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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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Final Dues Notice for this Year!

Please act before suspension notices are mailed out. If there is a problem or need, let us know.

Please direct all questions and mail all correspondence to Brother Jack Kees.

From our Grand Knight

THOUGHTS TO PONDER



There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of his fence.

The first day the boy drove 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence....

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The day passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

He said "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and pull it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."

Please forgive me if I have ever left a hole in your fence.

GOD BLESS YOU,

Ted

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On the Battle Field

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

Opportunities:

Join Us

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

Men's Fellowship (Bible Study) at Saint Teresa every Saturday at 6:45 AM—join with many other Christian gentlemen there for a morning uplift.

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 of Events

We have a full schedule ahead...

Saturday & Sunday, April 13th. & 14th
Stewardship days at Visitation (see article)

Sunday, April 14th. - 2 PM
Concert Committee Meeting at Class A Reality Office

Tuesday, April 16th - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - April 25, 26 and 27
ARC Drive - HELP NEEDED

Tuesday, May 7th. 7:30 PM
Officers' Meeting at Saint Teresa. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, May 21 - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center
Election of Officers for 2002-2003. Plan to attend and make your vote count.

Saturday, May 25th. - Dinner at La Fontana
Read about the dinner in the following page.

Sunday, May 26th. - Fourth Degree
If you are a Fourth Degree, come to the Adam's Mark to support our Brothers making this degree. It will be a great time to remember what this degree is all about. Mark your calendar now!

April 13th. & 14th

Stewardship Days at Visitation

We have another chance to present (along with all the other Church groups) what the Knights have to offer men today in fellowship and service.

The following Brothers are scheduled to help following the Mass indicated. Two is the minimum. Additional help is welcome. The more Knights there, the more we can talk to about our council. We will be having a visual presentation and literature in the Hall. Please consider helping us recruit new members. Last time we recruited seven new members at a similar Stewardship Day event at Saint Teresa. This is a great opportunity for outreach.

Sat. 5:15 pm **Vince Gonzalez & Dennis Mann**

Sat. 6:00 pm **Dominic Costanzo & Anthony Coppa**

Sun. 7:30 am **Bud Swedkowski
& Richard McDonald**

Sun. 9:00 am **Anthony Pensabene & Barry Dressler**

10:30 am **Ted Raffetto & Dennis Mann**

11:00 am **Michael Semach & Robert Barnes**

12:00 noon **Russell Bumbry & Ralph Garcia**

Sign Up for Our Retreat Weekend

Brother Knights - you are cordially invited to Our Lady's Group Retreat at Malvern May 31st, June 1st and 2nd. This will be the 75th Anniversary of this group (to which our council now belongs) and it promises to be a very special weekend. Last year six of our Brothers attended for the first time as a Knight's activity. We are hoping to double that attendance this year. It is a time of spiritual blessing and renewal. Please contact Brother Ralph Garcia, Associate Retreat Captain (610-631-0365) for further information. You can also visit their website at <http://st-joseph-in-the-hills.org>. It will be a retreat you will never regret making.

Want to Come to a Meeting, but have transportation problems?

Have you been unable to make a council meeting because of transportation needs? For some of our older brothers driving at night becomes a real challenge. Or maybe an illness or problem limits your ability to drive. Please, allow us to help. Brother Knights stand ready and are more than willing to "share" a ride for you to come to our meetings. Just let any officer know - It would be a privilege and joy to be of service.



**Fourth Degree
May 26th. 2002
Adam's Mark Hotel**

A Change in Plans

Originally we had announced a dinner, cruise and dance for the Saturday before the Fourth degree. The response was not positive because of many factors including the cost. With this less than enthusiastic response, it was decided at the April Officer's meeting to scuttle the ship and go with a dinner evening at the La Fontana Restaurant in Collegeville on May 25th. We want our affairs to be well attended and do things that make our membership feel comfortable and respect everyone's feelings.

As Knights we must always be aware of things that allow the most participation. Every Knight (and their Lady) are welcome to join us for this gala evening which is becoming a tradition in our council. Reservations will be taken early in May for the evening.

Annual ARC Drive April 25, 26 & 27

Once again we will be asking your good and generous help in collecting funds for the Mentally Challenged in our community. We have secured three locations: K-Mart, First Union Bank and WalMart. We know with this many locations, if we can get the help, we will be able to raise more than ever before.

Brothers **Barry Dressler** and **Chuck Revels** are co-chairmen for this year's drive. Would you be so kind as to telephone Barry at 610-539-5020 to volunteer a few hours of your time. This is a chance for every knight to get involved in a work of corporal mercy.



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Lottery Tickets

These Tickets are our regular monthly fund raiser.

Please participate.

If every Knight would buy at least one ticket per month, our council would benefit greatly.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and based on the daily number Monday through Friday.

Tickets are valid for the entire month and pay \$100.00 for the winning number.

Editor's Note:

If you read this newsletter carefully you will find a high level of activity for our council. This is a real challenge. As Knights we want to combine social, fraternal and spiritual activity. We want to serve our Lord, our Church and our family in a busy world where there are many demands on both our time and talent.

You need to know that as a Knight you can chose your level of activity and no-one will think the less of you for what you do or don't do. The real challenge is not in the doing, but the reasons for doing or not doing. Being a Knight is in most ways about relationships. Our relationship to our families, our Church, our Lord, our Brother Knights and to our world.

Our Council is most concerned with our spiritual relationships (which always wrap up all the other relationships in that). We are looking for ways that we can serve and still enjoy the benefits that true fraternity brings. Participate where you can, as best you can. We are Brothers together in a great sense, as Catholic Christians and as Knights of Columbus. *Viva Jesu.*

The first-ever Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Congress will be held June 22-23 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. We are investigating ways that our council can either go or have a joined event here to participate in this opportunity. Please let us know how you feel about this.



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