

The Banner

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Dear Brother Knights,

While we welcomed the spring season and its rejuvenating effects, we managed to keep busy in March. We started the month with our Communion Breakfast. It was an intimate gathering of approximately 25 people, Knights and families. Thanks to head cook Brian Mursch and his assistant, Paul Marizy, who kept us well fed and to our guests who, like all good family members, helped clean up afterwards.

The Technology committee has been hard at work developing our website www.FatherRyan5036kofc.org. There you will find useful links, a gallery of Past Grand Knights, and some back issues of the Banner. Committee Chair Clint Snyder and developer Herb Marizy have been hard at work with other council members to provide a useful tool to help members stay connected and help inform potential new members. The web site is an important recruitment tool where people can learn about the Knights of Columbus, but moreover, about our Fr. Ryan Council.

Speaking of new members, we are having a Church Membership Drive (formerly known as a BLITZ) on the weekend of April 26 & 27 at Resurrection of Our Lord Church. We'll be including the website information on the flyers we distribute. Following the Membership Drive, we'll have an informational Open House at Resurrection Church Hall on Tuesday April 29th. We had great success last fall at St. Cecelia's by having the open houses at the parish. As always, your participation is encouraged and needed. My goal is to start May with a First Degree and follow it up with a Second Degree Exemplification the following week.

Also on the same weekend, Sunday April 27, we are hosting our Priest Appreciation Dinner. We have invited the priest and deacons from our parishes to join us for dinner to demonstrate our support and to enjoy the evening with the Knights and their spouses. Dinner is at Randi's Restaurant on Grant Ave at 3:30. The cost is \$30 per person. Please contact Clint for reservations.

Some closing thoughts...

The State Convention is coming in May and will be King of Prussia.

If you are interested in an officer position, please let me or the Nomination Committee know.

40 Cans for 40 days of Lent.. it's never too late to bring in cans or make a donation. You can also send a check to the council.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Mark Dillon Grand Knight

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

ACTIVITIES FOR

<u>APRIL</u> <u>MAY</u>

3 - Business Meeting 1 - Business Meeting

10 - Home Association Meeting
13 - St. John's Hospice
8 - Home Association Meeting
15 - Social Night

13 - St. John's Hospice15 - Social Night17 - Holy Thursday22 - Social Night

20 - Easter Sunday 29 - Officers Meeting

24 - Officers Meeting

26 - 27 - Membership Blitz

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN APRIL

James BurczewskiPatrick CoreyVincent DeViceThomas DooleyJohn InnamoratoMartin KnoblauchWilliam LarkinConrad MeierJohn MarcusPaul MarizyMario MarzulloAureo Pena



District Deputy's Corner

Three Big events are on the Horizon, The Eastern Region Caucus on 3/30, The State Convention on the first weekend of May, and The Supreme Convention 8/15. By the time you read this the Caucus will have taken place and the Caucus will have elected a new State Warden. If this was your first Caucus I hope you found the events enjoyable and informative.

The Convention is coming quickly. If you are able, I encourage you to try and attend, especially all the new members in the 8th District.

Plans for the Supreme Convention are underway, this will be a large task for the east Region. Clint Snyder, DGK @ Fr. Ryan is one of the many chairmen already on the Supreme Committee.

As details for the Supreme Convention become available I will share them with all of you.

Finally, I want to thank Herb Marizy for taking over the Banner and doing an Excellent Job

Dave Schein DD#8



Brothers,

Lent is over half way over and that means 40 cans for 40 days is over half way over. We are doing a great job and I believe we will beat last year's 400 lbs., but we need a strong push to get over our goal of 800 lbs. Please drop off any canned food you have at the council on Thursday nights. If you are unable to drop off cans you can still contribute. We have teamed up with Philabundance. You can make a financial donation by logging on to Philabundance.org/VirtualFoodDrive and search for Father Ryan. There are several options to choose from. I know we can do this and THANK YOU!

DGK Clint Snyder



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!



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

April 13th, Phila. Chapter @ St. John's Hospice, report time 10:30 AM

April 16th. 8: PM, Conclave Meeting, Nomination of Officers, Location, Holmesburg Council, 3300 Knorr St. Phila. Pa. Color Corps report time, 7:30 Open to all 4th degree members.



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.

In addition, our new website www.FatherRyan5036KofC.org will be on the world wide web beginning later this month. Please visit it often as there will be some very pertinent and important information about our Council, Our Order and Our Church. Important updates and/or cancellations for our Council will also be posted for the benefit of our Brothers, their families and friends.

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