



Knights in Action



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Father Ogden Expresses a Deep and Enormous Thanks to our Knights of Columbus!



The Knights of Columbus have been correctly called “the strong right arm of the Church” in our country. That has certainly been my experience here in our diocese. Having just observed Columbus Day I wanted to use this column to express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus throughout our diocese who have been such a great support to me and to the Church.

Recently, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, expressed his gratitude to the Knights for their unfailing support of the charitable works of the universal Church. He praised the integrity and loyalty of the Knights of Columbus. I wish to echo my gratitude to the Knights as well for their unfailing and loyal support in the charitable works in our Church and of our efforts to promote and support vocations to the Holy Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Consecrated Life.

The charitable work of the Knights of Columbus serves the material needs of the poor and also provides a beautiful witness of Christ’s love and compassion to a multitude of others. This charitable service includes support of the Church’s pro-life and pro-family efforts. The witness of charity of the Knights also serves the Church’s evangelizing mission. In this Year of Faith, we are reminded that acts of charity inspired by faith are essential to the new evangelization.

There are over 1.8 million members of the Knights in more than 14,000 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and several other countries. Last year, the Knights of Columbus worldwide donated more than \$167.5 million to charity and volunteered more than 70 million hours of service. These statistics are truly remarkable, aren’t they? Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, followed by the principles of Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. All their good works are informed by these four core principles.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by a holy priest, Father Michael McGivney, so that men could work together fraternally to serve their parishes and communities, to support each other in faith, and to provide for the well-being of their families through their excellent life insurance program.

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Father Ogden (Continued from Page One)

I wish to encourage and invite many men from our Parish to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Being a Knight provides the opportunity to serve God and neighbor, support the Church, and grow in faith with other brothers in Christ. I am proud to inform you that I have been a Knight of Columbus for well over thirty-five years.

The Knights of Columbus are a great support of the Church's defense of life, marriage, and religious liberty. A century ago, the Knights were at the forefront in opposing anti-Catholic prejudice from groups like the Ku Klux Klan. They worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society. When the Church in Mexico was being persecuted in the 1920's, the Knights worked tirelessly for religious liberty in that country. Six members of the Knights of Columbus were among the 25 Martyrs who were canonized Saints by our late Blessed John Paul II in the year Jubilee Year 2000. Now, our Universal Church is preparing to elevate him (Blessed John Paul II) to that same Altar of Canonization, on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2014.

There is much more that can be said about the rich history of the Knights of Columbus, but the best way to better know and understand them is to become informed and become a member, if you are not already. May the Lord richly bless the entire Knight's throughout the world, for all they lovingly and generously do to assist the Lord in the "building up of His Kingdom!"

When natural disasters strike, the Knights are there to donate money and volunteer help. When the Church faces particular challenges, the Knights are there to help. This has been my experience all the many years. I know we clergy can always count on our brother Knights.

The Vatican is investigating the cause for canonization of Father McGivney. Father McGivney was a true servant of Christian charity and a promoter of Christian family life. He wanted to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in the faith and secure their material well-being. This task is still so very important; the formation of Catholic families strong in the faith.

The work of the Knights of Columbus is an important part of the history of the Church in our United States. That history continues. Thank you again to all our Knights in our Parish and thank you to their wives and families for their loyal support! Thank you for serving our parishes! Thank you for your generosity and hard work! Thank you for your faithful witness to Christ through charity! May the Lord continue to bless you and your service of the Gospel!

With Renewed Blessings and Gratitude,

Grand Knights Message

"The New Year lies ahead of you like a tract of snow. Be careful how you tread on it for every mark will show."

While we are ringing in a new calendar year, we are at the midpoint with our Knights program year.

Consider activity directed at Youth and Education. We sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and a Soccer Shootout. The Basketball Free Throw contest is coming up. Supporting the youth of our parish and in particular Catholic Education is always a priority. We are fortunate to have Catholic schooling available through St. Joseph's School and Trinity High School. Catholic Radio, WHYF out of Shiremans-town, provides yet another educational vehicle for our diocese. We will be making an effort to learn more about WHYF over the next several months.

