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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 2188

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Super Events Coming Up

It's February, and Super Bowl time is here.

The Annual Super Bowl Party is one of two major fundraisers for our council. With a show of unity, fraternity and charity, we started our Super Bowl pools back in November. With a lot of hard work, this council made a profit of \$17,500.

In September, the council voted to donate the pools' proceeds to three charities. Therefore, the following amounts will go to these charities:

- Spectrum For Living, \$6,000
- Boys / Girls Club Of Paterson, \$6,000
- 200 Club, \$3,000

All of these organizations do great work for people in need. The remaining \$2,500 will be put toward the continued renovations of our beautiful hall.

Come March, we will be hosting Lenten Friday Dinners. And in April, we will resume this council's long running tradition of Friday Night Dinners. Then in June, we will hold our second-biggest fundraiser, our annual Golf Tournament.

Looking forward to the exciting four months ahead.



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We would love to hear from you! Send your comments and suggestions to:
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Welcome to *The Chancellor*, our council's monthly newsletter!

LET US PRAY

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD BAUCH
EILEEN A. DOMINICZAK
ERLAND J. PETERSEN
ROBERT SMITH

All requested by the Restivo family
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Men's Rosary Group

Please join us for a Men's Rosary Group on the first Friday of each month at 6 a.m. at the council hall.

We will pray the Rosary and then have a brief reflection on a targeted consecration or devotional. The meeting should only take 30 to 45 minutes. Just come. No commitment needed. If you don't know what to do, or don't have a rosary, No sweat! Just come!

This is a great opportunity to start the New Year with a renewed devotion to Our Lady, who will only lead us closer to her Divine Son.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, 2/13

6th Annual Super Bowl Party

- 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/15

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

- 7:30 p.m.

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- 7:30 p.m.

For the most recent information on council events or for more details, check the Event Calendar on our website: www.kofc2188.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ANGELO RESTIVO

REPORT DATE AND TOTALS AS OF 2/1/22

ASSOCIATE: 154 – Minus 1 from my January report

INSURANCE: 75 – Minus 1 from January report

INACTIVE: 15 – Same from January report

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP : 244 – Minus 1 from my last report with the passing of Christopher Dolan

HONORARY: 2 – Minus 1 from January report

HONORARY LIFE: 41 – Plus 2 from January report

EXEMPTIONS: 0

On January 15, 2022, I mailed the second notice to 58 members who had not yet paid their dues. To this day, I am still awaiting 35 payments.

The next mailing containing the Knight Alert will be mailed on February 15th, 2022.

For anyone still in arrears, please pay your dues promptly and either mail your check to 40 Crest St, Westwood, NJ 07675 or pay by credit card at:

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/CouncilNews.asp?CNO=2188#18427>

Loving the Holy Family

February 2nd marks the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, commemorating when the Virgin Mary, with her husband Joseph, went to the temple to be purified after the birth of her Son and to present him to God as her first born. It was an event involving Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and therefore it is fitting that the holy day inaugurates February as the month dedicated to the Holy Family.

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity could have entered into world history in any number of ways but chose to be born into a human family, making it much more than a mere natural institution. It isn't surprising, then, that the Church has put such emphasis on the sanctity and importance of the traditional family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitutes the foundations of freedom, security, fraternity within society." (CCC 2207)

The Church has traditionally urged its faithful to look to the Holy Family as the example for all Christian families. St. John Paul the Great offers us this exhortation:

[T]he Holy Family of Nazareth ... radiates genuine love and charity, not only creating an eloquent example for all families, but also offering the guarantee that such love can be achieved in every family unit. May those who are engaged to be married be inspired by the Holy Family in their preparation for matrimony; may spouses look to it as they build their domestic community. May faith grow and may love, harmony, solidarity, mutual respect and openness to life reign in every home. May Mary, Queen of the family, a title by which we can henceforth call upon her in the Litany of Loreto, help the families of believers to respond ever faithfully to their vocation so as to be true "domestic churches."

Today the traditional family is under attack on many fronts—from those who would deny the unique relationship of husband and wife to others who would insist that the state is better equipped to decide how children are educated. This siege has been waging for decades. Back in 1981, Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, wrote to the Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. In her letter she warned, "The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Don't be afraid...because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue."

