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#### **APRIL 2020**

#### BROTHER KNIGHTS

It pains me to have to state this but the fact is that to me it looks like we need to cancel the events coming up. This includes 5th Sunday rosary March 29th / Memorial mass ,our April 2nd officers meeting and our Hoagie Sale. I am not 100% sure what the Parish is doing for Holy Thursday or what the 4th degree team is planning for the Adoration if anyone knows let me know so we can pass the word. Right now we can leave the 23rd of April meeting alone since it's a ways off and make that decision in two weeks time.

The last month has been quite a solemn one to say the least due to the pandemic. We have had to cancel or postpone so many meaningful things that we as Knights do for our community, Parish and it looks as if it will continue through the month of April. Our planned officers meeting on the 2nd is cancelled as of this writing due to the fact that the parish center and all functions have been requested to be cancelled or postponed. We continue to converse via phone, text and email so if anything that is urgent can still be brought to the officers and members attention, don't hesitate to contact any of the officers or myself.

One last thing, don't forget to take advantage of the Parish Facebook page the daily Mass at 9AM.

#### HTTP://WWW,FACE BOOK.COM/OUR.LADY.OF.HOPE.PARISH/

Stay safe and follow the CDC recommendations of social distancing and keep the Faith Brothers. Vivat Jesus. Pat Theckston, Grand Knight

#### DEGREE NEWS/CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On March 5th our Council hosted a Formation Degree and we congratulate Stephen Abormegah and Ifeany Nwahiri on taking their second. Our team was in good form in the following roles. (DD) Frank Brandis, (GK) Fred Durso, (Chan) John Gandolfo, (FS) Robert Galasso, (Ward) Pat Theckston. (BnHrg) Ray Duguay & Rich Bevilacqua, (Cross) Fred Sulpizi, (InGd) Vince Foschini and (Mus) Jim McGovern.

#### HONORARY MEMBER

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 Rus Mogavero on becoming an Honorary Life Member. Members who have been members for 25 consecutive years are designated Honorary Members. We congratulate Joe Gallagher on becoming an Honorary member.

#### **OUR ROLE AS KNIGHTS**

Knights have a unique and important role to play at this difficult time. It stems from our calling as Knights, it guides our work into the future, and it is rooted in our special commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As Knights, we bear a certain stamp, or character, given to us by God for the sake of his people. Now more than ever, we need to seek to be better men — better fathers, husbands and brothers — and better Knights. In short, in these difficult times, we need to be better disciples of Jesus Christ.

## <u>CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL</u> DISABILITIES

During the weekend of May 1-3, our Council will participate in the annual Knights of Columbus fundraising drive for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities. We will be taking up a presence at several business locations and our Church after all the Masses. You will be receiving a call from our program directors, Dan McHugh or John N. Iovacchino, as they prepare our solicitation schedule. Please cooperate with Brothers Dan or John and make yourselves available to cover our stations and, when you schedule a time please honor that commitment. If for some reason you can't honor your commitment, please let them know so that coverage can be arranged. Remember that we have always tried to make this a family participation program, so we will welcome help from wives, children, friends, or anyone who wishes to make this very worthy cause a success. Thank you.

## **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Our Council elections will take place at our June 11<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Our Grand Knight, Pat Theckston, has appointed a nominating committee that includes Dan Tumolo and John Gandolfo, to prepare a slate of candidates to be published in the May newsletter. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member in good standing (dues paid) you are eligible to hold office in the Council. If you are interested in

having your name placed in nomination, contact a member of the nominating committee or our Grand Knight. Finally, nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.

#### SAVE THE DATE

We are just 2 months away from the Bob Stefano Memorial Golf Outing, our major fundraiser. Even with the uncertainty about the Coronavirus, we must be prepared for our scheduled date of June 12th. We are providing everyone with 2 copies of the corporate sponsorship form, and asking you to assist us by soliciting sponsorships as you go about your modified daily routines. Additional hard copies, or email attachments are available by contacting any member of the golf committee.

#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Conversion is manifested when we recognize Jesus by listening to Him and confiding in His work. Divine mercy is gift and grace. Therefore we must listen attentively to the Word of God and have confidence in His infinite love and mercy. Let us express sorrow and repentance for all the wrong done during our entire life. God is always willing in His infinite mercy to forgive our faults, if we are willing to listen to Him, to followHim and to have the spirit of penance. The disposition of the soul and our repentance will make amends for our sins.

#### **NEW JERSEY STATE CONVENTION**

The 124th Annual New Jersey State-Council Convention has been cancelled as a physical gathering. The State Council will be conducting a "Virtual" Convention, covering ALL vital elements of the Annual gathering - including the annual raffle.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

While I serve as your Knights of Columbus insurance field agent, I also want to share with you the many other member benefits available to you and your family. Survivor benefits are the bedrock of our mission as Knights of Columbus. I am here to assist fellow Knights and their families at a time of loss of a loved one and provider. Fraternal Benefits are numerous and among them are guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children, as well as death benefits for the death of a child before or at birth. Member's families, including orphans, have also been helped by accidental death benefits (member/spouse). (856) 401-3055 Fred Durso, Field Agent Fred durso@kofc.org

#### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Bishop Schad Assembly meets on the third 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, April 3rd continue until 7:00 PM, and close with Benediction. Friday Expositions and Adorations will be ongoing with Benediction at 7PM. If you are interested in a time slot, contact John Harry (856-309-5286) or the Parish Office to schedule a devotion time. There is a sign on the sheet in the rear of the Chapel.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following members or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Ernie Aukerman, Jack Bauer, Richard Calabrese, Annette Calabro, Carlos Castro, Bishop James Checchio, Ed Condon, Robert DePasquale, Robert Doyle, John Esposito, Mrs Jo-Ann Gandolfo, Harry Hamp, Anthony Iatarola, David Mac Isaac, Tom Kelley, Edwin Kispert, Jeffrey G. Lilley, Dave Lusardi, Tom Masciocchi, Lee Martin, Paschal Nwako, Michael Petrone, Lester Palangi, Theresa Porcellini, Anthony Russo, Eric Stankiewicz, Antonio Tarantino, Patrick Theckston, Steven Thomas, Jack Werner, James Worstall, Diane Woyciechowski and Raymond Zarzecki. Members celebrating their anniversaries are: Mr.& Mrs. Dan Riiff, Mr.& Mrs. Joseph Pettineo, Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Pettineo, Jr., Mr.&Mrs. Robert Esposito, Mr.&Mrs Fred Sulpizi, Mr.&Mrs. Albert Tucci and Mr.& Mrs. aul WoycPiechowski. CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy08012@comcast.net.

#### **EDITORIAL**

The dangerous conditions brought on by the Coronavirus requires that we postpone several planned programs in the interest of safety for our members and parishioners. We posponed the Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Appreciation Breakfast and Council meetings for March 23 and April 2nd. We will deal with future programs as the seriousness of the disease exists at that time. But putting all that aside, we must devote ourselves to the important events of Holy Week leading up to the high feast of The Resurrection of Jesus. Vivat Jesus.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Apr 3 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- Apr. 9 Holy Thursday
- Apr. 12 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 23 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)
- Apr. 23 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)
- May 1 First Friday (OLOH Chapel)
- May 1-3 People With Intellectual Disabilities
- May\_14 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)
- May 14 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)
- May 25 Memorial Day Mass & Twp.Parade
- May 28 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)



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