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Chaplains Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As I think back over the past year I am deeply aware of the tremendous difficulties that many people throughout the world, and in our own country, endure. Daily we hear in the news reports of wars and conflicts, acts of violence against women and children and others who are vulnerable, natural disasters on an unprecedented scale, economic hardships for many who struggle to make ends meet, extremism in politics and religion that leads to mistrust and polarization, and many other things that can make our world view one that is tainted by fear and pessimism. It would be easy for us simply throw up our hands and declare that all is lost and that all we can do is watch out for "number one"; every man for himself.

But that is not, and can never be, our way. Jesus makes it very clear in the Gospels that we cannot be his disciples unless we truly care for one another. Even in the most trying of circumstances we are called to be "good neighbors", persons who extend the love of Christ to all that we meet, friend and foe alike. That is the challenge that we as Christians face, and struggle with, day in and day out. It is, ultimately, the challenge of the Gospel.

Our Holy Father, Francis, has reminded us time and time again that we must put love into action in our lives. In a world of darkness, we are called to bring light. In a world that is broken, we are called to bring healing. In a world that is filled with hatred and violence, we are called to be instruments of God's love and peace.

As members of the largest fraternal order of Catholic men in the world, the Knights of Columbus are in a unique position to do this. They do it through their generosity to the many programs and charities they support. The work of the Church is greatly enhanced by the time, talent, and treasure that the Knights contribute both collectively and individually. Our Order is one that goes out into the world to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those most in need: the poor, the disenfranchised, the brokenhearted, the lonely, the frightened, the forgotten. We support each other in this work, and we are strengthened by each other.

As we look forward to a restful summer, I pray we will count our blessings and come back renewed in body and spirit to continue our good work of making Christ's love present in our world. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Frank

PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

Elections have been held and our new council leadership team takes office on July 1 2014. Thank you to all who were interested in a formal position in our council. There was a time when we didn't have enough men interested so that the result was vacant officer titles. Now, we have had contested elections.

At the top, Mike Mitts begins as Grand Knight and Mike Shoule begins as Deputy Grand Knight. I look forward to their leadership with great optimism. They are both bright, articulate men; they are thinkers, ideas men, who will strengthen our council structure and present new opportunities for our council to undertake. I truly believe they will take our council to the next level. Please do your best to accept the invitations that will be extended for you to get involved in a specific aspect of our council's operation. That is how we will get to that next level.

The Reign of Terror begins!!!



Joe Timpa, Past Grand Knight, signing off.....
Fasten your seat belts!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The rumors of my reign of terror have been greatly exaggerated...

This paraphrase of the famous Mark Twain quote is a fitting response to the obvious irony in the words "reign of terror" as it relates to my leadership in the Knights of Columbus. But it does, however, underscore the excitement I have in leading such an impressive group of men. Our council is blessed with great people, great friends and leaders, I think here of my friend Matt Byrne who has served this council with distinction since Day 1 as our first Financial Secretary - thanks Matt. I thank all the members for placing their trust in me and I take this charge very seriously. During the past few weeks I have met with many of the members and officers to get feedback and discuss the coming fraternal year. I have begun the process of appointing various Directors and Chairman to assist the council in specific areas of our work. I am grateful that our Past Grand Knight Joe Timpa will continue his service to the council in the position of Financial Secretary, I certainly can use the help. I have appointed John Galanaugh as Lecturer, and Father Frank will remain Chaplain. I have named our new Deputy Grand Knight Mike Shoule Program Director to assist me in managing the many important program areas. We have begun outlining some very important, and at times, ambitious goals. Some of which I will detail here, and others at upcoming meetings.

At its core the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. In the coming year I pray for a continued focus on our Catholic identity. To help us, I have asked Steven Day to serve as our Church Director. In that role he will be an important conduit to our Church, and will assist us in nourishing our spirit, such as planning an off-site spiritual retreat and coordi-

nating appropriate memorials for our deceased members. Additionally, I pray for a renewed emphasis of family. This bold initiative will be under the direction of Dave Russell who I have appointed Family Director. Dave will reenergize us and has plans for a family picnic and an off-site family trip to strengthen us.

