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FR. GARGOTTA'S GALAXY

We live in some troubling times. I personally feel it is a time of laziness and lack of education. Don't get me wrong, people are educated with degrees and good jobs, but when it comes to our everyday life so many people do not know the truth, or the depth, or even the meaning of the phrases and terms that they themselves use or hear. As we approach our elections, many people use the term separation of Church and State. Most people think this means that you cannot talk about politics in the Church, or mix politics with the Church. People seem to think this means that no one associated with the Church, such as priests, religious sisters or brothers, ministers of other Faiths, cannot talk about how to vote and the issues pertaining to voting. This is the first truth I would like to help you clear up. Separation of Church and State merely means that the Government will never identify with any particular religion or denomination. This is hard for us to understand. Think of it this way: England for the most part is associated with the Anglican Denomination; Italy with Catholic denomination and so on. The United States of America is built on Christian values and principles but no one denomination or faith will be associated solely with the government. This is all that this separation means. I can go deeper but this article is not meant for that. Also, the second truth I would like to point out is that just because someone says something, it does not mean it is true. During these campaigns and debates, we have heard many false sentences. As a Knight, and as a Christian, we are required by our moral conscious to look at the truths, and not just take sentences and on face value. We are also required as Christians to vote morally and not participate in sinfulness by voting. Many people I

have talked to over the past four months or so have assumed everything said at the campaigns and debates are true and real. The politicians are not religious leaders, nor are they gods, therefore, they do not always speak truth, they want to sway people and convince people to vote a certain way. I remind Knights, that as Christians to do the following and help other to do the same as is your responsibility: look deeply into the agendas; look deeply into the statements; be educated on TRUTH; and vote morally with a Christian God-given conscious.

GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY

Dear Brothers,

Summertime has been going by so quickly!

Our Golf outing was a great success. We had 66 golfers this year and everyone had a wonderful time. I want to thank Brothers Ron Morra and Mark DeFabio for the hard work and the time it took to make the outing the success it was. I also want to thank the Reinersmann family for their participation and for binging golfers to golf and enjoy the day. We also appreciated them soliciting hole sponsors and donating door prizes. I thank anyone else who in any way contributed to the day's success.

On July 31, we held our family picnic. There were 73 people in attendance and we enjoyed a great day. I want to thank my committee, Brothers Tim Jacob, Paul Fabrizio and Lou Sehovski for all of your time and effort.

Meeting dates are as follows:
Mon. Aug. 8 7:30 - business mtg.

Mon. Aug 22 7:00 p.m. – 1st Degree at Garden City Fire Hall
Please attend to show support for our new Brothers.

Vivat Jesus
Pete
Dear Brothers

TREASURER'S GALAXY

Our newly elected treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio will present his first treasurer's report at the Aug. 8, 2016 meeting.

The report of August 8, 2016 will reflect the following: \$6,147.75 bank balance, \$5,996.94 committed funds, \$150.81 funds available. During the past month there has been income of \$413.80 and disbursements of \$6,551.53. This leaves us with a decrease of \$6,137.73 in our bank balance. The Bishop's Project fund stands at \$958.55 – with \$652.75 from a Tootsie Roll Drive at Wilkins Shop & Save and \$345.80 at Monroeville Giant Eagle and \$40 in donations from brothers. Our expenses were \$80 for the Tootsie Rolls. The major amount of monies in disbursement was for our Golf Outing which had to be paid the day of the outing. The cost was \$4,725.00. There have been no revenues turned into the treasury to date.

Over the past month, the Council has donated \$300.00 towards our food baskets, \$300.00 to Council 1446 for a golf outing, and \$1,250 to our TAP Scholarships (5 awards at \$250 each). This makes our total for the 2016-17 \$1,800.00. This total does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

FORE RECAP

The first Rege Reinersmann Memorial Golf Tourney was held on July 23, 2016 at the Murrysville Golf Club. The tee off time was 12:30 pm. There were 66 golfers who took to the links in a very hot day that was humid and hazy. But, that did not put a damper on the day. I do not have the names of the first place winners, but I

know they scored a very fine 60 (talk about being hot).

