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“VISIT THE KNIGHTS ONCE A WEEK AND BRING A FRIEND”

I would first like to offer my apologies on the late March newsletter. The flu and travel plans were the cause of the delay however after 20 consecutive months on time I will endeavor to get back on track with the April newsletter.

March brings us well into the Lenten season. Lent is a time when we asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and in reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self control thru fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during lent, but we are also called to practice self discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Let us contemplate the origins and meanings of this Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts - not only through the giving of money but also through the sharing of our time and talents.

Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. During this season I ask that you reflect on the true meaning of Lent.

St. Chrysostom reminds us “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of Life. The goods we possess are not ours but theirs”. Have you really done your part to help make a positive difference in someone's life not only during Lent but each and every day of the year.

My travels often bring me in contact with other parishes and Councils. I have recently attended mass at St John the Evangelist as well as St Leo the Great, both in Naples, Florida. I soon discovered that St. Johns has a KOC Council # 11281. I met their Grand Knight Ed Phelps and accepted an invitation to attend their monthly Council meeting. In addition to Ed and their District Deputy I joined 38 Brothers at their Council meeting. Many of their activities mirror our Councils. Friday fish dinners, Veterans assistants, toys for tots, disaster relief, families in need, Christmas appeal etc. And yes, they have and follow a yearly budget. Total members = 200 and they do not have a Home Corp. All meetings are in the Church hall. They were most interested in our Council history given our Council # 207 and our 121 years as a Council and were totally amazed at the size of our Council + our Ladies Auxiliary.

Observations - our level of activities are much greater, our financial stability and net worth are also much higher, St Johns has a one page add in the Church bulletin vs our 16 page monthly newsletter, our attention to detail and adherence to KOC protocol is best in class. I do not want to make this sound like a competition however by comparison to other Councils we, Council 207, are best in class. Interesting note: St Johns parish weekly donations from parishioners = \$56,000. I also learned an important lesson. The Council meeting at St Johns lasted 1 hour and 50 minutes. I will be reminded of this lesson during our next Council meeting and endeavor to talk faster and keep it shorter.

Activities and charitable events remain steady in March though down by comparison to previous months. We, none the less are projecting strong activities and attendance and are projecting growth in 2018 vs last year. We remain in line with our budgets. Margins are stable and expenses as a % vs. gross are also stable and below industry averages. A good condition to have. The more we can improve our margins the better we are able to help those in need as well as support our Council. Revenue is also up vs last year (YTD February 2018 vs YTD February 2017). Our gross vs buy at Home Corp. was also stable in February. A copy of our financials is available for review by Members after each Council meeting. Mid term audits and financials were completed by Mark Carr, certified by Myself and our Trustees and delivered to Supreme in accordance with eatables rules and procedures.

Our soup kitchen continues each Tuesday thru March 4:00 - 6:00. Although we are experiencing smaller attendance than anticipated, we continue to provide sustenance and warm clothing for those in need.

We have begun Rosary prayer sessions prior to Council meetings at 6:30 beginning with the January 25th Council meeting. Deacon John and Mike Skomsky lead the service and we look for continued participation in the months ahead. Thank you Deacon John for leading us all in the dedication service.



See additional updates in the news and views section of the newsletter.

Our continued improvement in both Council and Home Corp. has provided us with additional funds to distribute to the needy with in our community. We will be sponsoring a needy Family thru Champions for Life and The Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage as well as sponsoring a needy family directly thru Council for 2018. Please advise me should you have recommendations.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for your tireless efforts and help in supporting out activities and functions.

REMINDER:

Council membership annual dues collection is ongoing for 2018. If you have not paid your 2018 annual membership dues of \$45.00 please mail or leave your payment at Council, Att: Mark Carr, Financial Secretary. If you have paid your dues = Thank you - Thank you - Thank you

NOTE: Once your dues have been paid your new membership card will be available at the Knights bar. All new membership cards not picked up by March 31, will be mailed.

