



# Knights of Columbus



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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Brother Knights:

The first month of 2013 has been a very busy and exciting time for our Council. January started with a very successful Blood Drive on January 3rd, which yielded 47 units. Thanks to Dan Riiff and Bob Calabro for running the Blood Drive and making sure donors were offered a good meal before leaving. 32 members attended the Annual Malvern Weekend Retreat on January 11th to 13th not surprisingly; several of the first time retreatants commented how much they enjoyed the weekend. I encourage everyone to try it out next year for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and getting closer to Christ. You return refreshed, renewed, a better husband, father and man. On January 19th we hosted our Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest attended by 28 shooters. The 1st Place winners, both boys and girls ages 10 through 14, will represent our Council in the District Free Throw in February. Thank you to the many members who helped to run the event. January 22nd was the 40th anniversary of Rowe v. Wade the unfortunate Supreme Court decision that legalized abortions. Our council provided financial support to Paul VI High School to charter a bus for 55 students to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 25th. It remains a long road to overturn the law; however, there is an exciting resurgence of the Pro-Life movement among people less than 30 years of age. We must continue to offer these young leaders our support and prayers to champion the Pro-Life movement that will hopefully overturn legalized abortion someday.

On January 26th and 27th we co-hosted a Model Train Show that likely raised over \$500 for the council. Special thanks to Lee Martin for organizing the event. Our Council is also doing very well with the Super Bowl Sweepstakes with more than 1,000 tickets sold to date. I want to thank Dan Riiff for leading this effort. Finally, please pray for retiring Bishop Galante and our new Bishop Sullivan, who will be officially installed at St. Agnes Church on February 12th, immediately preceding Lent, which begins the following day on Ash Wednesday. Please look for opportunities to get closer to Christ during this most Holy season on the church calendar.

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Brandis  
Grand Knight

## KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for January was Lee Martin (train show). Our Family of the Month for January was Joe Pettineo Jr. (service to the Council). Congratulations and thank you.

### CHARITYMANIA

We thank all who helped and participated in our CharityMania super bowl fund raiser. The big game is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and we wish all the ticket holders good luck. We will report the fund raising results in the March newsletter.

### FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 39 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 19<sup>th</sup>, our Council sponsored our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center and 28 shooters participated. Here are the winners:

Girls 10 yrs. Zaire Small, 11 Aliya Rae Garozzo, 12 Jessica Bizzoco, 13 none, 14 Mary Kae McLaughlin. Boys 10yrs. Justin Bakely, 11 Sean Miller, 12 Brandon Buchanan, 13 Zackary Miller, 14 Eric Miller.

We were very pleased with the turnout of members and we thank our Director Dan Tumolo, Bill Toner, Bob Galasso, Steve Thomas, Lee Martin, Tom Roy, Sal Arena Jr., Kevin Little, Joe Pettineo Sr. & Jr., John Gandolfo, Joe Gallagher, John Varalli, Tim Farrell, Rich Bevilacqua, Jim McGovern, Harry Bocchino and FDD John Carlucci. We also thank our young friends in the Cub Scouts for helping to set up the court. The winners will compete in the District competition on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

### BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in particularly short supply during the holiday season so we considered it fortunate to have collected 47 pints. We thank all who gave and Dan Riiff and Bob Calabro for directing the drive.

### ANNUAL DUES BILL

Payments continue to trickle in months after the due date. Please pay promptly and spare us the chore of second billings etc. Our annual dues are only \$20, but, if you have a problem with that, please let us know so that some arrangement can be made.

### MALVERN RETREAT

During the weekend of January 11-13, 32 of our members and friends attended this annual retreat to Malvern. Our attendance was a huge success thanks to the recruiting and promotional efforts of our Worthy Field Agent, Fred Durso. We'll go again next year so keep it in mind.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Today, the first day of the calendar year, we wish one and all a happy New Year in union with Christ and His blessed Mother Mary-Christ to guide us and help us as our Brother: Mary to inspire us and protect us as our Mother. This wish is prompted by today's religious feast-the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We turn to Mary every day with the words: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." Is it any wonder that we honor her today with a special feast? She loves and protects us, provided we want her love and protection. She practiced all the virtues in compliance with the will of God, and also to edify us, her children. She reigns in heaven, waiting for us to invoke her aid.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family-a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations. What you may not know is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year" or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age. When you made a decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very

competitive long-term care product. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 5,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies. I can help you select the plan that's right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options-facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let's talk today.

Fred Durso, FICF,  
Field Agent, (856) 401-3055

#### SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Our Council has made a commitment to provide the soup for this Parish Lenten Tradition on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Parish Center.

#### CHRISTMAS FOLLOW-UP

A new survey finds Americans by a wide margin prefer the traditional "Merry Christmas" greeting to the non-specific "Happy Holidays." The Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll found that two-thirds of adults nationally - 66 percent - think people should say, "Merry Christmas," while less than one-third - 29 percent - believe the appropriate greeting is "Happy Holidays." The proportion that prefers "Merry Christmas" has continued to inch up over the past two years. Last year, 64 percent thought "Merry Christmas" was the more appropriate greeting while 31 percent preferred "Happy Holidays." In 2010, the number preferring "Merry Christmas" stood at 61 percent. Five percent remain unsure.

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

We congratulate John Gandolfo on becoming an Honorary Life Member in our Order.

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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, February 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. Try to stop in 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, Caitlin Gallagher, Sean Grannan, Al Guarini, Dave Harkins, Paul Heim, Sr., Bill Higgins, Ron Kentrus, Ron Lawrence, Mrs. Tricia Little, John Muldowney, Mike Poiez, Mrs. Anna Rescinito, 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. CONGRATUALTIONS

If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447).

#### EDITORIAL

February 13<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and the start of the holy season of Lent. This is a time of sacrifice and preparation for the events of Holy Week and the solemn feast of the Resurrection. Our Church offers many services to help us prepare and focus on the event. Make it a point to participate in these services to help with your personal preparation. Vivat Jesus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)  
Feb. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Feb. 16 District Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)  
Feb. 28 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Mar. 1 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)  
Mar. 7 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Mar. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)  
Mar. 24 Parish Appreciation Breakfast  
Mar. 28 Holy Thursday **No meeting**  
Mar. 31 Easter Sunday

# ASH WEDNESDAY



LENT BEGINS  
FEBRUARY 13