All of this, of course - to prepare and strengthen ourselves for our true mission as servants of Christ.

To continue the great works and efforts by so many, I have appointed Jim Tavcar Community Director and Sal Tartaglione Council Director. These fine men will help us continue to participate in Knights of Columbus programs, such as Coats for Kids and Food for Families as well as expand our participation in the Charitable & Benevolent Raffle Program. I have named Mike Cassano Athletic Chairman to lead the K of C Free Throw Contest and Soccer Challenge as well as serving on the Recruitment Committee. New members have joined the leadership ranks as well, like Tim Rice who has also agreed to serve on the Recruitment Committee and Gabriel Moronta who has agreed to Chair the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. The future is bright thanks to men like you, and who knows what success it holds? Perhaps, there will even be a **Columbiettes** on the horizon.

These programs need volunteers and committee members. Consider becoming directly involved in one or more of these programs. Spread out the workload, learn about the programs, become a real supporter of our works, and champion the cause.

All these things are ambitious for sure! But I know just the men to get it done.

...THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS.

To learn more, please attend the next meeting on July 10th. I hope to see you there. - Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,
Michael Mitts

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners Are...

By Jim Tavcar

At the 10:30 AM Mass on June 8th, the winners of the 2014 Knights of Columbus Catholic High School and College Scholarships were announced. There was a difference in this year's ceremony. Earlier this year it was decided that the Catholic High School award would be renamed in honor of a beloved Knight who left us too soon – Lou Foresta. The College award remains as the Father John J. Murray Award. Lou's widow, Elle Foresta, participated in the ceremony as she read the name of the Catholic High School winner and handed her the award as she came up to the altar.



Thanks Elle, great job!

The Catholic High School winner was **Priscilla Estevez**, an eighth grader who will be attending Saint Francis Prep in the fall. The College Scholarship was awarded to **Teresa Ambery**, the daughter of Brother Knight Jim Ambery. Teresa has graduated High School and will be attending Hunter College in the fall.

As I mentioned at the ceremony, everyone who entered the contest should be proud of the impressive marks they maintain in school, the thoughtful responses they gave to the essay question and all of the extracurricular activities they are involved in. Of course, special congratulations to our winners and good luck as you move on to the next phase of your education. Also, congratulations to the winner's parents, who have guided and supported their children on their way towards a bright future.



Pray Together - Eat Together - Laugh Together - Reason #87 to Join Us

By SK Joe Timpa, PGK

On May 29th, after some Knights and family attended Ascension Thursday Mass, we held a simple social meeting in the Murray Center. Coffee, cookies, and other treats were served.

Thanks as always, to Dom (Grandma) D'Andrea (he gave me approval to call him that) for doing the leg work to feed us. And thanks to Don Hamilton and Betty -who most likely first approved the financial disbursement. Don Hamilton won a council 13 run pool earlier this baseball season and donated \$100 with instructions that it be spent to treat the council.



Thanks Don and Betty!



Golf Outing Makes Pros of Us All

By Michael Shoule

For the second consecutive year, American Martyrs hosted a golf outing fundraiser at the North Shore Towers golf course and once again it was a huge success as some 60 plus golfers hooked and sliced their way through 18 enjoyable holes.

Building upon the popularity of last year's outing, hole sponsorships were sold this year which helped to raise over \$2000 in additional funds for our parish. Heartfelt thanks are extended to Cindy Hines, Father Bill, and our own Anthony Zafferese and his wife Johanna who played a significant role in securing sponsorships. On top of that Cindy and Jo "wo-manned" the hole-in-one holes to verify any "miracle" shots and Cindy herself sponsored a hole.

Other holes sponsored by parishioner owned companies or parish organizations were: Limberg Automotive (Linda, John, Danny and JP Limberg), JW Hampton (Bob, Maureen, Mike, and Bobby Shoule), Harbor Seafood (Christian Limberg), the Catholic War Veterans, the Bingo workers, and our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council. Frank's Deli in Maspeth, who caters so many of our parish parties, also sponsored a hole.