Fraternally,



Jack Baraczek
Grand Knight
Council 207

Grand Knight Suggestion Box: I am always interested in any and all suggestions and recommendations that are in the Best interest of Council 207. There is a Grand Knight Suggestion Box located at the table near the front door. Your input and ideas are welcome.

Christian Activities: We will continue to expand our involvement in Catholic Christian Activities throughout the year. Increased involvement by Council in activities at Tyburn Academy, St Joseph, Catholic Parishes, Champions for Life, Special Council Masses, Seminarians, Christian couple's events, Deacon Dennis Virtues events, local Pastors and Deacons, KOC Supreme special events and activities, Young men's group activities, etc. Important that we all work together to ensure success and sustainability for these projects now and in future years.

Work is complete in constructing a special permanent display area at the KOC to remind us all of our Catholic parishes and Catholic Christian affiliates and their roles in our faith community. Displays will be posted in February.

Notable Events: Planned events for 2018 = ethnic dinners continue (April 8, 2018) - sports night - casino night - Christian Couples night (Oct-June 2018)- clam/seafood night (2nd qtr 2018) Old timers recognition dinner - Wine Tasting Auburn Discount Liquor - Past Grand Knight cocktail hour - KOC Mass Dedication at Sacred Heart Church - Police Officers/Firemen recognition day - Pancake breakfasts - Mass at KOC - I have met with Father Brown at Sacred Heart/Saint Ann's and plans are also under way to host a "Special Mass" of recognition for Council 207 (2018). If anyone has Council 207 memorabilia, please advise me "ASAP" - Family Picnic - KOC night at Falcon Park - Rosary prayer service prior to Council meetings - ST Patrick's Day - Fathers Day Raffle - \$100.00 Raffle - Building fund roof campaign -

Ongoing Updates: Please forward additional weekly update request directly to Rich Kloster each Monday. E mail updates will be sent to all Council members + Ladies Auxiliary members that have an e mail on file. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist Rich in updating the council web site.

Special Thanks - I would like to give “Special Thanks and Recognition” to the following individuals: The list grows.....

Families - Thanks to our Families for your support, understanding and participation in our KOC activities

Finance committee - The mission continues - year over year improvements continue— Bob Pine-Mark Carr-John Montone-Pat Crawford-Bruce Sherman-Dave Henry - for their continued efforts , professionalism and commitment to stay the course

Janet Weston - Grand Knight Volunteer of the month March

Veterans - thanks always to our Veterans - we celebrate you not only on Veterans Day but each and every day of the year - thank you for your service to our Great Country

Deacon John Tomandl - Thank you for helping out as our Deacon in Father Enright's absence.

Soup kitchens - Jean Baraczek, Sandy Jorgensen, Ann Shaw, Janet Weston, Tom and Chris Carter and Family, Bill Brown, Council 207 and The Ladies Auxiliary. Balloons Restaurant, Bluewater Grill, Springside Inn, Lascas Restaurant for your soup donations. **We will continue the soup kitchens through March.**

Patrick Carbonaro - thanks for your continued council and guidance in support Council

Bob Pine - thanks and a Great job in spearheading our initiate with the roof project and the Emerson Foundation

Bruce Sherman - thanks for pitching in during my absence

Lee Vanderpool - thanks for your continued support of the newsletter

Sam Giangreco - thanks for your hard work in setting up the entertainment for Friday fish dinners thru Lent.

Building fund donations - thanks to all who have so generously donated to our campaign - your contributions will be duly noted

Tim Chadwick - our resident Martha Stewart has taken a leave of absence necessitated by recent knee surgery. **Tim is back as of this week.**

Dave Henry - our resident Everyday Bunny - returning in time after also having knee surgery - **starting to see more of Dave = a good sign**

Don Poole - all of us appreciate your event and schedule coordination

Jim LaMay - thanks for your continued time and efforts in managing the bar and your newsletter updates

Bartenders - thanks for your continued wit, your humor, your infectious smiles and putting up with the antics of our patrons Patrons - thanks Patrons for putting up with our bartenders - welcome Chris Crawford to our bartender core

