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Grand Knight's Message

It is with considerable sadness that I open this message with condolences to PGK Ed Kaeser and his family on the loss of Rosie on April 21. Rosie was a good friend to all the Knights and we recall her gracious and warm welcome to all at the many picnics hosted at their home and her warmth whenever she met any of us. She will be missed and of course her and Ed in our prayers. The Council was pleased to offer an honor guard for Rosie at the wake. Thanks to several Assembly members (Bob Kemmerer and Chris Stafy) who also officiated.

It's been almost two years since I wrote my first message as Grand Knight. In 2008, I carefully drafted my goals for my term and set in place what I had hoped would be a series of initiatives that would not only help the Council to move forward but to grow. I also had hoped that many ideas brought to us in the questionnaire sent out to the membership could be addressed during my term of office. Getting the commitment of the officers and the many Council Directors to drive these ideas was essential to making things happen. On the positive side, your Council had a fine set of men who came through on a number of new initiatives. I do not intend to make this letter a laundry list of what was and what was not accomplished. Rather, I would hope to make this a look forward to what are our strong points and where do we need to pull together to continue to grow.

Communication is still an area that needs work. Although we have a very functional web site thanks to the efforts of Brother Manuel Pena and web hosting by St. Eleanor Parish, with about 40% of our membership not having (or giving us) an email account, a bimonthly newsletter falls short of meeting the need to keep the entire membership apprised of what is going on. What can you do? Well, first of all if you are not receiving this newsletter electronically but do have an Internet account, you need to tell us how to reach you. Call or drop us a card giving us your email address. Have other ideas? Let us know.

We had a pretty good success in recruiting new members and advancing them through their degrees. This is very good and commendable to all who served on the membership committee; however, on the flip side, we had over 18 members who chose to leave our ranks and several who became deceased. Thus, we will end this fraternal year with an overall deficit and a quota from Supreme that will not be met. Although membership drives are useful, the best recruitment tool is you. We need you to be proud of being a Knight and not being reticent to say to guys you know, "Have you ever considered joining the Knights of Columbus?" Along these same lines, it is both disconcerting and time consuming to have to send second notices, K-1 letters and maybe even the "Notice to Suspend" to get members to pay their dues. Please pay attention to your mail and save the Financial Secretary a lot of extra work.

We worked hard to make spiritual activities a priority and held prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood, prayer services at each parish and also conducted Stations of the Cross at two of our three parishes. (Due to a snow storm, our efforts were squashed at Blessed Theresa) We are not trying to be a religious only organization but it is important to bolster each other's faith by active participation in programs. Breakfast with our three pastors has suffered due to scheduling difficulties. However, as the saying goes, 'we ain't done yet!' *Continued on page 2*

COUNCIL CALENDAR

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<i>Business Meetings</i>	<i>Officers meetings</i>	<i>Other Events</i>
Sunday- May 9th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday- May 26th at 7:00 PM	
Sunday- June 13th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday- June 23rd at 7:00 PM	Dinner for members and spouses- Tuesday June 1 at the Colledgeville Diner- 6:45 PM
		8 th Annual Golf Outing Friday June 4th
		Council Picnic- July 18- Dan Keefe's home- see below

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. Tuxedos are required. To obtain additional details, please send an email to Joe Stephey at jstephey@mces.org or Joe Bondi @ joseph.bondi@verizon.net

First Degree Exemplification: Tuesday, May 25th, Epiphany of Our Lord Council #10605 will host a **1st Degree** Exemplification at the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Center, 3050 Walton Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Candidates arrive no later than 7:00 PM, Degree will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

Grand Knight's Message continued:

The ARC campaign will be in full swing by the time you read this newsletter. I am dismayed by the difficulty in getting volunteers out to fill the slots. This is an important effort and we have always performed well and received many awards from ARC for our efforts. Please do not let us and the Developmentally Challenged of the State down. The golf outing is planned for June 4 and applications are included inside this letter. We need golfers and gifts to give away. The outing is our principal source of revenue and needs everyone to help in one way or another. Crab Cakes were a good success again and we will be looking to the fall to see how we can make that better.

