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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 2188

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As we go through Lent

“Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

— VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

As we go through this Lenten season, I fondly remember Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Growing up in the late fifties, in a household with only one television, my parents would watch his show every week.

His message was always direct and meaningful. I ask you to meditate on his quote this season and reflect on how you can make this Lenten season meaningful for you.

Bishop Sheen show was sponsored by Trans World Airlines, TWA for those who remember. He would close each show saying, “You can never go wrong traveling with TWA. ‘Travel With Angels’ ”

God Bless!



GK FRANK MARICONTI

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EDITORS NOTE: Archbishop Sheen was venerated, or officially recognized for having lived a life of holy virtue (a major step toward canonization as a saint of the church), by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. In July 2019, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to Sheen, making possible his future beatification.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Source: The Catholic University of America website.)

We would love to hear from you! Send your comments and suggestions to:
kenmfodor@gmail.com
or john@flynnndidit.com

Welcome to
The Chancellor,
our council's
monthly
newsletter!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

TUESDAY, 4/12

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

- candidates to arrive at 7:30 p.m.
- see page 4 for more details

TUESDAY, 4/19

Regular business meeting

- 8 p.m.
- all members encouraged to attend

FRIDAY, 4/22

Friday Night Dinner

- Lasagna and meatballs
- doors open at 6 p.m.
- see page 3 for more details

MAY

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Cigar, Bourbon, and Pig Roast

- 6 to 10 p.m.
- see last page for details, print and use as a flyer

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Casino Night

- Details coming next month

NORTH JERSEY ROSARY CREW

Please join the North Jersey Rosary Crew to pray the Holy Rosary 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 worries, just come! *This is a great opportunity to start a renewed devotion to Our Lady, who will only lead us closer to her Divine Son.*

Online resources for a more spiritual Lent

Fasting and sacrifice are essential practices for a fruitful Lent. But these 40 days are also an opportunity to reevaluate our prayer and spiritual life and to increase our knowledge of our faith.

Fortunately, numerous online resources are available (most of them free) that can help us become more acquainted with God's word, meditate more deeply on our life as a Christian, and learn more about the teachings of the church – not just during Lent but the entire year.

Here are a few suggestions.

A Catholic's prayer life should include some time reading every day from the Bible. Often cited is St. Jerome's admonition, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." One easy way to incorporate Scripture into your daily prayer routine is to review and reflect on the readings from the day's Mass.

The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) makes that easy. You can have the daily readings delivered to your inbox every morning by subscribing at their website. You'll also get a link to a video reflection on the day's reading.

You can also sign up for daily Gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron at the Word of Fire website. These are short commentaries on the day's Gospel that take only a few minutes to read. Each week, Bishop Barron also offers a more in-depth Sunday homily video on the WOF YouTube chan-

nel, where you can find even more content from the WOF team, including the Rosary and Stations of the Cross with Bishop Barron.

For a more extensive daily Gospel reflection, consider the daily email offered by Regnum Christi. At their website, you can also find a number of other resources, including do-it-yourself video retreats on a variety of topics, including Confession, the Eucharist, the Beatitudes, spiritual growth, and many more.

The Augustine Institute offers FORMED, emailed daily video reflections from Dr. Tim Gray. These reflections tend to focus on the day's first reading or psalm. So they make a nice complement to the daily gospel reflections. Sign up at their website.

The Reason for Our Hope Foundation is run by Father Larry Richards, a fairly prominent speaker, whose given talks at several of the Newark Archdiocesan Men's Conferences. He offers a podcast of the daily Mass readings and brief homily; it's a great option if you're short on time and just want to listen as you get ready for the day. His website also offers recordings of Father Richards' retreat talks.

If you really want to get into Scripture, how about committing to reading the whole Bible in a year? Ascension Press gained some notoriety last year when it offered a Bible in a Year podcast, which rose to No. 1 on Apple podcasts. Recordings of those podcasts are still available, and you can subscribe to them through their website or your podcasting service (They are on YouTube as well) so you can start your journey through

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the Bible at your own time and pace. Their YouTube channel also offers a number of other short reflections and talks, many given by members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Scott Hahn, a former Protestant minister, is one of the Catholic heavyweights when it comes to Scripture scholarship. You can watch one of his talks weekly during Lent at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology website.

