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BROTHER KNIGHTS

I hope that all had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and maybe we didn't put too much weight on from the feast. Thanks to all that made the Big 50/50 and Beef & Beer a huge success this year. There are just too many names to mention to thank and I would hate to miss anyone.

It looks like our Council was formally acknowledged as a Star Council in the November Columbia Magazine edition. So congratulations to all of you for this great accomplishment. Keep it going. So, for this month we will have our annual Christmas party on the evening of Dec. 6th at 6:30 PM and start an anticipated fun time for all. Burt that doesn't mean we don't have any work to do. We need all to support our Brother Robert Galasso with active hands for the Giving Tree this month after all Masses until the 9th of December, and then distribution on the 15th. Please help when you can.

December brings a lot of hustle and bustle and at times we forget what Christmas is really all about. Let's Keep the Christ Child in our hearts and minds. Merry Christmas! and Vivat Jesus. Pat Theckston, Grand Knight

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SAVE THE DATE

Once again we are inviting all our members, spouses, families or guests to attend the informal social to be held starting at 6:30PM on Thursday, December 6th in the Parish Center. This 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 appreciated.

DEGREE NEWS

Our Council hosted a 2nd Degree (Formation Exemplification) on Oct. 30th. On this occasion 17 candidates, 2 from our Council, took their second and we congratulate Tom Crenny and Ken Kanaszka. Our degree team was in good form in the following roles: Frank Brandis (DD), Fred Durso (GK), John Gandolfo (Chan), Pat Theckston (Ward), Bob Galasso (FS), Ray Duguay (BnBr) John N. Iovacchino & Joe Pettineo 3rd (HnGds) Joe Pettineo Jr. (InGd) Fred Sulpizi (Cross) and Jim McGovern (Mus). We thank Dan McHugh for handling refreshments.

Our Council would like to congratulate and welcome Jerry Naimoli who took his first on Nov. 8th at St. Margaret Council. Witnessing the degree were DD Frank Brandis and PGK Robert Galasso.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the month for December is Jack Wolnski (getting donors for the Big Social). Our Family of the month for December is Tom Malatesta and family (Service to the Council). Congratulations and thank you.

BEEF AND BEER SOCIAL

On November 10th, we hosted our annual Beef and Beer Social in the Parish Center. The highlight of the evening will be 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 \$65,350 and the total prizes were \$32,675 (winners were posted in the Nov.18th OLOH weekly bulletin). The balance, after expenses in the amount of \$27,550.59 to be presented to our Pastor/Chaplain Fr. Joseph Szolack. The proceeds from front door entry, Chinese auction, basket of cheer, television grossed \$3,575 net \$1,538.42 which went into 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 collections and disbursements through the entire campaign, and Jack Wolnski for his outstanding work in securing patrons and gifts.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Our lesson for today is this: We must always approve and admire the good works of others, and we should try to correct, and never imitate, the conduct of those who displease both God and men. The material things that man has are all from God, and they should be used in such a way as to pay big dividends both here and hereafter. After all, it is not great possessions that make a man rich, but the good use of those things that make him truly rich. Wealth is only good when it is turned to good account. The day will come when God will say to us: "Turn in the account of your stewardship..".

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

September was designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year the Life Insurance Market Research Association puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging. A recent survey found that 76% of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. 68% of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus you have a full time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement, disability income and long term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help. Talk with me, and afterwards, you'll understand that only wrong decision was not protecting your family's future sooner. For further information please call me for an appointment. Fred Durso, FICF, Field Agent, (856) 401-3055

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MALVERN WEEKEND RETREAT

For anyone interested, our Council will be going on its annual retreat to Malvern, PA (St. Joseph's in-the-Hills), the weekend of January 11th. The retreat registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday (11th) and the retreat will be over by noon on Sunday, January 13th. Our retreat group is known as Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Group. Be part of this uplifting and spiritual experience, and join the approximately 300 other men on this extraordinary weekend with the Lord. You will not be disappointed. If interested, please contact Fred Durso @ 856-401-3055.

IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a Brother Knight. On Nov. 3rd, Francis S. Wesolowski died. Brother Frank was also a Sir Knight of the Bishop Schad Assembly. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Chapel on First Friday, December 7th after the 9:00 AM Mass, continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Chapel to schedule a devotion time. Attendance has been better so let's keep the momentum going.

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, Kenneth Kanaszka, Sean Kendall, Fred Labrosciano, 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, 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

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The 4th degree exemplification was held at the Tropicana in Atlantic City on Nov. 11th. We congratulate Jack Bauer and Jeff Lilley on the occasion of becoming Sir Knights and members of the Bishop Schad Assembly.

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

EDITORIAL

Please join us for our celebration of our successes over the first half of the Columbian Year. Our casual social will be Thursday, Dec. 6th, 6:30PM. Once again, our important Holiday message is to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Enjoy the season with family and friends but always keep that important message in mind. Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 6 Christmas Party (6:30PM Parish Center)

- Dec. 7 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Dec. 13 Officers Meeting (7 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 13 Council Meeting (8 PM Parish Center)
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 27 No Meeting
- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Jan. 3 Blood Drive (2-7PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 4 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Jan. 10 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 10 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 11-13 Malvern Retreat

Jan. 19 Council Free Throw (11:30AM OLOH School)

Jan. 19-20 Pro-Life Rose Sale (All Masses) Jan. 24 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)



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