



• March- April

Neumann News

• “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. EWTN

Thirty-ninth Edition

Brother Knights,

As Christians we will soon be entering the season of Lent A time of preparation for Easter; the Catholic Churches greatest feast day. In preparation, Catholics observe prayer, fasting and almsgiving; as well as make sacrifices by giving up luxuries in our life during a period of 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday. Traditionally almsgiving is sharing one’s food or money with the less fortunate in our community and in the world around us. On a broader outlook almsgiving can be observed by being charitable to the less fortunate in any way we are able. This is the first and foremost principle of the Knights of Columbus. What if we gave more of our time to others in the way of charitable action?

What if we applied this charitable action throughout the year?

What if we were to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve?

There is no better time than Lent to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with God as we prepare for the Joyous Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection at Easter.

“Almighty and ever living God, you invite us to deepen our faith this Lent. May we answer Your invitation with an outward focus seeking you in those less fortunate in our community. Help us live a Lent focused on generosity of action for others. Give us hearts and minds hungry to serve You through those people in need in our parish, family and community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.”

SK Glenn W. Donahue
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus
St. John Neumann Council 1436.

Home Association

Highlights of Home Association activities:

Friday Night Oldies Dances – Twice a month and sometimes more we have dances with the Joey D Rocking Oldies Band, DJ Jimmy K, or possibly a to be named band. Food items offered include custom pizza or hot sandwich and platter selections. These are open to guests as well as members. **We have a small team of volunteers with these events – always looking for more help.** Info on these events is posted on the sign in front of the building or send to our email distribution list.

HVAC Units – We have a regular maintenance agreement for our 5 roof mounted HVAC units, however it seems that we encounter an increasing number of necessary repairs with each cycle between heat and air conditioning. We will likely need to start replacing the 3 units over the main hall area, phasing these replacements over several years – more info to come on this. Expertise and recommendations in this area are also welcome.

Most of the repair projects at the hall are being performed by do it yourself home repair specialists working as volunteers. If you fit that description and are interested in helping, please contact me (John W) at 856-834-0366 – we can definitely use your help !
John Welsh at 856-834-0366

Up coming Events

March 2023

March 1, 2023 Spelling Bee

March 5, 2023 Altar Servers’ Party

March 6 Business Meeting

Blood Drive March 13, 2023

March 14 Home Association Meeting

March 20 Social Meeting

3/21/2023 Venison Dinner



**BLOOD DRIVE
ST JOHN NEUMANN
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
939 BRIDGEBORO STREET
DELRAN, NJ. 08075
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023
2 PM to 7 PM**

**For appointment please call Richard Brown: 856 630 1792
or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG AND ENTER KOC DELRAN**

**Come in March and get a \$10 Visa pre-paid card by email
PLUS a chance to win a \$3,000 pre paid gift card to help with grocery and gas expenses.
You could be one of five lucky winners terms apply: rcblood.org/help**



SAVE THE DATE

Venison Dinner will be held on 21 March, 6-9 PM at the council hall.

Tickets are \$30. Venison cubed steak, spaghetti and meatballs, beer/wine/soda, and dessert.

Call Rich Klein for tickets (856-630-0329).

SAVE THE DATE

**PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER
HONORING PGK RICHARD LAYTON**

APRIL 1, 2023 7pm to 10pm

DINNER AND OPEN BAR

CATERED BY GEORGETT’S

TICKETS: JOHN HOWEY \$25.00 @ 856-314-8863

April 2023
4/01/23 Past Grand Knight Dinner
03 CUF Ceremony
11 Home Association Meeting
17 Social Meeting
04/21/23, 04/22/23 & 04/23/23 – Tootsie Roll Drive
24 Officers' Meeting
26 Chapter Meeting – Delran Council 1436
28 Chapter Meeting

Calling all Altar Servers!
Join St. Charles Borromeo, Resurrection, and Corpus Christi Parishes for a bowling afternoon, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1436, Delran, NJ.



Sunday, March 5, 2023
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Laurel Lanes
2825 Route 73 South Maple Shade, NJ 08052

***** FREE for Altar Servers*****
2 Hours Unlimited Bowling - Shoe Rental - Pizza - Soft Drinks/Water - Fun!!

*****Please RSVP by Sunday, February 26th to: Kevin Eisenmann – (609) 781-1515 or kironmann12@gmail.com (St. Charles Borromeo Parishioner, Church Activity Director/Warden K of C Council 1436) or Romeo Modelo – romeomodelo@yahoo.com**

Save the Date
Nicholas Zacchei's
Annual Golf Tournament June 9, 2023

As always our Educational Assistance Program's objective is to help local students with the high cost of starting their college careers and to support and encourage our local school children. In years past we have given numerous scholarships to first year college students and monetary awards to selected graduating high school seniors and graduating students from local grade and middle schools. With the opening of safe outdoor activities, we are thankfully able to begin planning for this year's golf outing. To provide the funds necessary for the 2023 scholarship and awards, our annual golf outing will be held at Rancocas Golf Club, 12 Club Ridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey.

