



Knights in Action



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Welcome Bishop Ronald Gainer

It is good... when attending Mass, to finally hear the Priest celebrant pray, *"...and Ronald our Bishop..."*

An interesting introduction

There are a few faithful, who work in downtown Harrisburg, that celebrate daily Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Recently about two dozen of these people received a special blessing. When they arrived for the noon Mass they found the celebrant was wearing a red Bishop's Zucchetto! A special way to meet our soon-to-be Bishop! Not only did he deliver a great Homily,



but after Mass he lingered in the Narthex and chatted with the small group.

Installation Mass

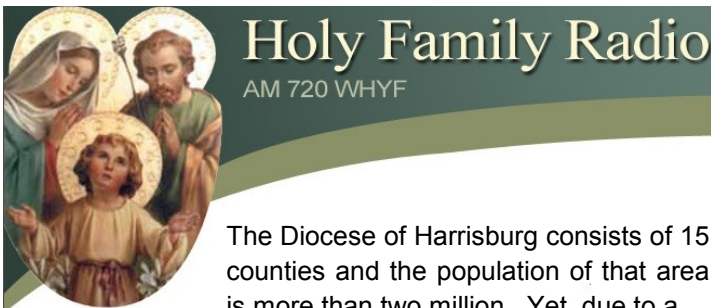
Then on Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, as the world watched on EWTN TV, from Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg Bishop Ronald Gainer became the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg!

And... he is a Fourth Degree Knight!

When our Knights of Columbus held their Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 6th at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, the Bishop was there to celebrate.

May God Bless the Bishop!

Diocese Of Harrisburg Blessed To Have Local Catholic Radio Station



The Diocese of Harrisburg consists of 15 counties and the population of that area is more than two million. Yet, due to a

number of factors, the current, available Catholic population is but 12 percent!

And if you base that fact on reasons why a local Catholic radio station should exist, the answer could be a resounding no, we shouldn't be here. But the Holy Spirit doesn't see it that way when the Holy Family Radio Board of Directors and the station manager were somehow led in the direction of the greater Harrisburg area and eventually made a financial offer that was accepted and purchase the radio station, technically located in the Borough

of Shiremanstown, on May 25, 2011. Little did we know that in a few short months, the Federal Communications Commission would approve the sale and by the end of August, the sounds of the EWTN Global Radio Network would be transmitted from our antenna site.

Soon, it will be three years that we have provided Catholic's and non-Catholic's alike with the truth about the Universal Church, its teachings, its doctrine.

In those nearly three years we have come a long way. Besides many improvements to the physical plant on West Main Street in Shiremanstown, we have added some two and half hours of local programming daily, where we break away from the network and provide a variety of features, talks, discussions and more, produced by one full time and one part time employee and about four active volunteers, who, with the exception of the full time hire, have no radio experience but a lot of fortitude, patience and the strong desire to contribute to the mission of Holy Family Radio.

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Douglas Neatrou
Station Manager
Holy Family Radio

Our program schedule is posted on our website at www.720whyf.com. Look for Schedule on the left margin.

But there remains two very important factors that I always bring to the attention of anyone who will listen...and they are, we are a listener supported radio station and we desperately need to find a new location to rebuild our transmission system.

Let me briefly explain. A week doesn't pass that someone doesn't indicate that we receive a monthly check from the Diocese, or we are owned by the Diocese, or even EWTN. Or, the federal government sends us money each month. All are false statements. The Diocese supports us via prayers and information, but not financially. EWTN supplies programming to us free of charge and we must answer the Federal Communications Commission (i.e. the federal government) regarding a laundry list of technical standards. Holy Family Radio is a lay apostolate, which means, the Catholic church nor the Diocese of Harrisburg doesn't own us or provides regular financial support. All that we do of course, has the blessings of the Diocese. But, as a result, we almost totally depend on the generosity of our listeners through Radiothons, fund raising events and outright donations to pay our bills. And we do have a regular schedule of Spring and Fall Radiothons, at least an annual restaurant dining event whereas 10 or 15% of your food purchase payment goes to the radio station and we are hoping to have an annual dinner and bring in a popular Catholic speaker to raise funds.

