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FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Brother Knights:

Lent, Soup & Scripture, and Palm Sunday breakfast are approaching, so we will be a busy Council again! Let's enjoy and reflect on the people and ideals important to each of us during the Lenten season.

A big thanks to Dan Riiff for another successful blood drive; 71 pints! And, congratulations to Fred Durso for qualifying for a trip to Hawaii. Great job, Dan and Fred!

Due to the storm, the free throw contest has been rescheduled for February 13th. Please offer Dan Tumolo any help you can.

Let's support all our upcoming activities.

Vivat Jesus.

Robert Galasso

Grand Knight

HEALING MASS

A healing Mass will be celebrated at OLOH Church at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 11th. There will be no officers meeting that night and our regular Council meeting will follow the Mass (we are guessing about 8:15 PM). We encourage our membership to attend this heartwarming service.

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 January 7th, our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is always appreciated. Thanks to the support of our membership and friends, 71 pints were collected which can be used to benefit 356 people in need. We thank Dan Riiff, Bob Calabro and Bob Witkowski for helping to make the drive a success.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for January was Jim Coolen (service to the Council). Our Family of the Month for December was Joe Pettineo, Jr. and family (Football Mania). 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. The Council competition previously scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd, was cancelled due to the storm and will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th prior to the District competition. Starting at 11 AM, in the OLOH Regional School, we could use some help registering the shooters, lining them up, keeping score, etc. The winners will go on to the regional competition.

PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Jan. 30-31, our Council offered Pro-Life lapel roses and accepted donations for the effort against abortion. The program had been postponed due to the storm and the results will be shown in the March newsletter.

TRAIN SHOW

Our train show held on December 12&13 netted \$700 and we thank Lee Martin and our members who participated in this program. The money will be divided evenly between the National Life Center and Veterans Haven.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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

CHAPLAINS CORNER

There are some questions that we all ask ourselves in different ways: Who am I? Who is God? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? What are my unique talents and abilities? What will my contribution be? What happens when I die? We are constantly grappling with these questions. Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to help you answer them. Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to help you live the answers once you find them. Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to be at your side through it all. If you don't already have this kind of relationship with Jesus, stay open to the possibility. He wants to have a dynamic relationship with you.

MALVERN RETREAT

Our annual Malvern Retreat was held during the weekend of January 15-17. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age); you will need to slow down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility. As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face to face meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little. The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company. The Knights of Columbus-the organization you trust-is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere when you prepare.

Call me today for an appointment.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE MILESTONE

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force and this marks an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's

mission to protect the future of Catholic families. Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America. "The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl A. Anderson. "It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney."

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus.

"With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect," said Anderson. The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, February 5th, 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, William Belmont, Tom Bilotta, John Colaiani, 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, 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. **CONGRATULTIONS**
If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

WELLNESS NOTICES

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

EDITORIAL

Once again the Red Cross blood donor drive that we sponsor successfully brought in 71 pints. We will host the Council/District free throw contests on February 13th in the OLOH regional school. February 10th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Let's make it a point to take that extra step to participate in our Faith during this holy season. Our Church offers additional opportunities to practice our Faith and we should take advantage of this.
Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 5 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
Feb. 11 Healing Mass (7 PM OLOH Church)
Feb. 11 Council Meeting (8:15PM Parish Center)
Feb. 13 Free Throw Competitions (OLOH School)
Feb. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
Mar. 10 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 12-13 Church Membership Drive (all Masses)
Mar. 15 Open House (7 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 17 First Degree (8 PM Parish Center)
Mar. 20 Parish Appreciation Breakfast
Mar. 27 Easter Sunday
Mar. 29 Founder's Day

ASH WEDNESDAY



LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 10TH