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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Knights,

My three years as "Grand Knight" is almost complete. It's been a busy, fulfilling three years. I thank you all for your friendship and for allowing me to be the GK. I thank you all for stepping up, to make our council the success that it is.

Our Financial Secretary Matt Byrne is also 'leaving office'. Matt has been Financial Secretary since our council's inception. His consistent leadership has stabilized our council through our formative years. The same can be said of our Treasurer Carl Reyes, although he is not 'leaving office', who also has been Treasurer since our council's beginning. Thank you both, on behalf of our council. We are indebted to you.

As well, thanks go to our outgoing Recorder John Galanaugh, who has had the job of capturing in writing, those 'special moments' of our meetings, since the beginning. Thank you John, on behalf of our council.

We look forward to the fresh perspective and ideas of the incoming council leadership, which will undoubtedly continue the growth of our council and the expansion of our works of mercy.

Sincerely,
Joe Timpa, GK



Congratulations Fr. Frank Schwarz - On The Renewal of Your Pastorate

In addition, Fr. Frank was recently honored with a plaque by our council:

*"In Recognition and Appreciation
for Creating Our Council in 2008,
For Continued Support
and Active Involvement as Our Chaplain,
and Whose Contributions,
Both Physical and Spiritual, Inspire Us."*



St. Patrick's Party

By Mike Shoule

Who says don't mess with success? Despite a strong turnout at last year's St. Patrick's Day party, we opted to move the party up one weekend so as to not interfere with anyone's annual family celebrations and the decision paid off in spades or maybe it was shamrocks.



It was as if St. Patrick himself led the nearly 300 people straight down the steps after the 5pm mass into a sea of green and white in the Sullivan Center on Saturday, March 8th to celebrate our annual St. Patrick's Day party. The room was filled from front to back with party-goers feasting on corned beef and cabbage from Frank's Deli along with delicious Irish soda bread and some non-traditional fare as well. Muchas o'gracias to all of the Knights and their family members who assisted in serving the food. Thank you also to future social committee chairman Matt Byrne and his daughters for ensuring everyone's whistle was wet.

green, white, and orange striped ties to birthday party hats for the unicorn table.

Thanks to all of the Knights and parishioners who helped out to make it such a great night not the least of which were those who Saturday morning did the shopping and/or assisted with setting up and decorating the Sullivan Center. Extra kudos to Emily and Sophia Mitts, Marco D'Andrea, and John Dempsey (Carl's grandson) for cookie preparation (with minimal consumption) and all around assistance.



The party featured a superfecta of entertainment that began with the musical trio of Emily Tavcar on flute, her brother Jack Tavcar on keyboard and friend Mae Roney on violin welcoming guests to the party followed by brother Knight and Catholic War Veteran, Dennis Keane and his friend

who smoothly led their female dance partners across the Sullivan Center floor.

As in years past we were then treated to a performance of traditional dances by the students from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance. Emily Tavcar traded in her flute for her dancing shoes and enticed her alumnus brother Andrew to join in the performance along with the other fantastic youth dancers.

Lastly, Irish accordionist (it's not just for polkas you know) Frank Keegan kept toes tapping and vocal cords vibrating with classic ballads from the homeland like The Irish Rover and Danny Boy. Thanks to a little advanced prep work by Christine Tavcar and Maureen Shoule every table also got a chance to participate in the beloved sing-along, The Unicorn Song, by using both their voices and their props – from



*Congratulations
To Katie Caruso
and Mary Ambery
Daughters of
Knights
Steven Caruso and
Jim Ambery
On their First
Holy Communion—
God Bless!*

A Greener Greenway

By Lou Diaz

Just as American Martyrs is a spiritual oasis for our catholic community, so is the Greenway to our greater neighborhood. It provides us a place to unwind after a hard day, and a tree-lined sanctuary for various species of birds, including cardinals, orioles, blue jays, gray owls, and the occasional hawk. Runners, cyclists, and walkers have plenty of room to enjoy our newly cleaned "Path". Throughout the seasons, this is a special place in our neighborhood.

On April 12, the Knights of Columbus of the Father Murray Council 14666, gathered dozens of volunteers, put on the work gloves, grabbed the trash pickers, and went to work. From 9:00 A.M. to noon, families and friends cleared the Greenway of bottles, cans, plastic items, rusted metal, and items tossed by careless walkers. An elderly couple cleared the entire lot adjacent to the Bell Blvd. overpass. The young people who helped in the effort earned twelve community service certificates.



The Greenway is looking cleaner, safer, and definitely greener than ever. When the community gets together with one goal in mind, good things are bound to happen. Our next cleanup is scheduled for the autumn. K of C Council 14666, is proud of our members - especially Michael Shoule, who has spearheaded and organized the cleanup. We're also grateful to our community, and the Parks Department for their cooperation and support. See you in October!



Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care. Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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St. Baldrick's - Making a Difference

By Sal Tartaglione



On April 12th, Mike Shoule, Tony Zafferese and I decided to lose a little weight by shaving our heads for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for pediatric cancer research. At the last minute, Nate Shoule decided to join his dad on stage and had his head shaved too. Our families supported us by being there and providing copious amounts of beer and sympathy. Poor Mike was left looking like the mayor of Munchkin Land for what seemed like 15 minutes. Tony had an eerie resemblance to Uncle Fester. I felt like a recruit from Heartbreak Ridge. In the end, we all felt great in supporting this fine organization.



The event took place at the Trinity Bar & Restaurant in Floral Park. The Town set up a stage in the rear parking lot to display the "shavees" in all their peach-fuzzed glory. The festivities were orchestrated by the wonderful hosts Tom Weissler and the effervescent Bob GaNun. The 272 "shavees" for this year's event raised \$220,000, which ranked us 11th in the WORLD out of 1,200 St Baldrick's events. So, now is a good time to thank all of the people and businesses that donated to our team. In addition, our Council donated \$300 to our team. Each and every dollar donated is appreciated, so start saving up for next year.



Blood Drive - Thank You

A total of 49 pints were collected from the blood drive conducted on March 23. We are hoping for an increase of 20 more pints at our next blood drive on **Sunday, June 1**.

Lets roll up our sleeves and get out there during the next collection event.



Food Collection

By Jim Tavcar

The Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council held Food Collection Event at a new store, the Waldbaum's located on the Horace Harding Expressway near Francis Lewis Boulevard on Saturday, April 5th.

The event was a success as 11 bags of food were collected for American Martyr's Saint Vincent de Paul's pantry while 43 bags were collected for the OLL Outreach Center. The cash was an all time low of \$53.00. Emily Liatto's & Orlando's grandson Christian's efforts helped us get above the \$50 barrier.

Fourth Degree Corner



By Jim Ambery

I am going to do my best to keep everyone posted on the activities and events of Commodore John Barry Forth Degree Assembly #712, which is the Forth Degree Assembly of our district.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY
ASSEMBLY #712
ANNUAL GOLF FRATERNAL OUTING
June 1st to June 3rd

AT THE HUDSON VALLEY RESORT
KERHONKSON, NY

I will forward a flyer to anyone interested.