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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013

Dear Brother Knights:

I hope you and your families are enjoying the summer. July is typically a slow month for Council events, but this does not last long. I am extremely proud of the successful Blood Drive we hosted in July and appreciate the leadership of Dan Riiff and family for ensuring a good turnout. Keep your eyes on the calendar. There are several events on the schedule in August. On Tuesday, August 13th our Council will host the Annual BBQ & Concert, which is free for friends, family and parishioners. Later the same week is the Annual Night at the Ballpark on Friday, August 16th. Further details on both events are included in the newsletter. Lastly, the Installations of Officers Ceremony and Mass are scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd in place of our regular ousiness meeting. The ceremony starts 7:30pm in the Chapel and members and their families are welcome to join us in officially installing the Council officers for the new Columbian Year. I invite all of you to attend and stay for refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

Vivat Jesus, Frank Brandis, Grand Knight

FREE CONCERT

Our Council will be sponsoring a free concert and barbeque on August 13th in the Parish Center. BLT will provide the music and we will provide the food. We will start serving at 6:00 PM and the band will play from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Admission is free so bring the family, friends and your appetite. Also bring your own chairs. Throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM, we will need help setting up and running to show. Please make yourselves available.

(K)NIGHTS AT THE BALLPARK

On Friday, August 16th, our loyal Rivershark fans will be traveling to Campbell field to cheer for the home team. Dan Riiff has tickets and your \$12 includes tickets to the game, round trip bus transportation and smacks on the bus. The bus will leave the OLOH parking lot at 5:45 PM. It's a good chance to see good baseball at a reasonable price. Tickets are limited.

KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for July was Harry Bocchino (service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for July was Dan Riiff and family (Blood Donor Drive). Congratulations and thank you.

CHARITY MANIA

Our Charity Mania program is off and running. The \$20 donation gives the player a chance to win every week during the 17 game football season. This is a good deal for the players and has the potential to be an important fund raiser for our charitable work. So let's get on board and help to make it a success. Make your returns to Dan Riiff.

DEGREE NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Patrick J. Theckston, Nicholas D. Renn, Michael J. Foti and Michael R. Petrone 3rd, to our Council. All of these Brothers are transfers from other Councils.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Council will install officers for the new Columbian Year on Thursday, August 22nd in the OLOH 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.

NEW COLUMBIAN YEAR CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter is your program calendar for the coming Columbian Year. Keep it handy, you will find it very useful throughout the year.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, July 11th, our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply during the summer vacation season. Thanks to the efforts of Dan Riiff, ably assisted by Bob Calabro, and all of you who donated, 83 pints were collected. Thank you.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We are exhorted by Jesus to have clean thoughts, to speak words that edify, and to perform actions that will prove to others that we really love them as ourselves, that they are our brothers and sisters. We must avoid mere lip service. The person that really loves God will show to the world that the hand of God is operating through him.

A WORD ABOUT THE CHAPTER

To coordinate programs and activities, Councils have organized Chapters (or Federations) and your Council, along with 39 other Councils in the Camden Diocese, belongs to the Blessed John Paul II (soon to be Saint) Chapter which meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, usually at Holy Child Council, Hilltop. Your Council pays a \$1 per capita assessment to maintain membership and is represented by delegates alternates appointed by the Grand Knight. The Chapter provides a window of KofC information concerning activities, beyond your Council, pertaining to the State and Supreme Councils.

MEMBERSHIP LISTING

We are continuing to update our Council's membership listing. It may now be observed on line by logging on to our Council's website at KofC.org, download Membership Listing, and enter the password Holycrusaders. Take a moment to check your listing and if it needs any corrections or updating, contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT

In accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Council, our Council has prepared and filed the required semi-annual audit with the Supreme Council.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Some experts suggest that there are four phases of retirement: protection, accumulation, income deaccumulation and care. Protection is the base element of any well-founded financial plan, the base of the pyramid, for example. Without basic protection against premature death or the inability to earn income due to disability, the remainder of the pyramid collapses. If you own mutual funds and die without life insurance, those funds will be needed to pay final expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (after a market correction). If you own mutual funds and lose your ability to earn income due to disability and are without paycheck protection, those funds will be needed in order to pay living expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (is there ever an opportune time?). So, basic protection is a must. The good thing is that this protection is offered by the Knights of Columbus. Our whole life products and disability income insurance are designed with this goal in mind. For example, our Life Paid Up at 65 plan is perfect for this purpose because premier payments end right when retirement is upon you. There are many other options that I can discuss with you that will fit your needs and your budget. Once you've established the proper protection, the next phase is accumulation of cash, which I will discuss in a future article.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT DECISION ON MARRIAGE

With its decision on the Defense of Marriage Act, the court has undermined the institution of marriage with a misguided reading of the Constitution. The national debate will continue because marriage between one man and one woman is the foundation of society and the most favorable environment to protect the rights and best interests of children. In today's decision, both the Constitution and the American people are the losers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, August 2nd, 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.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

All third degree knights are invited to take their 4th degree, Nov. 23&24, Crown Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill. Contact Barry Start or Harry Bocchino (609-35-0737). The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday in the Parish Center.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Paul Chatburn, Americo Cioci, Tom Conway, Bob Enos, Michael Finucane, Ken Pfafman, Robert Galasso, Archibald Hawk, Kevin Hodrick, Joe Juhas, Robert Merkl, John Milligan, Mrs. Kathleen Mikos, Austin Ogu, John Pagano, Donald Ruscitelli, Sal Russo, Alex Skelly, Gerald Straub, Frank Talarico, Dennis Westfall, John Whelan, Matthew Whelan and Carmen Valentino. The following members will celebrate their anniversaries: Mr.& Mrs. Ernie Aukerman, Mr.& Mrs. Francisco Olaya, Mr.& Mrs. Bob Vogelsong. CONGRATULATIONS! If we missed someone please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

You may have read earlier in this newsletter that we welcome 4 new brothers who have transferred into our Council. Our continued growth is important and the cooperation of many of you has been an important part of it. Try to always keep an eye out for membership prospects, this really important and essential to our growth. The month of August offers some of the fun for the Columbian Year with our concert\barbeque and Riversharks game. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 1 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

- Aug. 2 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Aug. 8 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Aug. 13 Concert/Barbeque (6-9 PM Parish Center)
- Aug. 16 Riversharks (Campbell Fields)
- Aug. 22 Installation of Officers (7 PM Chapel)
- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Sept. 5 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Sept. 6 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Sept. 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Sept. 14-15 Baby Bottle Boomerang (All Masses)
- Sept. 14-15 Recruitment Drive (All Masses)
- Sept. 21 Crab Feast (6-9 PM Parish Center)
- Sept. 21-22 Baby Bottle Boomerang (Pick Up)
- Sept. 26 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

FREE CONCERT TUESDAY AUGUST 13th OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH CENTER ENJOY AN EVENING WITH THE <u>BLT</u> BAND FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 PM



FREE BARBEQUE AND SOFT DRINKS STARTING AT 6:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME SO BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS (ALSO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR)