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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

One of the main apostolates of the Knights of Columbus is to promote vocations to the Priesthood and/or Religious Life. This coming Sunday we celebrate "World Day for Consecrated Life." In 1997, St. John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, symbolizing that Christ is the light of the world. But this year the celebration is transferred on a Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole church. I ask everyone, especially all the members of this Organization to continually promote vocations to the Priesthood and/or Religious life.

On Saturday, February 11, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul II designated this day as "World Day of the Sick." We remember in a special way all the sick members of our Organization, those who are in our parish communities, and anyone whom we know with sickness, whether physical, mental or spiritual. We pray for strength to bear their suffering and for healing of their illnesses.

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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

I'm sure that you were gladdened by the large turnout at this year's March for Life and the increased National Publicity given to it. Hopefully, this will be the winning year for the Pro-Life effort!

In addition to our normal meetings and activities, I want to bring the following events for February and March to your attention.

Our annual Baby Bottle Drive will end with the collection of filled bottles on the weekend of February 11-12. We will need help after all Masses at St. Andrews and St. Johns. Please contact me and Joe Laquidara if you can assist.

Our annual First Communion Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at 11:30AM at our Hall. We will need help in cooking and serving. Those members participating last year enjoyed the event. Please contact me or Mike Fischer if you can assist.

The annual Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at Seton Hall University from 8:00AM- 4:30PM. The Guest Speakers will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley from Boston and Joe Lombardi, Jr., Quarterback

(Grand Knight)

Coach for the New Orleans Saints. The main celebrant at Mass will be Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark. Cost is \$25. This event is supported enthusiastically by the Knights Of Columbus. Register online at www.NJCatholicMen.org.

This year our Council is holding a St. Patrick/St. Anthony party on Saturday, March 18th at our Hall. Please mark your calendar accordingly. Specifics will follow in the coming weeks.

On a personal note, Kathy and I recently visited the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven and St. Mary's Church, the burial site of Fr. McGivney. It was a truly amazing experience. I encourage all members to make a day trip to New Haven to visit both sites. It makes one proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Joe Bisi, GK

(Chaplain)

Next Sunday, February 12, we will observe "World Day of Marriage." This day is an opportunity for each one of us to reflect once again on the radical call to faithfulness in marriage spoken of by Jesus in the Gospel, and the joy all Christians receive when following the Lord's commandments. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the sanctity of Marriage between a man and a woman. On this day I ask you to pray for all families, especially those experiencing some difficulties in their marriage, that they may be guided by God in whatever decisions they make in life.

May God bless our Organization and may we faithfully follow the teachings of Jesus, our Lord and Master.
Sincerely in the Lord, FR.

Fr. Paciano Alexander Barbieto

Chaplain

Winter Clothing Drive

The Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas More Council #2188 Westwood/Hillsdale NJ, will be running its yearly Winter Clothing Drive for the needy. Please give to this worthy cause by donating your clean adult and child's coats, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. The clothing should be bagged and left at the entrance to the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675. The drive will continue through the end of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Bonanno at 201-906-5897. Thank you to all!

Spectrum Reminder

Just a reminder that the Spectrum Canteen will be returning to the Hall on March 13th.

Joseph F. Lamb February 2017 Newsletter

Brothers,

The last meeting in January was held at the Ramsey Council. There were many members attending. Near the end of the meeting, we were introduced to our Webb-Blog. It is in the early stages and will have many interesting sections, filled with information for all member and associate Councils. Please attend our next meeting to learn more. There will be Winter Games for the Special Olympics held at Mountain Creek in Vernon. If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved, they will be held on February 6th to February 8th. Visit online at www.sonj.org or call (609) 896-8000. Our next meeting will be February 28th at 8 pm at the Oakland Council.

