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FEBRUARY 2021

MY BROTHERS ALL As 2021 begins, my pride in our Council & gratitude for all of you grows daily. We continue to do great things in the face of large COVID19 obstacles, the most recent examples of which include very successful completions of our Blood Drive & Rose Lapel Sale, in addition to our on-going Super Bowl Mania campaign. THANK YOU to our leaders, participants, and all who support our programs! And I am EXCITED to announce a NEW EVENT! Please join us on FRIDAY FEB 5 @ NOON for a HOLY HOUR at our Parish. While this event is being promoted as a "Malvern Retreat Alternative", providing an opportunity for those unable to attend our Retreat to come together for Prayer & Fellowship, it is open to ALL. Additional details follow in this newsletter. While the pandemic can inhibit some of our activities, it can never inhibit our ability to pray, and to do so without ceasing. Please therefore keep in prayer our Worthy State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, our Council Brothers, their families, & all suffering from this pandemic. May our God bring them healing, comfort, & peace.

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VIVAT JESUS

OUR MALVERN RETREAT ALTERNATIVE

Many of our members and friends are very disappointed at not being able to attend the annual retreat due to the pandemic. As an alternative, on First Friday, February 5th, we are planning a Holy Hour from 12 noon to 1:00PM. We would begin with a rosary recitation and meditation. We would then proceed to our new and beautiful Grotto for an outdoor Stations of the Cross service (just like Malvern). Of course these services are not limited to Malvern retreatants and all are invited. i.e. members, families, friends etc. We hope to see you there.

SUPER BOWL MANIA SUPER MATCH TICKETS

Our Council has Super Bowl Charity Mania tickets available to support Our Lady of Hope Parish. 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 daniel.tumolo@comcast.net.

KNIGHT/FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the month for January was Bob Calabro (Blood Drive). Our Family of the month for January was Jeff Lilley and family (Lapel RoseSale). Congratulations. and thank you.

DEGREE NEWS

Since the establishment of the online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity more than 2,000 men have joined the Knights. The exemplification is hosted digitally by the Supreme Council as a unique opportunity for men to join the Order in this time of social distancing and minimizing mass gatherings. We congratulate and welcome Daniel Olaya on attaining the honors of full knighthood via CUF program. We are always honored to have members of the clergy in our Council and we welcome Father John March who transferred to our Council. There are more of these online degrees scheduled. We will continue to send invitations to prospects and first and second degree members encouraging them to take advantage of the opportunity to attain the honors of full knighthood in the Order.

FROM OUR WORTHY FIELD AGENT ANNOUNCING A MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

I have been collaborating with the other field agents in the Marsico Agency, regarding E-Membership. As you probably know, the Knights of Columbus is promoting an E-Membership Campaign for 2021 that includes the Waiving of Dues for this year for those who sign up via E-Membership. This approach to Membership has been very successful,

and I am doing my part in that effort. However, I would like to do more. Therefore, I have added an additional incentive. But this time, in an effort to get all current knights of our Council involved, I am offering this incentive to any and all current members who sign up a new member ONLINE. I am offering a \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE (VISA/SHOP RITE, or whatever) when a current member uses the promo code "fdurso" when signing up a new member. As you know, members can sign them (prospects) up online at kofc.org/join us. If anyone has any questions as to the sign-up process, or if they want me to do it for them, they can call me at 856 401-3055 (O) or 215 498-5760 (C). and if I am able to sign that person up, the member who recommended the new E-Member to me would get a gift certificate reward from me. Also, if a member recommends a prospect to me and I am able to sign him up, the member who recommends would also get a gift certificate reward from me.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

February 17th, is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten Season. We can say that Lent is a time for soul searching because it offers us many opportunities and graces that will help us become better acquainted with our inner selves. It is the time during which we should try to be honest and truthful with ourselves. It is the time when we ask ourselves why we are not more like Jesus Christ. It is the time when we look back to see where or how we have gone astray and then take steps to make amends. Yes, this is the acceptable time for all of us: it is the day of salvation.

PRO-LIFE ROSE SALE

After all the Masses on Jan. 16-17, we collected donations for lapel roses to support the pro-life effort. We were very pleased with the results of the annual Rose Lapel Drive. The total is \$695. Considering that all Masses are reduced in attendance, we are very happy with this number. Last year, with full attendance was \$760, and in 2019 we collected \$424 and 2018 we collected

\$327, both of those years were full attendance as well! A special thanks to Joe Pettineo Jr. for covering 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday. We also had a lot of help from all our Brother Knights. Thanks again to Jeff Lilley, our program director for this worthy cause.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

On Thursday, Jan. 7th, our Council sponsored a Red Cross blood donor drive in the Parish Center. Thanks to the support of our members, friends and parishioners, 61 pints were collected. We thank Dan Riiff for coordinating the drive and Bob Calabro for assisting.

HONORARY MEMBER

Members who have been members for 25 consecutive years are designated Honorary Members. We congratulate Mike Poiese on becoming an Honorary member.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Helping with children's college tuition or assisting aging parents can be significant short term expenses. You can take a loan from your whole life policy or use its cash value as collateral on a conventional loan. Conversely, if you find yourself with excess funds (through inheritance, for example), you can put your money to work in a Single Premium Whole Life (SPWL) Policy. One payment can fund a permanent life insurance policy and begin to grow additional cash value on a tax favored basis.

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. On Jan. 8th Frank Conicello died. Frank was a transfer from St. Jude Council, Gibbsboro, and was a Brother Knight for many years. Please keep Brother Frank and his family in your prayers.

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

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following Brothers or members of their families will celebrate their birthdays this month: William Belmont, Joseph Carbone, John Colaianni, Omaliel Colon, JohnPaul Dombkowski, Sam Evangelista, Caitlin Gallagher, Joe Gentile, Sean Grannan, Al Guarini, Dave Harkins, Mike Harkins, Paul Heim, Sr., Bill Higgins, Ted Hubbard, Ron Kentrus, Ron Lawrence, Mrs. Tricia Little, Dan McHugh, Jim Millardi, Matthew Parkinson, Mike Poiez, Mrs. Anna Rescinito, Dan Riiff, Anthony Rutigliano, Gina Sirolli, Oredola Soluade, Mrs. Gina Squilla, John Venuti and Paul Woyciechowski.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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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