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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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Special Cause

We have a member Brother Knight in need. Your officers have already voted available council funds, but due to the seriousness of this brother's needs, we are making a special appeal. This need involves both expensive illness and loss of employment for this brother and his family. If you can, would you try to get a donation to the June Council Meeting either in person or by mail. Checks should be made to the council and can be mailed to our treasurer Anthony Pensabene. Please mark it for "Brother in Need." God bless you for your generosity.

From our Grand Knight

This time of year is bittersweet for me personally. It's time for the new Officers to take over. That means that I will step down after 3 years serving you as Grand Knight.

I have been reflecting on some of the wonderful things we have done as a Council. The Lottery sales for example, have enabled us to raise money and continue with the many causes we support. Mom's House, The Student Memorial Scholarship, The Keep Christ in Christmas Concert and now the "Brothers in Need" fund to name a few. This year we have collected more money for the Association for Retarded Citizens than I can remember. We now also have our savings working for us in various funds rather than earning minimum interest in CD's.

I can only thank my fellow Brothers for all their support and loyalty not only to myself, but also to the Council. I am extremely pleased with the slate of new Officer's ready to serve the next year. We have a solid foundation of Brothers with participation from the men of Saint Teresa, Visitation and Sacred Heart. You can be confident that these men will guide us to a great future.

I hope to continue serving Pope John Paul I, in any way that our new Grand knight requests. I can only encourage our membership to support the new Officer's as you have supported me.

I thank all the Officers and Committee Chairmen for their support in all that they have done.

God Bless;

Dominic

(Please note - this message is a repeat of the last issue - the message is no less valid. See inside "Its not goodbye" Editor)

Spiritual Notes

by S.K. Father Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

Because this special issue came out early - Father was not able to be notified and respond in time, our apologies for this, but... that gives me a chance to talk about Father Jacobs and the rest of our priests.

No Priests!

Can you imagine, as Catholic men, a world without priests.

There would no longer be the opportunity to go to Mass, for in our faith - only a priest can consecrate the Mass, that wonderful mystery where the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

There would be no-one to help reconcile us when we falter, as we all do, because only a priest can help us make our confession properly and receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

There would be no one to bless and sanctify our marriages - baptize our children - comfort us at the hour we prepare to leave this world. No priests! I could rather imagine a world without electricity, food or law and order or any of the many other things we take for granted.

There is no better representation for us of the abiding, loving presence and patience of Jesus than the priests we come into contact with every day.

The problem is, that just as we take some of the above mentioned items for granted, we are guilty of taking our priests for granted.

As Brother Knights, we are sworn to uphold our priests, to pray for their health and well-being and to work for more young men to enter into the priesthood. The pillars of our Faith and our Beliefs rest upon the fact that God has graciously given us priests, Bishops and the Holy Father (all priests) to help us in our journey here and to prepare us for the Eternity to come.

Thank God for our priests. Thank God for the help they give us. Let us not be afraid to express our gratitude and thanks to each of these men, human like us, but dedicated and given to God as "gift" for us. No priests - Never !Let us pray fervently that God will continue to bless us with priests until He comes.



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 great morning treat.

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, **June 5th.**— 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting— Parish Center - Saint Teresa
(This is our business meeting—open to all Knights)

Tuesday, **June 19th.**— 7:30 PM
Regular Meeting- Larkin Center - Visitation BVM
Attend the meeting—come ... You are important to us. There will be a meeting of the **HOME ASSOCIATION** immediately following the regular meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. All Knights are invited to attend.

Tuesday, July 10th - Officer's meeting at **Class A Realty**. Please note the change of date and location due to the Holiday.

Knight's Family Picnic and Outing to the Reading Phillies (*open to guests*)

Reserve your place for a Sunday Outing to the Reading Phillies. The bus will be leaving Visitation's parking lot at 10:30 AM, Sunday, **August 26th**. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet in our seating area. Game time 1:05 PM. Cost is \$22 each (includes ticket, bus, food and non-alcoholic drinks). Reserve by June 30th with Brother Vince Gonzalez at 610-489-3750.

Election Results

Officers for 2001-2002

Grand Knight:	Ted Raffetto
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dennis Mann
Chancellor	Walt Ednie
Treasurer:	Anthony Pensabene
Advocate:	Vince Gonzalez
One Year Trustee:	Ralph Garcia
Two Year Trustee:	Bud Swedkowski
Three Year Trustee:	Dominic Costanzo
Warden:	Ralph Garcia
Recorder:	Mike Semach
Inside Guard:	
Outside Guard:	Russell Bumbry

Its Not Goodbye!

At the end of this month our council will go through the changing of the guard. The new officers will move up and our Worthy Grand Knight will step down from that office. The last three years have been ones of great change and improvement for our council. I, personally, was not fortunate enough to be here all of those three years, but even in the short time I have been a Knight I have appreciated the care, concern and devotion Dominic Costanzo has shown to each and every council member.

It is never easy to take on the role of leadership. There is always the risk of offending someone, taking an unpopular stand for the good of the entire council and making the tough decisions that ultimately have to be made. In that respect Dominic has set a high standard for the incoming officers to follow.

After three years, there is a certain tiredness that sets in. And although Dominic is leaving one office, I am glad that he will continue to serve our council in many other ways. His message to us is not a "goodbye" - but rather a message of encouragement and support, of which we have come to expect nothing less from him. Enjoy the summer - our Brother, take a short vacation you've earned. We all looking forward to your presence, wisdom and help in the coming year.

Gratefully,
Your Brother Knights

New "Sir Knights"

The following brothers completed their 4th. Degree exemplification Sunday afternoon, May 27th:

Robert Barnes
Ralph Garcia
Dennis Mann
Carlo Petrillio
Mike Semach
Norman Taylor

The class of '2001' was especially honored to have his eminence Bishop Joseph Martino becoming a 4th Degree Knight as part of our class. At the banquet Sunday night, Bishop Martino encouraged us with his gracious words about the importance he attaches to the Knights of Columbus and their support of vocations, the Holy Father and the Church. The exemplification of 2001 was dedicated to our priests who serve as chaplains to the Assemblies, our faithful Friars. Our Grand Knight Dominic Costanzo, Deputy Grand Knight Ted Raffetto, Recorder Walt Ednie, Treasurer Anthony Pensabene and Advocate Vince Gonzalez were there to support the candidates from our council and the 154 other brothers, including several seminarians, making their 4th Degree at the Adams Mark Hotel.

OUR WEBSITE

Brother Bob Quaglia is working hard with help from others to make our web site a reality. In today's fast paced times, the web can be an instrument for good and a tool for our council. There were many responses to the questionnaire in the last issue. One of the concerns was that the web would replace our newsletter. That is not a consideration in having a web site. The newsletter will continue coming into your home, we may have parts of the newsletter on the web. (Helpful, if you are away when the newsletter comes out). Rest assured, the web site for our council is not to replace anything - only add.

We need to name our site (our name is our e-mail address). Some suggestions are:

www.kofc7565.org
www.kofcjp1.org
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Please remember shortness is a virtue in naming a site. Please let Bob know what you think. His e-mail address is: bobq@wmi.com

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