The second place team came in at 63 (still pretty warm). There was a fine buffet dinner served after the golfing and 10 more people joined the golfers for dinner. The Reinersmann family provided great support to the outing as they came with three foursomes and purchased a few sponsorship holes. A 50/50 raffle produced a winning of \$230 and the winner (I apologize for not knowing his name) donated his winnings back to the Council. What a great gesture! We can-not thank him enough. There was also a Chinese Auction with numerous prizes as well as door prizes. What a great day it was! A very large thank you is extended to co-chairmen, Bro. Ron Morra and Bro. Mark DeFabio for making all the arrangements for a fantastic day of fun and brotherhood. A special thank you is extended to all those who played golf, purchased sponsorships of holes, made donations, or who helped in any other way to make this a great day.

PICNIC RECAP

The Annual Council 4925 family picnic was held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at Overlook Park in Monroeville. There were 73 men, women and children who gathered to have a very nice afternoon in the park. The Council provided burgers, hot dogs, kolbassi, corn, beer, soda and water while the picnickers provided numerous covered dishes. There was enough food to feed an army and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The weather even cooperated with a lot of sunshine and warmth. A very large thank you is extended to our Grand Knight, Bro. Pete Bobich, Jr. and his helper, Bro. Tim Jacob for taking the time to purchase and transport all of the council purchased items to the park. Thank you is also extended to Bro. Paul Fabrizio and Denis Marney who took to the grill duties along with Bro. Bobich and Bro. Jacob who cooked the corn. Also, a thank you to Bros. Lou Sehovski and Bro. Lou Vecchio who helped with the set up.

THE BROTHERHOOD ETERNAL



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Pius XII Council extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Bro. Pasquale C. Boccardi who passed away on July 7, 2016 at the young age of 93 years. He was the beloved husband of the late Della (Appollino); loving father to Patrick (Deborah), and Donald (Charlene); four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and, brother of Beatrice Fleo. He was preceded in death by five siblings. Bro. Pat was a WWII Navy veteran who participated in several Pacific invasions. He worked at Westinghouse R&D in Churchill for over 30 years. He was a charter member and devoted volunteer at St. Bernadette Parish. He also chartered the Knights of Columbus, Monroeville Council in 1960 and spent 47 years on the Bishop Project raising money for needy children. He became affectionately known as Mr. Tootsie Roll.

On July 10, 2016, Council 4925 held their Service for a Deceased Brother at the Jobe Funeral Home. The Color Guard was present in full force and a certificate of condolence was presented to the family by our Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Bobich, Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernadette's on July 11, 2016 and Bro. Pat was buried with full military honors at the Good Shepard Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Bernadette's Lourdes Center, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.

The Knights also extend deep sympathy to the family of Bro. Mark Wojton who passed away on July 4, 2016 at the young age of 66 years. He is survived by a brother Richard (Cindy), a niece and a nephew (Taylor and Chris) and an aunt (Leona Sonczak). Bro. Mark was well known in Pitcairn and he proud of his heritage as he was deeply involved in Polish Fraternal Organizations. Bro. Mark was a CPA and he was a member of the Pitcairn Lions Club. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 7, 2016 at St. Michael's Church in Pitcairn.

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all of our dearly beloved departed rest in peace.



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FOOTBALL SWEEPS

The Council has received their football sweeps tickets for this year. Bro. Kurt Kmetz has graciously accepted being the chair for this fund raiser and he will begin to distribute the tickets in September. The sweeps are a very simple way for the council to raise funds for our treasury.

TAP WINNERS

The following students were awarded with this year's TAP scholarships of \$250 each: Nathan Scott (son of Bro. Paul Scott) at Serra Catholic; Brennen Dorchak (son of Bro. Kevin Dorchak) at Central Catholic; Nick DiNinno (son of Bro. Sam DiNinno) at Mother of Sorrows; Brianna Varmer (daughter of Bro. Ed McDermott) at St. Bernadette's; and, Juliette Claire Barth (daughter of Bro. Ken Barth) at St. Bernadette's. Congratulations is extended to all the recipients.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Bro. Peter Starz has resigned as our District Deputy. No one has been named to the post.

