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## **NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2007**

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

The planning of our Monte Carlo night as well as running the 50/50 raffle takes a lot of time and effort. It was a success because of the many volunteers who helped. I am especially grateful to the wives and family members who gave of their time to support our Council. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.** Our Council will sponsor a Pro-Life Rose lapel sale on the weekend of Dec.8/9 after all Masses. We will also be assisting the St. Vincent De Paul Society with the sorting of toys and gift for those in need, during the week of Dec. 10th. You can contact Bob Vogelsong (435-0414) for more information. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally

Robert E. Calabro,  
Grand Knight

### MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Our annual Monte Carlo Night was held on Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center. The evening turned out to be another success, with over 350 guests enjoying some casino style action. We can't say enough about the help and support, that this tremendous program requires, and how our membership, families and friends pulled together to make it work. We are always reluctant to mention names specifically because we wouldn't want to miss someone. There are a few name that we have to mention for obvious reasons. Certainly, we must thank Dan Riiff, our Worthy Grand Knight Bob Calabro, Bob Stefano for his work with the auctions and Jim & Shawn McGovern for hall decoration. The Council is very grateful to the wives of members for their help and support. The evening netted a total of \$16,000 with \$8,200 coming from Monte Carlo and \$7,800 from the Big Raffle. Finally, we would like to thank the many local business that supported this event with their advertising.

### 2007 BIG 50/50 CHURCH RAFFLE

The highlight of the Monte Carlo Night featured the drawing of the winners of the 2007 Big 50/50 Church Raffle. A total of 2700 tickets were sold and \$34,250 was distributed to our 54 winners. Details of the winners and amounts were published in the St. Agnes Parish Weekly Bulletin of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. \$15,000 of the receipts will go the St. Agnes Church renovation fund. We congratulate the winners and thank all who supported the raffle. We thank Dan Riiff and Bob Calabro for their efforts and direction in making the raffle another success.

### KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the month for November was Joe Mikos (Service to the Council). Our Families of the month for November were Bob Stefano and family, and Jim McGovern and family. Congratulations and thank you.

### DEGREE NEWS

We congratulate Larry Lazo on taking his second degree on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at Sancta Familia Council, Sewell. We also congratulate Harry Bocchino and Mathew Whelan on taking their second degree on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at Santa Maria Council

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Man's troubles are the inevitable result of his neglect of the divine and natural law. Man's only solution is found in a spiritual revolution. The spiritual condition of the whole world today has reached such a low point that it poses a greater danger to mankind than do the omens of would-wide atomic or missile warfare. Spiritual indifference has done to the Church and to mankind for greater damage than all the persecutions of the past two thousand years. The crux of the problem is the souls of those who believe in God and who know the will of God, but refuse to carry it out.

### PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

During the weekend of Dec. 8-9 we will be distributing lapel roses to raise funds for the Pro-Life effort at St Agnes and St. John Vianney Churches. We will need your help in the rear of the Church, following the Mass you normally attend, to distribute the roses and collect donations. Please make yourselves available. Proceeds from the sale will be used to finance bus transportation to Washington D.C., on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, to demonstrate against abortion. If you need further information, Vince Mento (227-3916) is our Pro-life Director.

### HELP ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY

We will be assisting the St Vincent DePaul Society with the Christmas gifts for people in need, again this year. During the week of Dec. 10th we will be

at the Council home sorting the gifts. Contact Bob Vogelsong if you can help for one or two hours. Home (435-0414) or Cell (609-314-0423).

### MALVERN RETREAT

The regular retreatants have received the reservation forms for our Malvern retreat on Jan. 11-13. 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 also give your reservation forms to John Gandolfo who will forward them to Brother Fred. Why not use the additional blank form to recruit someone else.

### SPECIAL BENEFIT

Friends and former classmates of Andy DiJoseph will be hosting a fund raiser at the Palace in Blackwood on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised will help with the considerable medical bills associated with Brother Andy's serious illness. They are aware of Andy's involvement with the Knights of Columbus and they have asked us to participate. If you wish to attend this worthwhile event, donations are \$25 and tickets may be obtained from Dan Riiff (228-0334).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Tempis Fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2007 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The 'insurance check-up' that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good

health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's-as they say in the credit card commercial-"priceless."

Thomas J. Conway, Jr.  
FICF, Field Agent

#### CHAPTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the annual Chapter Christmas Dinner will be held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights, cocktails at 7:00 and dinner at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$15. Make your reservations with Financial Secretary, George Fuchs (346-0213).

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly is offering an evening of song, entertainment, and good food. The evening, presented by Palace Productions, starts off a excellent buffet and Christmas music by the Harmony Show Choir from Mainstage Center of the Arts. After dinner, a dramatic reading of the Christmas Carol will be done by the popular Spotlights! Performances will be December 6th and 13th at "The Palace" 109 N Black Horse Pike in Blackwood Doors open at 6:30 PM. Price is \$39.95 per person. Call Barry Start (384 5884) for reservations. All funds raised by Bishop Schad Assembly will be used for Charitable purposes. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the third Wednesday 8:00 PM, Church Street.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, Dec. 7th, 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.

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Mrs. Mary Ann Busa, Robert Calabro, Anthony Ceci, Sal Curi, Theresa and Wendy DiCamillo, Joe Gallagher, John Gandolfo, Jr., Paul Labadie, Larry Lazo, Jeffrey S. Lilley, Michael Lisanti, Mark McDermott, Mark McGovern, Joe Moore, Walt Myers, Sal Polo, Albert Radano, Jr., Louis Schiezzari, Peter Sirolli, Jack Wolnski, and Joseph Woyciechowski.

The following members will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Durso, and Mr. & Mrs. George Fuchs.

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

#### EDITORIAL

We are reminded that during the coming holiday season our desire is to "Keep Christ in Christmas." The season has long since gotten so commercial that it is sometimes described as, "that time of year, when people spend money they don't have to buy things that people really don't need." Plus, they knock themselves out doing it. Enjoy the season with family and friends. Have a good time, but don't forget the true meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 6 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)  
Dec. 7 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)  
Dec. 8-9 Rose Sale (After All Masses)  
Dec. 12 Chapter Christmas Dinner (Santa Maria)  
Dec. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
Dec. 27 No Meeting  
Jan. 3 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)  
Jan. 4 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)  
Jan. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)  
Jan. 11-13 Malvern Retreat  
Jan. 19 Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)  
Jan. 22 March For Life (Washington D.C.)  
Jan. 24 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)  
Jan. 26 Special Benefit (Palace, Blackwood)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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