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GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

We wish to thank Pauline and Bob Vogelsong for welcoming all of us to their home for a great barbeque and swim party. Everyone had a wonderful evening and it was good to see some new members attend. Well here we go again into the busiest time of our Columbian year. The concert and barbeque on Tuesday, August 12th in the St. Agnes Parish Center will feature the BLT Band. As always, we will need help throughout the day setting up. Please try to help out. The Installation of Officers on Thursday, August 28th will begin with Mass at 7:30 PM in St. Agnes Chapel, celebrated by Father Markellos. Refreshments will follow. We invite all members and their family to attend. Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at the St. Agnes School on Church St. at 8:00 pm. It would be great to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Fraternally

Robert A. Stefano
Grand Knight

FREE CONCERT

Our Council is sponsoring a free concert and barbeque on Tuesday August 12th, in the St. Agnes Parish Center. The BLT band will provide the music and we will provide the food. We will start serving food at 6:30 PM and the band will play from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Admission is free so bring the family, friends and your appetite. **Also bring your own chairs.** Throughout the day we will need help setting up and running the show. Please make yourselves available. Thank you. For further information contact Bob Stefano (227-6715).

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive on Thursday, July 10th in the Parish Center. We are always glad to help ease the short supplies of blood brought on by the vacation summer months. Our efforts helped collect 87 much needed pints which could be used to save as many as 270 lives. We would like to recognize Dan Riiff for his promotional programs and for the wonderful food provided for the donors. We would also like to thank Bob Stefano, Bob Calabro, Dave Lusardi and Harry Bocchino for their help in making the drive a success.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our knight of the month for August was Bob Calabro (service to the Council). Our family of the month for August was John Colaianni. Congratulations and thank you.

BACKYARD BARBEQUE

On Thursday, July 24th, Bob & Pauline Vogelsong once again generously opened their home to host an annual backyard barbeque. It offered the members, and family members, who attended, a very pleasant evening that included lots of good things to eat and drink. Attendance was very good and everyone enjoyed an evening of refreshments and fraternalism. Again, we thank Bob & Pauline, and family members for their hospitality.

(K)NIGHTS AT THE BALLPARK

Dan Riiff (228-0334) is now taking reservations for our August 15th baseball outing with the Riversharks. Tickets are \$12 and includes admission to the ballpark, bus transportation, and snacks. The bus will leave from the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 5:45 PM. This is a good deal and tickets are going fast, so see Brother Dan and make your reservation.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Council will install the officers for the new Columbian Year on Thursday, August 28th in the St. Agnes Chapel. The ceremonies will begin with Mass at 7:30 PM, followed by the installation by our District Deputy. All officers are expected to be at the Chapel at 7:00 PM for a short rehearsal. Family members are welcome and refreshments will follow. **There will be no Council meeting on this date.**

RETARDED CITIZENS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

We would like to thank Bob Massaro and Anthony Infanti for delivering the funds collected to the facilities that we donate to. Three checks, each in the amount of \$1003, were delivered to St. John of God, Association of Retarded Citizens, and the Occupational Center of Camden County. This completed another successful charitable fund raiser by our Council. We thank Bob Vogelsong for his direction.

2008 BIG 50/50 CHURCH RAFFLE

Our Council will, once again be running the St. Agnes Big 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds will go toward

the Church debt reduction program. The initial mailing, announcing the raffle is scheduled to be sent during the week of August 18th. This mailing will announce the Church raffle, describe the program, and include an order blank to purchase raffle tickets through the mail, and a free ticket to our Monte Carlo Night to be held on Saturday, November 15th, in the Parish Center. In addition, we will be counting on our members to provide a sales force to sell tickets in the rear of the Church after all the Masses, starting with the Sunday after Labor Day.

CRAB FEAST

On Sept. 20th, we will host our annual crab feast in the Parish Center. Once again, Dan Riiff will travel to Maryland and provide all the Blue Claws you can eat, steamed and seasoned to perfection, served with spaghetti and clams, hot dogs, beer and soda, etc. Tickets are \$30. This is a good time and it has been growing every year, so get on board. See Dan Riiff (228-0334) for tickets.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If people would only stop to think, they would realize that God who created the world and everything in keeps the world in existence by providing all that is needed. It is God who provides the soil, the seed, the rain, the sunshine, the wheat, the fruit, the corn, and vegetables. It is God who provides the domestic animals for man's use. It is God who makes it possible for man to provide for his family. In a word, it is God, the great provider, who keeps us all alive on this earth. Many of us do not even know what divine Providence means! It means in part that the daily action of God keeps us in existence. If God should remove His help, we would all perish. We should be deeply grateful to God for His divine Providence. One of the best ways of expressing our gratitude is to help our less fortunate brethren. This recalls the first principle of our Order, Charity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest

time of the year especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget such things as reviewing life insurance coverage. The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me, your Knights of Columbus agent, before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford. Call me to set up an appointment.

Thomas J. Conway, Jr.
FICF, Field Agent

ORDER YOUR KofC COUNCIL JACKET

We are taking orders for KofC Council jackets. The jackets are summer khaki in color with gold embroidery. The cost is \$50 for the jacket and \$12 for the embroidered Council identification. Contact Financial Secretary, George Fuchs (346-0213) to place your order.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The annual Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held November 8th and 9th. All third degree Brothers interested should contact Comptroller Ernie Aukerman (227 2371) ASAP Thank You. Recent news reports 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 Faithful Navigator, Barry Start (384-5884).

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the third Wednesday 8:00 PM, Church Street.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Frank Accardo, Paul Chatburn, Americo Cioci, Tom Conway, Anthony Dandrea, Bob Enos, Michael Frain, Ken Pfafman, Robert Galasso, Jacob Ganz, Anthony Infanti, Robert Merkl, John Milligan, Mrs. Cathy Mikos, John Pagano, Mrs. Debbie Pascale, Mrs. Shirley Puchalski, Frank Rotonta, Donald Ruscitelli, Gerald Straub, Frank Talarico, Dennis Westfall, Matthew Whelan and Carmen Valentino. The following members will celebrate their anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Aukerman, Mr. & Mrs John Berstecher, Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Olaya, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Puchalski, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Vogelsong. CONGRATULATIONS! If we missed someone please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

We were very pleased with the number of you that attended Bob Vogelsong's barbeque. It's great to get together as a Council family. Next, we think you should try the Summer Concert. It's another good time, but we will need a little help. Our gains in the area of membership and insurance were successful and we are optimistic about our chances to repeat as a Star Council. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 1 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Aug. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Aug. 12 Summer Concert (Parish Center)
Aug. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Aug. 28 Installation of Officers (St. Agnes Chapel)
Sept. 4 Officers Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Sept. 5 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Sept. 11 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Sept. 20 Crab Feast (6 PM Parish Center)
Sept. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Church St.)
Sept. 27-28 Church Membership Drive

**FREE CONCERT
TUESDAY AUGUST 12th
ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER**

**ENJOY AN EVENING WITH THE BLT BAND
FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 PM**



**FREE BARBEQUE AND SOFT DRINKS
STARTING
AT 6:30 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME SO BRING
THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALL YOUR
FRIENDS
(ALSO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR)**