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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Brother Knights:

January has been a successful month for our Council. The month started with a successful Blood Drive on January 9th that was organized by Dan Riiff and yielded 65 pints. Over the weekend of January 10th through 12th, thirty-three members attended the Annual Retreat at Malvern. The weekend was a wonderful time to bond with friends, grow in your faith and spend some time with Our Lord in personal Eucharistic Adoration. It's difficult to describe to those who never experienced Malvern. I also was asked several times before I committed to a weekend at Malvern. That was five years ago and it is now a weekend I look forward to every year. I highly recommend the Malvern Retreat to all members. On January 18th, our Council hosted the Annual Free Throw Contest and I congratulate all of our champions, boys and girls 9-14 years old who will compete for Holy Crusaders #9193 in the District Competition on February 15th at 9 AM in the OLOH Parish Center. I appreciate the help by our members to setup and run the event. We will again need 6-10 members to help setup and run the District Competition on February 15th from 9-11am. I want to thank Dan Riiff for his leadership running the ticket sale of Super Bowl Mania Sweepstakes in December and January. Good luck to sweepstake ticket holders on Super Bowl Sunday.

Most importantly, I accompanied John Harry and Lee Martin to their Second Degree on January 27th. Later the same week, I accompanied both of them and Michael Harkins Jr. to their Third Degree on January 31st. Both Degree Exemplifications were hosted by Shane's Castle Council in Waterford, NJ. I look forward to congratulating each of them with you at our next business meeting on February 13th at 8 PM.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Brandis,
Grand Knight

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for January was Tom Skelly (service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for January was Steve Thomas and family (free throw competition). Congratulations and thank you.

SUPER BOWL MANIA SWEEPSTAKES

The final numbers were not available as of this printing. We will provide that information in the next newsletter.

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council congratulates John Harry and Lee Martin who took their second degree at an exemplification at Shane's Castle Council on January 27th. These same two Brother Knights along with Mike Harkins took their Third on January 31st at the same Council. Witnessing the degree was Grand Knight, Frank Brandis.

MALVERN RETREAT

During the weekend of January 10-12, 33 of our members and friends attended this annual retreat to Malvern. Our attendance was another huge success thanks to the efforts of our Worthy Field Agent, Fred Durso. We'll go again next year so keep it in mind.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, Jan. 9th, our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive from in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply this time of year. Thanks to the promotion efforts of Dan Riiff and Bob Calabro and the support of our members and friends, 65 pints were collected. Thank you.

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 sponsored our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center and 35 shooters participated. Here are the winners: Girls 9yrs, none, 10 Maura Crowne, 11 Ceara West, 12 Kelly Jeminey, 13 none, 14 none. Boys 9yrs Alex King, 10 Jared Medina, 11 Colin Bauer, 12 Bobby Mullan, 13 none, 14 Christian Chase. We were very pleased with the turnout of members and we thank our Director Dan Tumolo. We also thank the good turnout of our members Frank Brandis, Robert Galasso, Tom Skelly, Joe Pettineo Sr. & Jr., Pat Thekston, Steve Thomas (and son Mark), Rich Bevilacqua, Harry Bocchino, John Gandolfo, Fred Sulpizi, Jim McGovern, Joe Pizzoli and Anthony Russo. The winners will compete in the District competition on February 15th in the Parish Center.

POPE PRAISES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Greeting members of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and their wives at an audience in the Vatican Oct. 10, Pope Francis thanked the Order for its "unfailing support" of the Holy See. He expressed his gratitude not only for the Knights' financial assistance, but also for its spiritual support of prayer, sacrifice and acts of charity.

THE FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July-August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild log onto the KofC website at KofC.Org and follow the prompts.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Shad Assembly 2843 Are hosting a fund raiser at Wendy's located at 1384 Blackwood-Clementon Rd, on February 11th, between the hours of 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm. 15% of your total food purchase will be donated to the fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to support our veterans and active military. This is a good cause so please try to support it. Thank you. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday in the Parish Center.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Lord helped to relieve the bodily afflictions and sufferings of many, and He also cured sicknesses of the soul. The primary purpose of His coming on earth was to restore health to man's soul, that is, to make the soul pleasing and acceptable to God.

Jesus restored sight to those bodily eyes, because of man's desire to see; Jesus will restore sight to the soul, if man asks for it in all sincerity. Whether we are spiritually blind or not, it is always good spiritual therapy to constantly implore God's mercy, forgiveness, and live with the prayer, "My Jesus, mercy!" They are three simple words which everyone can remember and use.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

These are 3 mistakes to avoid when naming a beneficiary. 1) Naming your estate as a beneficiary without addressing your will. 2) Naming a minor outright as a beneficiary. 3) Not updating beneficiaries after major life changes.

If you haven't reviewed beneficiaries for your life insurance policies, retirement accounts, or other assets, I'm here to help you take care of this promptly and professionally. Why not contact me for further discussion about this important topic.

Meeting with you will be my privilege.

Fred Durso, FICF,

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RSVP PROGRAM

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Our Council sponsors 5 seminarians and received a \$500 refund from our \$2500 donations.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, February 7th, 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, Joe Gentile, Sean Grannan, Al Guarini, Dave Harkins, Mike Harkins, Paul Heim, Sr., Bill Higgins, Ron Kentrus, Ron Lawrence, Mrs. Tricia Little, Dan McHugh, John Muldowney, Mike Poiez, Mrs. Anna Rescinito, John Rifici, Dan Riiff, Anthony Rutigliano, Gina Sirolli, Oredola Soluade, 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) or gandy@comcast.net.

EDITORIAL

In the first half of our Columbian Year our Council has demonstrated successes in all of the programs that we have undertaken. However, there is one that needs our attention and that is in the area of membership recruitment. The Supreme Council has raised the bar and has made reaching our quotas more difficult. But it can be done if all of you take a look around at a relative, friend, neighbor, i.e. any Catholic gentleman over 18 years that you think would be an asset to our Order. If you need help our Worthy Membership Director, Fred Durso would be glad to offer assistance. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)

Feb. 13 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)

Feb. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Feb. 15 District Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)

Feb. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday

Mar. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)

Mar.13 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)

Mar. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Mar. 27 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

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