St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

May 2015

PARISH YARD SALE

Worthy Chaplain Father Sam Najjar thanked all the Knights who participated in the Parish Yard Sale.

Yard Sale:	MYO $2,700.00
Bake Sale:	Ladies Guild $890.00

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be on Mother's Day, 10 May 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

Grand Knight Bill Hoadley thanked all the Knights who participated in the Raffle Ticket sales. Deputy Grand Knight John Handley is the top seller. Our Council raised $750.00 total ($375.00 stayed with Council).

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Ascension Thursday is 14 May 2015. Divine Liturgies will be on Wednesday, 13 May 2015, at 6:30 PM and Thursday, 14 May 2015, at Noon.

2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Our Council will host a 2ND Degree Exemplification on 21 May 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 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 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
July 1	Council Per Capita Tax Levied by Supreme Council
July 1	Report of Council Officers Chosen for Term #185 Supreme Form
July 10	Suspension of Council if April Catholic Advertising Fund is not paid
July 10-12	2015 Organizational Meeting Fayetteville
July 30	GK's complete and submit the State Directory Form
July 30	Complete and submit the State Staff Directory Form

DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree Ceremony: 13 May 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to: http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1

Third Degree Ceremony: 18 May 2015. Location: Council 15250, Ft. Bragg, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

Second Degree Ceremony: 21 May 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: 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

I DE-BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF REASON (DISGUISED AS A HAIR DRYER)

Christopher R. Cooper

On my way to Divine Liturgy one Sunday morning I was listening to the local talk radio station a protestant minister was talking about de-baptism. It seems that some malcontents in Europe were holding de-baptism ceremonies. The protestant minister wondered de-baptized in the name of whom. I did some checking on the internet to find out whom. The "whom" is Reason disguised as a hair dryer. (MacDonald, 2009) I'm not making this fact up. The more I researched this subject the more silly the individuals get. Naturally, the anti-Catholic theme appears as one malcontent claims to be born an atheist, but was forced to be Catholic due to bad parental influences. (NewsCore, 2010)

Where does all the de-baptizing nonsense come from? I will give you my opinion. It is a variation of the Anabaptist movement in the 16th century founded by Ulrich Zwingli. (Patheos, 2015) The Anabaptist movement rejected infant Baptism. The Anabaptists believed only an individual who reached the age of reason and made a full profession of faith could be baptized. The de-baptizers believe in the same idea. No one should be baptized until they have reached the age of reason and can decide on their own to accept or reject God. Now the question is what if someone who was baptized as an infant and wants to join this merry band of malcontents. Their answer is an individual, who received the Sacrament of Baptism as an infant, has reached the age of reason, and makes a statement rejecting God…can be de-baptized…with a hair dryer…named reason.

The next part of my opinion on where all this de-baptizing nonsense comes from is twofold: money and to start trouble. One website I founded has a merchandise page with T-shirts from $20.00 to $30.00 dollars along with other trinkets. For people who like to start trouble on this website an individual can submit a form to be de-baptized. There is no way to verify if the person is entering their name or someone else. After looking at the page for people who were de-baptized I found two names of interest; King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and Adolf Hitler. There are also many names of U.S. Presidents on the list.

The good news is there are not many of these sites on the internet. With the silliness I saw on them not even hard line atheist take them seriously. De-baptizing is a passing fad. A hair dryer, named reason, is no match for the Blessed Trinity, the power of Cross, and the Word of God.

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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.

Brother Knight John Gonzales 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.