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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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THANK YOU

For the past several months my parents have suffered with serious medical problems. During this time a number of you have called and expressed your concern. On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank the Council, Msgr. Golias, and all of those who have called and kept us in their prayers. It's an honor to be associated with such a fine group of men. *God Bless You,*

Ted



Brother Knights, Our Council, as a fraternal organization of Catholic men, is dedicated to the principles of the Holy Catholic Church and committed to the welfare of our members, their families and to various charitable church-related activities.

With this in mind it seems to me that our primary mission should be the spiritual health of our members. Every Saturday a number of our members meet with our Chaplain, Monsignor Golias for a weekly Bible study at Saint Teresa. We encourage anyone who may be interested to let us know and we will give you more information..

We are now signing up members for our annual retreat. The Laymen's Retreat League in Malvern, Pennsylvania will provide you with "The greatest one to one experience of your life." Our weekend will begin in Friday, May 31, 2002. I would strongly encourage each member to participate. If you would like to sign up or if you are interested in more Information, please give me a call.

Brothers, a variety of social and spiritual events are planned. For those members who have not attended these functions in the past please consider both the **Bible Study and The Malvern Retreat**. You will find them a very rewarding experience.

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

Tuesday, March 19th - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center

Tuesday, April 2nd. 7:00 PM Special Knight's Mass at Saint Teresa for the Unborn. Regular officer's meeting following the Mass. Please support this special effort.

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

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

Saturday, May 25th, - Cruise/ Dinner / Dance

Sunday, May 26th. - Fourth Degree
(Mark your calendar now!!!!)

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.



Calling All Good Men

Annual ARC Drive in April

Once again we will be asking your generous help in collecting funds for the Mentally Challenged in our community. Brothers **Barry Dressler** and **Chuck Revels** are co-chairmen for this year's drive. Would you be so kind as to call 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.

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**

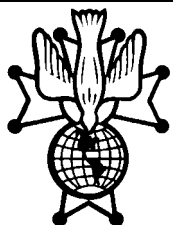
12:00 noon **Russell Bumbry & Ralph Garcia**

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.

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS COMING UP

It's that time! Time to come up with and present a new slate of officers for the coming year. Have you ever thought of holding an office in our council. We work a system of moving up the chairs. You can start as an inside guard and work your way up. The strength of our council rests upon having our "new" members take an active role. Most of the offices do not take a tremendous amount of time, but can bring a tremendous amount of satisfaction in serving to help build a good cause. If you are interested in having your name put forth for consideration or have questions about the offices, please talk to one of your present officers.



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

Are you eligible to make your Fourth Degree? Don't miss this once-a-year event. It will be a highlight of your membership in the Knights of Columbus. It is the final step in knighthood. Any question of eligibility, please contact Jack Kees, our financial secretary or Anthony Pensabene. Time is growing short. For all our Brothers, we who are Fourth Degree, will again support our Brothers entering into that honor with our presence at their ceremony and with a special dinner/ cruise on the "Spirit of Philadelphia"

Saturday Evening, May 25th. The 4 hour cruise will include Dinner and Dancing. All candidates and all members of our council are invited to attend. Reservations with a deposit are required by **April 20th.** Cost per person is \$64.95 for the cruise, eight course dinner, music, dancing and a short show. Please forward your deposit (50%) and reservation to our Grand Knight Ted as soon as possible. We know it will be a memorable evening.



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Second "Open Meeting Night" a Success!

From the opening moments of fellowship around the wine and cheese to the closing presentation on the Malvern Retreat experience, it was a grand evening for our members, their spouses and guests. We had several members who usually are not able to make meetings there as well as the Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree, **SK Richard Fida**, our two past District Deputies, **Mike Branca** and **Frank Fusco** (with his wife), as well as our present District Deputy **James Fenerty** and his wife. We saw the very first public viewing of a new video about the Malvern Retreat Association and were treated to a good presentation by its President, **Michael Mintern** and our Retreat C.A. Captain **Wayne Meierdiercks**.

Tony Coppa and his wife and family were honored as Our Family of the Quarter for their involvement in both the Free-Throw tournament and the Roses for Life Campaign.

There was a good level of interest raised and we are expecting to hit our goal of at least 12 members attending the June week-end retreat this year.

A fine meal and a fine time. Don't miss the next one in September.

A Busy Schedule Planned

Mark your calendars. Plan now for we have an exciting time planned for our council.

Coming up this summer we have a Family Picnic and Swim scheduled, an evening (much cooler) trip to see the Reading Phillies play, and an awesome Open Dinner Meeting (our third) booked for September 20th. with a very different program.

As an active council, we try to vary the activities between Spiritual, Family and Service events. We are currently exploring a very physical direct service project and welcome your input in all our activities as we seek to make your Council experience even more meaningful. Join In.



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