If you want to spend Lent learning more about the faith, take a look at the Institute of Catholic Culture, which offers reflections on the Sunday Mass readings and a wealth of pre-recorded lectures and talks on spiritual and philosophical subjects. A few of their Lent offerings are SACRIFICIAL LOVE: Marriage, Monasticism, & Martyrdom and FIGHTING THE DEVIL: Christ Versus Satan in our Daily Lives.

Finally, if you really want to go out into the deep, head over to the Thomistic Institute and sign up for Aquinas 101. You'll get periodic emails linking you to short videos that explain the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, including a walk through the Summa Theologica, presented by the Dominican Friars of the institute. The institute also offers periodic video and audio lectures on a variety of theological and faith topics.

A SUPER TIME AT THE SUPER BOWL BASH



St. Thomas More's annual Super Bowl Party was a great success, with more than 70 attendees watching the Los Angeles Rams defeat the Cincinnati Bengals. **The Council was able to raise a total amount of \$15,000, that was divided among three local charities: Spectrum For Living, \$6,000; Boys/Girls Club Of Paterson, \$6,000; and the 200 Club, \$3,000.** Thanks to Smokin' Joe's for providing a great buffet throughout the game. If you couldn't make this year's party, make it a point to attend next year's bash. You're guaranteed to have a great time!



Friday Night Dinners Begin Again: April 22

FEATURING

Our traditional lasagna and meatball menu

COST

\$18 per person; \$45 per family (up to five children)

FOR RESERVATIONS

Contact Jay Rattino jay@rattinomail.com or 973-760-3166

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

HELP NEEDED AT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We are in need of assistance at the Friday Night Dinners. Please consider volunteering a few hours to support the efforts to fund our charitable donations. These events are an opportunity to fulfill the Knights of Columbus principles: CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY.

There are three functions you can perform: being a member of the set up crew, serving the meal, or cleaning up after the dinner. Listed below are the responsibilities of the three groups and all that is asked is that you consider becoming a participant in one of the jobs.

SET UP CREW

- Set up can be done in stages but completed by 5:30 PM
- Arrange tables on floor
- Set tables with tablecloths, salt & pepper, sugar, table numbers
- Set up 8 chairs per table
- Arrange serving table in L shape near kitchen doors; set up warmer pans, sternos, plates, serving utensils, and forks & knives in bread baskets

SERVERS

- Arrive by 6 PM
- Light Sternos
- Serve reasonable amounts of food to ensure everyone will have sufficient portions
- Replenish food trays
- Ensure someone is at the serving table during food service.
- Serve coffee & dessert

CLEAN UP CREW

- Arrive by 8 PM
- Remove all trays, etc, from serving table and return to kitchen
- Remove all items from tables
- Return table numbers, salt & pepper shakers, sugar
- Place tablecloths and garbage in cans
- Place all garbage bags from hall and kitchen in dumpster outside
- Vacuum carpeting
- Remove chairs and tables as necessary

Questions? Contact Ray Polomski SK Treasurer, at rpolomski70570@gmail.com

**LET US
PRAY**
IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT ISMAEL MARRERO

Brother Chris Marrero's father

JOHN JOSEPH KRISTOFICK JR

Brother Jeff Kristofick's father

LESLI BELLEZZA POLIDORO

Brother Peter Polidoro's mother

TREASURERS' REPORT

RAYMOND A POLOMSKI

ACCOUNT TOTALS AS OF 3/1/22

TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR FEBRUARY

Donations.....	\$288.00
Memberships	1,682.08
Super Bowl	7,608.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,578.08

TOTAL DEBITS AND DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Insurance	\$ 257.60
Supreme	1,363.91
Incorporation expense:.....	950.00
Super Bowl Food	3,270.00
Returned check & fee.....	220.00
Super Bowl Box payouts.....	19,800.00
Boys & Girls Club	6,000.00
Spectrum for Living	6,000.00
The 200 Club of Bergen	3,000.00
SpeedPro-check supplies.....	116.00
Columbian Club SB profit.....	4,087.41
TOTAL	\$45,064.92

ASSETS AS OF FEBRUARY 28

Charity.....	\$3,162.41
Operating	3,633.38
Gaming	19,643.07
Scholarship	5,181.80
Scholarship CD	10,761.37
TOTAL	\$42,412.03

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ANGELO RESTIVO

REPORT DATE AND TOTALS AS OF 3/1/22

ASSOCIATE: 155 – Plus 1 from February

INSURANCE: 75 – Same as February

INACTIVE: 15 – Same as February report

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP : 245 – Plus 1 from February

HONORARY: 1 – Minus 1 from February

HONORARY LIFE: 42 – Plus 1 from February

EXEMPTIONS: 0

On February 3, 2022, I mailed 23 Knight Alerts to members who had not yet paid their dues. To this day, I am still awaiting 17 payments.

