

Grand Knight Report for July 20, 2015

Vivat Jesus

Council #5086 started its new year out right with the seating of several new officers, including: Alan Bunal as Deputy Grand Knight; Pete Vainoris at Outside Guard; Kevin Koren at Inside Guard; and Matthew Servedio at Recorder. Matthew was unable to attend due to teaching commitment. We also exemplified a brand new Knight, Francis (Frank) Lawlor, from New Jersey. Please introduce yourself to these gentlemen at your earliest opportunity.

Officer Installation on July 12 was well received and was highlighted by the installation of Fr. Norbert as Council 5086 Chaplain. He performed his first official duty by blessing the jewels of office for the entire district. Later, the Auxillary also had their officer installation with Fr. Jim installed as their official Chaplain. The banquet was tasty and tastefully presented with a joint effort of Knights, Columbiettes, and spouses.

Our July 20 Social Meeting was moved to Sunday July 19 to permit the attendance of Rev. Fr. Benjamin Shahzad, Rector of Christ the King Seminary of Karachi, Pakistan. His personal stories of the discrimination and persecution of Catholics and all of the Christian minorities in Pakistan brought some to tears. His joy at bringing Christ to his home country was evident. As well, his story of our own Vicar, Fr. Norbert, was a story of conviction and personal bravery. Fr. Norbert risked his own death by emblazoning the Cross on the exterior wall of his church, in defiance of Islamic law.

Our efforts to collect food for Helping Hand at Mass was successful with an average of 300 lbs. each weekend. I will post a note in the bulletin to thank all of the parishioners, and Knights, for your contribution.

Our next major event is a collaboration with our Columbiettes, supported by the Parish, to celebrate the 25th year, Anniversary of Ordination Silver Jubilee for Rev. Fr. Norbert Mendonca. A Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Guglielmone, 11 a.m. Sunday, August 30, will be followed by a dinner. Seating will be limited to 200, including the honored guests.....stay tuned for ongoing plans.

Our newest members Include Brian Cunningham, Frank Lawlor, and Torrance Vincent Bassard (a transfer from Alabama, pending August 3.) Please welcome them at our next meeting.

Thank you for your participation in Helping Hand and Operation HOPE. Please ask the man sitting next to you in Mass if he is a Knight. If he says no, invite him to join you at our next meeting on Monday August 3rd. Officers will meet at 6 p.m., General Business

Meeting at 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Thank you, Randy, for your special gastronomic effort.

Bruce Miler, G.K. Council 5086