“THE” Ladies Auxiliary - Sandy and TEAM - thank always for your continued charitable contributions to our community and Council - your efforts and that of the Ladies Auxiliary

Council 207 Brothers and Ladies Auxiliary members - thanks for helping to promote Council 207 and also for your participation in Council activities and visiting the KOC

Special thanks - to the many volunteers that continue to appear in this section each month

*Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or just to talk. I would welcome your input.
My contact information: Phone: 315 415-5325 E mail: jackbaraczek@gmail*

News and Views: Results year over year continue to be very favorable, YTD February 2018 vs YTD February 2017 = Council and Home Corp are within our fiscal budgets. Though purchases are up our higher gross sales are offsetting these expenditures. Buy to gross % are "Best in Class" compared to industry standards. Our financial committee will next meet in February Mark Carr will also provide an update on our fiscal performance, YTD, for both Council and Home Corp. Detailed financial updates are available at monthly Council meetings. Activities are also on the increase and consistent with double digit growth vs last year. February = 37 activities, March 39 activities . Very good for our slower months. Many organizations are booking their events/meetings into 2018.

Building Fund: So far we have received \$2,400 from 14 individuals. Thanks to all for your contributions. Our campaign will run through July 2018. **REMINDER: All contributions are tax deductible.**

Degree Updates: We anticipate both a 1st and 2nd Degree ceremony in the 1st quarter of 2018. Please ensure that all applications are submitted ASAP. We currently have 7 candidates for the 1st Degree in 2018 and over 150 current 1st Degree members in Council that can move to the 2nd Degree.

We will host a 1st Degree Ceremony on Tuesday March 20 at The Knights. Sponsors are required to attend in support of their candidates. Should the interest dictate, we will also host a 2nd Degree in the 2nd qtr. 3rd Degree March 17, Elmira - 4th Degree April 21, Buffalo.

Contacts: Jack Baraczek at 315-415-5325, Bruce Sherman 315 567-9677, Joe LoPiccolo 315-246-8943, ASAP, for details.
Pre-registration is required.

By-Laws: Our Advocate, Patrick Carbonaro, has advised me that the current BY-Laws for both Council and Home Corp. require updating. Patrick has also reviewed same with our former Advocate, John Rossi. We will be working closely with Patrick, Jeff Gage, Mark Carr, Bruce Sherman, Pat Crawford, John Montone and Alex Vanderpool to begin the updating process. As a guide we will follow the current BY-Law and Charter Constitution Laws received by Supreme. This is a significant process and work is still underway to complete. We will continue to update on progress in future newsletters and Council meetings.

Additional Council members: Our goal will be to add 50 new 1st Degree members in 2018. This will require adding 12-14 new members each quarter. We will also encourage current 2nd and 3rd Degree Members to move to the net level. The Ladies Auxiliary has also increased their membership to 170 and anticipate continued growth in 2018.

New look: Improvements and reconfigurations continue at Council. Reconfiguration of the back office will complete our updating by year end. Volunteers needed for some sweat equity to refresh the outside of our building along with some painting and general housekeeping.

NOTE: Use of our facility by members and guests is "Welcome" - please police all areas that are used and ensure that all items used are returned to their original location(s). Thanks.

Council has also voted to raise the cost of our facility rental. Current = \$25.00 member - \$50.00 non-member. New = \$50.00 member - \$75.00 non-member. **Effective Jan 1, 2018 = new rentals.**



Events: It is very important that you schedule your event "ASAP" with Don Poole. Depending on the event, we can also host multiple events at the same time. We continue to host simultaneous events in the front room + the main bar area + the back room.

Prayer Intentions: Tony LoBisco PGK - Nancy Villano - Dave Henry - Ann Scanlon - Rich Kloster - Big D - World Peace - Our Veterans - Pope Francis - Hurricane victims - earthquake victims - the homeless and the needy .

NOTE: *If you have a prayer intention please let Sandy Jorgensen or Myself know. We will publish in the newsletter as well as acknowledge at monthly Council and Ladies Auxiliary meetings.*

Volunteers: We continue to receive requests from individuals to volunteer for events and committees. Large upcoming events = - Soup Kitchen - Continuing Membership drive - Charitable contributions committee see Bruce Sherman. All hands on deck. All are welcome and your participation is appreciated. Volunteers can sign up for events at Council or can fill out a volunteer form and drop off at the bar.