The next mailing containing the Knight Alert will be mailed on March 10, 2022. This is a very tedious task, possibly taking another two hours to compile and complete.

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:

Click here.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The council will present an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Tuesday, April 12, 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.

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.



COUNCIL INDUCTS THREE NEW KNIGHTS IN EXEMPLIFICATION

The St. Thomas More degree team brought three new knights into the order, one of them joining our council.

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Charity was held at our council hall on Feb. 15, and was open to other councils.

THE NEW KNIGHTS ARE

Kristian Rasmussen

St. Thomas More Council 2188, Westwood/Hillsdale

Oimen Barrante

St. Gabriel Council 11889, Saddle River

Steven Kokjineh

E.G. Alberque Sr. Council 2229, Ridgefield Park

With the revised ceremony, these men completed their first, second, and third degrees in one exemplification and are now knights in the third degree.

The exemplification team comprised Joseph Bisi, PGK, John Marzulla, PGK, and Ken Fodor.

HELPING OUR BROTHERS

Council officers have approved donations to two local Knights of Columbus councils whose members have consistently supported our events.

- A donation of \$100 will be sent to Our Lady of the Assumption Council No. 5819, Emerson, in support of their annual raffle.

- A donation of \$100 will be sent to Immaculate Conception Council 9021, Norwood. For a number of years, members of this council have supported our efforts by attending our Friday Night Dinners and other events.

Mary and Joseph want to help you grow in your spiritual life

If you want to grow in sanctity (and as knights, we should), one effective way is to consecrate yourself to the mother and foster father of Jesus. Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary has been around for centuries. More recently, consecration to St. Joseph has become popular as well, particularly for men.

The following consecrations to St. Joseph and Mary are self-guided and can be done at home. If interested, or have questions for either Consecration below, please text Jay Rattino at 973-760-3166.

Consecration to St. Joseph, The Terror of Demons

- 33 Day DIY Retreat Starting March 30
- All done from home except for optional mass on the Consecration Day (May 1st)
- St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance. • *From Consecration to St. Joseph website*

Marian Consecration

- 33 Day DIY Retreat Starting November 9
- All done from home except for optional mass on the Consecration Day (December 12th)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

The act of entrusting oneself to Mary's care and intercession is nothing new. Jesus Himself entrusted His beloved disciple, John, to Mary while He was on the Cross (John 19:26-27). The early Christians and Church fathers recognized Mary's holiness and her significance as the Mother of God. We've been asking for Mary's intercession and intervention in our lives since the beginning of the Church. She is, after all, our mother, too.

A more formal method of consecration to Mary was developed by Saint Louis de Montfort in the 1600s. His 33-day prayer consists of short instructions on why one would even consecrate themselves to Mary in the first place (more on that below) and praying the Rosary and other various prayers to Mary and God. This period of prayer culminates in a beautiful prayer of consecration that one makes in conjunction with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the reception of Holy Communion, ideally on a Marian feast day. • *From Blessed is She website*

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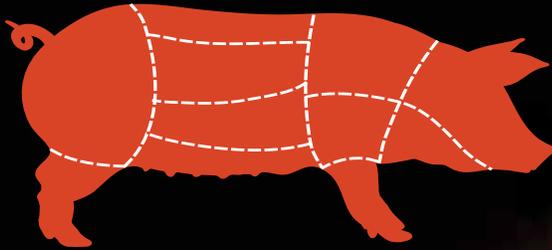
CIGARS AND BOURBON

**FRIDAY, MAY 13
6 TO 10 P.M.**

- THREE EXPERTLY HAND-ROLLED CIGARS ON PREMISE
- BOURBON SAMPLING
- PIG ROAST BUFFET DINNER

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**RSVP BY FRIDAY, MAY 6
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201-655-1625**

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