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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

Dear Brother Knights:

We are at the mid-point of the current Columbian Year that started on July 1st. A look back includes many achievements. Our fundraising efforts, for charitable causes, are on par with prior years and we continue to find others ways to do more for charity. Newer members are engaging in Council functions, progressing through degrees to full knighthood and in a few cases, assuming leadership roles. These achievements are wonderful; however, we are still lacking in one very crucial area. Growth in membership is the bellwether for future success of both our Council and the order. Currently, net growth for membership this year stands at two (2) after taking into account members who deceased since the start of the year. As recent as November, I informed members that all of us have a responsibility to ask Catholic men to join our order. Continue to invite a Catholic man even if he declines your invitations. You know better than anyone who will be a good knight. I accompanied several new members to first degrees in the past year who were invited to join a couple of times. Don't give up on someone you think is a good candidate for membership in the order. I ask all members to redouble their efforts and recruit a new member into the order in the coming months. Forward to me their completed Form 100 or contact information and we will get them to the next available first degree to admit them to the Council. On that note, please join me in welcoming John Harry to the Council. I was honored to accompany John to a first degree on December 16th. John is certainly a great addition to our Council.

January offers several opportunities to participate in Council events. Sign up to give blood on January 9th at the Blood Drive. As a six year retreatant, I highly recommend members to consider attending the Annual Men of Malvern Retreat on January 10th to 12th. Also, the Annual Free Throw Contest will be on January 18th.

Finally, don't forget to buy/sell Super Bowl Mania Sweepstakes tickets.

Finally, continue to enjoy the Christmas season and have a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Brandis,
Grand Knight

ANNUAL DUES BILL

Included with this newsletter is your annual dues bill. Most of you deal with this right away, but every year there are about 30% of you that don't pay promptly. 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 dollars, but, if you have a problem with that, please let us know so that some arrangement can be made. Thank you.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for December was Lee Martin (train show). Our Family of the Month for December was Tony Ritz and family (Christmas giving tree). Congratulations and thank you.

FOOTBALLMANIA

We introduced this fund raiser last year and it proved to be very successful. Included with your December newsletter were 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.

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).

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, Jan. 9th, our Council will sponsor a Red Cross blood donor drive from 2 to 8 PM in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short

supply and your help is always appreciated. If you are physically able, cone in, roll up your sleeve and give. To help you with additional strength, Dan Riiff will provide you with dinner to help you get back on your feet. Please try to give. Thank you.

DEGREE NEWS

A 3rd degree was held at Santa Maria Council, Haddon Heights, on Dec. 6th. Four of our members took their third and we congratulate Anthony Russo, Paul Cipolone, Sean Kendall and Don McKay Jr. Witnessing the degree were GK Frank Brandis, DGK Robert Galasso, and Joe Pettineo Sr. and Jr. Our Council would like to congratulate and welcome John Harry who took his first degree on Dec. 16th at Marian Council, Cherry Hill. Witnessing the degree was GK Frank Brandis.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We should always thank God for His great goodness towards us. We should thank Him for the gift of faith and sow our gratitude by living a good Christian life in accordance with our calling. We were once in darkness, but now we enjoy the light in the light in the Lord for he has manifested Himself to us. We have received His baptism, His faith, and His promise of eternal life.

FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 40 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 18th, our Council will sponsor our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center. The competition starts at 10:00 AM. Your help will be needed to set up, register, line up and keep score of the shooters.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday in the Parish Center.

TRAIN SHOW

On Saturday, December 7th, and on Sunday, December 8th our Council sponsored the 3rd Annual Model Train, Hobby & Collectibles Show in the

Parish Center. We were grateful to the boy scouts and the youth group as well as the efforts of Le Martin to make this program go. The results netted \$423 for our treasury despite a Sunday snow storm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Your lifestyle and standard of living has probably been significantly affected, for good or bad, by financial decisions made by your parents and their parents. What effect do you think your decisions about insurance and other financial matters will have on your children, their children and beyond? Part of my professional role is asking people to think about the financial ripples their decisions could create through generations to come. Why not contact me for further discussion about this important topic. Meeting with you will be my privilege.

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PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Dec. 7th & 8th, we offered Pro-Life lapel roses and accepted donations for the effort against abortion. We thank Jeff Lilley for his efforts and the drive collected \$163 to be donated to the National Life Center.

IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a Brother Knight. On December 23rd Herb Maddren passed away. Brother Herb was a charter member and 4th degree knight. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, January 3rd, 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families

will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal E. Arena, Dana Aversa, Steve Avery, John Biscardi, Harry Bocchino, Alex Breve, Mrs. Barbara Brusco, Al Camiaione, Tom Conway III, Vincent Conway, John Corbett, John Davies, Neil Della Greca, Victor DiBlasi, Fr. Nick Dudo, John Esposito, Robert Esposito, John Heck, Bill Holmes, Mike Infanti, Kevin Little, Ignazio Locantore, Alanna Massaro, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Shawn McGovern, Michael Moffa, Anthony Morrone, Kate Muldowney, Jacob Nwosu, Tom Qualk, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Paul Thomas, Dan Tumolo, David Vega, Bob Vogelsong, and Karen Woyciechowski.

The following will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Massaro, Mr. & Mrs. John Milligan. CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

The Christmas season is now behind us and we hope yours was enjoyable. We are now looking forward to some interesting and rewarding programs in the month of January. The blood donor drive is particularly important especially this time of year. The free throw contest offers an opportunity to connect with some of the youth in our community. Finally, footballmania is an opportunity to raise funds necessary for our many charitable causes. Happy New Year and Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

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 Drive (2-7:30 PM Parish Center)
Jan. 10-12 Malvern Retreat
Jan. 18 Council Free Throw (Parish Center)
Jan. 23 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 6 Officers Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Feb. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 15 District Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
Feb. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

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