What we need however is a serious series of donations, such as a gift amount left in a will upon death, or a larger cash grant to go towards our capital campaign.

The other wish is, Holy Family Radio is in real need of a donation or very low monthly rent for between 6 to 10 acres of flat land, located within five miles of the Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg area, to replace the current temporary transmitting site we are using with one more permanent. If anyone knows or has land to donate, please call our office at 717-525-8110.

We hope and pray that our Catholic message has fulfilled a need and desire in Central Pennsylvania and our programming, both local and from EWTN has provided a refreshing change to what secular radio is transmitting.

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.



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"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.





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24th Annual Adult Special Olympics Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg

The 24th Annual Adult Special Olympics will be held on April 26, 2014 (rain or shine) from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM next to Building 14 on the Mechanicsburg Naval Base. We need volunteers to help the athletes get to and from their events which include bowling, swimming, basketball free-throw, soccer kick and various track and field events. Medals will be awarded to the athletes at the completions of the event. During the events a DJ will be playing music. In addition to the Olympic events, athletes can also participate in additional games run by the base Chief's Club. Buses will be provided to transport the athletes and volunteers to the event locations off base. Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips, and a snack will be provided free of charge at lunch time.

All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and will be required to fill out a security form to get access to the base. The completed forms must be returned to me no later than April 23rd. You can either fax the form using the number provided or I will pick up your forms at the next council meeting on April 8th. If you don't plan on attending the meeting, send me a message at johnperisiesr@gmail.com so we can make other arrangements.

You will enter the base using the gate on Gateway Drive, off of Carlisle Pike next to the Game Stop. All you need is to show your driver's license to the gate guard to enter the base on the day of the event.

Once through the main gate drive down the small hill and take the first left. Building 14 is the last building on the right. Park in the lot on the west side of the building. The events will take place on the east side of the building.

This is a short breakdown of the day events.

Volunteer and Athlete registration 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Morning Events 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Events 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies 2:30 p.m.

Feel free to email me at johnperisiesr@gmail.com if you have any questions. This is an excellent opportunity for your high school son or daughter to get volunteer credits for the Honor Society and a fun way to get involved in the community. Hope to see you there!

Family of the Year Awarded

John W Cominsky was honored with the first Council 12788 Family of the Year Award on Thursday, 27 March 2014, at the Lenten Soup and Speaker Series held in the school cafeteria. Grand Knight Bill Reilly presented Mr. Cominsky, the Saint Joseph School principal, with the certificate immediately prior to his talk on human life issues. He is married to Katelyn Phelan and has a 17 year old son



Alex. Mr. Cominsky was recognized for his teaching RCIA and adult education at both Saint Joseph's Church and Saint Patrick's Church in Carlisle. He is also an Extraordinary Minister and Chief Counselor of Squires Circle 5102 at Saint Joseph's, Mechanicsburg. He taught social studies and religion at Trinity High School for 17 years and has been principal at Saint Joseph's Elementary School for over two years. Finally, he has taught theology at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD for the past eight years and is a certified prison volunteer at Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary. We congratulate Mr. Cominsky on this well-deserved honor.

Seminarian's Corner

Dear brother Knights of Columbus,



My name is Samuel Dubois; I am a seminarian studying for our Diocese and am in my second year of Theology Studies. This means that, God-wiling, I will be ordained a priest in June of 2016.

Most of my classes are focused on either specific books in the Bible or specific fields of theology. My favorite courses are those on the Scriptures - last semester we studied the Prophets and the Gospel of Matthew, and this semester we will be studying the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

However, it would be impossible for me to persevere in my studies without your support, my brother Knights. The example of your fraternity, as well as your service and dedication to the Church and the People of God, demonstrated most powerfully in your very generous financial support, inspire me in my studies. Please know that I will keep you in my prayers each day.

