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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013

Dear Brother Knights:

I appreciate the time and effort many of you provided to ensure the success of the Big 50/50, which culminated with the Beef & Beer on November 16th. The funds raised before expenses were only slightly less than last year and benefit the parish. Special thanks to Dan Riiff, Jim & Shawn McGovern for their leadership with sales since September. I was unable to attend the Beef & Beer this year due to a family celebration, but I need to thank DGK Robert Galasso and all members who helped to set up, run and clean up afterwards. I hope all you found time to enjoy the evening also. There was no meeting in late November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

I hope all of you enjoyed the day with friends and family.

We need some help with the Annual Train Show on December 7th & 8th and to sorting donated gifts from the Giving Tree Drive. I appreciate Lee Martin for his leadership with the Train Show and Tony & Di Ritz for their leadership with the Giving Tree Drive. Our SuperBowl Mania Fundraiser also kicks off in December. We also plan to take members to a Third Degree Exemplification on December 6th. Finally, I hope to see you at our only business meeting scheduled this month on December 12th. I promise the meeting will be brief to allow more time to enjoy some fellowship and holiday refreshments. Finally, I wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Brandis,
Grand Knight

BEEF AND BEER SOCIAL

On November 16th, we hosted our annual Beef and Bear Social 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 \$55,525 and the total prizes were \$27,778 (winners were posted in the Nov. 24th OLOH weekly bulleting). This important fund raiser resulted in a donation of \$15,536.77 to our Parish. The benefit to our treasury was \$7,768.38 from the big raffle. The other programs (baskets of cheer, television, Chinese auction, etc.) gross \$3,559 net \$1,704 which was divided \$746 to OLOH and \$958 to our treasury. The total to our Council for our charitable programs was \$8,726.38. Again, 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 for his great job of organizing the Beef and Beer Social, Jim McGovern & family who tirelessly took care of managing the 50/50 tickets and money collection and disbursements through the entire campaign and Jack Wolnski for securing patrons.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for November was Dan Riiff (50/50 Social). Our Family of the Month for November was Jim McGovern (50/50 Social). Congratulations and thank you.

FOOTBALLMANIA

We introduced this fund raiser last year and it proved to be very successful. Included with your newsletter are 2 cards for the coming Super Bowl to be played on February 2nd, 2014. Complete instructions are on the card and your donation is \$5 per card. Last year there were 158 winners so your chances look pretty good. Here's a good idea. Why not give a game card as a stocking stuffer for family and friends this holiday season? To play complete the game card and make your returns, **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 19TH**, to Dan Riiff, 514 Little Gloucester Rd. Blackwood, NJ 08012 or, better still, bring your returns to a meeting. Additional tickets are available after Mass each weekend and online at the website provided in the email from K Little or contact Dan Riiff.

MALVERN RETREAT

Our annual Malvern Retreat is scheduled for the weekend on January 10-12. Past retreatants have received their registration form and an extra. If you wish, you can complete your form and give it to Fred Durso or John Gandolfo along with your deposit and Fred will try to arrange our room assignments next to each other. Use the extra form to recruit someone else. We can't say enough about this wonderful and spiritually rewarding experience.

DEGREE NEWS

A 2nd degree was held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights, on Nov. 6th. Three of our members took their second and we congratulate Anthony Russo, Paul Cipolone and Sean Kendall. Witnessing the degree were GK Frank Brandis, GDK Robert Galasso, John Gandolfo and Fred Durso.

ATTENTION ALL 2ND DEGREE KNIGHTS

A 3rd degree will be held at Santa Maria Council on Friday, December 6th at 8 PM. This degree is not

given that often so, if at all possible, we urge to take advantage of this opportunity. Meet us in front of the Parish Center no later than 7:15 PM and we will take you there. The host Council would like to know how many members will be taking the degree so if you will let John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net know that you are coming, he will register you with Santa Maria Council. **Bring your membership card.**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

All faithful followers of Christ will offer acts of service or love, in a variety of ways. They will alleviate the sufferings of others with their kind words, services, or material goods. They adore and thank God by observing the commandments, by contributing to the support of the Church and to other good purposes. The opportunities to serve and love are countless. The servant of God does not look for the praise or adulation of other men; he looks for an everlasting reward in heaven. To act otherwise is to imitate the scribes and Pharisees who performed their works in order to be seen. Our Lord called them "frauds." Their actions, because praised by men, have no value in heaven.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful to Tony & Diane Ritz for volunteering to direct the KofC portion (pickup and sorting) of the Giving Tree Program. They would appreciate any help that you can give them. You can contact them at (227-0754).

IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a brother knight. On Nov. 14th Herandito "Dick" Velasco died after a long illness. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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We congratulate the following Sir Knights who took their 4th degree on Nov. 24th at the Crown Plaza Hotel: John Amugo, Frank Bailey, Rich Bevilacqua, Al Camaione, Tim Ferrell, Jim Forte, Otto Heston, Dan McHugh, Howard Morell, Joe

Pettineo Jr., Ed Sincavage, Alex Skelly, Stan Snyder, Oredola Soluade, Fred Sulpizi and Pat Theckston. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday in the Parish Center.

TRAIN SHOW

On Saturday, December 7th from 9 AM to 4 PM, and on Sunday, December 8th from 8 AM to 2 PM, the 3rd Annual Model Train, Hobby & Collectibles Show will be held in the Parish Center. We will sponsor the event and underwrite the costs of promotion and food. The Parish will get the proceeds for table fees, youth groups run the concessions and keep proceeds, and Council keeps proceeds from ticket sales at the entrance. For further information, contact Lee Martin 856-228-7407.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and consider the value you are getting. Contributing money to an annuity can also have positive tax implications (always check with your tax professional on these matters). And our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long term care insurance plans. As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

This is my privilege.

Fred Durso, FICF,
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PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Dec. 7th & 8th, we will be

offering Pro-Life lapel roses and accepting donations for the effort against abortion. Please make yourselves available, in the rear of the Church, after the Mass you normally attend and help with this program. For further information, contact Jeff Lilley (627-7614).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, December 6th, 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND 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., Sean Kendall, Paul Labadie, Larry Lazo, Jeffrey S. Lilley, Michael Lisanti, Donald F. McKay, Joe Moore, Howard Morell, Sal Polo, Louis Schiezzari, Ed Sincavage, 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.

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

EDITORIAL

Well, as we have said many times before, this is a very active Council and our best asset is the participation and support of our membership. But that's what it takes to do the important things that we do.

There is one more thing that we ask of you this time of year and that is to remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Don't let the frantic rush of the holiday season distract you from the true meaning of Christmas. If you don't let that happen, you will surely have a Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 5 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Dec. 6 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Dec. 11 Chapter Dinner (Santa Maria)
Dec. 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 26 **No meeting**

Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Jan. 2 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 9 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 9 Blood Donor Drive (2-8 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 10-12 Malvern Retreat
Jan. 18 Council Free Throw (Parish Center)
Jan. 23 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2013



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