

Knights of Columbus Council 56 Communiqué



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Greetings Brother Knights

I'm happy to send out the first in what I hope will be a continuing regular email newsletter to the members of St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Council #56. The purpose of this communication is to keep you updated as to the current and upcoming activities of our Council. My hope is that it will help to generate an increased awareness of the significant contribution Council 56 makes to our parishes and our community and that it will stimulate an enhanced level of interest and participation among our members.

Our year got off to a great start in January. At our business meeting on the 14th, we had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Brother John Boucher, House Captain of the St. Anthony of Padua HomeFront Project. HomeFront assists homeowners who are financially and physically unable to make essential repairs to their homes, with a goal of helping them stay in their residences while improving their quality of life. Its annual community revitalization project uses donated materials and volunteer labor so that there is no cost to homeowners. St. Anthony of Padua has been working with HomeFront for many years and has carried out several successful home-improvement projects in our area. The HomeFront project takes place on the first Saturday in May. Brothers who are interested in participating in this year's effort should contact John Boucher directly at 860.480.0484 or at bouch_4@yahoo.com.



Helping those in need

March is Membership Month

During the month of March our Council will be implementing a coordinated drive to grow our membership so that we can increase our impact to the churches and community we serve. More information about our activities will be forthcoming, but meanwhile, try to think of someone you know who we can approach to join.

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LENTEN SEASON

As we begin our Lenten season of prayer, fasting and works of charity so that we might live, more deeply, the life of Christ. Lent is a time to take the daily things of life and make them sacred. Lent is more than a time of fasting, it is also a time of joyous feasting. I find this a great guide in helping to focus on personal renewal through prayer, fasting, feasting, and acts of charity.

- Fast from judging others;
- Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences;
- Feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from thoughts of illness;
- Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute;
- Feast on phrases that purify.

**"CHARITY – UNITY – FRATERNITY"
Service to one Service to all**

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

Lord Jesus Christ

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

"Let Us Remember The Golden Rule:

Do Unto Others, As You Would Have Them Do Unto You."



Pope Francis' Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Social Meeting February 25th at 7:00 Pm in Fr Egan Hall
- Membership Recruitment BLITZ in March
- St. Anthony's weekend Retreat March 11, 12, 13th at Holly Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.
- John Vendetti Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament June 24th at Fairview Farm Golf Course contact Evan Williams 860-587-2131 evan51@optonline.net

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