come in, roll up your sleeve and give. If you think it might weaken you, Dan Riiff will provide you with dinner to help get you back on your feet. Please try to give. Thank you.

(K)NIGHTS AT THE BALLPARK

We are planning a night with the Camden Riversharks on Friday evening, July 20th. Tickets are only \$12 and are going fast. The price includes admission to the ballpark, bus transportation, and snacks. 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). This is a good deal and tickets are going fast.

BACKYARD BARBEQUE

On Thursday, July 26th, Bob & Pauline Vogelsong will once again generously open their home to host an annual backyard barbeque. **No meeting on this night.** All are invited to join us for swimming, bocce, horse shoes, pin-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 (435-0447).

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Jesus states clearly that He is the vine and we are the branches. The real chosen People of God are all those who are firmly attached to the Vine, which today is identified with Christ. As long as we remain attached to the Vine, we shall receive all the nourishment we need to make us strong and healthy, and productive of the finest fruit. But if we sin, and thus reject the source of our strength and vitality, we become withered, unproductive branches which

should be picked up and thrown into the fire to be burned. While we still linger in this world, we can do something that will restore health and vigor to the branches. We can repent and ask our merciful Lord to nourish us once more with His friendship and love.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our annual Council elections were held at our June 14th business meeting. The meeting was well attended which indicates strong interest in this important Council responsibility. Here are the results of the election: Grand Knight Bob Calabro, Deputy Grand Knight Bob Stefano, Chancellor, Andy DiJoseph, Warden Dan Tumolo, Treasurer Jim McGovern, Advocate John Gandolfo, Recorder Frank Brandis, Inside Guard Joe DeLiso, Outside Guards Jack Wolnski and Frank Puchalski, and Trustee 3yr Frank Maggio. We congratulate our elected officers and pledge our support for the coming year.

FREE CONCERT

Our Council will be sponsoring a free concert and barbeque on Tuesday, August 14th, in the Parish Center. BLT will provide the music and we will provide the food. Admission is free so bring the family, friends and your appetite. **Also bring your own chairs.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed council leaders. I'm sure you have a list of things that you want to accomplish during the coming year. I'm eager to help. One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well. If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you - transferring sales skills that you

can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service. What would be helpful to all of us would be an early start on those goals, rather than waiting until May or June. Let's get an early start this year.

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

FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFITS

The Knights of Columbus offers special benefits of membership. Among these are unique programs that exist exclusively for K of C families faced with needs that often fall outside traditional insurance plans.

The Family Fraternal Benefits package, available to all our good-standing members and their families, adds value to membership in our organization.

- Guaranteed Life Insurance Benefits for Uninsurable Children
- Death Benefits Available for Stillborn/Miscarried Children
- Orphan Benefits
- Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefits

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Our Monte Carlo Night will be held on November 17th. It may seem a long way off at this time, but with the enormous amount of planning and work to be done, it really isn't. We will definitely need business sponsors, silent auction items and bottles for the baskets of cheer. See back page.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, July 6th, 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, **CHURCH STREET**. Note meeting address change.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Knights or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Steven Armenia, Kenneth Aukerman, Mrs. Marie Belmont, Pete Brusco, Mrs. Judy Calabrese, Chris Chiaro, Bob Coyle, Mick DiCamillo, Mickey DiCamillo, Jr., Andy DiJoseph, John Hunt, James Kennedy, Joseph O'Hanlon, Mike Russell, Ed Steward, Lisa Toner, Mrs. Pauline Vogel song, Elizabeth Vogel song 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).

EDITORIAL

July 1st marks the start of our new Columbian Year. Here are some programs, scheduled for the month of July, that clearly indicate what we are about. On July 12th our Blood Donor Drive is an act of Charity and community service. July 20th is our (K)Night at the Ballpark that reflects our commitment to family and Fraternity. Bob Vogel song's generous backyard barbeque again reflects fraternalism and unity. Don't forget our Free Concert & Barbeque August 14th. If at all possible, try to join us in these activities as we unite for another successful Columbian Year. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 5 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
July 6 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
July 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
July 12 Blood Drive (2-8 PM, Parish Center)
July 20 (K)Nights at the Ballpark (Campbell Field)
July 26 Backyard Barbeque (6 PM Bob Vogel song's Yard)
Aug. 2 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Aug. 3 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Aug. 9 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Aug. 12 Fr. McGivney's Birthday (1852)
Aug. 14 Fr. McGivney's Death (1890)
Aug. 14 Free Concert & Barbeque (Parish Center)
Aug. 23 Installation of Officers (St. Agnes Chapel)



MONTE CARLO REMINDER CHECKLIST



The intent here is to spread out some of the enormous work load that builds up as the date of the Monte Carlo Night approaches. At this time it may seem a long way off, but be assured that the planning for the next Monte Carlo Night has already begun. Here are some of the things the membership can do, during the course of the year, to ease the last minute frenzy.

1. Did you mark your calendars for November 18, 2006
2. Did you mark your calendars for November 16,17, 18 (preparation)?
3. Did you join the "75 Bottle Club"? We need bottles now for Baskets of Cheer.
4. Start lining up business sponsors now.
5. Start obtaining gifts for the Silent Auction.

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