Without belaboring the point further, I want to thank all who have supported me during this term as Grand Knight. It has been a rewarding and demanding role but one I have enjoyed. I trust I leave the Council in a state that allows the next Grand Knight to keep the ball rolling. Remember elections will be held at the June meeting and you will find the present slate of nominees inside this news letter.

Thank you for the privilege of serving and for all your support. Vivat Jesus.

Prosit! GK Joe Bondi



Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms, both living and those in Heaven!



COUNCIL NEWS



Membership: Congratulations to Patrick Donaghy and Kevin Bustard who took their third degree on March 21.



**8th Annual
Council Golf Outing
Friday June 4th**

PGK Sam Augustine and PGK Bill Kirby are actively working to make this the best event to date. Hole Sponsors are continuing to pour in and we expect to have at least 28 sponsors. We are doing fairly well with golfer but there is still room for more. Please see the registration form in the newsletter. This is really a great day and the steaks are just awesome. Remember, Friday June 4 with a shotgun start at 1 PM. We are still looking for prizes to either give away or raffle. Give us a call if you have something to contribute.

New Deadline for golfer registration is May 21

Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC):

The following dates were set for the ARC drives this year. Robert Sciubba[robert.sciubba@pncgis.com] acted as general ARC chairman. ACME drive was held Saturday April 24 with a net of only \$255. He and Larry Pennypacker chaired the drive at Landis Market (May 5-8) 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.

Pro-Life: The topic for this year’s Essay Contest is: “**The Virtue and Value of Chastity**”. The deadline for entries is May 17 and the winners will be recognized at the annual Communion Breakfast, October 10 at St. Mary’s. Thanks again to brother PGK Pat Cahill for all the work he does to promote this event.

About 12 members gathered at the Planned Parenthood facility on Rt. 29 in Collegetown on May 25, the feast of the Annunciation to say the rosary. This corresponded also the last few days of the 40 days for life campaign. Thanks to all who took the time to participate.

Council Picnic:

This year the Council Picnic will be hosted by Dan and Sharon Keefe. Their home is located on 6 Faraway Farm Circle in Collegetown off of Hopwood Road. Date is July 18 with a rain date of July 25. Details will follow but please block this date.

Election of Officers: Nominations will still be accepted from the floor at the May 16 meeting and before the June 13 meeting. To date, we have the following slate of officers:

GK	Dan Keefe	Trustee 3 yr,	Joe Bondi
DGK	Scott Shirley	Trustee 2 yr	Reggie Hill
Chancellor	Matt McCloskey	Trustee 1 yr	Pat Cahill
Recorder	Bob Donaghy		
Warden	Tom Kinney		
Advocate	Open		
Inside Guard	Jay Amore		
Outside Guard	Dave Gullick		
Treasurer	Rich Keckley		

Home Association

President	Dave Gullick
V.P.	Reggie Hill
Recorder	Bob Donaghy
Treasurer	Rich Keckley

Craig Scholarship Awards: Applications were received from four members of the council. Due to the poor interest rates, the council voted to add \$500 to the interest received on the investment. An award of \$90 for each student will be made to the following: Bailey Cahill, William Keefe, Cameron Keefe, Lauren Keefe, Maura McCloskey, Adriana Yocovelli, Billy Yocovelli and Gabriella Yocovelli. Checks will be available prior to the fall term of the coming school year. The Council is happy to provide this assistance and hope interest rates increase in the future so we can provide even greater assistance to those whose fathers serve!

Rescheduling of May Dinner Meeting: The officers decided to postpone the dinner meeting scheduled for May 4 due to the death of Rose Kaeser. A new date has been selected- Tuesday June 1. We will have Fr. Robert Povish as a speaker as originally planned. Please contact Dave Gullick at (610) 584 5572 to reserve your place. Dinner at 6:45 PM in main dining room. Price and menu as before at \$20 per person.

