



# Knights of Columbus



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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brothers: We just completed one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, The Big 50/50 and Beef & Beer Social. An event such as this is truly what the Knights of Columbus are all about: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Through your donations, selling raffle tickets and volunteering your time, you made it a very successful event and I thank you! We raised some much needed funds for the parish and Council and had a wonderful time in the process. Please read this newsletter further for all the details. Special recognition needs to go to the Riiff family who organized the Social on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, and to Jim and Shawn McGovern, who took care of collecting and disbursing the Big 50/50 Raffle funds. Our Council now takes a little break from its' normal schedule so we can all give thanks for the many blessings God as bestowed upon us, and prepare to celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior. May you and your family and friends receive God's grace and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Fraternally,  
Daniel J. Tumolo  
Grand Knight

### BEEF AND BEER SOCIAL

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Beef and Beer Social at in the Parish Center. The highlight of the evening was the drawing of the winners of the Big 50/50 Raffle. The social was well attended and we thank all who supported the social and the members who helped to make the evening a success. The Gross Receipts from the sale of big raffle tickets were \$59,750 and the Total Prizes were \$29,891 (winners were posted in the Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> OLOH weekly bulletin). This important fund raiser resulted in a donation of \$19,231 to the Our Lady of Hope debt reduction effort. The benefit to our Council's treasury was \$4,231 from the Big Raffle and \$2,225 from the other programs (baskets of cheer, television, Chinese auction etc.) The total to the Council for our charitable programs was \$6,456. We are always reluctant to thank particular individuals who helped with the social because so many of the members helped with the effort. However, we must mention Dan Riiff, Jim & Shawn McGovern, and Bob Calabro for their direction and extra effort.

### SAVE THE DATE

In the year 2011, our Council will mark our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will celebrate this event with a dinner and the honorees will be our Charter Members. The date will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM at Palace Caterers, Black Horse Pike, Blackwood. The cost will be only \$10 per person so we would hope for a large turnout. Dan Riiff is taking reservations and we will provide more details as they become available.

### KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our knight of the month for November was Joe Mikos (service to the Council). Our family of the month for November was Dan Riiff and family (Big Raffle Social). Congratulations and thank you.

### PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

During the weekend of Dec. 4-5 we will be distributing lapel roses at Our Lady of Hope Church to raise funds for the Pro-Life effort. 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. For further information, contact our Pro-Life Director, Jeff Lilley. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the National Life Center.

### DEGREE NEWS

A Second Degree Exemplification was held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights, on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We would like to congratulate Tom Roy, Tom Skelly and Jacob Nwosu who took their second degree at that time. Witnessing the degree from our Council were Frank Brandis, Fred Durso and John Gandolfo.

### ATTENTION ALL SECOND DEGREE KNIGHTS

A Third Degree Exemplification will be held at Santa Maria Council on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity because third degrees are not held as frequently as the lower degrees. However, if you wish to make it, it is necessary for you to register. If you would like to make your third degree, contact Grand Knight, Dan Tumolo (228-6076) now.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

To know God is to know who makes one season follow the other with such regularity. To know God is to know the Author of the systematic development in the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms of the earth. To know God is to know how small and limited we are in comparison to Him. To know God is to love and serve Him in humble submission. Learn all you can according to your God-given talents, but make sure not to

neglect God in the process. Do not fall victim to pride because of success or wealth, but recognize at all times your true stature before God who created you. And if you desire peace of mind and a restful spirit, begin to love and serve God and your fellowman. Recall often the words of the Leader of leaders: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

### MALVERN RETREAT

The regular retreatants have received the reservation forms for our Malvern retreat on January 14-16. Fred Durso is our coordinator and if we deliver our forms and deposit to him, he can get us booked in the same area. Why not use the additional blank form to recruit someone else. This is a wonderful weekend and they will surely enjoy this spiritually uplifting experience.

### ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVING TREE

We will be assisting the St Vincent DePaul Society with sorting gifts from the Giving Tree starting Saturday Dec 11th until Friday Dec 17th. This will be done in our meeting room in the Parish Center. Contact Bob Vogelsong for more information Cell # 609-314-0423.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE COURT CASE WIN

The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a direct role in the successful defense of the Pledge in these cases, just as we are proud to have had a pivotal role in persuading Congress to add the words 'under God' to the Pledge in 1954.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Tempus 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 2005 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 – guarantees. 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.

Fred Durso, FICF,  
Field Agent, (856) 309-1030

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification was held on Nov. 14-15 at the Crown Point Plaza, Cherry Hill. We would like to congratulate the following Sir Knights who took their Fourth Degree on that date: Larry Lazo, Tony Leuzzi, Tony Ritz, Al Tucci, Ed Condon, Romeo Giannetti, Lou Troy, John Esposito and Steve Thomas. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, December 3rd, after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. Try to stop in during the day to spend time with the Lord.

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ 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, George DiMarcantonio, Tom Ehly, Joe Gallagher, John Gandolfo, Jr., Paul Labadie, Larry Lazo, Jeffrey S. Lilley, Michael Lisanti, Mark McDermott, Joe Moore, Walt Myers, Sal Polo,

Albert Radano, John Robinson, Louis Schiezzari, Peter Sirolli, Dick Velasco, Roland N. Winkler, Jack Wolnski, and Joseph Woyciechowski. The following members will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr.&Mrs. Fred Durso, and Mr. & Mrs. George Fuchs.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** If we missed someone, contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or [gandy@comcast.net](mailto:gandy@comcast.net).

