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DECEMBER 2017

Dear Brother Knights:

I begin with a great big thank you to all of you for making our beef N beer a success. All of our guest had a good time, food and prizes. Special thanks to the teams and their families for pitching in right to the end of the night. Thank you to Shawn and Jim McGovern and the Big 50/50 ticket team. As you see a lot of people make these events possible and we would like to see more knights get involved in the planning and preparation stages of future events. December 7th is our Christmas party at 7pm. set up team 6pm. This is a family social event. Come out for good time with your family to celebrate Christmas. The Council will supply music, light foods, beverages (beer, wine, soda) and deserts. You're welcome to bring your own special beverages. This year we are asking for donations for the veteran's home. Suggested items; NEW socks, towels, soaps, toiletries (nothing with alcohol in it please.)

We are on track for another Star Council year in 2018. Remember the holidays are good time to invite new members to join our Star Council. And for all the new members, we look forward to your joining our Council activity teams.

Congratulation to Joe Pettineo III who has qualified for the Shining Armor Award. To qualify for the award all a knight needs to do is,

- *Be involved in at least three Council service programs
- *Attend at least three Council business meetings
- *Receive their Second and Third degrees
- *Meet with their Council's insurance representative
- *Recruit at least one new member

Everyone have a safe and Merry Christmas, see you in the New Year.

Tom Skelly, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Our Council has accepted the responsibility for managing this effort that provides for the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts for those in need in our area. We are very pleased that PGK Robert Galasso has volunteered to direct the program and we are all volunteering to support Brother Robert in this effort. Right after Thanksgiving the Christmas Tree activities began. 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 about 20 minutes or so to lend a hand. This is a wonderful and charitable cause.

BEEF AND BEER SOCIAL

On November 11th, 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 50/50 raffle tickets were \$60,375.00 and the total prizes were \$30,187.50 (winners were posted in the Nov. 19th OLOH weekly bulletin). The balance after expenses, \$25,318.21, will be donated to OLOH for debt reduction. The other programs (baskets of cheer, television, Chinese auction, etc.) grossed \$4,977.00. The net, \$3,028.20 went to our treasury. Again, we are always reluctant to thank particular individuals who helped with the social because so many of the members helped with the effort. However, we must mention Dan McHugh for his great job of organizing the Beef and Beer Social, Jim & Shawn McGovern & family who tirelessly took care of managing the Big 50/50 tickets and money collection and disbursement through the entire campaign, and Jack Wolnski for securing patrons and gifts.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the month for December is Dave Bolinski (service to the Council). Our Family of the month for December is Frank Maggio and family (50/50 donation). Congratulations and thank you.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order 25 consecutive years are designated honorary life members. Our Council congratulates Ray Duguay and Harry Hamp on becoming Honorary Life Members.

SAVE THE DATE

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 Thursday,

December 7th in the Parish Center. This casual gathering will include casual dinner, wine, beer, coffee and desserts. Admission is **FREE**. We only ask that you bring a donation of bath towels, soap, shampoo, toilet articles, disposal razors, etc. which will be brought to Veterans Haven in Vineland. There is no need to gift wrap these items. Bishop Schad Assembly will pack them in boxes and bring them down to our Veterans. Members of the Assembly do wonderful work for our vets at this center and these are items that the veterans need and greatly appreciate.

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council congratulates and welcomes Peter A. Sirolli into our numbers. Brother Pete went on to take his second degree on Nov. 8th at Santa Maria Council. Witnessing the degree were Fred Durso and John Gandolfo. Our Council congratulates and welcomes Nelson Brown and Richard Kromin who took their First Degree on Nov. 2nd. And Brother Richard who took his second on Nov. 12th in Pennsauken. Witnessing the degrees were DD Frank Brandis and GK Tom Skelly.

MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND

Our annual Malvern Retreat will be held during the weekend of January 12-14, 2018. 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 form to sign up someone else. We can't say enough about this wonderful and spiritually rewarding experience.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

St. John Vianney, in one of his sermons expressed himself as follows: "If the damned were asked 'Why are you in hell?' They would answer 'Because we have resisted the Holy Spirit.' And if the Saints were asked 'Why are you in heaven?' They would answer 'Because we have listened to the Holy Spirit.'" He was putting over his point clearly, simply and convincingly, on the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It will do every one of us a lot of good if we remember the words of this great Saint.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Remember that you have a dedicated Knights of Columbus Agent who will help you consider your current insurance/financial situation, evaluate the options and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and budget. So be sure to reach out to your agent today to meet with you and learn more about the exclusive portfolio of protection that is available to you and your families.

Call me today for an appointment.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Mrs. Mary Ann Busa, Robert Calabro, Anthony Cirineo, Sal Curi, Mrs. Gloria Dugay, Tom Ehly, Bob Friedberg, Joe Gallagher, John Gandolfo, Jr., Anthony Genniro, Sean Kendall, Paul Labadie, Fred Labroschiano, Larry Lazo, Jeffrey S. Lilley, Michael Lisanti, Donald F. McKay, Mrs. Debbie Malatesta, Joe Moore, Howard Morell, Joe Pettineo 3rd, Sal Polo, John Raftery, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy@comcast.net.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Bishop Schad Assembly invites you on December 4th to join them on a Casino trip to the Tropicana. Trip includes a buffet, show plus \$15.00 in slot play. Bus leaves the Church parking lot at 10 AM and returns at 5 PM. Cost is \$50. Contact Barry Start (856-384-5884) or bstart711@comcast.net for details or reservations

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Dec. 10th, in Cherry Hill. If you are a 3rd degree knight and wish to take your 4th, (Patriotic Degree) contact Barry Start (384-5884) for details. 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, December 1st, after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction.

EDITORIAL

After coming off the busiest time of our Columbian Year, it will be a pleasure to relax, have some fun, and toast our successes with a casual social on Thursday, December 7th, at 7 PM. Once again, our important Holiday message this year is to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Enjoy the season with family and friends but always keep this important message in mind. Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Dec. 7 Council Christmas Party (7 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 14 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 14 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 28 **No Meeting**
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Jan. 4 Blood Drive (2-7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 5 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Jan. 11 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 11 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 12-14 Malvern Retreat
- Jan. 20 Council Free Throw (11:30 AM OLOH School)
- Jan. 20-21 Pro-Life Rose Sale (All Masses)
- Jan. 25 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)



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