Grand Knight Volunteer of the Month: March

Janet Weston: I cannot recollect a time when Janet said no to a request, an assignment or pitching in to help with one of our many activities. She is often pro active in raising her hand when the call goes out for a volunteer. Washing dishes, selling raffle tickets, serving food, working each of the soup kitchens, knitting hats for those in need during the winter months, and the list goes on. You can also see Janet almost every day at the Knights. Janet, please know that your efforts, actions and deeds do not go unnoticed. An example for all to follow. Congratulations and thank you on your self appointment as Grand Knight Volunteer of the month for March 2018.

Note: Please let me know if you have a candidate you would like to nominate for Grand Knight of the Month.

Virtue of the Month-March 2018

Deacon Dennis

RESPECT

The virtue of respect is critical to civil society, peace in the home and future success for our children. When one looks at the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses they were intended to form a justice and peaceful society by creating the conditions for respect. They also show us there is a hierarchical order to respect given first and foremost to God and then to ourselves, to those in authority over us beginning with our parents and then stretching out to neighbors including those who we don't really wish to relate to. Respect should not be confused with obedience which respect would naturally create but can also be created through fear which does not bring about respect.

Respect starts in the home and involves active listening, valuing opinions and considering others like and dislikes with sensitivity to individual difference. The new technologies we bring into the home can, if uncontrolled, thwart many of the behaviors necessary for respect to grow. Respect is a modeled behavior so seeing parents being respectful to each other, to their parents, and to the neighbors around them has great teaching value. Grace at meals, Mass on Sunday's with active involvement in the liturgy, genuflecting and keeping sacred silence in Church helps to create wonder and awe in God and set the hierarchical order. Finally, regular use (monthly) of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family with consideration for the Ten Commandments will help maintain respect not only for God and others but most importantly for oneself!

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS.....

MARCH	FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR 3:00-6:00
MARCH	FRIDAY - HOT APPETIZERS
MARCH	CLUB OPEN SUNDAYS 12:00
MARCH	BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN CONTINUES
MARCH	ST BALDRICK'S MEETING-TBA
MARCH	ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - TBA
MARCH	SU VS ARIZONA
MARCH 1	DEACON DENNIS
MARCH 2	FRIDAY FISH DINNER 4:00 - 8:00
MARCH 3	SUE GRAFF - BABY SHOWER
MARCH 4	GUEST BARTENDER 12:00-2:00
MARCH 5	DEACON DENNIS
MARCH 6	ROTARY CLUB
MARCH 6	SOUP KITCHEN (4:00-6:00
MARCH 7	AUBURN UMPIRES
MARCH 9	FRIDAY FISH DINNER
MARCH 10	MONICA WILDER - SHOWER
MARCH 11	GUEST BARTENDER 12:00-2:00
MARCH 11	MARY ANN CHARLES - SHOWER
MARCH 12	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETINGS
MARCH 13	SOUP KITCHEN
MARCH 14	DEACON DENNIS
MARCH 16	FRIDAY FISH DINNER - 4:00-8:00
MARCH 17	LYNETTE WILSON
MARCH 18	GUEST BARTENDER 12:00-2:00
MARCH 18	ST PATRICK'S PARTY - 12:00-4:00
MARCH 19	DEACON DENNIS
MARCH 20	FLSC
MARCH 20	SOUP KITCHEN
MARCH 20	1ST DEGREE 7:00
MARCH 22	ROSARY SERVICE - 6:30 - DEACON JOHN + MIKE SKOMSKY
MARCH 22	COUNCIL MEETING 7:00
MARCH 23	LENT FISH DINNER
MARCH 24	RICH VALENTINO
MARCH 25	GUEST BARTENDER 12:00-2:00
MARCH 26	DEACON DENNIS
MARCH 27	SOUP KITCHEN
MARCH 30	FRIDAY FISH DINNER - LAST FISH DINNER
MARCH 31	JOHN GRANEY