In Christ,
Samuel Dubois





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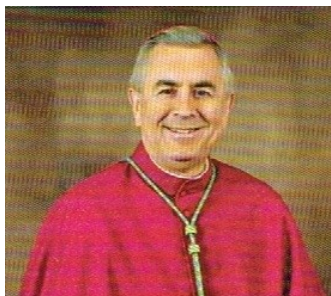
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SPIRITUAL WARFARE arm up!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CONFERENCE FOR MEN
MAY 10, 2014
8:15AM THROUGH 3:45PM
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM

BISHOP M^cDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL
1 CRUSADER WAY, HARRISBURG, PA 17111

Harrisburg Diocesan Men's Conference



Bishop Ronald Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.
will be in attendance



Dr. Ralph Martin
Keynote Speaker

For More Information

email: jgontis@hbgdiocese.org

Phone: 717.657.4804 ext 227

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Knights Apparel Now Available!

Saint Joseph Council
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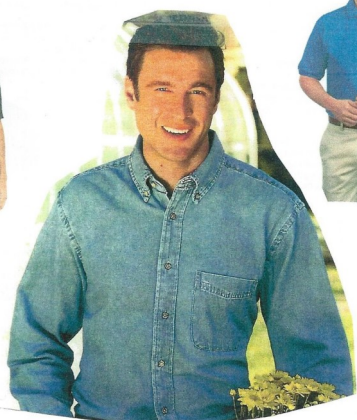
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Port Authority® - Performance Vertical Pique Pda, K512

A super subtle vertical texture adds a bit of interest to this durable pique style. With moisture-wicking performance and a budget-friendly price, you just can't go wrong with this casual essential.

- 5-ounce, 100% polyester, White is 7.2 ounces for increased coverage
- Flat knit collar
- 3-button placket
- Open hem sleeves

Adult Sizes: XS-4XL Sale Price: \$22.00



Adult Sizes: XS-6XL Sale Price \$22.00

Port Authority® - Silk Touch™ Pda, K500

- 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
- Double-needle armhole seams and hem
- Side vents

Adult Sizes: XS-6XL Sale Price: \$20.00



Port Authority® - Pique Knit Pda, K420

A favorite year after year, these piques are known for their exceptional range of colors, styles and sizes. The soft pique knit is shrink-resistant and easy to care for, so your group will always look its best.

- 7-ounce, 100% ring spun combed cotton heavyweight pique (pre-shrunk)
- Garment washed for softness
- Double-needle stitching throughout
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Horn-tone buttons
- Locker patch
- Side vents

Adult Sizes: XS-6XL
Price: \$18.00

PLEASE CHECK SIZES AVAILABLE

Shirts & Jackets	Size	Length
XXL	47 - 49	
3XL	50 - 53	
4XL	54 - 57	
5XL	58 - 60	
6XL	61 - 63	



Port Authority® - Easy Care Cap, C608

The ultimate uniforming cap featuring all the easy care qualities you love about our Easy Care Shirts (S608) and Silk Touch™ Sport Shirts (K500). This cap coordinates with the shirts, and is available in the top 11 uniforming colors.

- Fabric: 65/35 poly/cotton
- Structure: Structured
- Profile: Mid
- Closure: Self-fabric adjustable slide closure with brushed nickel buckle and grommet

Price: \$12.00



Sport-Tek® - Full-Zip Wind Jacket, JS170

Whether running them through their warm-ups or running to the next practice session, this lightweight jacket offers just the right amount of weather protection.

- 100% polyester shell
- Jersey lining with mesh insets at gussets for added breathability
- Articulated elbows for greater mobility
- Half elastic, half self-fabric cuffs for comfort
- Side pockets
- Drawcord hem with toggle

Adult Sizes: XS-6XL
Price: \$28.00

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COUNCIL 12788 APPAREL ORDERING PROCEDURES

At the present time there will only be a specified number of items available as shown on the previous page of this Newsletter. There will also be only two colors available for the polo shirts, Black and Blue. The hats will come in White and Blue. The denim shirt can come in dark or light blue. The jacket can come in blue, white or black. All orders must be accompanied by the total payment due.

Send all orders to: Fran Bludis, St Joseph Council 12788, 410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg Pa 17055-0730. Or orders can be made and paid for at a regular council meeting. Make all checks out to **School Sports Wear**.