Along with the usual lowest foursome, longest drive and closest to the pin contests, this year's outing featured several hole-in-one contests with prizes ranging from airline tickets to a new sets of clubs. The most coveted prize for sure though was the \$10,000 cash prize to anyone who sunk their tee shot on hole number 17. Thank you to Matt Byrne's friend Jon who lined up a \$300 sponsorship from Arverne by the Sea and Father Bill who lined up the same from both the parishes of St. Mary Magdalene and Christ the King in Springfield Gardens.

A special word of appreciation to Anthony, dubbed The Ambassador of Good Faith, who drove his golf cart far and wide to make sure his fellow Knights Carl Reyes, Matt Byrne, Brendan Leavy, Dave Russell, Tim Rice, Jim Tavcar, and Mike Shoule were well hydrated. Tony's "Suds for Buds" delivery service knew no bounds (similar to my golf balls) and his cart was a welcome sight speeding up the fairway or onto the green as the hamburgers, hot dogs, and refreshments at "the turn", only lasted so long.

After the round of golf we were joined in the dining room by Father Frank, Pat, Margaret Reyes and Anthony and Jo's daughter Trish for a buffet dinner of chicken

francese, pulled pork, ziti and sliced steak and gravy along with rice and a nice salad. It was about that time that Tim Rice was reunited with his club that had proven earlier in the day that its shaft was not stronger than an oak tree. Somehow the club, after being physically abused by Tim, never found its way back into Tim's bag but tracked him down in the dining room. Upon further review of the new angle of the shaft, Tim decided that maybe it could actually help his game. Speaking of which, I did not get to witness it first hand, but I was told that Carl Reyes deserves a lot of credit for playing this year and that lack of experience is no longer an acceptable excuse for a Knight not to participate in future parish golf outings.

Onto dessert and as the coffee was being served, raffle-mania began with over 35 golf related prizes to be won, mostly by Matt "you buy more tickets you win more prizes, it's that simple" Byrne. Many of those prizes, along with the last two prizes of a portable DVD player and a flat screen television were courtesy of parishioner Pat Carragee and his group of golfers. Unfortunately Pat is dealing with a significant health issue right now and was not able to participate in this year's outing so let's keep him in our prayers please. Last but of course not least was the 50/50 that collected \$900 even though Elle Forresta was not at the dinner. The final word of gratitude goes to my parents, Maureen and Bob Shoule, organizers of this great event. Looking forward to even more Knights golfing in 2015.

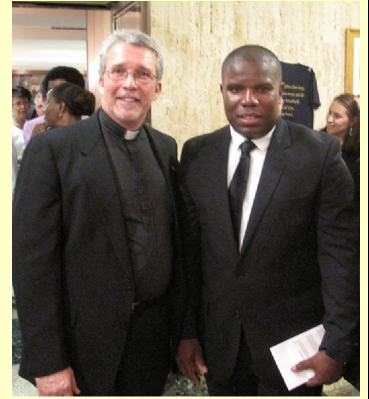


Celebrating the Convocation of Fellow Knight Patrick Dorelus

By SK Steven Day

On the evening of May 15 2014 at the Immaculate Conception Center, many brother Knights and spouses, along with Fr. Frank and Deacon Stan, gathered to celebrate the Convocation of Patrick Dorelus, Seminarian and Brother Knight. Bishop Ray Chappetto presided over this most important step in the lives of the seminarians as they now enter the next phase of their studies, the Major Seminary.

Patrick will be leaving us in July to study in Rome for a period of five years but he will not be forgotten. After the celebration a wonderful time of fellowship took place where everyone had a chance to wish Patrick well. As a council we are committed to help support Patrick as he continues on his road to the Priesthood.



**Did
You
Know?**

Our Council Proudly Supports RSVP

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. Our Council was proud to present a check to Patrick Dorelus for \$500.

RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Last year, financial help from 2,628 councils, assemblies and circles to future priests, sisters and brothers, exceeded \$3 million. Since 1981 the Order has provided more than \$52.9 million in aid through RSVP, helping more than 85,900 men and women follow their vocations.

Qualifying councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 donated to an individual.



Mass & Breakfast For Patrick Dorelus

On June 15, Bishop Chappetto celebrated 10:30 Mass and joined us for a wonderful breakfast sponsored by the Knights in honor of Patrick Dorelus

Special thanks to Vin, Ed, Theresa, Jovie, Mary, and Midge for making it such a success.



The Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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A "FAMILY POTLUCK
PICNIC" is being scheduled
for Saturday, August 9 at
Alley Pond Park.

Dave Russell and Tim Rice have promised a good time for all, with fun and games like sack races, softball, volleyball, and more games for kids.

Bring your picnic basket, blanket or chair, bring your kids, grand-kids, parents, family and friends. Join us in this special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of family.

Huge Success As Food Collection Event Pays Off!

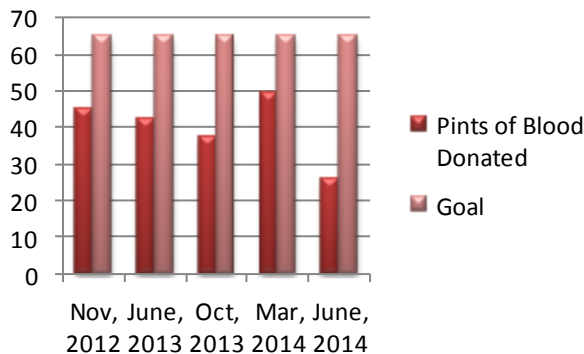
By Jim Tavcar

On Saturday June 14th, a Food Collection Event was held at the Stop & Shop located at 653 Hillside Avenue. The event was a huge success with a total of **101 bags of food** and **\$199.77 in cash collected**. Thanks to Marie De Angelis who coordinated the distribution of the food between American Martyrs Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry and Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach Pantry.



Thanks to all the Knights who participated.

Special thanks to Nate Shoule and Emily Liatto for tugging at the heartstrings of hardened shoppers and getting them to donate more.



Blood Drive - Roll Up Our Sleeves!

A total of 26 pints were collected from the June blood drive. We are thankful for the donations. However, if you have not donated please consider donating blood in the future. Our Blood Chairman Sir Knight Ed Pearce is very serious about this. **Blood Saves Lives –it's that simple.** Do your best, encourage family, friends and neighbors to donate.

Knights Thank Altar Servers!

After the 10:30 Mass, during the Breakfast in honor of Patrick Dorelus, all the American Martyrs Altar servers were recognized for their service and were given Gift Cards on behalf of our Council. Special thanks to Judy Mustafa for helping with the Altar Servers and assisting in making this a success.



Thanks Coach Mike!



Happy 50th Anniversary



*Congratulations
Carl and Margaret Reyes*



Congratulations to fellow Knight Mike Cassano for another great season. In addition to his coaching, Mike also serves as President of the AMAA - American Martyrs Athletic Association. He recently held a very successful Car Wash fundraiser for the sports program and a wonderful Family Awards Night. Thanks for all you do.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

EDMUND T. HARTSTEIN FAMILY PICNIC DAY
FOR CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT PROGRAM
(SOFTBALL GAME)



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Saturday, September 20th, 2014
Gates open at 9AM
Games begin at 10AM
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Includes a Home Run Derby, Youth Game, Softball Game,
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Admission Includes Afternoon BBQ - \$10 per person/\$25 per family
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And MANY Others

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Base or Position Sponsor - \$200 Umpire Sponsor - \$100
Player Participation - \$50 Booster - \$25



WANTED: BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Knights, please consider volunteering to help with Bingo. Thanks to the all the members that come and make bingo a success - but we can always use more.

Remember, this is our council's largest source of funding. Let's support it with all we got!

Speak to Dave Russell, Tony Z, Matt Byrne, Carmine, or Mike Mitts for more information.

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM EARLY BIRD SPECIAL AT 7:15PM

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