



# Knights of Columbus



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## DECEMBER 2015

Dear Brother Knights:

Thanks to all for a very fun and successful 50/50 Beef n Beer Party! Your willingness to come out and work ensured the party ran smoothly and a good time was had by all. You are all men for others!!

The Christmas Pizza Party will take place Friday, December 4th, 7pm, in the gym in the parish center. Our giving theme this year will be diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), baby wipes, and other baby products, which we will donate to the Guadalupe Family Services ministry in Camden. You will receive details and a reminder in a separate email. And, a welcome to our newest member, Anthony V. Scafidi who made his 1st degree November 16<sup>th</sup> at Marian Council. I hope all of you and your families had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus.

Robert Galasso, Grand Knight

### BEEF AND BEER SOCIAL

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual Beef and Beer 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 \$57,600 and the total prizes were \$28,000 (winners were posted in the Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> OLOH weekly bulletin). The balance, after expenses will distribute \$18,000 to OLOH (\$1,500 more than last year), and \$7,118.74 (\$1,579 more than last year) to our treasury.

The other programs (baskets of cheer, television, Chinese auction, etc.) grossed \$5,279 net \$2,719.24 which was divided \$584.50 OLOH and \$2,134.74 to our treasury. Again, we are always reluctant to thank particular individuals who helped with the social because so many so many of the members helped with the effort. However, we must mention Jim & Shawn 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 and gifts.

### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On December 4th, at 7 PM, we are planning a short break from our busy schedule for a little social for the coming Christmas Season. Nothing fancy, just some pizza, beer, wine and socializing with brother knights, wives, girlfriends, etc. Admission is free but we are asking you to bring a donation of diapers, baby wipes, etc. to be donated to Sister Helen Cole for the benefit of needy women who chose the Pro-Life alternative. You don't need to wrap them. We will pack and deliver them. This is going to be a fun and rewarding evening.



### KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for November was Mario Tatantino (service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for November was Frank Maggio and family (50/50 social donation). Congratulations and thank you.

### TRAIN SHOW

On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM, and on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Train, Hobby & Collectibles Show will be held in the Parish Center. This is a terrific family event, and a fund-raiser we do not promote as diligently as we should. Volunteers will be needed at the front door, and to sell hot dogs, soda, and pretzels. No more than 1 or 2 hours per man should be necessary to make this a big success. We will sponsor the event and underwrite the costs of promotion and food. The Parish will get the proceeds for table fees (\$20 per table), youth groups run the concessions and keep proceeds, and Council keeps proceeds from ticket sales at the entrance which will be \$4 per adult, \$6 per family; children 12 and under free with a paying adult. Let's give Lee Martin (856-228-7407) the help he needs that weekend. For further information, contact Lee Martin.

### CHAPLAINS CORNER

What is important to remember is that money is not man's ultimate goal. If he has money, he should be disposed to use it in a way that is pleasing to God. His needy brother is a member of that family which calls God its Father. Our true wealth consists in the wise use of the gifts God has sent our way. God, who is Wisdom itself, has given to each one of us a fair portion of wisdom, and He expects us to put it to use. Wisdom makes man realize that God is our supreme good.

### CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING PROGRAM

Our Council has accepted the responsibility for managing this effort that provides for the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts to those in need in our area. Right after Thanksgiving, the Christmas Giving Tree activities will begin.

Basically, after weekend Masses, we will be shuttling gifts from the Church to the Parish Center (McGivney Room). So after Mass, as your schedule allows, please take 20 minutes or so to lend a hand. It is a wonderful cause. And, we will be helping Brother Tony Ritz with his favorite activity as he continues to recuperate.

### MALVERN RETREAT-SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Malvern Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 15-17, 2016. By now, past retreatants have received their registration forms, and an extra form. If you return your form and deposit to Fred Durso, he can get us booked in the same area. Use the extra registration form to sign up someone else. We can't say enough about this wonderful and spiritually rewarding experience.

### 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. Call me today for an appointment. Fred Durso, FICF, Field Agent, (856) 401-3055 [Fred.durso@kofc.org](mailto:Fred.durso@kofc.org)

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

[Blueoxrmm@comcast.net](mailto:Blueoxrmm@comcast.net) to send a "get well" message or a message of condolence.

#### SAVE THE DATE-CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Once again, we are inviting all our members, spouses or guests to attend the informal social to be held starting at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. This casual dinner will include pizza, wine, beer, coffee and dessert. Admission is **FREE**. We only ask that you bring a donation of diapers, baby wipes, that will be donated to a facility where women in need choose to have their babies. There is no need to wrap these items. We will put them in boxes and deliver them. We know that these items will be greatly appreciated.

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

On the evening of December 26<sup>th</sup> you and a companion can enjoy a special Christmas surprise by attending the Washington Redskins vs Eagles game. All you have to be is lucky and win a raffle for 2 excellent tickets. The raffle is sponsored by Bishop Schad Assembly Fourth Degree. Parking is included. Cost is only \$5.00 and the drawing is December 16<sup>th</sup>, "GO EAGLES." For more details contact Barry Start (384-5884)

A 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification was held in Cherry Hill on Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate our new Sir Knights: Stan Wichowski, Robert Cermak, John P. Iovacchino, John N. Iovacchino, Eric Lodi, Milton Tucker, Alexander Yusay, Guzman Alvarez and Robert Witkowski. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Mrs. Mary Ann Busa, Robert Calabro, Sal Curi, George DiMarcantonio, Mrs. Gloria Duguay, Tom Ehly, Bob Friedberg, Joe Gallagher, John Gandolfo, Jr.,

Anthony Genniro, Sean Kendall, Paul Labadie, Fred Labrosciano, Larry Lazo, Jeffrey S. Lilley, Michael Lisanti, Donald F. McKay, Joe Moore, Howard Morell, Sal Polo, Louis Schiezzari, Ed Sincavage, Peter Sirolli, Stan Wichowski, Roland N. Winkler, Bob Witkowski, 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)

#### EDITORIAL

We are coming off of what is perhaps the busiest time of our Columbian Year. What a pleasure it will be to relax, have some fun and toast our successes with a casual social on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. But even while celebrating we remember our commitment to the cause of Pro-Life. The cost of the evening is **FREE**. We only ask that you make a donation of diapers, wipes, etc. to be donated to women in need who chose the pro-life alternative. Our important Holiday message this year, as it is every year in the Knights of Columbus is to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Enjoy the season with family and friend but always keep this most important message in mind. Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Dec. 4 Christmas Pizza and Wine Party  
(7 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 9 Chapter Christmas Dinner (Santa Maria)
- Dec. 10 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 12 & 13 Train Show (Parish Center)
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Jan. 7 Blood Drive (2-7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 14 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 15-17 Malvern Retreat
- Jan. 23 Free Throw (11 AM OLOH School)
- Jan. 28 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 31 Council Memorial Mass (10:30 OLOH)



# ***MERRY CHRISTMAS 2015***



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