Between the Knights, Columbiettes, Squires and Squirettes we provided over \$3,000 at Thanksgiving and Christmas so that our priests could reach out to needy families in the parish.

Worthy of mention is the formation of a Squires Circle at Trinity this year. One of our Knights provided the leadership to help make that possible.

Perhaps our biggest venture this year was the Christmas Fest. With Fr. Ogden's blessing, we set out with the Columbiettes and several other parish organizations to host a parish event that would serve to bring us together as a parish family and at the same time to provide a fundraising event that could position organizations to step up their charitable activity. We had 32 vendors displaying very unique gift items. We had food, we had games. We were pleased with our first attempt at something this ambitious. From a Knights standpoint alone, I count 35 men helping to make this possible. Great fraternity for our members.

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Grand Knight (Continued from Page Two)

We will be evaluating the merits of the Fest event to decide on recommending its' becoming an annual parish event.

This past week we issued a check in support of a seminarian as did the Squires here and at Trinity High School. The Knights support vocations through this and Quo Vadis Days sponsored by the Diocese. These are the young men who will be the future of the church we work to support. Josh Weaver, our newest parish seminarian, became a Knight this past week as well. Knights across an international horizon value supporting their parish priests.

We do have presence and are truly the men's organization for the parish. Many of you have been asking about opportunities to complete 2nd & 3rd degrees. You will be hearing from Brothers Tony Bianchi or Mike Convey over the next several weeks. We will be attempting to align your schedule and area degree schedules in order to make this possible.

Thank you for your support of our priests and parish activities. Consider stepping up your individual efforts this year.



Bill Reilly
Grand Knight
Council 12788

Seminarian's Corner

My name is Joshua Weaver, and I am a seminarian in College III at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnwood, PA for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Besides taking classes ranging from Philosophy to Greek and Latin, I spend time in daily prayer, with daily mass and visit a homeless shelter once a week.

I am very appreciative of all the support that I receive, especially from my family, St Joseph's in Mechanicsburg (my home parish), and the Knights of Columbus. I would not be where I am today without all of the prayers and support that I receive from everyone. I ask for your continued prayers and you can be assured of mine.



God Bless,
Joshua Weaver

The First Annual Saint Joseph Christmas Fest

The event was held on Saturday, December 7, 2013, in the Parish Life Education Center. Although we have identified many areas where we may have done things better, we have learned much from the experience and the general consensus is that the First Annual St. Joseph Parish Christmas Fest was a success! It is clear that this has been a positive, unifying experience for our Parish, and we will plan to do this again.

We are grateful for the Columbiettes who pulled together as the main force in organizing and facilitating the Christmas Fest.

The Gym was filled with vendors selling wares for Christmas Shoppers. There was a Silent Auction, Bingo, and some Raffle Drawings

The Knights took care of the kitchen, providing a variety of foods for lunch and dinner. Pictured here we have our cheerful Grand Knight, Bill Reilly and Treasurer, Ed Robinson working the Cashier Table taking the food orders.



Saint Nicholas and his trusty helper were on hand, to greet the kiddies and hand out some treats.

The Saint Joseph School Choir performed Christmas Carols to set a Holiday Mood.





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Knights of Columbus Apparel is Now Available

COUNCIL 12788 APPAREL ORDERING PROCEDURES

At the present time there will only be a specified number of items available as shown on the next 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

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Name _____ Address _____

Telephone # _____ ADD \$5.00

Item# _____ Qty() Color _____ Size _____ Cost _____ Mono. Cost _____ Name _____ Total Cost _____

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Port Authority® - Performance Vertical Pique Polo, 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.

