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Grand Knight's Message

As has been the case, we have a full slate of activities going into the Lent and on into spring. I would be remiss not to bring your attention to a number of things in the newsletter such as welcoming our newest members and congratulating our NINE new 3rd degree Knights; our activities leading the Stations of the Cross, the ARC drive, Crab Cake and Crab Soup sale and the Golf Outing and the opportunity to take your 4th degree on May 30. Please take time to read this newsletter and get the details. However, just to jog your memory, recall that at our Communion Breakfast, our featured speakers were Donna and John Kurtz, founders of St. Joseph House and St. Philomena Academy in East Fallowfield, PA. Their testimony touched all hearts as they shared their adoption of 20 children and their work to educate them in the faith. I received a newsletter from them recently which retold the story of how they obtained the property. I urge you to give consideration to making a donation to these good folks. Their web site is: www.sjhouse.org

(Reprinted from the Christmas 2009 St. Joseph House Newsletter-by John Kurtz)

One of our favorite "miracle" stories is how we moved to Buck Run Road on Christmas Eve, 2001. In September of 2001, we found ourselves with no place to call home. It was undeniably the most stressful and painful time of our lives. It was a BIG cross. We searched for months to find someone who would rent a property to us while we looked for a permanent home for St. Joseph's House. I learned a sobering lesson at that time; it might be easier to find a needle in a haystack than a landlord who would rent to a family of 17. As a result, we ended up homeless, sleeping on the floor of my in-laws suburban split level for a couple of months. It was a time of great stress for my in-laws and our household as well. It was also at that time that old and new friends came to our aid with their prayers and sacrificial hearts of gold.

I've been waiting for you... In October, an old friend, Karen Kelly called us and said, "Whenever I pray for your family, the name, 'Alexandria Bennett' keeps popping into my head. I haven't seen her in years but I think you are supposed to call her. I think she is still living and ministering to troubled teens in the Coatesville area". We called Alexandria Bennett and "coincidentally" (providentially) she had a property for sale with an 8000 square foot residence and a 150-year-old schoolhouse on 6½ acres, but she didn't think we would be interested in such a property. I told her we couldn't wait to see it and by early next morning we met her there. We were amazed. The property was perfect. Yes, the buildings were disheveled with broken windows; obsolete heating systems, leaking roofs, and broken doors. However, because of its poor condition, we thought we might be able to afford it. We scurried from room to room and building to building, with Alexandria standing there smiling broadly, her eyes glistening with joy. When we regrouped in the driveway, she looked at us and said, "I've been waiting for you. This property was consecrated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary years ago. You have brought St. Joseph to join them. The Holy Family is now here together. This is perfect!" Our eyes widened.

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

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<i>Business Meetings</i>	<i>Officers meetings</i>	<i>Other Events</i>
Sunday- March 14th at 7:00 PM Rosary at 6:30 PM	Wednesday- March 24th at 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - St. Eleanor March 12 th at 7 PM
Sunday- April 11th at 7:00 PM Rosary at 6:30 PM	Wednesday- April 28th at 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - St. Mary's March 26 th at 7 PM

Fourth Degree Exemplification: The 112th Exemplification for the 4th degree will be held on Sunday May 30, 2010 at the Dolce at Valley Forge. The two criteria to participate are: must have your third degree and have taken your first degree before November 30, 2009. Some other bits of information: Registration at 12 Noon and exemplification begins at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$70 which includes banquet, pin and social baldric. A ladies luncheon begins at 12:30 and costs \$16. Banquet begins at 6:30 PM and there will be a mass at 5 PM. Guests for the banquet will be charged \$40 although you need not attend the banquet. There will be a hospitality suite before and after the exemplification sponsored by Fulton J. Sheen Assembly. Tuxedo's are required. To obtain additional details, please send an email to Joe Stephey at jstephey@mces.org or Joe Bondi @ joseph.bondi@verizon.net

Membership:

We want to welcome our two newest members, Robert Ianelli (Theology II at the seminary) and James Diccianni. Both made their first and second degree at an exemplification at Joseph Fenerty council on January 31. Also making his second degree that date was Robert Buda.