In closing I would like to submit this prayer. "Grant me, my Lord, that with peace of mind I may face all that this new day is to bring. Grant me grace to surrender myself completely to your holy will. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward every member of my family, that I may bring confusion and sorrow to none. Bestow on me, my Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my part in all its passing events. Guide my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive, and to love. Amen.

Th elders of Optima Monastery

Fraternally,

Al Lukievics PGF, PFN

Calendar of Events for February and March 2017

February 2017

02/02	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/04	St. James Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
02/05	Super Bowl Party.....	4:00 PM
02/09	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/11	Baby Bottle Drive Pickup	
02/12	Baby Bottle Drive Pickup	
02/14	Valentine's Day	
02/16	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/20	Presidents Day	
02/21	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
02/25	Feed the Needy at St. John's (Newark)	
02/26	Communion Breakfast.....	11:30 AM

March 2017

03/01	Ash Wednesday	
03/02	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
03/04	Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
03/04	Catholic Men's Conference –Seton Hall.....	8:00 AM
03/09	Columbian Club.....	8:00 PM
03/13	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
03/14	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
03/16	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
03/17	St. Patrick's Day	
03/18	St. Patrick and St. Anthony Party	
03/19	K of C Founder's Day	
03/19	St. Joseph's Day	

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I am still awaiting dues payment from over 60 members. If you are among them, your membership is presently overdue. Please take this time to write out your check and send your payment today.

Second notices have been sent and if you have gotten one, you will also be getting a call from the retention committee. Please save our council money from postage, envelopes and paper by sending your check in today.

If you are not sure if you paid, please email me at agrestivo@aol.com and be sure to put MEMBERSHIP DUES in the subject line so I don't think its spam and delete it.

Along with your payment, please complete the form I had sent requesting your current phone number, cell number and email address. This information will only be used for newsletters and if you needed to be contacted by an officer of the council.

If you have a hardship in paying your 2017 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Joe Bisi at josephbisi@verizon.net explaining your situation and it will be reviewed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Angelo Restivo,
Financial Secretary

Annual Golf Outing

It may not be Spring and we have had a significant snowfall but it is time to begin thinking of our Annual Golf Outing to support the operating, charity and scholarship funds. This event allows the Council to offer three scholarships to qualifying students to assist with their college expenses.

This year, the date will be **June 12th** and we shall be returning to the River Vale Country Club for a fun-filled day of golf and Fraternity. We shall be joined once again by our Brother Knights from the Closter Council and many friends from the area.

The cost is the same as it has been in the past: \$150.00 per golfer and \$100.00 for a hole sponsor. The golfer will enjoy a hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf (weather permitting) door prizes, a buffet luncheon, and the opportunity to win monetary prizes for the closest to the pin, straightest and longest drives and low score foursome.

We need your help in making the outing a success in a number of ways. You can participate in golfing, helping at the registration or at the Council, soliciting prizes for the golfers or signing up hole sponsors.

Forms for the golfer registration, door prize donations and Hole Sponsors will be on the website very soon. Please visit the site and help us achieve our financial goals for the event.

Ray Polomski

Alzheimer's New Jersey -- Walk to Fight Alzheimer's

The event day was great and went very smoothly with plenty of help as you can see by the pictures! We even had some help from the CBS meteorologist John Elliot!

Our efforts to help Alzheimer's New Jersey continue to be truly appreciated by their organization and continue to be a great Fraternal event for us to show the community how Charitable and Unified we are!

The money pledged by walkers is counted until December 31st and this year's total for the walk we help at in Paramus was \$218,289 and the total for the 4 walk's throughout the state was over \$750,000. This being the first year separated from the National Association this is considered at great success, in the past 40% of the money raised went to "National" – this year's net is the same.

If you would like to see how some of the money we help raise is put to use – Alzheimer's New Jersey is having an Educational Program at the Westwood Public Library on March 9.th Thank-you again for all of your help and **save the date, October 29,th** for this year's Walk to Fight Alzheimer's!

Fraternally yours,

George Mulhauser, PGK





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