- 5.9-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

Port Authority® - Silk Touch™ Polo, 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 Polo, K420
A favorite year after year, these polos 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

Blue Denim Shirt M500

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

School Sports Wear
Mechanicsburg, Pa.
717-903-8646

St. Joseph Council
Mechanicsburg, Pa

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, JST70
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

PLEASE CHECK SIZES AVAILABLE

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

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Holy Family Radio AM 720 WHYF

On January 13, 2014, at the Regular Meeting of Council 12788, we had a special visitor. Doug Neatrou, the General Manager for the local Catholic Radio Station, spoke about evangelization using radio and gave a brief history about the radio station, just down the road in

Shiremanstown. We are fortunate to have this resource in our area. Holy Family Radio receives popular program streaming from EWTN Radio, such as **Patrick Madrid's** nationally syndicated **Right Here Right Now** a Catholic apologetics call-in show that airs Monday through Friday at 4:00 PM. Included here are just a few of the other popular programs airing weekdays. More information is available on the stations website: www.720whyf.com

- 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM:** *The Son Rise Morning Show* with host Brian Patrick (nationally syndicated program)
- 7: 30 AM to 9:00 AM:** *The AM 720 WHYF Morning Show*, a local program hosted by Doug Neatrou, providing local news, weather and traffic reports
- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM:** Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo (nationally syndicated program)
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM:** EWTN Open Line, (nationally syndicated program) featuring a different host each day, including John Martignoni on Mondays and Father Mitch Pacwa on Wednesday



Doug Neatrou
General Manager, Holy Family Radio





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From the Editor

January is Pro-Life Month. January 22, 1973 is the date marking the tragic Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, which took away the right of each individual state in our union to decide whether or not abortion should be legal. On this day our Supreme Court forced legalized abortion on all fifty states. Since the ruling, more than 53,000,000 abortions have murdered babies and injured women in the United States. Approximately 3,700 innocent people die by abortion in this country every single day. This is arguably the most tragic travesty of justice in American History.



Every year since Roe vs. Wade, on or near the twenty-second of January, thousands of pro-life advocates have assembled on the Mall in Washington D.C., to rally and march to the steps of the Supreme Court building, in protest of that infamous ruling.

In recent years, with hundreds of thousands showing up each year, the March for Life has become the largest gathering of American citizens to meet in protest in our Nation's Capital. Due to the lack of attention by the national press, however, most people are not aware of this fact.

I must confess that I am proud that I have been there each year for the last five years. I take my teenage son with me. It's become a family tradition. I recall that perhaps on one of these five sojourns it may have been a pleasant sunny day. But mostly it's been cold and/or wet. I recall one year where it was raining all day, with temperatures just above freezing. All you could see in all directions was a sea of umbrellas. No matter the conditions, it has always been inspiring to witness a mass of humanity in very high spirits. Smiling, laughing, singing, chanting, and praying. And perhaps the most encouraging thing of all, is the youth involvement. I would report, that by my own observation, at least half of the people I have seen marching have been in their 30's, or younger, with most of those being early 20's to in-their-teens. This witness breathes a sigh of hope to the heart, and no matter the weather, warms the spirit.

March for Life 2014 was the coldest I have yet to experience. Although the sun shone brightly, the temperature was in the single digits all day. It was windy too, bringing wind chill factors well below zero. Nonetheless, the sea of humanity persisted, and the Spirit of the Lord was present. If you would like to see a three-minute video that I posted on YouTube, that will give you a brief visual of what it was like to be there, please place the following address in your web browser:

<http://youtu.be/lipVtFt04Wk>

To sum it up, I have to share with you about a brief encounter with fame that happened to me on the march this year. As we were marching up the hill, with the U.S. Capital building in view, I heard someone say, "Hey, Rick Santorum is marching with us..." I turned around and to my surprise, there he was. Senator Santorum reached out to shake my extended hand. Just moving along with the crowd, not a Secret Service Agent or body guard in sight, this man who might have been our President walked along side of me, chatting as if we were old friends.



I am grateful to the person who offered to snap this photo.

All in all, in spite of the horror of abortion that plagues our society to this day, after participating in this historic event, I am filled with hope for the future.

Please, keep praying for an end to abortion.

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