There are a potential seven new seminarians who will begin their journey to the priesthood this September. Council 4925 will be sponsoring a couple of these future priests.

The Council has received thank you letters from The Christian Refugee Relief Fund and the Ladder of Truth for the donations we made to them in June, 2016.

The Bishop Project Kick-Off dinner is set for September 7, 2016 at Ave Maria Parish in Bentleyville, PA. Please refer to the attached flyer for all details and to make a reservation.

Bro. Jim Marshall placed 500 booklets into the book racks at our various churches this past month. Thank you very much is extended to Bro. Jim.

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The Council passed a motion at the July 8 2016 meeting to send Grand Knight, Bro. Pete Bobich and his lovely wife, Jane, to the Bishop Project Kick Off Dinner. A second motion was passed for the Council to make a donation of \$1,000 for the kick-off.

A proposal is being made for the Pittsburgh Chapter to purchase two new ultrasound machines in the very near future. Council 4925 plans to help in this cause.

The men's retreat at St. Paul of the Cross, which is sponsored by our council, will be held at the end of September. Please contact Bro. Joseph Burke at 412-736-3673 or email to jpburkeiii@verizon.net for complete information and to make a reservation.

SICK LIST: Helen Tomascik, Ray Wengrzyn, Jeff Otte, Ray Jones, Fr, Naos McCool, Ray Ankenbrandt, Stephanie Fabrizio, P.J. Bobich, Pat Boccardi, Tom Hajdukiewicz, Ted Novak, Dom DiDinno, Dave Hooper, Louis Sarte, Kim Greco, Meery Behrmann, Shirley Hribik, William Syrek, Peg Gomrick, Lydia Corrado, Guy Caranfa, Jack Geier, Angelo Liberto, Nancy Cariati, John Gizzi, Margaret Scribe, Martha Strittmatter, and Michael Cooley.

DECEASED: Walt Jancewski, Mary Lou Jancewski, Paul Semba, Florence Zemba, Harold Becker, Jacob Lorerfito, Ruth Curl, Pat Boccardi, Mark Wojton, Sam Cariati, Bob Merten, Joe Healy, John Loftus, Chuck Tappe, Edith Tappe, and Dr. Phillip Buzzelli.

AN EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION

Thanks to Bro. Clay Bossart for the following providing these funny misinterpretations of the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Nicene Creed by the kids.

“When my twin daughters were young, I taught them to say the Lord's Prayer before going to bed. As I listened outside their door, I could hear them say, give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses. My husband and I always had a good laugh over this.

That was over 50 years ago, and the memory still remains in my heart.”

From Groton, Mass – “My mother spent her early childhood saying, Hail Mary, full of grapes.”

From Missoula, Mont. – “My son, who is in nursery school, said Our Father, who art in heaven, how didja know my name?”

From Uniontown, Ohio – I remember thinking this prayer was “give us this day our jelly bread.”

From Grand Junction, Colo. – When I was younger, I believed the line was “lead a snot into temptation.” I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble.

From Covina, Calif. – I recall reading something years ago about the Pledge of Allegiance. Some child thought it began, “I led the pigeons to the flag.”

From Cleveland, Ohio – When I was little, I often wondered who Richard Stands was. You know, I pledge allegiance to the flag and to the republic for Richard Stands.”

From Tampa, Flor. – When my husband was 6 years old, he thought a certain prayer was “he suffered under a bunch of violets.” The real words are “under Pontius Pilate,” but at that age, he did not know better. To this day, we still snicker in church whenever that prayer is said.

Well, that is it for this month brothers. May you all enjoy a very wonderful month of August. Please do not forget the important dates for this month – Aug. 8, 2016 meeting at Garden City Fire Hall at 7:30 pm, August 22, 2016 1st degree at Garden City Fire Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any news that you would like to pass onto the brotherhood, please send it to me at the address in the letterhead.

Vivat, Jesus - Paul



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