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GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Every organization seems to have the same concern in trying to get its members to be active. We in our Council have many events that can use your help such as our district free throw on Feb. 16 at St. Agnes Parish Center, 10 AM. In March, our Parish Appreciation Breakfast, Church Membership Drive (both on Palm Sunday) and in April, our hoagie sale as well as People with Intellectual disabilities, plus many more. With all of these events we can use all the help we can get. So if you can find time, please try to make some of these events.

Fraternally,

Robert E Calabro
Grand Knight

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council will be hosting a First and Second Degree Exemplification on Thursday, Feb. 21st at 8:00 PM in our Council home on Church St. Membership is everyone's responsibility so if you have someone in mind this would be a good time to bring them in and give them a big jump toward full knighthood in the 3rd degree. Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. **Attention First Degree members.** Here's a chance to take your Second Degree. Take advantage of this. All you have to do is show up.

FREE THROW CONTEST

On Saturday, January 19th, 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 Rigney, Dan Worstall, Bob Calabro, Bob Stefano, Paul Chatburn, John Colaianni, Frank Maggio, Joe Gallagher, Joe Mikos, John Gandolfo, Ed Yurick, Dave Vega, Jim & Shawn McGovern, Arnie Zomberg, Steve Thomas and our Worthy District Deputy John Carlucci. Here are the winners, by age, Boys: 10 Brian Pomrici, 11 Patrick Seimer, 12 Boyd Al-Oerae, 13 Matt Mulford, 14 Ryan Gaw (who shot 15 for 15). Girls: 11 Sydney Lawson. The winners will advance to the District Competition on Saturday, Feb. 16th in the St. Agnes Parish Center. Once again, we will need your help to register the competitors and control the competition.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our knight of the month for February was Andy DiJoseph (free throw contest). Our family of the month for February was John Gandolfo and Family. Congratulations and thank you.

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.

MALVERN RETREAT

We are very pleased to report that on Jan. 11-13, our annual retreat was well attended. 26 of our members, family members and friends enjoyed this wonderfully, spiritually, uplifting retreat weekend. We can't say enough about this retreat. Keep it in mind for next year.

SPECIAL BENEFIT

Friends and former classmates of Andy DiJoseph hosted a fund raiser at the Palace in Blackwood on January 26th. The funds raised will help with the considerable medical bills associated with Brother Andy's serious illness. They were aware of Andy's involvement with the Knights of Columbus and they asked us to participate. The results were very successful and the benefit was well attended. We thank Dan Riiff, Bob Calabro, and Bob Stefano for their tireless efforts, and all of you that attended and helped in a dozen different ways. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights may accept insurance application from members only.

As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children. The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind. The "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity of long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow. Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they have adequate insurance protection. I have no greater responsibility.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr.
FICF, Field Agent

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 pride.

ANNUAL DUES

Have you paid them? Wonderful. Have you not paid them? Please get on it and take care of this little matter. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers Brother Robert Gibboni who passed away in December after a long illness. Sadly, a week later, his wife passed away.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Recent news report indicate that 25% of our homeless are veterans. The 4th degree is teaming up with Veterans Haven to help find clothing, both male and female, along with personal hygiene and bedding items. For more information on how you

can donate items, please call Barry Start (384-5884). The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the third Wednesday 8:00 PM, Church Street.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Unfortunately, the results of our Jan. 3rd blood donor drive were disappointing. Some of the contributing factors were the weather and lack of publicity from the Red Cross. What we did have was plenty of help from the membership, starting with the direction of Dan Riiff, with help from Bob Calabro, Bob Stefano, Andy DiJoseph, Dave Lusardi and Frank Maggio.

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 an artistic representation of the cross of Christ. Mounted on the shield are three objects; A faces (a bundle of rods bound together about an axe 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 on an errand of mercy.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Agnes Chapel on First Friday, Feb. 1st, 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. There's a sign up sheet in the Chapel to schedule your time. Please try to stop in during the day to spend time with the Lord.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Salversa, 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).

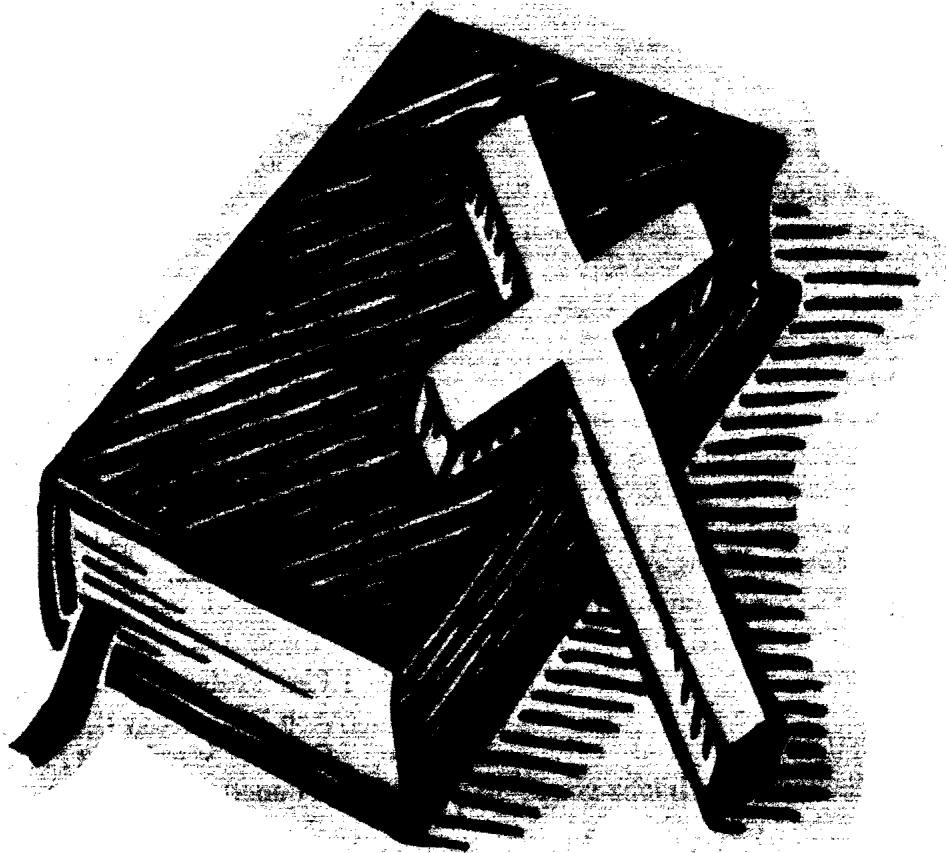
EDITORIAL

It seems hard to believe, but the holy season of Lent is upon us already. February 6th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. This should be a time for us to prepare and focus on the very foundation of our Faith, that being the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our active charitable fund raising programs that we can lose sight of the fact that we are, first and foremost, a Catholic organization. Our Churches will be having additional services which will help us to focus and which we should try to attend. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
Feb. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Feb. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Feb. 16 District Free Throw Competition
(10 AM Parish Center)
Feb. 21 First & Second Degree (8 PM Church St.)
Feb. 28 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Mar. 6 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Mar. 7 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Mar. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Mar. 16 Appreciation Breakfast (Parish Center)
Mar. 16 Church Membership Drive
(After All Masses, both Churches)
Mar. 23 Easter Sunday
Mar. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Mar. 29 Founder's Day (1882)

ASH WEDNESDAY



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FEBRUARY 6TH