We congratulate NINE members who took their third degree exemplification on Sunday February 21 at Mother of Divine Providence. The brothers are: Ben Boldin, Robert Buda, Alex Charyna, James Crawford, Brian Dean, James Diccianni, Robert Ianelli, Todd Marinelli and William Yacovelli.

Membership Committee Report: At a recent gathering of the officers and other interested members of Council, a brainstorming session took place to examine how we could better get our message out to the community to interest potential men to join the order. A really impressive list of ideas was evolved and

what we now need to do is break the ideas down into bites to make this all work. Essentially, four main areas were identified that for the most part mirror some of what we already do. However, one new area was Communications. This is something we do not do as effectively as we could and requires a group of guys to take a look at what we have accomplished and find a way to get this out to the public. If you would like to get involved with

1. **Communications**,
2. **Planning activities** for the Council to foster greater social and fraternal interaction,
3. **Working on Programs** such as those we do every year or
4. **Membership** (reaching out to new members, contacting members who we have not seen, ensuring members get to their advanced degrees and other ideas. Please call Joe Stephey at 610 489 1341 or at jstephey@mces.org to volunteer to help.

Grand Knight's Message continued:

She continued, "I don't know how we will arrange settlement. It doesn't really matter. We'll figure it out later. Here are the keys to the property. You will need to start making the residence livable. What can you afford?" Our eyes filled with tears. Did she say what we thought she said? Who is this woman? Alexandra Bennett is an angel. She lives in this world but she really isn't part of it. We are so grateful she has become our friend! St. Joseph's House was in the position to offer 1/4 of the property's value and Alexandra was content to accept that amount at settlement because she has a big Franciscan heart filled with love. And on what day did settlement occur? December 14, 2001, the Feast of St. John of the Cross, the second anniversary of St. Joseph's House (some day we will write how important St. John of the Cross is to St. Joseph's House). Though St. Joseph's House now owned the property, we were still homeless. The township wouldn't grant us a certificate of occupancy because the residence was not deemed inhabitable (not unlike the stable in Bethlehem). So the whole family pulled together to restore the ancient commercial gas stove, install a bathroom, pour concrete into massive craters in the living room floor, cover gaping holes in outside walls and scrub and clean everything else. Our good friends, Skip and Joann Torresson, organized a team of gracious volunteers to move some of our belongings on December 23rd and on the afternoon of December 24th, we were finally given our certificate of occupancy and could then move in. So on Christmas Eve some slept in makeshift beds and others on the floor around a fully decorated Christmas tree donated by one of the thoughtful volunteer movers. When the sun rose the next morning, it seemed much brighter than I had ever seen it before.

I hope you enjoy this story as much as I did! Prosit! GK Joe Bondi



COUNCIL NEWS



8th Annual Council Golf Outing Friday June 5th

Yes, there will be a golf outing this year and it promises to rival those of the past. Again we will gather at the Gilbertsville Golf Club on Friday June 4 at noon for a fun filled day of golf, prizes, good fellowship and of course, those acclaimed steaks at the end of the day. We need your help to solicit hole-sponsors, prizes and golfers! PGK SK Sam Augustine is chairing the event this year and can be reached at sam.augustine@jpmascaro.com. For your convenience, the flyers for the event are included with this newsletter.

Mother's Day Gathering: Although we have no details to report at this time, we are planning a dinner gathering early May to celebrate our spouses. Please keep an eye on our Web page www.kofc3633.org for information as it becomes available. In fact, it is a good idea to always check out the site for the latest happenings.

Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC):

The following dates have been set for the ARC drives this year. Robert Sciubba [robert.sciubba@pncgis.com] will be acting as ARC chairman while Larry Pennypacker [lmppenny@verizon.net] will chair the drive at Landis Market (May 5-8: noon to 8 Wed-Fri and 9-5 on Saturday) and Dave Gullick [maryanndaveg@verizon.net] will chair the Redner's drive (May 12-15: 5-9 Wed-Fri and 9-5 on Saturday). Bob will chair the ACME drive which is one day only due to corporate constraints and be held Saturday April 24 from 8 AM-5 PM. Please contact the respective chairman to volunteer for a 2 hour shift. We need you all to help and will be running 3 per shift at ACME, one per shift at Landis and 2 per shift at Redner's.



