



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Grand Knights Message:

Brothers, I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. It's been a while since the last newsletter. The Christmas celebration for our family was a happy and joyous time and I hope yours was as well. The first half of our fraternal year is in the books and we start our next six months ambitious as ever. I am asking all of you to help make all our sponsored events a success and plan to attend at least one of them. Don't worry there are more than enough events to choose from. I know we are all busy and have other obligations, but I am looking for each brother to participate in at least one event.

The first two events are on Saturday January 31st. The first one is the Men of St. Rose pray and inspiration gathering. We will start with a mass at 7:30 AM in the church, followed by breakfast and an inspirational talk in Labrecque Hall (downstairs under the church) by Father Rick Hardy, of St. Peter's Church in Parsippany. We intend to have everyone out by 9:30 AM.

The reason for that is, the second event is at 10:00 AM at the East Hanover Middle School, our annual Spelling Bee for eight graders. Students from the Middle School as well as St. Rose participate in this event.

I would also like to let everyone know that, in addition to our First Degree Team, we are on the verge of having a Second Degree Team. Chris Virginio and his team have been practicing the last few weeks and they are ready for a dress rehearsal. On Wednesday January 28th, our District Deputy will evaluate them so that they may get certified to hold degrees. If you have a chance come on down to Labrecque Hall at 7:30 PM and see how they do.

In February we celebrate Wives Appreciation Night. For our new members, this is when we thank our wives for all those nights we are at meetings and they are home alone waiting for our return. We present them with a rose and we also have door prizes and dancing. This year we are back at Ravello's Restaurant and we celebrate with a great dinner on Valentine's Day, February 14th. We will begin with a Cocktail Hour at 7:00 PM, which includes Hot and Cold Hors'd'overs. Larry Colasurdo and Rich Truzzolino are co-chairs for this event. See Flyer for more details and to make reservations.

We are also beginning to sell our Super 50/50 raffle tickets. The cost of the ticket is \$20.00 and based upon selling 400 tickets, first prize is \$ 2,400.00, second prize is \$1,200.00, and third prize is \$ 400.00. Tony Giuliano and Rich Truzzolino are in co-chairs for

this. See Flyer on how to buy tickets. The drawing will be held at our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. John MacTaggart has offered to co-chair the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, but we are still looking for other brothers to help out. Please give me a call.

In April, we have our Handicapped Citizens Drive. This year Tony Giuliano and Joe Cusano have agreed to co-chair. Again, we are looking for all the help we can get. This is our main event of the year. All we ask is two (2) hours of your time in collecting for various organizations that need our help. Please sign up.

Remember the principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We are committed to charity by, easing the plight of those less fortunate.

On a sad note, Anthony Lilola, our brother knight, passed away on January 7th. I want to thank all of the brothers who came to pay at Hancliffe Funeral Home and offer our condolences to his wife, Helen.

Upcoming events:

January 26th Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM Labrecque Hall
January 31st Men of St. Rose 7:30 AM at St. Rose of Lima Church
January 31st Spelling Bee 10:00 AM at East Hanover Middle School
February 9th Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM Labrecque Hall
February 14th Wives Appreciation Dinner – 7:00 PM Avella's Restaurant
February 23rd Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM Labrecque Hall

March 14th St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance and Super 50/50 Raffle- 7:00 PM Fahey Hall

Here is this month's quote:

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing."

— George Bernard Shaw

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Ron

FROM THE PULPIT:

We have another crisis in America. Yes, I know that today we are worried about the economy (my 401k has become a 201k also), the threat of war and fear of terrorism. All of these things are obviously serious and need our concern. But the other crisis I speak of is one, which, in the long run, after the others I mentioned are gone, will continue to damage our nation and our church. The crisis I speak of is **relativism** and general **apathy**. It is displayed in many ways today; lack of volunteerism, lower attendance in church, Catholics in politics who espouse abortion, the "let the other guy do it" attitude, the "me first" approach to every day life and the "if I think it's right than it's right" attitude. An example of this was seen in the tragic fire in Rhode Island, a band uses fireworks in a small, crowded, wooden building.

