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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER

Brothers: We started the New Year with a very active January, including a milestone event in our Council's history. We completed another successful Blood Drive and hosted our annual Free Throw Basketball Championship at the Parish Center. Particularly satisfying for me this month was presenting to Father Mark the proceeds we raised from the OLOH Big 50/50 campaign. Father was very grateful for all our hard work and dedication in support of the parish. Also, this month, many of our Brother Knights made their spiritual weekend pilgrimage to Malvern. Then on Sunday, January 23rd, we all came together as one family to honor our charter members and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Holy Crusaders founding, at the Palace in Blackwood. It was truly a grand event. So many helped make this such a memorable month but special thanks goes to Dan Riiff, Bob Calabro, Jim McGovern and John Gandolfo. If you have not done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Your \$20 investment helps defray some of our administrative costs to keep the Council running. It's the best deal in town! Please help us in this area.

Fraternally,

Daniel J. Tumolo
Grand Knight

25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On Sunday, January 23rd, our Council celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our founding with a dinner at Palace Catering. If we had to describe the event in one word, that word would be "Wonderful". The attendance topped 120 members, families and friends, and they enjoyed a first class dinner served up by Palace. The program appropriately began with a prayer and "Grace Before Meals" offered by our Pastor and friend, Fr. Mark Cavagnaro. Our Worthy Grand Knight, Dan Tumolo presided and recognized our Charter Members as the honorees for the occasion and asked that we remember in our prayers, the members that have passed. Brother Dan then introduced our Worthy District Deputy, Bob Heenan, who congratulated us and presented our Council with a certificate from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, recognizing the milestone that our Council has reached. Dan then introduced our Worthy Insurance Agent and Charter Member, Fred Durso who reminisced about our previous Chaplains, District Deputies and programs. Freddie, of course, seasoned his presentation with his own brand of delightful humor. And so, as we said before, if we put all these things together, the word "Wonderful" comes to mind again. And now that we have celebrated the distinguished record of accomplishments of our Council, we look forward to the challenges, work (and some fun) yet to be done. Vivat Jesus.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our knight of the month for January was Bob Calabro (service to the Council). Our family of the month for January was Tom Skelly and family. Congratulations and thank you.

FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 37 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 15th, our Council sponsored our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center. There were 30 participants and here are the winners: Boys 10yrs Sean Miller, 11yrs Frank Mendola Jr., 12yrs Eric Miller, 13yrs Chris Campellone, 14 yrs Vineeth Romiyo. For the Girls: 10yrs Julia Neff, 11yrs Krista Gonzalez, 12yrs Marissa Gambone, 13yrs Niaze Harden, 14yrs n/a. We thank all the members that assisted with the competition. We will be hosting the District Free Throw competition on Saturday, February 19th at 10:00 AM. Help will be needed starting at 9:00 AM.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive on Thursday, January 6th, in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is always appreciated. We would like to thank Dan Riiff for promoting and directing the drive and providing dinner for the donors. We would also like to thank Bob Calabro for his assistance. Finally, we thank all the donors that rolled up their sleeves and donated 75 pints to this worthy cause.

ANNUAL DUES

All of you have received your bill for annual dues, but you have not all responded. Please take care of this important matter as soon as possible. Don't put your Council through the ordeal of second billings and follow ups. Most of you pay promptly and we appreciate that. But, unfortunately, there are some of you that drag this thing our month after month. **Do take care of this NOW.** Thank you.

ANNUAL FRATERNAL ACTIVITY SURVEY

In accordance with the requirements of the Supreme

Council, our annual Survey of Fraternal Activity was filed. The 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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

You can talk to God because God listens. Your voice matters in heaven. He takes you very seriously. When you enter his presence, he turns to you to hear your voice. No need to fear that you will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no one, it impresses God and he listens. Intently, Carefully. God has proven himself as a faithful father. Now it falls on us to be trusting children. Let God give you what your family doesn't. Let him fill the void others have left. Rely upon him for your affirmation and encouragement. Look at Paul's words "you are God's child and God will give you the blessing he promised because you are his child."

MALVERN RETREAT

During the weekend of January 14-16, our Malvern retreatants enjoyed another wonderful and spiritually uplifting weekend. We are proud to announce that 27 members, friends, family attended with our group. We'll do it again next year, to help celebrate Malvern's 100 anniversary, and we hope that even more of you will join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications 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 Knight's 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. This "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 or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow. But if the

member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the life of the member's minor children. This right must be exercised within one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death. 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.
Fred Durso, FICF, Field Agent, (856) 309-1030

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Notices have been mailed to all members regarding their 2011 annual dues. Prompt payment is requested. Our fundraising night at the Texas Road House on Jan. 25th was very successful. Thanks to Joe Pettineo, a makeup date for the 4th Degree Exemplification has been set for March 26th, at St. Martha's RC Church Hall, Hebertsville Rd. Pt. Pleasant. For further details or an application, contact Barry Start. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

KofC'S ROLE IN THE CHURCH

We are an independent, non-canonical organization that is nonetheless completely supportive of the Church at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. Many thousands of priests and bishops are members. A major part of the Order's work is devoted to supporting our parish priests, bishops, and the Pope in a wide variety of ways. Last year, we provided more than \$17.6 million for church-related grants and programs, including \$2.3 million for vocations support. Each year, the Order presents the Pope with earnings from our Vicarius Christi Fund for his personal charities. Last year, the earnings totaled \$1.6 million.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First

Friday, February 4th, 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal Aversa, John Colaianni, Edward D'Andrea, Caitlin Gallagher, Sean Grannan, Al Guarini, Dave Harkins, Paul Heim, Sr., Bill Higgins, Ron Kentrus, Ron Lawrence, Mrs. Tricia Little, John Muldowney, Mike Poiez, John Rifici, 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. CONGRATUALIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

What a proud and rewarding event the Anniversary Dinner was for all who attended. Our Council has worked very hard to develop the successful reputation that it has, and this was an occasion pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. It was done in an atmosphere of friendship, good food, and in the beautiful surroundings of the Palace. May God bless us with more of these proud moments. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 3 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Feb. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 19 District Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
Feb. 24 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 3 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday-Lent begins
Mar. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 24 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 29 Founder's Day (1882)

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