Why does Satan and his minions hate marriage and the family so much? Because the Christian family reflects God's own Trinitarian nature, that is, a community of persons bound together by love. Again, from the Catechism, "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation." (CCC 2205)

As Knights of Columbus, we are the head and protectors of our own families, as well as leaders in the fight to defend the traditional family. This month, let us increase our devotion to the Holy Family and ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to strengthen and sanctify our own family bonds and to help us counter contemporary society's attacks on the family.

Praying together before an image of the Holy Family is a wonderful way to participate in this month's devotion. Here is one of many prayers to the Holy Family.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our family.
Open our hearts to receive Your love. May our home be another Nazareth,
so that our family may be a place where Your peace and love abides.
Open our eyes to recognize the gift and beauty of life,
so that we may find joy in Your presence among us.
Grant us pure hearts seeking holiness, generous hearts full of Your love,
merciful hearts ready to forgive and tender hearts full of kindness.
May our family be a sanctuary of life and love,
a beacon of hope drawing others to your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION
KEN FODOR

The first half of the 2021-2022 Columban year was busy, and very successful, thanks to your efforts and desire to help others.

We have several great activities coming up in the next few months, and I know that our enthusiasm will carry us through the challenging start to the new year. I would like to thank the St. Elizabeth's of Hungry Council #13678 for hosting the December meeting.

The Supreme Council's Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by an assembly's program of activities. I am proud to announce that our great Assembly has received the Civic Award for the programs that we sponsored between July 2020 and June 2021, under the leadership of Past Faithful Navigator, Nicola Loconsole. Congratulations to Nick, and all the members of the Joseph F. Lamb Assembly for your dedication to our mission.

Once again, I want to thank all those who supported the Toys for Tots drive recently. I am told that Operation Toy Train set a new record of 31,000+ toys this Christmas. That is truly amazing, and it is wonderful that we participated.

Please also mark your calendar for the Exemplification on April 24, 2022 at LaNeve's. Reservations are required by March 22. New candidates should complete the Form 4, and submit it to our Faithful Comptroller, SK George Thompson, Jr.

RICH RIORDAN, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
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EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHAITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The council will present an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Tuesday, February 15, at 8 p.m.

The exemplification will be for new candidates to our council and any council brother who still needs to complete his second or third degree. We will also offer this exemplification to candidates from other councils.

If you would like to participate in the exemplification to complete your initiation into the order, please reach out to GK Frank Mariconti (fms12250@aol.com)

Candidates should arrive at the council hall no later than 7:30 p.m.

In the new degree format, family and friends are welcome to attend the exemplification.

Another exemplification has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 15.

The Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Council 2188 Westwood/Hillsdale present the 2022...

6TH
ANNUAL

SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 @ 4 PM TILL END OF GAME
COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WESTWOOD (Knights of Columbus) – 40 Crest Street, Westwood

WATCH THE GAME ON 4 BIG SCREENS!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Adults, 21 years+: **\$50** includes open bar

Ages 13 to 20 years of age: **\$35**

Children 6 to 12 years of age: **\$15***

Children under the age of 6: **Free***

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION CALL

COMMITTEE CHAIR, FRANK MARICONTI SR. 551-579-1123

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ALL FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO SPECTRUM FOR LIVING,
THE 200 CLUB AND THE BOYS/GIRLS CLUB OF PATERSON

ALL-STAR LINEUP OF FOOD & SNACKS

- Pulled Pork - Meatballs - Cheeseburgers
- Hotdogs - Chicken Fingers
- Smoked Sausages, Peppers and Onions
- Heros: Roast Beef, Turkey, Italian and Eggplant
- Eggrolls - Chili - Mac & Cheese - Fries
- Loaded Tater Tots - Taco Salad - Coleslaw
- Pigs in a Blanket - Cheese Platters - Chips
- Salsa - Peanuts - Pretzels - Onion Dip
- Buffalo Chicken Dip

DESSERTS

- Assorted Cookies & Crumb Cake
- Ice cream with various toppings

BEVERAGES

- **OPEN BAR**, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea

...AND SO MUCH MORE!

FUN
FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY

Subject to change