St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

April 2015

PARISH YARD SALE

The Parish Yard Sale is on Saturday, 18 April 2015, from 7:00 AM to 12 Noon. The St. Michael the Archangel Ladies Guild is hosting this event. The Ladies Guild requests help from the Knights for set-up, manning the Yard Sale, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (CHRISMATION)

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Chrismation) will be administered to several parishioners of our Parish on 19 April 2015 at the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Ian VanHeusen of our Council will be Ordained to the Priesthood on 6 June 2015. More details will be posted as they become available.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Individuals who are not able to make it to Safe Environment Training there is an online alternative. The link for this sight is: http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1047

This training is mandatory for Council Officers per K of C Supreme.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires this training for anyone who works in the Catholic Church's Youth Programs.

K OF C NC STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Sale of the NC State Raffle Tickets will close on 15 April 2015. If you have money, tickets stubs, or unsold tickets turn them into Financial Secretary Chris Cooper (Cell# (910) 850-4841 email: COOP5614@yahoo.com). Our Council keeps half of the fund raised.

HOLY THURSDAY ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

GK Bill Hoadley thanks all of the Knights who participated in the Holey Thursday All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Our Council will host a 2ND Degree Exemplification on 16 April 2015. Knights are needed to help move tables to the sides of the Parish Hall and back due to the Parish Yard set-up. Show time is 6:00 PM. Candidates and observers show time is 6:30 PM. Exemplification start time is 7:00 PM. Times may change and updates will be sent out as needed.

LOVE LUNCH

The Love Lunch at the Salvation Army Kitchen on Alexander St., Fayetteville, NC, is Wednesday, 6 May 2015. Show time is 10:00 a.m. The chairman for this project is PGK Chris Cooper.

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

April 1	Catholic Advertising Fund charges levied by Supreme Council (.50 per member)
April 1	Applications for Refund Support Vocations Program #2863 Supreme Form due at Supreme Council office between now and June 30
April 1	Credential Report Form
April 10	Suspension of Council if January Per Capita Tax is not paid.
April 10	3rd Degree Council 4600 in Rocky Mount
April 15	State Necrology Report On Line Report
April 18	3rd Degree Council 6528 in Southern Pines
April 18	Fourth Degree Exemplification in Hickory
April 24	State Convention registration due
April 24	Convention Hotel Reservations due
April 25	Catholic Men's Conference in Charlotte
April 25	State Raffle Tickets and Money due

60 Days

May 15-17	State Convention New Bern NC
May 22	3rd Degree 14632 Raeford
May 29	Special Olympic NC – Summer Games – Raleigh
May 30	3rd Degree 13236 Greensboro

90 Days

June 6	Grand Knight Training Charlotte, Hope Mills, Garner
June 13	Grand Knight Training Jacksonville, Kernersville, Asheville
June 20	DD Training Burlington
June 30	Application for Columbian Award
June 30	RSVP and Plaque Application #2863
June 30	Applications for Corps d'Elite Award
June 30	Applications for Brother Barnabas Award
June 30	Annual Report of Knights of Columbus Round Table
June 30	District Deputy Semiannual Report

DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree Ceremony: 8 April 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to: http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1

Third Degree Ceremony: 10 April 2015. Location: Council 4600, Rocky Mount, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

Second Degree Ceremony: 16 April 2015. Location Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

Third Degree Ceremony: 18 April 2015. Location: Council 6528, Southern, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

Third Degree Ceremony: 22 May 2015. Location: Council 14632, Raeford, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

Third Degree Ceremony: 30 May 2015. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

First Degree Ceremony: 10 June 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to: http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1

CATHOLIC CLERGY WHO STOOD UP TO HITLER

Christopher R. Cooper

During World War II the Catholic Church was not complicit with the NAZI government of Adolf Hitler in spite of all the political correctness attempting to rewrite history. Many Catholic Church officials stood up against fascist tyranny that ran unabated in Europe in WWII. Some paid with their lives for standing on Christian Catholic principles. Countless Jewish lives were spared from the concentration camps. The Catholic Clergy prevented the death of many medically and mentally infirmed people who would have otherwise been euthanized as not being worthy of life. Allied troops benefitted from the bravery of the Catholic Clergy. Instead of languishing for years as prisoners of war the Catholic Clergy sheltered and helped them return to allied lines. Three examples of these brave clergymen are Pope Pius XII, Blessed Vilmos Apor, and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

Pope Pius XII led the Catholic Church during WWII. Through his guidance approximately 860,000 Jewish people were saved from the horrors of the NAZI government. (Michael Journal, 2002) No other organization, religious, government, etc., can claim to have saved this many Jewish people from the atrocities of Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. Unfortunately, malcontents with a political agenda as far back as 1963 A.D. have borne false witness against Pope Pius XII. These malcontents have claimed Pope Pius XII either turn a blind eye to the Holocaust or collaborated with NAZI officials. None of these accusations are true. Here is a quote from Albert Einstein who fled his native Germany because of NAZI-ism, "Only the [Catholic] Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth…I never had any special interest in the [Catholic] Church before, but now I feel great affection and admiration…and am forced thus to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly."

Blessed Vilmos Apor was Bishop of Győr, Hungary when Hitler's forces invaded Hungary. (Columbia, 2015) He offered shelter to the Jewish people. Blessed Apor decried the force removal of the Jewish people to the NAZI death camps. When the Red Army arrived in Győr Blessed Apor sheltered refugees from the drunken soldiers. When these vagabonds demanded the young ladies who Blessed Apor sheltered, he stood in their way and they responded with gun fire. Blessed Apor saved the young ladies from being assaulted, but he paid with his life. He died from his wounds on Easter Monday 2 April 1945.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty has been dubbed a Scarlet Pimpernel-esque Vatican priest. (Lewis, 2011) He was in Rome, Italy during WWII. Monsignor O'Flaherty organized a network that sheltered approximately 4,000 allied troops who otherwise would have spent the remainder of the war in a prisoner of war camp. He played a game of cat and mouse with the NAZI authorities. A movie was made about Monsignor O'Flaherty called *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck.

Many Catholic Church officials from Priest, to Bishop, to Pope stood up to the tyranny of Adolf Hitler. Many Jewish people and allied troops benefitted from their bravery and opposition to NAZI rule. Some died for their principles while other survived WWII. Unfortunately, political correctness from malcontents and enemies of the Catholic Church defamed the efforts of these good men. The truth will preserve in the end. To end this article here is a quote from Sir Winston Churchill on standing up to tyrants, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayer all our deployed military members especially Brother Knight Chris Farinella of our Council and his family.

ARTICLES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Any Brother Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Financial Secretary Chris Cooper, at the next Council meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.