

Brother Knights,

September/October 2014

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas in July events at Misericordia and Pleasant Acres. Your gifts, time, and energy were enjoyed by the many patients who attended the celebration. Special thanks to Brother David Simms and his wife, Molly, for their efforts in making this year's program so successful! They coordinated the parties and activities with great enthusiasm and hard work.

Brother Knights, if you have never volunteered to support this program, you have missed a great opportunity to experience how bringing happiness to others can be so personally rewarding. Please consider joining this worthwhile effort next year. Also, consider other fund raisers that might appeal to your volunteer spirit. We are asking each of our able members to donate some precious volunteer hours (hours that can agree with your busy schedules) for us to become recognized as a "**Star Council 2014-2015**".

On a bittersweet note, Brother George Burke and wife, Ann, will be leaving the area and relocating to their home in West Virginia. They have given a great amount of time and energy to the Council and they will be missed by all. On behalf of our membership, I wish them a happy and healthy retirement.

The Council is proud to announce that we are sponsoring two Jamaica Mission School students. Each student's tuition is \$300.00. Our efforts in Jamaica have been rewarding to many students and I am pleased that we continue to support this effort.

Locally, we are focusing on future leaders in our community. We have awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships to two graduating 6th grade students from St. Joseph School in June 2014. Tyler Anthony and Michael Anzalone will be entering the seventh grade at York Catholic School this upcoming school year. We are pleased that our Council was able to assist these students in need. Scholarships are important to both parents and students.

An update on scholarship students from 2013 – both students have successfully completed seventh grade with a grade percentage of 80% and above, and are now receiving another \$1000.00 scholarship. Congratulations to each of them and more gratitude to the Council.

If you have a young adult attending any college or school of nursing, go to the Pennsylvania State Council Web site at www.pakoc.us to review the program. The good news is that Council 6353 meets all of the requirements for our council members to be eligible for applications.

I encourage you to read the August issue of *Columbia*. The authors state that the issue is largely focused on the theological and philosophical foundations of the Church's teachings about marriage and family. The practical implications are very important. The challenge to Knights and their families is clear: "Family, become what you are." Hope you enjoy the read as much as I did. We are never too far along in life to improve our family relationships.

In your personal calendar, be sure to highlight September 20 and 21 as the time to call friends and invite them to join the Knights of Columbus Council 6353, St. Joseph Church. Call Pat Workinger after having

completed Form 100 for new applicants. Enclose a check to cover membership fee. I look forward to our membership growing in the coming year.

See you at 10:30am Mass on October 26th to remember our deceased Knights and to honor the living Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Schreiber

Grand Knight