

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT for the GOOD KNIGHT June 18, 2014

The Fortnight for Freedom begins June 21st and concludes July 4th. Please consult the bulletin for the multiple and varied ways you can support our Rights for Religious Freedom with prayer and be enlightened with topical information from legislators and clergy.

Our days have been busy with planned collections for Helping Hand and Operation Hope. Tom Setty is efficiently coordinating the Op Hope Drive despite conflicts with the Prayer Breakfast, Blood Drive, and individual responsibilities for Mass ministry and usher/greeter/altar serving. He can't do this alone, each of us needs to give him fair notice of conflicts and try to work with other volunteers to ensure he has people to get the job done. CHARITY is our fundamental responsibility.

Our Financial Secretary has been sending out notices and getting returns for 2014 and 2015 Membership Dues. If you haven't sent him your check in the past 60 days, you'll need to see him BEFORE the next meeting. Your 2014 card expires June 30th.

At our last meeting we met Joe Zabatta, newly readmitted, and Marcel Dube. He is our new District Deputy who will succeed WDD Joe Dumovich on July 1, 2014. WDD Dube is from Council #7122 , O.L.S.S. He is PGK and PFN. I look forward to his sharing of experience in meeting the needs of our parish. Marcel commented on our website and has asked to hear from DGK Randy Bowers about the process of bringing it into reality and teaching us all how to use it. We ARE the cutting edge of technology in District #3!

Our first true social meeting of 2014 on June 16 was a fun event. Alan Bunal was exemplified in the First Degree. William Greene, M.D. spoke on Social Outreach with a "Hand Up", instead of a Hand Out approach. He is seeking people to act as trainers as well as topical and financial support within our community to reverse the endemic homelessness and generational joblessness/ unemployment. Some "turf wars" are still in

process of resolution, but the concept appears to work, in some instances. Instead of handing out bread and fish we need to train people to fish and bake.

Our next social meeting is scheduled in the CLC for Monday July 21. We'll have a light dinner again, perhaps a First Degree, and Carol Jean from CFFR will speak on the Fortnight for Freedom.

Once again, I must thank Matthew Tully and my wife Tess for their support in providing coffee and breakfast pastry to the Columbiettes at their convention here at the CLC on Saturday June 7. They truly worked from the principle of Fraternity, upon which the Knights were founded and were rewarded with that feeling of a job well done.