Planned Giving to the Knights of Columbus, Council #207

We are blessed to have strong organization and such an active membership. In order to better ensure the Knights' sustainability, members should consider tax deductible gifts, whether those gifts be immediate or through the use of a variety of planning tools. There are several ways to include the KOC in your financial and estate plan. Tax benefits can include an immediate charitable deductions; avoidance of capital gains tax (when utilizing appreciated assets); reduction of estate taxes, and others. As with any tax matter, you should consult with your attorney, CPA and/or tax advisor for information specific to your situation. Below is a non-exhaustive list of gifting options:

- 1) Outright Gifts: Immediate gifts of cash, appreciated securities/equities, real or tangible property are an easy way to help the KOC further its mission.
- 2) Wills and Revocable Living Trusts: A gift to the KOC by your will or living trust permits you to retain the assets during your life. Designations may be for a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount.
- 3) Life Insurance: When the added protection of an insurance policy is no longer needed, transferring the policy's ownership to the KOC can result in tax benefits for you and a generous gift to the KOC.
- 4) Charitable Remainder Trusts: Charitable trusts can provide life income to you and/or a loved one. After your lifetime(s), the trust principal passes to the KOC. You may name other charities as principal recipients as well.
- 5) Charitable Lead Trusts: If you intend to retain ownership of the trust principal for the future, but have ample income now, a charitable lead trust directs income from the trust to the KOC for the specified terms of the trust. After that period of time, the principal returns to you or your designee.
- 6) Beneficiary Designations: You may add the KOC as a revocable beneficiary of a percentage of your qualified IRA, pension plan, bank account or insurance policy.

If you have any questions or if you would like the KOC to discuss options with your attorney, CPA and/or tax advisor, please do not hesitate to contact our Advocate.

SPECIAL EVENT TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Dominic L Giacona, son of our own "Big D" has recently written and had a book published. The Knights of Columbus Council 207 and the Ladies Auxiliary are happy to announce that we are working on scheduling a book signing to held at the council building in February.

The title of the book is, "The Forward March: Stop Waiting. Start Pursuing. " The book is his story of personal and professional development with hopes of inspiring those who may have the same dreams of pursuing their own path of success.

Dominic graduated from high school in 2012 and enlisted in the United States Navy in 2013. Upon his honorable discharge in 2017, Dom brought his idea of Shaker Sleeves (TM) to life. Shaker Sleeves(TM) are a recyclable, disposable insert for keeping shaker cups clean. Thus began his start as an entrepreneur.

We will feature Happy Hour prices and pizza and snacks during the book signing. As soon as the date is set we will send an email and post the information at the club and area newspapers.

We are looking forward to sponsoring this event and we extend our Congratulations to Dom for this accomplishment.

Visit us on the web at www.kofc207.com

LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE FROM SANDY JORGENSEN.....

A new month begins and the Ladies Auxiliary is very busy preparing for our 2nd Annual Polish/Ukrainian Dinner that will be held on Sunday, April 8th.



As some of you may recall, last year's event was a HUGE success. We sold out of our dinners within 45 minutes and many people were disappointed that they were not able to purchase a meal. Believe me we were just as surprised as those of you that came to support us and were turned away. Hopefully the kinks will be fine tuned and we will better serve those who come to enjoy this great event.

This year we will be selling presale tickets. Cost of the dinner will be \$12 and tickets will be available beginning the second week of March at the club or from Auxiliary members. The dinner will include: Pigs in the Blanket, Pierogis', Kapusta, Kielbasa, Bread and Butter.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also holding a Final Four Meat Raffle Board. The tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the club or from an auxiliary member. There will be two winners. The winners will each receive a \$250 gift certificate to Indelicato's meat market. The winners will be decided by the half time score and the final score of the game on April 2nd. Tickets are selling fast so if you are interested in taking part in this board don't hesitate in buying your ticket.