The St Eleanor's FIRST Lego League Team TOBOR that was sponsored by the Perkiomen Valley Knights of Columbus Council 3633 won 1st place in robot performance with a score of 390 out of a possible 400 at the Eastern PA / Delaware State Championship. They also won 1st place in Robot Design. They would have won an invitation to the world championship in Atlanta if they had also done a research project (which they elected not to do in their first year). This ranks Team TOBOR in the top 50 of 8,400 teams in the US and Canada. Congratulations of such a tremendous accomplishment!

Church Activities: Stations of the Cross are being led by the Knights at each of the three churches. The snow cancelled our kick-off on Feb. 26 at Blessed Teresa using a new booklet based on the writings of Saint Faustina. However, we will be doing the stations at St. Eleanor on March 12th at 7 PM and at St Mary's on March 26th. Please come out to support this new endeavor.



Happy Easter to you and your Families

K of C Free Throw Championship 2010

This year, our competition chairmen were Dan Mitchell and Andy Gesek. They did a bang-up job of enrolling 247 students at the three schools. This was done by working closely with the coaches. We had winners in each division from each school as follows:

BTC: BOYS 10 YRS OLD: CHANDLER SALUTRIC

ST MARY'S: BOYS 12YRS OLD: **TIM FREED**,
 GIRLS 12YRS OLD: **CHELSEA HELLER**,
 Girls 13YRS OLD: **COURTNEY MURPHY**,
 Girls14YRS OLD: **RACHEL EVERLY**

ST ELEANOR; BOYS 11YRS OLD: **ANDREW PARIS**,
 BOYS 13 YRS OLD: **MARCUS DADE**,
 BOYS14YRS OLD: **TIM TADROS**
 GIRLS 10YRS OLD: EMILY WYNNE,
 Girls 11YRS OLD: RYAN DORIO

The District Championship was held on February 20 at St. Pius High. Those students whose names appear in bold above advance to the Regional Competition to be held March 6 at Cardinal O'Hara High with registration at 11:15 AM. Good luck to our winners. A win at Regionals means a trip to state competition!



Crab Cake Sale:

Our next crab cake/crab soup sale is set for March 25 pickup. Note that we are adding a Frozen Maryland Crab Soup to the entrée list. We have multiple ways to place your order: phone, email, at our web site or by order form below. Don't miss out. Delivery in time for Good Friday.

Knights of Columbus – Crab Cake/Crab Soup Order Form

Contact: *Scott Shirley 267-278-1562*
or scott.shirley@fiserv.com or at www.kofc3633.org

Pick up Date: *Thursday, March25th - 5:30-7:30pm*

Pick-up Location: *St. Eleanor's School Lobby*

Please return with your check payable to **K of C 3633**. Place in box in St. Eleanor Narthex, place in the collection basket or (for non-St Eleanor parishioners) mail to:

Scott Shirley- 335 R Glad Way, Collegeville, PA 19426

Crab cakes pre- packaged in boxes of 4, 6 or 12

NEW!!!! Frozen Maryland Crab Soup Vegetable Base with tomato Quarts Only



Name:	Contact # (prefer cell):	Email Address:
Address:		Cash or Check#:
# of Crab Cakes: x \$5.00 each =		
# quarts frozen Maryland Crab Soup: \$10.00 each=		

LAST ORDER DUE BY – NOON Monday 3/22/10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PERKIOMEN VALLEY COUNCIL # 3633 9th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND STEAK FRY DINNER
FRIDAY JUNE 4, 2010
Gilbertsville Golf Club - Gilbertsville, PA

Shotgun start for an 18-hole best ball format at 1:00 PM
Banquet and awards presentation will begin at approximately 5:30 PM.

The Tournament Includes:
 18 Holes of Golf
 Tournament Gift Items
 Hot Dog Lunch & Beverage
 Beer & Soft Drinks throughout the day
 Delmonico Steak Fry Dinner
 Team Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place as well as Skills Competition Prizes.

