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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brother Knights: I am extremely humbled and privileged to be elected your Grand Knight for the remainder of the Columbian year. I appreciate the confidence and trust you have given me to carry on the great work that started with our Past Grand Knight, Bob Stefano. Please keep him in your prayers and hope for a speedy recovery. The Christmas season is upon us and time to reflect on God, our families and the New Year ahead of us. Why not make a personal resolution to make some new friends and be more active in your Council? We have a lot of exciting activities planned that support our parish and communities. I encourage you to review the monthly calendar and come out to the events that interest you. It's that simple. Upcoming in January is the Malvern Retreat Weekend, Council Free Throw Championship and the Winter Blood Drive. I also welcome any new ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our Council. Just call or email me at any time. I like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Daniel J. Tumolo
Grand Knight

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our Council held elections at our Dec. 10th business meeting to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of our Worthy Grand Knight, Bob Stefano. We are very pleased to announce the results of the election: For Grand Knight-Dan Tumolo, Deputy Grand Knight-Frank Brandis, Chancellor-Steve Thomas, and Warden-Al Tucci. We wish these officers well and pledge our support in helping them perform their duties.

NEW CHAPLAIN

We are always honored to have a priest become a member of our Council. We are also pleased to report that Fr. Nick Dudo has agreed to serve as our Chaplain. Once again we thank Fr. Markellos for his service and support to our Council.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Our Council will sponsor a Red Cross blood donor drive on Thursday January 28th from 2 to 8 PM in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is always appreciated. If you are physically able, come and roll up your sleeve and give. To help you with additional strength, Dan Riiff will provide you with dinner to help get you back on your feet. Please try to give. Thank you.

FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 36 years more than 2.5 million boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, have participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. On Saturday, January 16th, our Council will sponsor our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center. The competition starts a 10:00 AM. Your help will be needed, starting at about 9:15 AM to set up, register, line up, and keep score of the shooters. Since several of our members will be at Malvern Retreat, your help will be definitely needed.

ANNUAL DUES

Included with your copy of the newsletter is your bill for annual dues. Please take care of this little matter as soon as possible. Don't put your Council through the chore of second billings and follow ups. Most of you pay promptly and that's a good thing. But unfortunately there are some of you that drag this thing out month after month. Don't put us through this; we all have better things to do.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our knight of the month for December was Al Tucci. Our family of the month for December was Dave Lusardi and family. Congratulations and thank you.

HELP ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY

Once again, we assisted the St. Vincent DePaul Society with the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts for those in need. We are very grateful to all the members, family members and Boy Scouts that helped with this worthy program. We would especially like to thank Bob Vogelsong for directing the annual gift giving drive.

MALVERN RETREAT

The regular retreatants have received the reservation forms for our Malvern retreat on Jan. 15-17. 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 or John Colaianni who will forward them to Brother Fred. Why not use the additional blank form to recruit

someone else. They will surely enjoy this spiritually uplifting experience.

PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

During the weekend of Dec. 5-6 we distributed lapel roses, at St. Agnes Church, to raise funds for the Pro-Life effort. Thanks to your help we collected \$323. Our Council will supplement this amount with \$177 and donate a total of \$500 to the National Life Center.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 9th, the annual Chapter Christmas Dinner was held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights. Eight of our members attended the dinner that included our Worthy State Officers as guests. The message from the State emphasized membership, recruitment, retention and our Order's support of Pro-life and opposition to same sex marriages.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our faith in God makes us also believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, whom He sent into the world to atone for the sins of mankind and to open the gates of heaven to a fallen race. The Old Testament is full of prophecies concerning the Messiah, and they all were verified in Jesus. He was to be of the tribe of David, and born in Bethlehem of a virgin. The details of His life, passion and death were also verified in Him. Jesus proved He is God by His sinless and holy life; by His heavenly teaching and prophecies; and by His miracles over life and death: curing the sick, casting our devils, calming the storm at sea, feeding thousands with a few loaves of bread and some fishes, and raising Himself from the grave on the third day after the crucifixion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

The Order's portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be custom-tailored to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family. Among these is our Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar.

ART plans provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to "renting" life insurance protection. It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among the advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is that ART plans can be converted to a permanent plan of protection with no additional underwriting required at any time prior to age 65. In a sense, ART plans can be used to guarantee your insurability. If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren't in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go. I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.

Tom Conway, FICF
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IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a brother knight. On November 27th Fred Hankins died. Brother Fred was an honorary life member. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

4 members of our Assembly journeyed to Veterans Haven to give the Vets Christmas gifts. We toured the facility, and were giving an update as to their hopes for the future. The Vets and Management thank you for your support. Plans are underway to recruit an even larger group of candidates for the 2010 Exemplification. Bishop Schad Assembly sends best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets at 8:00 PM, on the 3rd Wednesday in the Parish Center.

EDITORIAL

The second half of our Columbian Year and the new calendar year are already presenting new challenges for our Council. The first half has seen

major successes in our programs notably the golf outing, beef and beer 50/50 social, and our hoagie sale. However, illness to our Worthy Grand Knight, Bob Stefano has required an election to fill the vacancy. Our new officers bring enthusiasm and determination to carry on the tradition of success that our Council has demonstrated. If you have been away for a while, the New Year is a good time to come back and be a part of our move forward. Vivat Jesus.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Michael Amos, Steve Avery, John Biscardi, Harry Bocchino, Alex Breve, Mrs. Barbara Brusco, Tom Conway III, Vincent Conway, John Corbett, John Davies, Neil Della Greca, Victor DiBlasi, Andy DiJoseph, Fr. Nick Dudo, John Esposito, Michael Gatto, John Heck, Mike Infanti, Michael Lewis, Alanna Massaro, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Shawn McGovern, Anthony Morrone, Kate Muldowney, Bob Rigney, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Paul Thomas, Dan Tumolo, David Vega, Bob Vogelsong, Karen Woyciechowski and Joe Zagarella.

The following will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr.&Mrs. Robert Massaro, Mr.&Mrs. John Milligan. CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1 New Years Day
Jan. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 15-17 Malvern Retreat
Jan. 16 Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
Jan. 28 Blood Donor Drive (2-8 PM Parish Cntr.)
Jan. 28 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 4 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 5 First Friday (St. Agnes Chapel)
Feb. 11 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

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