Relativism, as defined by Francis J. Beckwith and Gregory Koukl in their book "Relativism, Feet Firmly Planted

in Mid-Air”, is “**the death of truth**”. They make the point that many people, from students in college to all ages of adults, believe that truth is whatever they wish it to be. Some relativists rewrite history to fit their need. They say we don’t need **Under God** in the pledge, even though this country was founded under God. Some have even said that the Holocaust did not happen. The belief among some is that there is no **true truth**. Scripture predicts at some point that good will be made to seem bad and the bad will be made to seem good. **Sound familiar?** And the beat goes on as relativists modify our truth.

Apathy shows itself in many ways. Prayer is taken out of schools, abortion becomes legal, public prayer at sporting events and commencement ceremonies is challenged, the alternate life style is flaunted, pornography is free speech, states like New Jersey want to make embryonic stem cell research and cloning legal, the 10 commandments, which all laws are based on, are taken down in the courts; and no one speaks up. No one calls or writes letters or protests, until it’s too late. You could name others things I’m sure.

What do we do? **Hey guys**, we are the voice of truth, we are the ones that have moved for good before, and we must do it again. We must speak out when we see our truth being eroded or challenged. We must do that in our towns, in our jobs, in our state and in our country. We must pray for wisdom and strength to help bring our world back to God and to truth. **We must be the cure for relativism and apathy.**

Deacon Bob Lang

Our Field Agent Speaks:

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It’s become popular this time of

year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute** safety of principal), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It’s reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

I’m at 973-539-0109 or john.stabile@kofc.org. Call me – let’s talk.

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday! To all Brother Knights.

Anthony	Montagna	1	2
Vincent	Leo	1	3
Jeffery	Biggiani	1	5
Joseph	Talik Jr.	1	6
Patrick	Pepe	1	9
William	Salemme	1	10
Elie	Ayoub	1	12
Nick G.	Caponegro	1	13
Pat	Ganncorti	1	14
Antonio	Prioletti	1	17
Barry A	Adler	1	18
John	Brennan	1	19
Stephen	Jandoli	1	19
Basil	Filippone	1	21
Robert	Carpenter	1	22
Jerry	Forte	1	22
John	Lester	1	24
Carlos	Zambrano	1	25
Marc	Tartaglia	1	29

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Good of the Order:

Prayer does work so please pray for the following that are in need. Prayer does work!

In Memorium Brother:

Anthony Lilola
Delores Di Antonio Wife of Brother
Vito Di Antonio
– May the perpetual light of Jesus shine upon them.

Father Owens, Father – Lives in Ireland, Sister Ann, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, Dolores Angelo Mother of Ron Angelo, Debbie Edson Daughter of Des and Ann Brennan has two babies Kayliegh , 3 Special Intentions, Bob Dunderman, Tom Dougherty Jr. Anthony Stabile Brother of John Stabile, Nancy Stabile, Genny Malgeri, Diana Rickert, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli’s daughter Andria Ottaiano, Vivian Baxter Mother of Neal Baxter, Al Lasso, Doris Friedholm, Rick Friedholm Dad, John Librizzi, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Tony Giuliano’s Sister Mickey Gingelski, and Gary Howanic Husband to Judy Gingeleski, Henry Smolen, Father of Charlie Napoli, of C&L Towing, Al Rosania, Karen Brown, Carmen Malgieri, Irene Holmes, Sheila Gallo and for baby Cara Guerine, Mike Ganinni, Ernie Esposito, Philip Esposito, Balnjina Fernandez, Chris Knapik and Rose Knapik wife of Andy Knapik, Nick Rello, Pat Manna, R. Barton PGK, Anthony Fiscetti, Linda Miele, Friend of Peter Esposito and Jean George Mannor, Micheal Tria, Terry Pizzano Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, John Dunderman, Al Rosina, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Josephine Musso, Clara

Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran

Pray for our troops that are in harms and are protecting our way of life in These United States. Pray that God will grant them safe return to their families. Pray for everyone's, "Special Intentions" - **and we mean everyone. God must be Infinite the proof is that he does listen to each and everyone's intentions and then with his unique senses of each individuals need handles all problems in ways we could only hope to understand.**

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