



Knighly News

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CHAPLAINS' CORNER

The waves, the sand, the warm weather is now just a distant memory. As I walk through the streets of Derry I'm reminded that the long winter months will be upon us. Of course this will be the time that we will be very busy as the holidays are approaching and some of us will even suffer from high blood pressure due to the stress that is put upon us. But we need to stop in our tracks and really ask ourselves, "Am I giving the time for God that I should?"

On the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time we heard from the Gospel of Matthew in which a scholar of the law asked Jesus which of the commandments were the greatest. Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

My brothers, as Catholics and Knights we need to make God the focus of our lives. Be assured that if you don't get on your knees then how can we become effective Knights? We all can become busy bodies but if we are dry as the soil is in the desert how can we refresh someone's soul? So I encourage you, my brothers, to take it easy during the stressful time of the holidays, to take advantage of going to our day of recollection on December 13th and focus on what really matters.

Peace,
Fr. Phil

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

I received an e-mail message today that I have seen before but it got me thinking (I know it is not my strong point)

It is a story of two masked men who go into a Church on Sunday and hold the congregation at gunpoint. Naturally everyone is petrified. One of the men tells the congregants to listen carefully as their life depends on it.

He then asks who will take a bullet for your Christ! Out of a congregation of hundreds only about twenty raised their hands. The gunman releases all but the twenty. When the rest had all scurried out, the gunmen removed their masks. Looking at the priest the man said 'father, please continue - the hypocrites are gone'.

Do we really mean what we say about or faith? We will likely never be in that kind of situation, but every day we will be faced with opportunities to take a bullet for Christ. Charity may mean giving up something that really means a lot to us - maybe an afternoon of work to help with the food pantry or driving someone in need to the hospital or food shopping. Are we willing to make the sacrifice? Will we take the bullet? I am going to think about that this month and into Lent.

With Love in Christ,
Dave

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From the Desk of the Lecturer

Some Papal History

According to the Anuario Pontificio (Pontifical Yearbook) from Peter to John Paul II there have been 264 Popes and anti-popes that preceded Benedict XVI.

- The five longest Pontificates: Saint Peter (37 yrs.) Pius IX (32 yrs.) **John Paul II (27 yrs.)** Leo XIII (25 yrs.) Pius VI (24 yrs.)
- The five shortest: Urban VII (13 days) Boniface VI (15 days) Celestine IV (17 days) Marcellus II (20 days) Theodore II (20 days) [In our day **John Paul I** was consecrated on 3 September 1978 and died 28 September 1978.]
- Five Popes have abdicated the Papal throne. Clement I in 97 AD, Pontianus I in 235 AD, Benedict IX in 1045 AD, Celestine V in 1294, and Gregory XII in 1415.
- 10 Popes, immediately after election, have taken the names of anti-popes, most notably in our time **Pope John XXIII**.
- Benedict IX elected in 1032, was deposed in 1044. He regained the papal throne in 1045 and abdicated that same year. For a third time he assumed the throne in 1047 and deposed a year later. His name appears 3 times in the list of popes.

May God Bless and Keep You,
Deacon Gary

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



December Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held Wednesday, **December 10th** starting at **7:00 PM** in the Aquinas Center. Our lecturer Deacon Gary will lead the **Liturgy of the Hours** prior to the meeting at **6:15 PM**. Please be sure to participate in this special prayer session.

COUNCIL RETREAT

Our Chaplain Father Phil has made arraignments for our Council to attend a **Day of Recollection** at the Franciscan Center in Andover, MA on Saturday, **December 13th** from 9AM to 3:30PM

This is a great opportunity to commune with your Brothers in Christ and refuel your heart and spirit.

We all answer the call of those in need and stand ready to help in many ways. What a wonderful thing that is. We must continue to do so and with that in mind, like the man that cannot work because he has not been nourished we also need to be fed spiritually.

There will be no cost to members of Council #3023. Please RSVP as soon as possible to our Grand Knight Dave DeJulio via phone 289-6748 or email gangtackle2000@yahoo.com

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Red Cross Blood Drive

The Derry Knights of Columbus sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Aquinas Center on Monday, August 18th. The Red Cross was pleased to announce that this drive exceeded the goal with 85 pints!

Thanks to all for -

“GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE!”

The next Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights will be Wednesday, April 29th – mark your calendars.

‘Kans for Knights’

Our continuing efforts are really paying off – our last redemption netted \$462 for the Charities account. The trailer is getting full again and we could use some volunteers to help empty the trailer. Please call **John Berner** at cell 490-2420 if you are available.

Sonshine Soup Kitchen

Friday **December 26th** is the next time we will serve meals at the First Baptist Church in downtown Derry.

We can use help from about 4PM till 6PM

Mike Gagnon, Meal Coordinator

mjgagnon@comcast.net or tel. 234-9272

Also several times a month we drive meals to the shut-in folks that are unable to get out. We are always looking for drivers. This usually takes less than an hour and starts around 4:30PM.

Roger Marston, Drive Coordinator

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DERRYFEST 2008

Saturday, September 20th was Derryfest 2008. The Knights again were the ‘Burger Kings’ of the day, selling over 400 pure beef hamburgers (after cooking). This year the Council netted over \$900 for our charities account! Thanks to all who helped at this exciting and fun community event.

NASCAR FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all those who participated in the NH Motor Speedway Sylvania 300 NASCAR race weekend in September. The Council earned over \$1,500 for our charities account!

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events for Council #3023:

December 8 – Immaculate Conception

December 10 – Business meeting

December 13 – Retreat at Franciscan Center

December 26 – SonShine Soup Kitchen

January 14 – Business Meeting

January 18 – Free Throw Competition (need chair)

January 25 – Pancake Breakfast (Reconciliation)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests and Religious

Brother **John Cadieux** and wife **Ethel**

Brother **Phil Pelletier** and wife **Irene**

Brother **Ed McCann** (State Secretary)

Our troops serving home and abroad

All those hungry and homeless

Please send prayer intentions to:

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