The soup kitchen is continuing through the month of March. Volunteers are always welcome and we serve every Tuesday from 4 PM to 6 PM. We have a group of regular diners and each week we have welcomed two or three new faces to the group. Thanks to all who have been helping to make this a success. Serving those less fortunate than we is a great way to make a Lenten sacrifice. Give it some thought and join us if you have the time.



Don't forget that on Friday nights fish dinners are available and as a special treat the Knights is providing entertainment for you to enjoy with your meal. Sam Giangreco has lined up a great bunch of entertainers this year. Fish dinners and specials are provided by Maggie's Pies.

Save the Date:

APRIL 8TH - Polish/Ukrainian Dinner 12 PM - 4 PM or SOLD OUT

Pre sale tickets will be available - (This is the only way to reserve a meal)

MAY 5TH - Kentucky Derby Party - Ladies and Gents get your hats ready for our Best Hat contest. More information will be in the April newsletter

JULY 2018 - Date to be determined soon for a FAMILY CLAMBAKE (watch for updates)

Get well wishes to Tim Chadwick, Dave Henry and Big "D"

Welcome to our newest member Kathy Gauthier

Stop down to the club and enjoy a cocktail with us and as always Bring a Friend!!!

Sandy

Sandra Jorgensen
nanajorg03@verizon.net

BAR UPDATE FROM JIM LAMAY....



As always, thanks for your continued support, loyalty and patronage of Council 207. Our Brothers as well as Ladies Auxiliary are truly making a difference thru your participation and attendance at the Knights.

This is our slower season. Mid week activities and attendance are slower vs previous months however the end of week and weekend attendance remain strong. We are = to or slightly ahead of activities vs last year. Activities for March remain strong. Important to book early with Don Pole to secure a date.

Guest bartender slots are filling up. Please sign on early to reserve a spot. A good time by all and bring a friend(s).

Year over year monthly revenues and margins continue to be positive. February revenue exceeded last year. A good month. March should be = to or better vs last year in revenue. Spending in February was back in line vs gross receipts and well with in industry standards. We are looking at weekday "Specials" (\$1.00 hot dogs - \$1.00 make your own tacos - \$1.00 chili - etc.) Trial to begin in March - Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Stay tuned for details.

Pre Super Bowl party. Sunday 2/4 - 12:00 - 4:00 at The Knights. Special pricing for Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's. Build a Bloody Mary Bar (shrimp, oysters, celery, pickles, hot peppers, kielbasa, olives, etc.) build your own Bloody Mary. Appetizers etc. provided at no charge. This was a GREAT HIT and enjoyed by all. Bar was full. Great Eagles WIN. America's TEAM comes thru.

NCAA - final 4 - Saturday March 31 - Finals Monday April 1 = bar specials - appetizers - happy hour

We will continue to offer happy hour pricing and pizza for all SU and basketball games. Also feel free to bring in appetizers etc. to pass during the games. We will also be setting up a "Plate to Pass" date for some of the special games. Stay tuned for dates.

I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend. Any recommendations or ideas you may have are always welcome. Please see me at the bar.

Thanks,
Jim

For Our Service Men & Women

For the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God,

those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.

Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home

in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Special Thanks....



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UPDATES FROM CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC.

Can you feel it? The occasional warm-ish afternoon, the late-day sun that stretches into the evening a few more minutes every day, spring is on her way!

We at Champions for Life, Inc. are gearing up for the spring and summer months, and all of the activities that we look forward to at the Sports Center, at the Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage, and at Everest Park.

At the Sports Center, we will be holding a spring break camp the week the kids are off from school, from April 23-27. For only \$100 kids can join us every day from 9 to 3:30, and engage in activities throughout the building, from tennis, to gymnastics, to arts and crafts, in a virtue focused and character building setting. We also have our regular classes in gymnastics, ninja, tennis, Irish Dance, and much more going on. It is never too late to register, so stop in! Finally, look for more tennis socials in March and April, where you can hit a ball around, have some snacks, and learn more about tennis at Champions for Life!