The Banquet Includes: Dinner & Dessert. Beer, Wine, Soda and Coffee

Donation: Golfers \$95 / Banquet only \$40

Payment & registrations are due by **(Friday May 7, 2010)**

IMPORTANT: This is a 100% PREPAID event. We limit the number of foursomes in order to ensure a brisk pace of play. Registrations are not confirmed until payment is received. DO NOT DELAY.

<u>Golfers</u>	<u>Steak Fry Dinner</u>
Captain _____	Guest 1 _____
Email Address _____	Guest 2 _____
Phone _____	Guest 3 _____
2 nd Player _____	Guest 4 _____
3 rd Player _____	Total Guests @ \$40.00 ea. = \$ _____
4 th Player _____	
Total Golfers _____ @ \$95.00 ea. = \$ _____	

Single players can be placed in a foursome if so desired.

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the golf portion of the event will be re-scheduled. However, we may be required to eat the food, so please plan on attending either way. There will be no refunds.

Please complete this form and send with payment to:

Sam Augustine
55 N. Limerick Rd.
Royersford, PA 19468

Make checks payable the **Knight of Columbus Council 3633**
 For more information, please contact Sam Augustine 267-228-0917

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Renew what's important to you

Spring is a time for renewal. Trees and plants will soon be blooming, and many animals will shake off the cold and become active again. As the winter doldrums end, you'll be ready to get outside with your family, too, and be part of this renewal. -*Cont'd page 6*

It is also a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what's important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a new child or sending one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Maybe an annuity or long-term care plan appeals to your situation. Whatever the case, I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be a commitment to your future and your family's well-being. Let's get together soon to renew your financial goals with the stable backing of the Knights of Columbus.

Call me – let's talk. **Fraternally, Bill Bushéy** *CHECK OUT THE NEW SUPREME WEBSITE WWW.KOFC.ORG*

Knights of Columbus current Annuity rates now earn 3.25%, on \$10,000 minimum deposit. Deposits under \$10,000 earn 3%. Please call Bill for details

March Birthdays:

John Bucksar, Robert Buda, Jim Crawford, Chuck Draksler, Roberto Fanaro, Andy Gesek, John Giorgis, Joe Gothie, Milton Johnson, Rich Keckley, John Longua, Joe Maiello, Mark McKeever, Dave McMahon, Richard Rudderow, Tom Scott, Jody Shollenberger, Charles Sulzbach

April Birthdays:

Joe Albert, Joe Bergen, Ben Boldin, Joe Bondi, Jim Boswell, Justin Bushey, Bill Bushey Jr., Bill Conaway, Chris Cusatis, Don Fuga, Laurence Genuardi, Charlie George, Reggie Hill, John Kendall, Matt McCloskey, John McGinness, Ed Urick

March & April K of C Anniversaries:

John Catanzaro, Andy Gesek, Dan Mitchell, Larry Pennypacker, Bob Sciubba, Kevin Strnad – **5 years**
Andrew Thomas – **20 years**
Joe Heayn – **50 years**
Bill Fries – **55 years**

Thank you for your service, Gentlemen!

*Anniversaries are recognized on the 5-year multiples.

Prayer Needs

Seminarians & Clergy: PGK Brother Charlie Schreiner, Bob Ianelli, Dan Arechabala, SK Edward Hinson

Deceased: Matt Weselowski, Jodie Morales, Doug Roth, Bernice Pasquini

Sick:

Lisa Dougherty, William Turner, Dawn and Dennis Alston, Norma Drye, Lloyd Williams, Eloise Brown, Mrs. Campolongo, Lester Turner, Carolyn Rye, John Smith, Reggie and Barbara Hill, Walter Drye, The Young Family, Daren DiGenaro, Audry Stephey, Matt Kirby, Dan Pennetti, Mark Brennan, Mike Bench, Tanya, Rose and Ed Kaeser, Ed Pyres, Mary Anne Petitto, Nina Fanaro, Tim Pennetti, Fr. Joe Keating, Tom Collins Jr. and Sr., Bernard S,oth

Special Needs: Pope Benedict XVI, Peace in the World, Our Elected Officials, Our Pastors, Priests and Parochial Vicars, the Hungry and Homeless, those suffering depression

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