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JANUARY 2021

MY BROTHERS ALL, Happy New Year; if there was ever a time to truly look forward to a new year, 2021 is it! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy & safe, and that you all had an enjoyable Christmas season. As the Council moves forward, we will continue to meet virtually for now.

However, we continue to be an active Council, as we are currently involved in Super Bowl Mania & have an upcoming Blood Drive, while plans are underway for the Letters to Seminarians & Spelling Bee programs. Lastly, who can you invite to become a Knight this year? There's never been a better time or easier way to join than now. Be safe & be well everyone!

Christopher J. Chiaro, Grand Knight Holy Crusaders Council 9193

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VIVAT JESUS

SUPER BOWL MANIA SUPER MATCH TICKETS

Our Council has Super Bowl Charity Mania tickets available to support Our Lady of Hope Parish. A SAMPLE OF THE TICKET IS SHOWN ON THE BACK PAGE. This event is very important to our fundraising to support Our Lady of Hope Parish School and other charity needs for our Council. This year with COVID-19 we are offering tickets online. Tickets can be purchased online for \$5 each or buy 5 and get one free this year on this web site only. Hard copy tickets purchased are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available at the Rectory. We are encouraging online purchases to keep everyone safe. Prizes range from \$10-\$5000 on SUPER BOWL SUNDAY and a free music digital download comes with your ticket purchase. These tickets make great gifts and they are available now online.

Please help our Council and Our Lady of Hope Parish make this event a success using the link to contribute. http://www.charitymania.com/give/PB011

ANNUAL DUES

Brothers, in the interest of saving expenses, your bill for annual dues will be sent to you by email. Dues for the year are \$30 and may be paid by check to mailed to P.O. Box 1536, Blackwood, NJ 08012 or preferably online through our website at www.kofc9193.org. If you are financially challenged regarding the payment of dues please contact our Financial Secretary, Dan Tumolo at <u>daniel.tumolo@comcast.net</u>.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the month for December was Mike Finucane (brothers helping brothers). Our Family of the month for December was Tim Ferrell and family (50/50 Big Raffle). Congratulations. and thank you.

ON DEMAND CUF DEGREES

If you are a 1st or 2nd degree member and would like to earn your 3rd degree, you can register for an on-demand CUF(Charity, Unity and Fraternity) Degree. You can view the degree anytime 24/7 which takes approx 30 min. Upon completion you will have attained full knighthood in our order. To be sent a registration link, please contact our FS Dan Tumolo at daniel.tumolo@comcast.net

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

On this day, the beginning of a new year, let us decide to continue that same daily prayer to our Blessed Mother, and perhaps also add the beautiful Memorare of Saint Bernard: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help ,or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to your. O Virgin of virgins, our Mother, to you we come , before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen."

PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Jan. 16-17, we will be offering Pro-Life lapel roses and accepting donations for the effort against abortion. Please make yourselves available, in the rear of the Church, after the Mass you normally attend, and help with this program. For further information, contact Jeff Lilley (627-7614).

COATS FOR KIDS

The Coats for Kids program allows Knights and their councils to meet that need in their community. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since the program began in 2009. Our Council approved a donation of \$200 to this worthy cause.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, Jan. 21st, our Council will sponsor a Red Cross blood donor drive from 2 to 7PM in the Parish Center. Blood supplies are always in short supply and your help is appreciated. If you are physically able, roll up your sleeve and give.

