



# The Banner

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Dear Brothers,

February sure has been a busy & challenging month; dare I even mention the snow? While the weather did create havoc to our personal schedules and activities, it provided the opportunity for us as Knights to demonstrate the first Principal of our Order, Charity. By lending a hand clearing a side walk, digging a neighbor's car, providing a lift or pushing a stuck car, these are the activities that we do without thought or presumption for reward. These acts of charity to friends and strangers help define us as Knights of Columbus. Thank you.

Along that same line, I would like to recognize Tony Porretta for his work organizing the Free-Throw Competition this year. Not only did Tony overcome rescheduling issues due to cancellations and weather, he championed the spirit of the children by finding a venue for the District finals for our Council when faced with opposition and almost impossible scheduling. The finals were held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the competition was fierce and friendly. The winners went to the regionals on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you Tony, well done is an understatement.

We also spent an evening reading through the entries for the essay contest from participating schools; Father Judge, Maternity BVM and St. Cecilia's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Awards will be presented to the winner of the Catholic Citizen Essay contest at the schools award ceremony. Thanks to PKG Domenic Marzullo for coordinating the program again this year.

On the financial front, the semiannual audit was completed in January and approved by the Trustees. The report was forwarded to Supreme.

Our Lenten Project food collection project has started, "40 Cans for 40 days". The food and cash collected will be directed to Philabundance, which distributes the food to organizations throughout the Delaware Valley to feed those in need. If you can't make it to a the meeting, you can mail a check payable to Fr. Ryan Council 5036 and note that it is for the 40 Cans for 40 Days.

Keeping an optimistic eye on spring and the return of pleasant weather, think about updating your Spring/Summer wardrobe, we are organizing the purchasing of Knights of Columbus polo/golf shirts with our council name over the Knights of Columbus logo. Keep an eye out for an order form in an upcoming edition of the Banner so you can place your order.

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

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**ACTIVITIES FOR**

**MARCH**

- 2 - Communion Mass & Breakfast
- 6 - Business Meeting
- 13 - Home Association Meeting
- 20 - Social
- 27 - Officers Meeting

**APRIL**

- 3 - Business Meeting
- 10 - Home Association Meeting
- 13 - St. John's Hospice
- 17 - Holy Thursday
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 24 - Officers Meeting
- 26 - 27 - Membership Blitz

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

Bill Wagenborg, Anthony DiSandro, Frank Boyle, Josephine Pistilli, John Munnelli, Veronica Kovacik, George Fecik, Sophie Fecik, Gus Larizzio, George Diaz, Richard L. Girkin, Giuseppe Innamorato, Bro. Jerry Sweeney, Paul Marizy, PGK, Joe Efkowitz, Domenic Marzullo, PGK

Please call in the names of all ill Brother Knights

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN MARCH**

- John J. Boylan, III
- George T. Carr
- Donald J. Davis
- James C. Durkin
- Fernando J. Giron
- Karl J. Heck
- Richard J. Kampf
- Michael Litka
- David T. Montvydas
- Joseph P. Murray
- Robert F. Opuszynski
- Adam V. Ungaro, III

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- Donald J. Konopka
- William M. Monteleone
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- James A. Silvano
- John L. Wiechowski

## District Deputy's Corner

I want to give a THANK YOU to Tony Porretta for all of his work this year with the Free Throw Contest. Thanks also to the Knights who came and helped. By the time the Banner goes to print the Regional Free Throw Contest will have taken place. The local winners' names are listed on page 4 of this Banner.

I want to thank Fr. Ryan Council for their Donation to the Convention in support of the Ladies. I hope the rest of District 8 will jump on the Band Wagon. March is fast approaching, so I urge all of the Councils to get their Registration Forms in to both The SS and myself. Do not forget to affix your Council Seal to the SS form or it will be rejected.

Talk to all of you next time

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 virtual food drive is up and running on Philabundance's website. 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



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!



**Father Thomas J. F. Ryan**  
**Knights of Columbus Council # 5036**  
**2014 District Level Free Throw Winners**

**Age 9**

Alanah Malafee .....Maternity BVM  
Michael Knuttel.....Maternity BVM

**Age 10**

Olivia Torres.....Maternity BVM  
Billy Whiteley.....Resurrection of Our Lord

**Age 11**

Samantha Scharf.....St. Cecillia's  
Nicholas Eiler.....Resurrection of Our Lord

**Age 12**

Madison McLaverty.....Resurrection of Our Lord  
James Mortimer.....Resurrection of Our Lord

**Age 13**

Grace Clement.....Maternity BVM  
Michael Fehrle.....Maternity BVM

**Age 14**

Joseph Knuttel.....Maternity BVM

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**Father Thomas J. F. Ryan**  
**Knights of Columbus Council # 5036**  
**2014 Essays Winners**

**Father Judge High School, Grade 12**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:** Nick Brambilla (\$150.00 Dollar check and K of C 1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:** Jason Miller (K of C 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Certificate)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner:** James Plewes (K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Certificate)

**St Cecilia Elementary School, Grade 8**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:** Halley Zaleski (\$70.00 check and K of C 1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:** Madelyn Elliot (K of C 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Certificate)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner:** Christina Frosch (K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Certificate)

**Maternity B V M Elementary School, Grade 8**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:** Maria Espinosa, (\$70.00 Dollar Check and K of C 1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:** Joseph Knuttel, (K of C 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Certificate)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner:** Miguel Lugo, (K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Certificate)

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Please remember the Priest Appreciation Dinner on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Dinner will be at Randi Restaurant in Grant Plaza II at 3:30 for a cost of \$30.00 per person (buffet dinner). Please join us in showing our appreciation to our Priest and Deacons for their dedication to Jesus Christ and service to our parishes. If you are interested in attending, please remit payment to the council prior to April 15 (checks payable to Fr. Ryan Council 5036) and note your contact information so we can confirm your reservation. No tickets will be issued for this event. Attire for the gentlemen is coat and tie.

In closing, please be on the lookout for our web site. We hope to have it up for the upcoming "Church Recruitment Drive" formally known as a Blitz in April at Resurrection of our Lord Church.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
Mark Dillon  
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

The Home Association meeting scheduled for Feb. 13th was cancelled due to snow, but was rescheduled to Feb. 20th, at what would normally have been the social meeting. Did you get your notification from the Grand Knight? The members whose e-mail addresses we have did get the notification. If you didn't receive yours, please call or send an e-mail to Herb@HerbMarizy.com We don't want you to miss any important information that may come up last minute.

Just a reminder... (Not that I think you need it - only that I had some empty space to fill)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