Crab Cake Sales: Thanks again to Scott Shirley for his efforts to organize the Crab Cake Sale prior to Easter. Although there were a few orders from other parishes, the bulk of the orders came from St. Eleanor. This represents a lot of work by Scott and the Council extends their appreciation for a job well done to add additional money to further our charitable work.

Field Agent's Message:



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As a Field Agent, this month's issue of Columbia is a special one and a first for the Order. It highlights our founder's vision for the Knights and how we have remained true to that vision.

The editorial section talks about Father McGivney's founding vision for the Order which included establishing a life insurance program to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased members. The Order's insurance program has expanded substantially to serve more effectively the Knights' growing membership.

Our Supreme Knight writes about staying true to our founder's vision. Tom Smith, VP marketing, mentions his own story of peace of mind and being prepared. Several families discuss their appreciation for what the Knights have done for their families and what makes us different. Thiers an independent review the Order's financial strength and finally a brother agent talks about what it means to be a field agent.

As the Order has grown, its benevolence has multiplied. The Order continues to break all previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights donated nearly \$1.25 billion to numerous charitable causes and 600 million hours of volunteer service. Something we can all be proud of.

Fraternally, *Bill Bushéy*



**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 21, 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.

Golfers
Captain _____
Email Address _____
Phone _____
2nd Player _____
3rd Player _____
4th Player _____
Total Golfers _____ @ \$95.00 ea. = \$ _____

Steak Fry Dinner
Guest 1 _____
Guest 2 _____
Guest 3 _____
Guest 4 _____
Total Guests @ \$40.00 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

Parish News

St. Eleanor: (Parish Rep. Charles Sauermech):

The Respect Life Committee sponsored the rose and carnation sale for Mother's day.

St. Mary: (Parish Rep. PGK Matt McCloskey):

The Knights led the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 26 following the station booklet based on the writings of St. Faustina. The service was very well received and Fr. McElroy expressed his appreciation for the work done to put this together. Thanks again to Brother Knights Larry Pennypacker and Chuck Sauermech. A special thanks to Irene Pennypacker who help with the reading from St. Faustina's diary.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: (Parish Representative- Jim Crawford) No Report



May Birthdays:

PGK Sam Augustine, Kevin Bustard, Don Cahill, Father Furey, Francis Grant, Jim Hall, Tom Kinney, Dan Monkiewicz, Frank Nied, Bob Sciubba,

June Birthdays:

Paul Brady, Joe Coco, James Coy, Harry Ench, Dave Gullick, Jim Hayes, Chuck Kane, Domingo Lopez, Todd Marinelli,

Nick Mongiello, George Pinchock, Father Rott, PGK John Warner, Bob Wetzel

May & June K of C Anniversaries:

Stephen Drehobl – 20 years

Brian Cahill, Paul Roy – 25 years

Joseph Albert – 50 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: Rose Kaeser, Theodora Sharkey, Walter Drye.

Sick:

Dave Gullick, Dick Heath, Mary Ann Gullick, Matt Kirby, Ed Clinton, Jimmy McCloskey, Tonya Kaeser, Bob Houck, Peg Mason, Robert Donaghy Sr. Isabella Donaghy, Helen Banchemo, Mike Burek, Karen Deginero, Eloise Brown, The Young Family, Susie Brown, Lisa Dougherty and Family, Norma Drye and Family, Rita Long, Nina Fanaro, Carol Dickinson, Carol Ded, Tony Paparo, Ann Caruso, Rose Bondi, Wm Turner, dawn and Dennis Alston, Norma Drye, Lloyd Williams, Mrs. Campolongo, Lester Turned, Carolyn Rye, John Smith, Ann Sauermech, Fr. Keating, Liza Yacovelli, Gordon Lapinski, Dan Pennetti, Barbara Tullio.

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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