



The Banner

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Dear Brothers,

In spite of the cold and frequent inhospitable weather so far this year, we continue on with our programs. I, along with PGK Domenic Marzullo, PGK and District Deputy David Schein, had the opportunity to meet with Adam Rodinski, a Jesuit Seminarian, from St. Cecilia's Parish and present him with a \$500 grant in support of his journey toward priesthood. Adam was very appreciative of our support and also impressed with our activities and programs. The RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) program is designed to encourage councils to help provide seminarians with financial assistance and moral support. As part of the program, the council will receive a \$100 refund from Supreme for each \$500 donated. I am happy and grateful that we at Fr. Ryan have the financial resources to continue to participate in this program and support our seminarians. Adam has promised to visit us again on his next break in his studies in Chicago.

Tony Porretta has scheduled the Free Throw Completion with the 3 parishes. St. Cecelia's and Resurrection's competition will have already taken place by publication, however BVM's is on February 8th at their Gym, and the District Championship is February 15 at St. Cecelia's. Please see Tony to volunteer to help with the program. The program not only is fun for the kids, but is a good opportunity to recruit fathers into our order.

Speaking of recruitment, membership recruitment is important for the growth & continuation of our Council and our Order. The initiative this year is "one member, per council, per month". If you have a friend or know someone from church, strike up a conversation and invite him to join us. Also, along that same theme, membership retention and engagement is just as important. If you have an idea or project that you're interested in, discuss it at the officers meeting. I'd be more than happy to listen to any idea.

Soon Easter will be upon us and one of the projects we started last year was "40 Can for 40 days". We were late in out of the gate on this last year, but had a great finish where we members donated cash and canned goods. The program's objective is for the membership to donate 40 cans, a can for each day of Lent. We'll donate the food to Philabundance, which distributes the food to organizations throughout the Delaware Valley to feed those in need. We can get an early start by bringing canned goods to the council at any time.

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Please submit all articles for the Banner by the **15th of the month.**

ACTIVITIES FOR

FEBRUARY

6 - Business Meeting
 13 - Home Association Meeting
 20 - Social
 27 - Officers Meeting

MARCH

2 - Communion Mass & Breakfast
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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Bill Wagenborg, Anthony DiSandro, Frank Boyle, Edward Kelly, Josephine Pistilli,
 Veronica Kovacik, George Fecik, Sophie Fecik, Gus Larizzio, George Diaz,
 Giuseppe Innamorato, Bro. Jerry Sweeney, Paul Marizy, PGK

Please call in the names of all ill Brother Knights

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY

Thomas Barr	Rev. Robert Brennan
Vincent Carabello	Peter Della Vecchia
Anthony DiSandro	Richard Girkin
Francis Harrington	George Hee, Jr.
Rev. Joseph Howarth	George Popskyj
James P Rigney, IV	Angelo Sciarra
Nicholas Sciarra	Anthony Stamato
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Happy Birthday!

District Deputy's Corner

I want to remind everyone to make sure your Councils submit their Convention and State Registration Forms. Our District has agreed to allow me to continue as the DD, I thank the GK's for their support.

God Bless all of you,

Dave

Dave Schein

District Deputy, District 8.

Brothers,

Lent is fast approaching. As I stated in last month's Banner I would like to see our council participate in "40 Cans For Lent". We donated over 400 lbs. of food last year and I would like to see us double that this year. Our first principal is Charity. 40 cans equate to about \$40.00. It is very simple to donate. You can drop off 40 cans at the council chamber on Thursday nights or make financial donations in 1 of 2 ways. You can send a check to the council to my attention or you can log onto Philabundance.com and make a donation in the name of Knights of Columbus Father Ryan Council. The Philabundance log on will be set up by February 15th. Please donate what you can. There are a lot of individuals and families that go to bed every night not knowing if they are going to eat the next day!!

Clint Snyder

Deputy Grand Knight



The **Chaplain's Memorial** is a Mass followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Chaplains Memorial in the Medal of Honor Grove. The date for the wreath laying @ the Freedoms Foundation is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2014. Mass @ 11:00am Breakfast @ 11:45 cost 19.45/person

In an effort to save money printing and mailing the Banner, we are in the process of putting together an e-mail list so we can send out the Banner electronically. We realize, however, that some of our brothers will continue to prefer receiving the Banner in the mail and will continue to do so for those that request it.

If we send the Banner electronically we will save the Council approximately \$3,000 per year. This money will be put to much better use in one of our Charitable endeavors. So we ask for your help in our quest. Please send an e-mail to Herb@HerbMarizy.com to confirm your e-mail address.

This will also help in getting last minute information out to our brothers. Thank you in advance!

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Our Communion Breakfast has been rescheduled to Sunday March 2nd following the 8 AM Mass at Maternity BVM Church. This is open to Knights and their families. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3.50 for children. Come enjoy the fellowship of your Brother Knights. Bring a friend and a can, too.

Finally, creeping on the horizon and they will be here before you know it, we have the Priest Appreciation Dinner on April 27th. More details will follow but save the date. Also, the State Convention is May 2 – 4 in King of Prussia. Many of the members of our council are working hard to make this event a success, so please keep these dates in mind to attend a session. More information will be forthcoming on the convention. And lastly (really) Paul has sent your statement for your membership dues. I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Mark Dillon
Grand Knight



My Brother Knights,

The Philadelphia Chapter's bus to the Pro-Life March in Washington D.C. had to be cancelled because of snow, but watching television the crowd in DC was quite huge. The marchers were mostly young people, which is quite impressive and might signify a victory soon.

Our Communion Mass and Breakfast had to be postponed to Sunday, March 2nd. The cost is still the same, \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 16 years and older, children under 12 are free. The Communion Mass is being held for many years and was always well attended. Come out and join us, and have breakfast with your Brother Knights. Call me for reservations at 215-677-4031 or e-mail me at pwmarizy@msn.com. Please call soon since preparations have to be made.

We all know that Charity is the most important obligation of the Knights of Columbus. So this year for Lent Father Ryan council will again be participating in the "40 Cans For Lent" program. We propose that each member donate 1 can per day throughout Lent (or all at once). If we collect \$500 worth of cans (at \$1 per can) New Haven will reimburse us \$100. Our Deputy Grand Knight, Clint Snyder, is in charge and he will also transport the collected food to its destination, Philabundance. Brothers, there are still men, women and children who don't have enough to eat. We have to help.

On April 13th, the Sunday before Easter, we will join Knights from diverse councils at St. John's Hospice to serve meals to the needy. If you need a ride, contact John DiMarco. There is some parking behind the building.

The Philadelphia Chapter's children's outing to Clementon Park is on Saturday, June 7th. More information will follow. This year's seminarian, a member of the Jesuit order, has received a gift of \$500 from the council for his personal expenses.

If you like to receive your Banner and other important information through e-mail contact me or Herb by e-mail. You will be happy you did.

Fraternally,
Paul Marizy