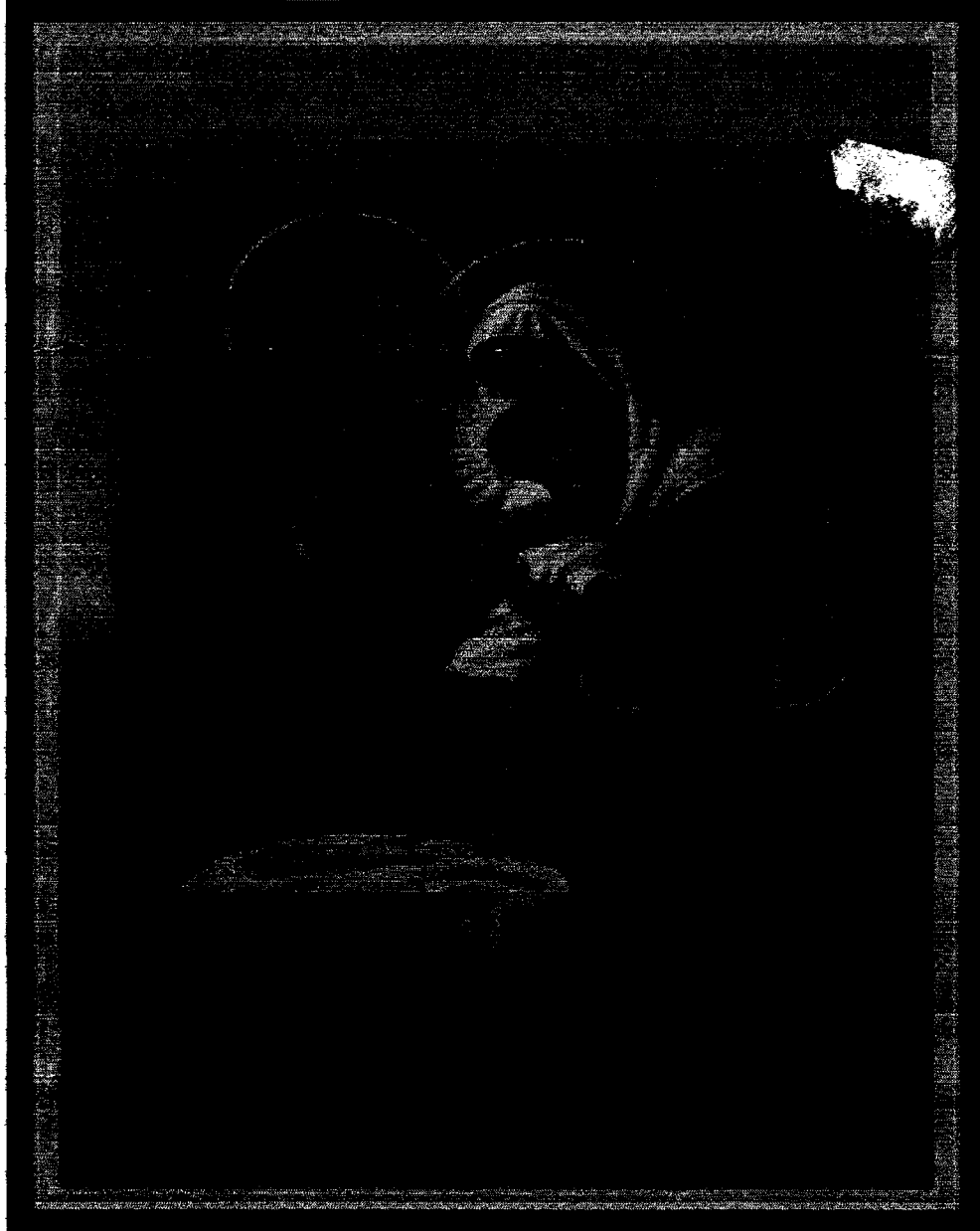
#### EDITORIAL

We were very pleased with the success of our Big 50/50 Raffle & Social. This is a major fund raiser to help with our Church's debt reduction and the many worthy charitable causes that we provide support to. We are grateful to our members that helped and our parishioners and friends that supported the program. Our observation was that there was lots of laughter and dancing and this tells us that the people that attended had a really good time. Our goal for the future is to sell more raffle tickets and increase the size of the prizes and the Church debt reduction donation. We are reminded, that during the coming holiday season, of our desire to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Don't let the "shop til' you drop" madness divert your attention from the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy Christmas with family and friends but take note of our fraternal greeting, Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives).

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Dec. 3 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)  
Dec. 4-5 Pro Life Rose Sale (After all Masses)  
Dec. 8 Chapter Dinner (Santa Maria Council)  
Dec. 9 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Dec. 23 NO MEETING  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
Jan. 1 New Years Day  
Jan. 6 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Jan. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)  
Jan. 13 Blood Donor Drive (2-8 PM Parish Center)  
Jan. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Jan. 14-16 Malvern Retreat  
Jan. 15 Council Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)  
Jan. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

***MERRY CHRISTMAS 2010***



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