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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



Brother Knights, this month my message will address our program for Clergy Appreciation.

As Catholics we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of men dedicated to our spiritual growth. It begins with baptism and continues during our entire life.

They serve our families, administer the sacraments, visit our sick and they bury our dead. Sometimes we tend to take them for granted especially when they ask for so little in return. Now we have an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation.

On Sunday, February 23rd. we will gather at Saint Teresa's for the celebration of Mass .

A number of our priests will be present as our guests. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martino and a private dinner will follow for our clergy, our members and their families.

Brothers, our organization is dedicated to our church and the good men who serve it.

This is a very important event. We need your participation. If you haven't submitted your reservation please do it today.

God Bless You,

Ted



**Clergy
Appreciation
Mass**



**SUNDAY - February 23rd.
3 PM - Dinner to Follow**

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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

Tuesday, February 18th - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center. Voting on the revised By-Laws.

Sunday, February 23rd - 3 PM
Clergy Appreciation Mass & Dinner at Saint Teresa Special program - Special Day. Don't miss it. Those who have tuxedos are requested to wear them for this event.

Tuesday, March 4th. 7:30 PM
Officers' Meeting at Saint Teresa. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

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.

ITS NOT TOO EARLY!!

Time to mark your calendars. Our third annual Retreat to Malvern will be May 30th to June 1st, 2003. We are looking for another good turn out. Ask someone who went last year - they will tell you what a satisfying spiritual experience Saint Joseph's in the Hills is and what a retreat can mean to your spiritual life. Make plans now to attend.

Concert Video Tapes Still Available

The concert is over, but you can relive the memories and hear the music over and over again. The concert was shot in the new mini-DV format (professional quality) and then digitally edited and re-mastered. The copies were made professionally. We gave copies to the soloist, accompanist, the director of the Greater Exodus Baptist Choir and our participating pastors. We still have some tapes left. They are available at \$14.95 from Dennis Mann (610-630-0563).

Run for Life

This benefits A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Date: **Saturday April 5, 2003.**

Times: Race day registration begins 8:00 am, One mile fun run-walk 9:00 am, 5k run 9:15 am. Place: The Pavilion at Norristown Farm Park. Pre-Registration Fees: adult \$15.00, children under 16 \$10.00, children under 4 free, groups of 30 or more \$8.00. Race day registration add \$5.00 to above rates.

Even if you can not participate sponsors are always welcome. **Deadline for sponsors to be in race brochure is March 15.**

For race entry forms, additional sponsor information or any questions please call Dorothy Swedkowski 610-630-0861, or e-mail budswed@cs.com.



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Proposed Bylaws Revisions

ARTICLE I

Sec. 2. The initiation fee shall be \$7.50

Sec. 3. The annual dues of members shall be as suggested annually by the budget committee and approved by council, Dues for members joining the council after July 1 shall be one-half the amount set for annual dues. This fee may be waived by council's discretion as appropriate.

ARTICLE IV – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held twice a month on a regular basis . The first meeting each month shall be a regular business meeting. All meetings shall commence at a time determined by the Grand Knight. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings. Any changes to the regular schedule of meetings shall be announced to the membership.

ARTICLE VI – Committees

Section 1.

(h) Budget Committee to prepare a budget for approval and/or revision by the council. The budget shall cover the period of July to June and shall be submitted to the council at the first meeting of July. Notice of annual budget approval meeting shall be duly published for members' notification. Copies of the budget shall be available to any council member upon request. Any unbudgeted funds to be spent over the amount of \$2,000.00 shall be published to the General Membership by mail before voting upon.

ARTICLE VII – Funds

Sec. 3. No money in excess of \$300.00 shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, except such moneys as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws of the Order or for purposes

approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors, unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purpose and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read.

Relief Fund

Sec. 5. The Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall constitute a Relief Committee. They shall be authorized to waive the dues of any member who is in need. This waiver shall be on a yearly basis.

Sec. 6. Special Brothers in Need Fund Sec. 6.

A Brothers in Need Fund shall be maintained as a hardship emergency fund for Council members in good standing, to enable the Council to quickly assist with a Brother Knight's temporary need in a financially difficult time. A qualifying hardship shall include the unemployment of a Brother Knight, a medical emergency involving a Brother Knight or immediate family member, or the death of an immediate family member. For these purposes, the "immediate family" of a Brother Knight shall include his wife and dependent children. Any request for moneys from this Fund shall be made by a Brother Knight to the Grand Knight, and decisions to honor or reject any such request shall be made by a majority vote of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Treasurer. The Deputy Grand Knight and Treasurer will be made aware of the needs of the subject Brother, but will not be made aware of the Brother's name. In order to protect the identity of the subject Brother, moneys from this Fund will be sent directly to such Brother's identified creditor (s), except that moneys provided for food will be in the form of vouchers.

Disbursements from this Fund shall not exceed \$2,000 in any fiscal year, and shall be limited to \$500 per Knight during any twelve month period. Funding for the Brothers in Need Fund shall be derived from reserve funds, Council fundraisers, or other contributions; and, shall not be derived from operating funds or budgeted items.

ARTICLE VIII – Funerals, Etc.

Sec. 2. When notice of the death of a member in good standing is received the Memorial Committee shall forward to the family of the deceased a message of condolence on behalf of the Council and the Memorial Committee shall arrange to have a perpetual Mass said for the repose of the soul of the deceased.