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John Paul I Council—Knights of Columbus

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

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Final Notice for 2003 Dues !

Please mail your dues to Brother Jack Kees or if there is a problem, please call him.

Help Needed

April 5th. & 6th. For Visitation Ministry Fair Days (after each Mass) to help us recruit new members. Please call our Grand Knight Ted to volunteer an hour of your time.

From our Grand Knight



Brother Knights, each month this message will review a council activity, a council project or a specific goal. This month I would like to talk about our recruiting efforts.

Needless to say no business or organization can continue to prosper without the addition of new talent. Our group is very fortunate we have a wealth of good talent. However we must look to the future. We must concentrate our efforts towards the recruitment of Catholic men over the age of 18. My experience tells me that the best prospects come from the recommendations of our fellow members. With this in mind I would ask you to consider your sons, your friends, your neighbors. Remember we have a great story to tell. Our council is very active with social activities, with service to our church and community and we have a very strong spiritual program. Take a moment, write down at least three names and give them a call. A small effort on your part can make a big difference to the future of your council.

May 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, April 1st. 7:30 PM
Officers' Meeting at Saint Teresa. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th.
After each Mass, we will have a recruiting booth at Visitation's Ministry Fair Days.

April 25, 26, 27—ARC Drive— May 10th

Tuesday, April 15th - 7:30 PM
Regular Council Meeting - Larkin Center.
Nomination of officer's slate. Series on Vatican II continues.

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.

2003 ARC Drive

Our annual ARC drive to help the mentally handicapped in our community kicks off on Friday, April 25th and Saturday April 26th. at K-Mart and the Commerce Bank. Sunday the 27th., we will man K-Mart and Wal-Mart. Due to a conflict we will man Wal-Mart on Saturday, May 10th to complete our collection cycle. This is our one collection charity event in the year and we need all the volunteers (and their family members - e.g. older children) as is possible. Chairman Brother Anthony Pensabene is looking for you to help. Please participate for just two hours to help us do our best. Set the example and be there for those who need our help.

Our Rosary

Enclosed with this newsletter is a leaflet on praying the Rosary. When we took our First Degree, we were given a set of the Rosary and asked to carry it with us always. But, the Rosary is meant for just more than carrying like some good luck charm. The Rosary should be a part of our daily prayer routine. It is a distinctive mark of our Catholic Faith and our oath as a Knight. The new set of mysteries given by our Holy Father is in this enclosed leaflet. There is strength and blessing in praying the Rosary. Make it a part of your regular devotions.

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses.

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. Contact Brother Ralph Garcia for enrollment forms.

Meditation from St. Frances de Sales

When we were children, how eagerly we used to gather pieces of broken tiles, little sticks and mud with which to build little houses and other tiny buildings .

And if someone ruined them on us, how heartbroken we were and how we cried. But now we understand that these things didn't really amount to much.

One day it will be the same for us in Heaven; when we see that some of the things we clung to here on earth were only childish attachments. I'm not suggesting that we should not care about these little tricks and trivia of life, for God wants us to practice on them in this world, but I would very much like to relieve the intensity and eagerness we bring to these things.

Let's play our childish games, since we are children; but at the same time, let us not take them too seriously. And if someone wrecks our little houses or projects, let's not get too upset because when night falls and we have to go indoors (I'm speaking of our death) all those little houses will be useless. We shall have to go into our Father's House.



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.

Where Do We Want to Go?

New to our council, is the creation of a formal "steering committee". This committee is chaired by Brother Rick McDonald. We are going to address several important questions concerning the future directions our council are going to take.

It is good and healthy to question even a good thing, to make it better, and we have a strong and good council. We are doing many things right, spiritually and responsibility wise. But, at the same time, questions have been raised about :

1. What are we doing to build ourselves up?
2. What direction should our charitable events take?
3. What can we do to increase our participation with our supporting churches?
4. What form should our support of our clergy take?
5. What kind of social events should we do?

You get the idea - there are many good things we can do and we need to plan carefully to make best use of our time, energy and funds. If there are areas of concern, please communicate them to our chairman or any officer. You may even want to consider being a part of this new steering committee. Contact Brother Rick McDonald for more information.



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