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FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Brother Knights:

We are off to a busy 2015: a successful blood drive, the Malvern retreat, free-throw contest, and baby-bottle boomerang. As always, you all step up and we succeed! Thank you.

It's hard to believe we are approaching Ash Wednesday (February 18th) and Lent. So, we are moving toward our Friday to host soup-and-scripture. Let's exceed last year's terrific recipes and varieties with an even better variety this year!

Vivat Jesus.

Robert Galasso
Grand Knight

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council welcomes and congratulates Jim Coolen, who during the month of January, took his first, second and third degrees and attained the honors of full knighthood in our Order. We congratulate Matt Parkinson who took his third degree at Santa Maria Council on January 16th. Witnessing the degree from our Council was Pat Theckston.

Our Council congratulates and welcomes Thomas Bilotta who took his First Degree at Marian Council on Jan. 19th and witnessed by Fred Durso.

KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for January was Bob Witkowski. Our Family of the Month for January was Dan Tumolo and family (Service to the Council). Congratulations and thank you.

FOOTBALL MANIA

The results of the Super Bowl Program will be published in the March newsletter. We thank all who participated.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, January 8th, our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive in the Parish Center. Thanks to the promotional efforts of Dan Riiff and the support of our members, parishioners and friends 72 pints were collected. Thank you.

FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 41 years more than 2.5 million boys and girls, 10 to 14 have participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. On Saturday, January 24th, our Council sponsored our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center and 15 shooters participated. Here are the winners: Girls 9yrs none, 10 none, 11 none, 12 none, 13yrs Kelly Jeminey, 14 none. Boys 9yrs Brandon Ackerman, 10 Matthew Mullan, 11 Jared Medina, 12 Chris Rowell, 13 Bobby Mullen, 14 Tyler Gargano. We thank our Director, Dan Tumolo. We also thank the good turnout of our members: Jim McGovern, Robert Galasso, Fred Sulpizi, Fred Durso, Jules Zaccone, Kevin Little, Frank Brandis, Lee Martin, Pat Theckston, Joe Pettineo Sr. & Jr., Rich Bevilacqua, Joe Mikos, Harry Bocchino, and John Gandolfo. The winners will compete in the District competition on February 21st in the Parish Center.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We should always thank God for his great goodness toward us. We should thank Him for the gift of faith and show 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 Lord for He has manifested Himself to us. We have received His baptism, His faith, and His promise of eternal life.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

On Jan. 24-25, after all the Masses we participated in this program. The bottles provided were collected the following week. The totals will be announced in the next newsletter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analyses. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true. Do you still own just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future!

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. Next meeting February 18th.

THE EMBLEM OF THE ORDER

Some of you have asked about the significance of the Emblem of the Order so here is an explanation. The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight. A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formée Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order. Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight

when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out.

MALVERN RETREAT

Our annual Malvern Retreat was held during the weekend of January 16-18, 2015. Thanks to the promotional efforts of our Worthy Field Agent, Fred Durso, 28 of our members and friends attended. We'll do it again next year and you should try to attend this wonderful and spiritually rewarding experience.

TRAIN SHOW

Our train show held on December 13&14 netted \$592.25 and we thank Lee Martin for his efforts.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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

COUNCIL WELLNESS NOTICES

Contact Ron Miller (783-6458) or jeuoxfmm@comcast.net to send a "get well" message or a message of condolence.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal Aversa, William Belmont, John Colaianni, Omaliel Colon, Sam Evangelista, 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, Matthew Parkinson, Mike Petroski, 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.

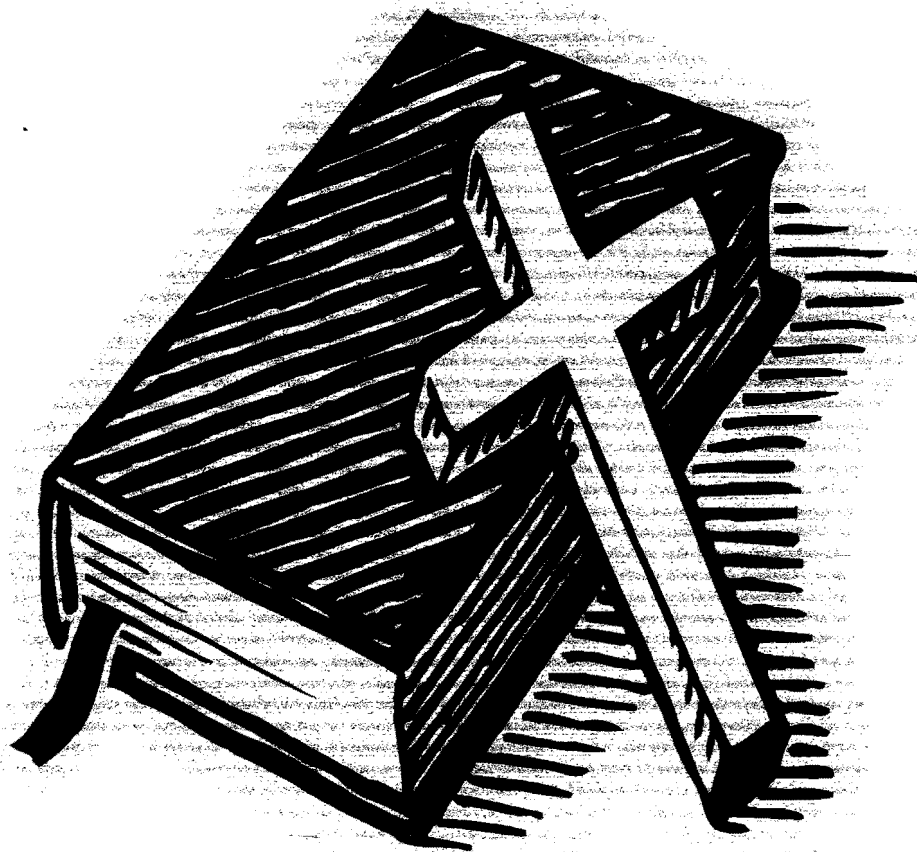
EDITORIAL

We thank all of you who supported two of our important and popular programs during this past month. Once again the Red Cross blood donor program that we sponsor successfully brought in 72 pints. Our annual free throw contest was sponsored on Jan 24, despite the very bad weather on that day. February 18th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our busy activity schedule that we forget that we are first and foremost a Catholic organization. Let's make it a point to take an extra step to participate in our Faith during this holy season. Our Church additional opportunities to practice our Faith and we should take advantage of this. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Feb. 12 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
Feb. 21 District Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
Feb. 26 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 6 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Mar. 12 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 12 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 14-15 Church Membership Drive (All Masses)
Mar. 26 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 29 Founder's Day
Mar. 29 Parish Appreciation Breakfast

ASH WEDNESDAY



LENT BEGINS
FEBRUARY 18TH