Included at a cost of \$115.00 per golfer are donuts and coffee, shot gun start at 8:00 am, refreshments on the course, luncheon catered by Georgetti's and prizes.

If you are willing to support our program, please contact rbrown194444@gmail.com by May 15th or please telephone Dick Brown (856) 630-1792, GK. Rich Layton at (856) 313-5804 or DGK Glenn Donahue at (856) 338-2246. (Checks may be made out to St. John Neumann Council 1436 KofC). Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Richard C. Brown, PGK
From the Desk of Tony Rizzo

Jesus said to his disciples "The first shall be last and the last shall be first. The greatest among you must be the servant of all." As Knights of Columbus we can only be great if we are serving others.

Our officers are serving our Council, and we can serve our officers by participating in their projects to ensure their success.

Surely you joined to be an active participant in helping others, each in your own ways. By volunteering to help on projects that interest us, we, our officers, and our council -can be successful

Why not find a project you are interested in and jump in. If you have an idea for a project that we aren't doing at this time, please suggest it and become a part of the team. As brother Knights we need to support each other and to be active in what our council tries to accomplish. Be a server, be a participant, be a brother, and most of all be a Knight.

The Three Pillars of Lent ewtn

Lent is a time for spiritual reflection and growth. After Jesus was baptized, he retreated to the desert for 40 days. He spent this time fasting and praying, all while being tempted by Satan. Lent is a period of unity with Jesus and His time in the desert. Just as Jesus prepared for His upcoming ministry and eventual crucifixion, so also do we prepare for Easter, one of the most important feasts in the Church.

The three pillars of Lent are: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. During His time in the desert, Satan tempted Jesus three times. Each temptation is related to one of the three Lenten pillars. The first temptation took aim at humanity's most basic need – food. Fasting for 40 days assuredly left Jesus weak with hunger. Satan said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3). Jesus, however, could not be phased by Satan's silver tongue and replied, "It is written, that Man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Matthew 4:4). Satan's attempted assault on Jesus' bodily senses had failed.

Fasting and abstinence from meat help us understand Jesus' words. During Lent, Jesus calls us to resist earthly temptations and instead, seek the spiritual food provided by God and live by it.

For the second temptation, Satan tried to weaken Jesus' spirit. He took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is written: That he hath given his angels charge over thee, and in their hands shall they bear thee up, lest perhaps thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Matthew 4:6). Jesus did, in fact, have the protection of the angels and if He willed it, they would have saved Him. But Jesus simply responded with a quote from Deuteronomy: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (6:16). Jesus would not willingly put Himself in danger and then call upon the Lord to save Him. Such a thing would compromise His relationship with God.

Satan tempts us in the same way every day. He leads us to a near occasion of sin and encourages us to commit that sin. When we do, we often expect God to save us from the consequences. Someone can cheat on his/her spouse for years and then expect God to save his/her marriage. Basically, instead of jumping and asking God to rescue us, don't jump. Avoiding the near occasion of sin is difficult, but through prayer, we strengthen our resolve and in effect, our relationship with God. Prayer should be the central focus of Lent because without it, Lent only becomes a test of willpower.

The last temptation involved earthly glory and riches. Satan gave Jesus a vision of all the world's kingdoms and said to Him, "All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me" (Matthew 4:9). Again, Jesus resisted. He was to be the King of Kings, but only by dying on the Cross. Satan offered an easy way out. But Jesus remained humble and replied, "Begone, Satan: for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10).

Often times, we compromise our relationship with God in pursuit of earthly pleasures and achievements. The lure of power and prestige is difficult to ignore, but it is written, "The meek shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:4). At the end of it all, what do we really want? Eternal life with God in Heaven or a fleeting earthly life of glory and riches? Almsgiving refers to an act of charity, which can come in the form of time, talent, or treasure. Acts of charity produce humility and with humility, we can resist damaging our relationship with God at the expense of earthly pleasures just as Jesus did.

In recognizing and practicing these three pillars, we can have a fruitful Lent and become better Catholics at the end of it