Up at the park, the Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage is about to undergo some heavy-duty spring-cleaning, to prep it for the families who will be staying with us in 2018. We have about thirty families registered for 2018 so far, with room for about 15 more. If you know a family who might qualify to stay with us, please call Melissa at 315-252-9305, or check out homeofcourage.com for more information. Family sponsorship opportunities are also available, and welcome, as CFL strives to provide a completely cost free experience that is peaceful, enriching, and relaxing to every family who visits the BBHC.

At Everest, planning for the spring, summer, and fall is well underway, with seven tournaments, multiple leagues and clinics, family and class reunions, and more, all coming in 2018. Registration is open for the Easter Spirit 5K on March 31, as well as the Finger Lakes Mud Run on September 15. Events at Everest bring about 15,000 people to the park every year, and 2018 is looking to be even bigger!

CFL Inc. is also looking forward to our Celebration of Champions at the Springside Inn on May 3, as well as VaVaBloom in April at Dickman Farms. Tickets are on sale from any CFL Board member for the Celebration of Champions, or on our website at www.championsforlife.org.

Finally, if you own a business that you think might benefit from the exposure that 15,000 people at Everest Park, or 5,000 people at the CFL Sports Center would bring you, please let us know. There are multiple levels of sponsorship, from families at the BBHC, to events like the Celebration of Champions or the Easter Spirit 5K, to whole packages. Our sponsors receive all kinds of benefits with their sponsorships - give John Alberici a call at 315-224-3330 for more information!

And that, my friends, is all I've got for now. We are moving and grooving at Champions for Life, and are so excited to continue the good work we've been able to do in Auburn and Cayuga County into this season of renewal, and beyond.

Melissa

Yesterday's News

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Auburn Council No. 207 Auburn, N.Y.

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St. Patrick's Party - Thursday, March 17th

Grand Knight's Column

John J. Schattinger
MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever been faced with the problem of explaining to a new perspective candidate why he should belong to the Knights of Columbus? The following is a list of 12 reasons given to us by the Supreme Council, to aid us in our explanation.

12 reasons why you ought to be a Knight of Columbus:

1. As a practical and practicing Catholic you know the NEED for strong, positive CATHOLIC ACTION FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.
2. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is an asset to your RELIGION, FAMILY AND SELF.
3. It is good to associate in fraternal fellowship in an organization that has a PROVED and TESTED program of Catholic Activity.
4. The Lay Apostolate of organized Catholic manhood is the urgent need of today and the NECESSITY of tomorrow.
5. Membership is an aid to SPIRITUAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL GROWTH.
6. It is a protection, GUARD AND GUARANTEE FOR YOURSELF and, if married your WIFE AND CHILDREN.
7. It gives you contact, association and companionship with leaders and SUCCESSFUL MEN OF YOUR

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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, Chaplain
PERSONAL SALVATION

Question: How can I best guarantee my salvation?

Answer: By helping others save their souls.

A good A A (Alcoholic Anonymous) man helps others to stay sober. As a result, he, himself, remains sober. The A A men visiting the prison have assured me that they themselves derive the most benefit from their coming. It keeps them sober.

A good Calix (Catholic A A) man encourages and persuades others to make the monthly Holy Hour. In doing so, he helps himself most of all.

Certain religious orders interrupt the education of their candidates by having them teach a few years. A man learns best who teaches others.

In a similar way the man who works to save the souls of others is helping to save his own soul most of all.

Question: How does one help others to save their souls?

Answer: By showing religious conviction.

Examples: A man seeking solitude slipped into a Catholic Church. Later a priest came in by a side door, did not notice the man in the shadows, but genuflected fervently to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The obvious belief of the priest conveyed religious conviction to the unseen observer.

A non-catholic mother came into



The only social function to be held by the Council during the Lenten season will be the annual St. Patrick's Party on Thursday evening, March 17th, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

We are fortunate in again having Joe and Bill Shaw as co-chairmen of this event. Those who attended last year's St. Patrick's Party will not miss this year; and, if you wish to spend a most enjoyable evening, neither will you.

When the Shaw brothers stage a program, you can be sure that your favorite Irish songs will be featured. Solo and group singing will be the order of the evening.