MALVERN RETREAT

As you might assume, our January 15-17 retreat in (Our Lady of Fatima Group), at this point, is tentative. While it is still a go, the Retreat House, in compliance with PA State restrictions, is limited to a maximum of 30 retreatants. Thus far 60 men have signed up for the retreat, 20 of which are from among you (our group). I do not know how they (those in charge of the retreat house) are going to decide who can physically attend, and who cannot. Our CA Captain, Mike Cerino, has been in touch with the Retreat House. Presently, we are given the option of attending "in person" or via a "Virtual Retreat". Due to health concerns within my family, I have decided not to attend the retreat this year. However, I am planning on tuning in "Virtually". The above restrictions are in effect until January 4th After January4th, dependent upon the COVID situation, possible vaccine options, etc., restrictions may be intensified or lifted. We just have to wait and see. Certainly, I will remain on top of the situation and will advise you of changes as soon as I know of them. Some of you listed in this email have already advised me of your desire to skip this coming retreat. If there are others who choose not to attend, please let me know. Please remain safe and well, and best wishes to all of you and your families for a most blessed Christmas. Fred Durso, Retreat Coordinator.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

GUARANTEED SECURITY AND GROWTH Interest earned in an IRA is not taxed until you withdraw funds, allowing your savings to grow tax deferred. Then, when you are taxed on the principal and interest withdrawn, likely during retirement, you may well be in a lower tax bracket than you were during your working years.

Combined with your Social Security benefit, a Knights of Columbus fixed rate annuity as part of all of your IRA allows

you to project a guaranteed stream for life. Contact me today to discuss a rollover to an annuity.

Call me for an appointment. Fred Durso, Field Agent

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IN MEMORIAM

Once again it is our sad duty to report to you the passing of a Brother Knight, John Pagano on December 3rd, He was a long time member of our Council. A few years ago he relocated to Texas where he died. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Sadly, on December 7th John Heck passed away. Brother John was a long time member of our Council, an Honorary Life Member and a Sir Knight in the Bishop Schad Assembly. He was also an usher for many years, and a Eucharistic Minister. When we installed a defibrillator in the Church, John donated \$700.00 cash to install the one that now stands in the Parish Center. He asked that it be kept anonymous. Now I think it is time that this great deed be acknowledged. God Bless

Please keep him and his family in your prayers..

COUNCIL & DISTRICT FREE THROWS

We usually schedule these programs during January and February of the year. Both competitions have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Our Lady of Hope Church on First Friday, Feb. 5th at 10:00 AM and continue until 7:00 PM and end with Benediction..

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Our Council (many of whom are Bishop Schad Assembly members) approved a donation of \$200 for gift cards for our veterans at Christmas. The Bishop Schad Assembly usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.But, be aware of scheduling changes during this pandemic.

EDITORIAL

Let us pray that the rolling out of the vaccines represents the light at the end of the tunnel. Let our resolution for the new year be to get back to our work of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in a more unimpeded way. Happy New Year. VIVAT JESUS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: Sal E. Arena, Emmanuel Argentieri, Frank Barbuto. Joe Bennett, Harry Bocchino, Alex Breve, Al Camiaione, Bill Casamassima, Matt Casamassima, Robert Cermak, Jim Coolen, Neil Della Greca, Fr. Nick Dudo, John Esposito, Robert Esposito, Tom Fargnoli, Jim Horan, Kevin Little, Tom Malatesta, Alanna Massaro, Robert Massaro Sr. & Jr., Mrs. Karen McConnell, Shawn McGovern, Michael Moffa, Anthony Morrone, Jacob Nwosu, Lawrence Pursell, Mike Romeo, Joe Scaruzzi, Jamie Steward, Dan Tumolo, Ben Vasta, Bob Vogelsong, Robert Wright, Karen Woyciechowski and Joe Zagarella.

The following will celebrate their anniversaries this month: Mr.&Mrs. Robert Massaro, Mr.&Mrs. John Milligan. CONGRATULATIONS. If we missed someone's birthday or anniversary, please contact John Gandolfo (227-0447) or gandy1937@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Jan. 14 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 15-17 Malvern Retreat???
- Jan. 16 Council Free Throw CANCELLED
- Jan. 16-17 Pro-Life Rose Sale
- Jan. 21 Blood Drive (2-7PM Parish Center)
- Jan. 28 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 5 First Friday (OLOH Church)
- Feb. 6 District Free Throw CANCELLED
- Feb. 11 Officers Meeting (7PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 11 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
- Feb. 25 Council Meeting (8PM Parish Center)

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