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AUGUST 2017

Dear Brother Knights:

Brothers, You did it! You have met the goals for 2016-2017, both membership, insurance and programs. I see Stars in our future. Well done everyone. I'm very proud of our Council. In July we started the Columbian Year with our Blood Drive. The blood drive collected 73 pints, a vital life saver. We have also begun selling the Football Mania tickets after the Masses. As Chris Chiaro has said, we are asking everyone to help sell at the Masses and to anyone to reach 750 tickets sold by September. I have asked all the committees to ask members to be on their teams to lighten the work load. If you would like to be part of the action, we're looking for you. One of the programs we are adding is "New Eyes for the Needy." We will be collecting gently used eye glasses from now until January 1, 2018, for the cause. Just bring them to the meeting and we will get them to the group. This is also a State Council cause.

A membership note: Our Goal for this season is 22 new brothers and +8 new insurance members by 5/11/2018 WE CAN DO IT! and help so many people on the way.

There was no regular meeting on 7/27; instead we installed our Officers for the coming year in the Chapel. Our next meeting on August 10th will be an officers meeting followed by a Special presentation of some 200 religious relics. Many are 1st class order of relics and there is a story of their origin. Come out and show your support for this special and interesting event.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas A. Skelly Grand Knight

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Council installed officers for the new Columbian Year on Thursday, July 27th, in the OLOH Chapel. The ceremonies began with Mass at 7:30 PM followed by the installation by our District Deputy, Frank Brandis. The installation was well attended and we pledge our support for our officers for the coming Columbian Year. Family members were welcome and refreshments followed in the Church gathering space.

CHARITY MANIA

Our Charity Mania program is now in progress. The \$20 donation gives the player a chance to win every week during the 17 game pro-football season. This has proven to be a good deal for the players and an important fund raiser for our charitable work. So make your returns to Chris Chiaro or Hugo Candeloro, or the parish office or best of all, bring them to a meeting.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the month for August is Tom Kohler. Our Family of the month for August is Tom Malatesta and family. Congratulations and thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Our Council awarded \$300 and \$200 to honor graduates from our 4 township middle schools who will be attending a Catholic High School. The winners were from C.L Lewis-Hailey Lillich and Colin Bauer; from Ann Mullen-McKayla Brieley and Tyler Parsels; from Glen Landing-Nina Salvo and Ryan Hess; from OLOH Anthony Capinella and Alyssa Regusa. We congratulate you and wish you good luck.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On July 6th, our Council sponsored a blood donor drive in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is always appreciated. Thanks to your support and the support of our friends and parishioners, 73 pints were collected. We thank Dan Riiff, Bob Calabro and Bob Witkowski for managing the drive.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

As our Savior and Master, Jesus taught us how to pray. He also instituted the seven sacraments, known as channels of grace that lead the way to haven. He suffered and died for mankind. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead. For forty days after the resurrection he appeared several times to his Mother and the chosen ones, telling the Apostles that they must continue His work by preaching Him, the crucified, to all nations. Let us prove to Him that His coming into the world is drawing souls to heaven even in modern times. "We adore You oh Christ, because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is the first and primary place where we experience and

are formed in our Catholic faith. By building upon our current programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parent and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith. In order to perform its important mission of evangelization, each family needs to find support in the sacramental life of the Parish.

COUNCIL WEB SITE

We ask you to check out your Council's web site at kofc9193.org for lots of information concerning the Council. While you're there, enter the password Holycrusaders and check the detailed membership listing. If there are any changes or inaccuracies concerning your listing please notify John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a Brother Knight. On June 27th George DiMarcantonio passed away. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Because life expectancies have been steadily improving, living longer may very well mean needing more care. Statistics show that nearly 70% of individuals over the age of 65 will require at least some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. Those services are becoming more and more expensive, with nursing home care costing upward of \$80,000 per year and at-home care more than \$60,000 per year. Yet most insurance plans or government assistance programs do not provide sufficient coverage for long-term care needs. Long term care insurance from the Knights of Columbus helps mitigate that risk by helping you cover your costs. Knights of Columbus Long Term Care policies fit your needs and come in two basic forms: comprehensive coverage, which covers you in a nursing home or at home, and facilityonly coverage, which covers you in a nursing

home only. Call me today for an appointment. Fred Durso, FICF, Field Agent, (856) 401-3055 Fred.durso@kofc.org

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND **ANNIVERSARIES**

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: James Breen, Tim Cammarota, Paul Chatburn, Tom Conway, Frank D'Amico, Kevin Dunne, Bob Enos, Michael Finucane, Michael Hammerbeck, Robert Galasso, John P. Iovacchino, Joe Juhas, Jason McArdle, Robert Merkl, John Milligan, Mrs. Kathleen Mikos, John Pagano, Sal Russo, Alex Skelly, Gerald Straub, Frank Talarico, Dennis Westfall, John Whelan, Matthew Whelan and Carmen Valentino. The following members will celebrate their anniversaries: Mr.& Mrs. Albert Belmont III, Mr.& Mrs. Francisco Olaya, Mr.& Mrs. Bob Vogelsong. CONGRATULATIONS! If we missed someone please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Tickets are now on sale for the Comedy Night on Sept. 9th. Tickets are \$35 (a discount for a full table reservation) and it should be a fun evening. The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, August 4th, after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GROWTH

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one Council to 15,342 Councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland,

the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

EDITORIAL

Our new Columbian Year has begun and we are off and running. The successful blood drive collected 73 pints and that's very good. Football mania has begun and game cards are available and your \$20 donation makes you a player for the entire 17 game pro football season. The new year will include some new programs and innovations such as an eyeglasses for the needy program and the Knights of Columbus effort for building the Domestic Church, and we are confident that we can meet these challenges. We have met the requirements i.e. for membership, insurance and programs but as of this writing we have not been formally notified that we are, once again, a Star Council, stay tuned. Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)

Aug. 10 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center

Aug. 10 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Aug. 24 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Sept. 1 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)

Sept. 4 Labor Day

Sept. 9-10 Baby Bottle Boomerang (All Masses)

Sept. 14 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)

Sept. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)

Sept. 16-17 Membership Drive (All Masses)

Sept. 19 Open House (7 PM Parish Center)

Sept. 21 First Degree (8 PM Parish Center)

Sept. 23 Hoagie Sale

Sept. 28 Second Degree (8 PM Parish Center)

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