We realize that every club and organization will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and that is fine—but we do hope and expect that our members, whether Irish or not, will elect to celebrate with their brothers.

Why not make up a party? Invite your friends! There will be lunch, favors, singing and dancing all for one dollar a person. A great time is promised; we will be looking for you.

her son's presence when he was not expecting her. He was fervently saying his morning prayers. His religious conviction gave her conviction and she became a good Catholic.

Question: Why does the Catholic Church have an authoritarian attitude?

Answer: Because Christ taught with authority and gave authority to the Apostles, the first Bishops of the Catholic Church.

Question: Why are there not more Catholics?

Answer: Too many people are poor listeners; and too few Catholics show religious conviction.

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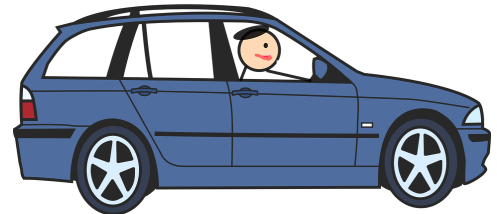
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About the Directors

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In 2014 Joe Long completed a graduate degree in Church History at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. He then decided to dedicate himself to educating Catholics through travel.

As the executive director of ProRome, Joe directs a variety of summer programs and pilgrimages throughout Europe.

Rachel Long has a BA in Theology from Ave Maria University and helps take care of the many logistical details of the program.

Joe and Rachel were married in December of 2016. Since then they have been living in both Italy and the United States.

FOR ITINERARY AND REGISTRATIONS

Contact Mr. Conor O'Donnell and he will send you a trip brochure and registration packet. His email is codonnell@tyburnacademy.com

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Knights of Columbus
AUBURN COUNCIL #207
47-51 Market Street
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February 15, 2018

FROM: Joseph LoPiccolo—PGK
John Montone—PGK

RE: Council 207- Roof Replacement

Dear Brother Knights,

We have been asked by our Grand Knight Jack Baraczek to Co-Chair a fund-raising campaign for the replacement of our existing Council roof on Market Street.

21 years ago we were actively involved in the fund raising efforts for the building of our present location. We are appealing to our Brother Knights for your continued support and generosity.

Our current Council Home is in need of a roof replacement. The replacement roof will cost approximately \$ 30,000. Specifications will be provided to qualified contractors and we anticipate the competitive bids will be received by April 1, 2018.

The fund-raising campaign will be assisted by a building fund committee to include our Grand Knight Jack Baraczek, Deputy Grand Knight Bruce Sherman, Financial Secretary Mark Carr, Trustee Lee Vanderpool, Treasurer Tom Carter and Finance committee chair Bob Pine. The committee feels strongly that we will reach the Council's goal. The present building has been home to countless social gatherings over the last 20 years and will continue to do so.

We are in the process of applying for a matching grant from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation that would match the first \$ 15,000 of your generous support.

Council 207 has upwards of 800 members and 180 Women's Auxiliary members which makes us one of the largest Council's in New York State. Our Council members have always been responsive and generous to our needs and we anticipate this will continue for our roof replacement campaign.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Checks can be mailed or delivered to the Knights made payable to the **Knights of Columbus 207 Building Fund**.

Your contributions are tax deductible and we will provide you with the necessary IRS documentation.

The Council will display a plaque recognizing your generosity:

Grand Knight Club	\$1,000 +
Deputy Grand Knight Club	\$ 500-999
Chancellor's Club	\$ 250-499
Warden's Club	\$ 100-249

All contributions are greatly appreciated. The Council is planning completion of the Campaign on or before June 30, 2018. This will ensure proper time tables for completion of construction in 2018.

John and I as well as the Officers, Trustees and committee members of Council 207 are committed to this cause and feel strongly that we can accomplish our goal.

In considering your gift, please remember the lessons of our First and Second degrees—CHARITY AND UNITY. Through your charity, generosity and our unity of purpose we will be successful.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph LoPiccolo—PGK

John Montone—PGK

CC: Building Committee



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