If you want your shirt or jacket to be monogrammed with your name (max. 7 letters), there will be an additional \$5.00 charge for each item.

Please try to be exact on the sizing. Although there will be reasons for an occasional return, with the item being monogrammed with our emblem, there is little chance it can be worn elsewhere or by someone else. Sizes range from XS-6XL on most. Check the flyers.

Additional charges as follow: XXL- \$2.00, 3XL - \$4.00, 4XL - \$6.00, 5XL - \$7.00, 6XL - \$8.00 Name monogram \$5.00.

All items must be picked up after a regularly scheduled meeting. The council will make every effort to submit and have the items available as soon as possible. But, the council will wait for other orders and submit as a group rather than individually.



The Knights of Columbus Logo identifying St. Joseph Council Mechanicsburg, PA will be embroidered on the Apparel

.....CutHere.....

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone # _____ ADD \$5.00

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FINAL TOTAL COST _____

Make check payable to: **School Sports Wear**





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Top 10% in the Order

Supreme notified us in March that our Council is a winner of the Membership Growth Department's "Catch Up" contest. This was a special event conducted this year to promote membership in the Knights. We were successful in recruiting at least seven new members by January 31, 2014. It was noted that "your councils achievement is particularly impressive since it is among the top 10% of councils Order-Wide in membership recruitment." Thanks to all who made this possible. One more reason to take pride in volunteerism, service to our parish and to our priests.

Summer Bread Ministry

Last fall Sheila Thurston, a parishioner, contacted Tim O'Brien who chairs the parish weekend Coffee & Doughnuts Sunday morning social. Sheila has a contact with Giant Food. Giant prefers to donate excess bread to churches rather than simply dispose of it. Sheila and Tim saw to it that St. Josephs parishioners took part. Since last fall, each Sunday, we therefore have bread available free to any parishioner stopping by the Brindle Hall. Kind of one small tool to help with the rising cost of living. While Coffee & Doughnuts will not be available during the summer months, bread will be lest we fall out of line over the summer months. Our thanks to Doug Calderone for chairing this effort. It will be available Sunday mornings following each mass. Stop by Brindle Hall to pick up a loaf. We want no leftovers.

Columbianism Special Meeting

As you know we point with pride to a significant national initiative known as Columbianism. We are also the only Council in Pennsylvania to have captured the opportunity to have a family oriented membership profile:

- A. Columbiettes –Women's Council
- B. Squirettes – Young Ladies
- C. Squires – Young Men

Our meeting Tuesday, May 13th will be a combined meeting of all four groups. Come and join us to learn more about the activities of our family groups. Note this meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the prayer garden. 6:00 PM has become the baseline for parents who work around busy family schedules so we want to respect that. We will conclude by 7:00 PM for the youth and by 7:30 PM for the adults.

Frank Gawronski Memorial Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars golfers. Our tournament this year will be Friday, September 5, 2014 at Armitage Golf Club. We continually get new members who bring their skills and talents to our council. In the case of the Golf Tournament, Jason Uhaize has volunteered to chair the tournament and to use his technology skills to help build upon past successes. For details click on the Golf Tournament from our Council Web Site (www.council12788.org) or directly to the Golf Web Site (www.knightsgolftournament.com).

We are already working hard soliciting sponsors to support this fund raising event. All proceeds from the sponsors will accrue directly to St. Joseph School. It is a strong desire on the part of the Knights to help offset tuition at our school.

Knights Activities

April 2014

Regular Business Meeting - Tuesday April 22nd in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

Membership Drive – TBD

May 2014

Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday May 13th - Rosary at 6:00 PM in the Prayer Garden

Regular Business Meeting - Tuesday May 27th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

Father Snyder Scholarship – Send applications out to council members for the September deadline

Mothers Day Carnations – Saturday May 10th and Sunday May 11th

June 2014

Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday June 10th in Lee Horan Room at 7:00 pm

Regular Business Meeting - Tuesday June 24th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

Jubilee Day parking – Thursday June 19th - 10:00am – 8:00pm

Quo Vadis – Mount St. Mary Seminary – June 22nd through June 26th

School Cleaning – begins in late June on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

