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#### JANUARY 2016

Dear Brother Knights:

Thank you all for working so hard over the past 2 months. Every activity was a big success because of all of you who show up and work as hard as you do! I have received so much positive feedback about how much fun people had at the Oldies Dance and Beef n' Beer, and how well the Giving Tree went this year. Gentlemen, that positive feedback is all because of you!

May you and your families have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus.

Robert Galasso, 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.

#### FOOTBALL MANIA

Included with your copy of the newsletter is a game card for the coming Super Bowl to be played on February 7th. Complete instructions are on the card and your donation is \$5. To play, complete the game card and make your returns, no later than February 5th, to Joe Pettineo Jr., the Parish Office of better still, bring it to a meeting. Additional cards are available from Brother Joe.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING PROGRAM

Our Council accepted the responsibility for managing this effort that provides for the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts to those in need in our area. The program began right after Thanksgiving, when the Christmas Giving Tree went up and we began shuttling gifts from the Church to the Parish Center (McGivney Room), and then sorting and bagging hundreds of gifts. It was a huge team effort that went very well and we thank all of you that participated.

#### KNIGHT\FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for December was Jim McGovern (service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for December was Dan McHugh and family (service to the Council). Congratulations and thank you.

#### FREE THROW CONTEST

For over 42 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Council will sponsor our annual Free Throw Contest in the OLOH School. Registration starts at 11:00 AM. Your help will be needed to set up, register, line up and keep score of the shooters.

#### **BLOOD DONOR DRIVE**

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, our Council will sponsor a Red Cross blood donor drive from 2:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is always appreciated. If you are physically able, come in; roll up your sleeve and give. We will provide additional food to help get you back on your feet. Please try to give.

#### PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Jan. 23-24, our Council 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 Mall you normally attend and help with this program. For further information, contact Jeff Lilley (627-7614).

#### TRAIN SHOW

On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Train, Hobby & Collectibles Show was held in the Parish Center. We will provide the details in the next newsletter.

#### CHAPLAINS CORNER

Peace! This is the most ardent desire or aspiration of the human heart. And yet, Jesus brings it, or offers it to each and every one of us. Listen again: Peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests." His favor rests on us, if we love Him as He wants to be loved, if we practice justice as we are told to do in the Ten Commandments. The peace which our hearts crave for is not to be found in power, wealth, greed, inordinate attachment to material things and sensual pleasures, or in hatred of God's children. Peace is ours if God's favor rests on us, if we live according to God's law and teachings, if we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. We must not reject what is supernatural, spiritual and has eternal value.

#### 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

When was the last time you saw an insurance agent? What has changed since then? A new home, a new baby, a new job? Are you retiring? Is your employer's group plan terminating? Is a child rider included on your present policy? Are you presently disabled? Does your current policy include a Disability Waiver? Don't you think you owe it to yourself to call and have your policies reviewed?

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#### IN MEMORIUM

Once again, it is our sad duty to report to you, the passing of a Brother Knight. On Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Tom Conway Sr. died. Our condolences go out to his family which includes Brother Knights, Tom Jr., Tom 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Vincent Conway.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, January 8th, 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.

#### CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Once again, we invited all our members, spouses or guests to attend the informal social held on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. This casual dinner will include pizza, wine, beer, coffee and dessert. Admission was **FREE**. We only asked for a donation of diapers, baby wipes, that would be donated to Sister Helen's facility in Camden for women in need who choose the pro-life alternative. Your response was tremendous and Sister Helen was overwhelmed by our generosity. We thank Robert & Debra Galasso and Fred Sulpizi for delivering the items the next day.

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Assembly congratulates Jim Coolen who became a Sir Knight on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal E. Arena, Dana Aversa, Joe Bennett, John Biscardi, Harry Bocchino, Alex Breve, Mrs. Barbara Brusco, Al Camiaione, Robert Cermak, Tom Conway III, Vincent Conway, Jim Coolen, John Davies, Neil Della Greca, Fr. Nick Dudo, John Esposito, Robert Esposito, Tom Fargnoli, John Heck, Mike Infanti, Kevin Little, Ignazio Locantore, Alanna Massaro, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Shawn McGovern, Michael Moffa, Anthony Morrone, William Muehlhauser, Jacob Nwosu, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Paul Thomas, Dan Tumolo, David Vega, Bob Vogelsong, Robert Wright, 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.

#### <u>COUNCIL WELLNESS NOTICES</u> Contact Ron Miller (783-6458) or <u>Blueoxrmm@comcast.net</u> to send a "get well"

message or a message of condolence.

#### **EDITORIAL**

Our many successes during the first half of our Columbian Year were topped off at the Christmas Gathering we held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Not only did we enjoy the pleasant company of Brother Knights, spouses and guests, but the overwhelming support of Guadalupe Services for pro-life mothers, by your donations of infant necessities. The social was well attended and I think we all came away with a good feeling inside. Have a Happy New Year and make one of your resolutions an effort to attend a meeting and support our programs. Thank you and Vivat Jesus.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Jan. 7 Blood Drive (2-7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 8 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Jan. 14 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 15-17 Malvern Retreat
- Jan. 22 Washington D.C. March
- Jan. 23 Free Throw (11 AM OLOH School)
- Jan. 28 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 31 Council Memorial Mass (10:30 OLOH)
- Feb. 5 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
- Feb. 11 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 11 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 13 District Free Throw (OLOH School)
- Feb. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

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