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"There is Strength in Unity"

The Monthly Newsletter of

John Paul I Council - Knights of Columbus

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

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From our Grand Knight



A Great Cloud of Witnesses

As I am preparing this newsletter, I've learned of the death of Brother Anthony Pensabene. He was a faithful member of our council and a member of our small men's Saturday Bible Study for over five years. It called to mind other faithful knights who have

proceeded him; Ted Raffetto, Chuck Sardo and Vince Gonzales, to name those I have known personally (there are many others).

And the following scripture came to me – I read "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a **cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"

I thank God for our Catholic faith that tells us that death is not the end, only a new beginning and how those who go before can intercede for us. I can imagine that with Anthony's arrival, our other brothers will be spending some time (a relative term in Heaven) talking about us who are left behind, looking after us and interceding for us and their loved ones.

They are truly our **cloud of witnesses**.

A knight, who is faithful, is a knight 24/7; not only in meetings and good works – but in the Charity, Unity and Fraternity with their children, spouses, loved ones, job and friends.

Sure, some have fallen away – but the greater part of our Brotherhood is reflected by the life and death of faithful members such as above. This is what makes the Knights of Columbus the great organization that it is.

Even if you can't attend a meeting, help at an event – you are still a knight if you practice the virtues of our order to your family, friends and community.

Every knight is important to our order and each does their part in whatever way they are able. I am grateful for each one.

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(Message from Grand Knight—Continued)

Let us then resolve anew to do our part – in every way possible to run this race and be faithful to the principals of our order. Let our Charity towards their widows and children and our fraternity towards one another reflect what we want for our witness when our time comes.

Viva Jesu,
Denny

2009 Dues are Due!

**Dues are \$25.00 (including your \$5 coal tickets)
Checks payable to K.ofC. 7565 .Please mail your
check, with the attached service questionnaire to
our financial secretary:**

**Jack Kees
208 Clearfield Ave,
Norristown, PA 19403-1659**

Thank you for your support

Mini- Retreat Scheduled

**Saturday, March 14th at Visitation
for Knights and guests**

For the second year we will have an open mini-Lenten retreat with our chaplain, Father Kelley. The retreat will start with breakfast at 8 AM in the Larkin Center and then move to the lower church for spiritual lessons and a closing Mass. Confession will be available. This is a great opportunity to invite other prospective Knights and men that you know. We will finish up around noon. Mark the date in your calendar and plan to attend. We will get a count as the event grows closer. Please call with any questions.

We are adding new members - Will you invite a friend or relative to Join us?

Faith



On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights
PRAY THE ROSARY

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

We Knights are manning 9 - 10 PM every Friday. If you would like to join our group, please call Denny 610-457-3760.

Men's Bible Study Fellowship Group meeting at my house alternate Saturdays at 9:30AM. Call for more information—Dennis 610-457-3760

We are in the Book of Acts. This is an interesting study and is open to everyone who would care to join us.

Do you know of a knight who is ill or in need, whose family is in need or who has passed away? Please let Jack Kees know so that we may help and pray together. Jack's number is 610-539-4935.

Calendar

Tuesday February 24th - 7:30 PM
Regular Meeting at Visitation BVM -
Plan to attend - If you need a ride, call us,

March 14th—8:00 AM - Noon
Mini Lenten Knights Retreat at Visitation BVM with Father Kelley. Plan to attend

Tuesday March 17th - 7:30 PM
Regular Meeting at Visitation BVM -
Plan to attend - If you need a ride, call us,

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Officers

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2008/2009

CHAPLAIN.....Rev. Edward J. Kelly (539-5572)
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Run For Life

A Baby's Breath, will host their annual Run for Life on the morning of Saturday April 18, 2009, at the Norristown Farm Park. Last year several council members were able to help out as marshals at this fun and very worthwhile event. Our help was greatly appreciated and is requested again for this year.

There are two events as part of the Run for Life, the One Mile Walk/Fun Run, and the 5K Run. We will need two marshals for the One Mile, and 13 marshals for the 5K Run. The courses may be slightly different than last year. Marshals stand at a location (usually at a key turn or intersection of the race course) duties include cheering on the run participants, keeping them on course, and assisting in monitoring safety at your location.

The One Mile event starts at 9:00am so marshals need to be there between 8:15 and 8:30 and both run events are done and awards are given out about 10:30am.

Please consider helping out as a marshal or even being a participant.

Mark this date on your calendar. Call or e-mail brother Bud Swedkowski 610-630-0861 or budswed@verizon.net to sign up or if you have any questions. Please sign up soon you may not get another newsletter to remind you before the Run.

WELCOME

We welcome into our council new members (since the last Newsletter: Robert Cusella, Paul Ondik (a transfer from Florida) and Kevin Mulligan.

Lets give each of these men a warm fraternal welcome.