



Knights in Action



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Message from the Grand Knight



As leader of any organization, communications is never adequate to meet the needs. As your Grand Knight I am excited and appreciative a newsletter is being added to Council 12788's communications efforts. A newsletter is not new to our council. It has just lacked energy for several years. We have had newsletters in the past, but with all volunteer organizations somebody has to stand up and take the lead. Tom Andrews, as our Council Director, is heading up this effort.

We realize we have members who need help in understanding the work of the council. Our initial intent is to publish a newsletter quarterly. Distribution will be varied. It will be posted on the Council's Website (www.council12788.org), it will be emailed and it will be available in the Narthex of church. I would encourage you to access the Web Site whenever you have questions. From our Web Site you can link with State and Supreme and find answers to all your organizational questions.

As a council our primary focus is serving as the Men's Organization for St. Joseph Parish. We support our priests, we support our school, we support special needs of our fellow parishioners and we support area needs such as ARC of Pennsylvania Lourdes House in Harrisburg. We have the advantage of support and guidance from The Pennsylvania Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Supreme Council serving us nationally. Father McGivney established Knights of Columbus initially to meet the needs of surviving spouses and families of husbands who were deceased. That led to the establishment of the Knights Insurance company available only to members of the Knights of Columbus.

There are many local, state, national and international reasons to being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our hope is to offer this one additional vehicle to keep you, our members, better informed. Our meetings are scheduled the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. For July and August we meet on the 1st Tuesday only. Consider attending a meeting.

God bless;
Bill Reilly,
Grand Knight

Have you heard about the **Corpus Christie Men's Retreat** at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmetsburg, MD? It's a fantastic, relaxing, spiritually fulfilling get-a-way that happens every first weekend in August. It gets better every year. This time, August 2nd through 4th, **Father Larry Richards** is host. Contact **Jim Folmer at 717-697-0426** for more info. If you register by July 6th you're in. After July 6th it will be first-come-first-served, by the date on your check. See you there!





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From the Editor

Knights of Columbus Council 12788 is a very busy place. On the next page you'll see some examples of all that these guys have done, and plan to do. Let me tell you just a brief history of my experience with the Knights of Columbus. A few years ago Brother Knight Yakubick caught me in the narthex after Mass during a Knights Recruitment Drive and I filled out the form. Hearing that I'd joined, my dear departed friend and neighbor Joe Sisto made it his personal mission to get me to every Degree held in the area as soon as humanly possible. Well, I made my Third Degree at Saint Joseph's School not long before Joe's untimely passing, (God rest his soul), and I spent the next few years paying my dues to keep my membership active, but never made it to a meeting... until a few weeks ago, that is. Amazing how fast things happen once you finally show up. Before I knew it, I was the Recorder, the Director of Council, and the Editor for the Quarterly Newsletter! With Christ all things are possible, and I know with His help and guidance I will find time in my busy life for this worthy organization.

With all that being said, I'd just like to shout out a word of encouragement to all those Knights, who like me, joined with all the best of intention, but have found it difficult to get involved. We know you're out there. We have the membership roster to prove it! And believe me, we understand completely. It took years for me to make my first meeting, and when I finally did, I was welcomed with open arms, and in a moment I felt as if I'd always been here and wouldn't know what to do without it. Kind of like having kids. Once it's a part of you, it just happens.

We have a lot to do, and a lot more that could be done... with your help. Many hands make the work light. There's an empty chair in the Lee Horan Room with your name on it. Two Tuesdays each month. We'd love to see you.

Elections

Elections were held at the June 11th Regular Meeting, for Officers and Directors to serve the Council from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Thanks to all for your service. The results:

Officers

Bill Reilly: Grand Knight
 Fran Bludis : Deputy Grand Knight
 Dan Uhazie: Chancelor
 Tom Andrews: Recorder
 Edward Robertson: Treasurer
 Carl Barrick: Advocate
 Mike Casey: Warden
 Jim Wheeler: Inside Guard
 Joe Gill: Outside Guard
 Andy Wheeler: Three Year Trustee
 Jim Husic: Two Year Trustee
 Rich Wisher: One Year Trustee

Appointed Program Directors

Dan Uhazie: Program Director
 Carl Barrick: Membership
 Mike Casey: Church
 Jake Francis: Community
 Tom Andrews: Council
 Dan Coyne: Youth
 Frank Crupi: Family Life
 Liam Donnelly: Culture of Life

Auxiliary Groups

Columbiettes

Fran Gagliano: President

Columbian Squires

Liam Donnelly: Chief Counselor
 Deacon Paruso: Spiritual Advisor
 Rev. Ogden: Chaplain
 Mike Yakubick: Counselor
 Mike Casey: Counselor
 David Schlegel: Counselor
 Greg Mikolajczak: Counselor

Squirettes

Rose Mikolajczak: Chief Counselor

Did You Know That...

...Saint Joseph Parish has a young man entering the Seminary?

His name is **Josh Weaver** and he has answered God's call!

We are not sure where he will be attending Seminary as of this time, but we can assure you, he will be supported by his local Knights of Columbus Council!





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Recent Happenings

On Mother's Day, May 12, 2013, Knights of St. Joseph Parish sold carnations after Masses earning \$781.00, which was donated to Pennsylvanians for Human Life, to support local Pro-Life activities.

On June 2, 2013, the Knights volunteered to help with the celebration recognizing Deacon Jack Paruso's 30th year Ordination Anniversary.

On Jubilee Day, June 20, 2013, we manned the St. Joseph Parking Lot selling parking spaces. We had our best year ever, earning \$1,177.00.

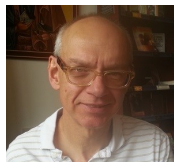
Council 12788 awarded two Academic awards. \$500.00 for the Father Snyder's Educational Award was presented to Zane Benage at Saint Joseph School, and \$500.00 for the Joe Sisto Scholarship was awarded to Samantha Melnick at Trinity High School.

Our Knights and Squires have also held fund raising events outside local businesses that have benefited the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) in the amount \$316.09



Saint Joseph Council 12788 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to sponsor Seminarian Sam Dubois, from Saint Bernard Parish in New Bloomfield. Sam Dubois is attending St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnwood, Pennsylvania.

Knight Frank Crupi is our **Family Life Director**. A tradition in our council has been to honor a family each month with a **Family of the Month Award**. Here's a list of recent honorees:



- November 2012: Francis Bludis
- January 2013: Deacon Jack Paruso
- February 2013: Timothy O'Brien
- March 2013 Frank Resek
- April 2013: John Cominsky
- June 2013: Michael Kostick
- July 2013: Thomas Andrews

The Knights at St. Joseph Church are looking forward to...

School Cleaning, Monday evenings in July and August starting at 6:00 PM, Saint Joseph School.

Monday, July 1st – Assembly 917 Meeting, Holy Rosary Council 869, McGivney Hall, Harrisburg at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, July 2nd – Planning meeting for the Christmas Festival, 7:00 PM in the Lee Horan Room.

Tuesday, July 9th – Knight's Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Brindle Hall.

Sunday, July 14th – The Annual Knight's Picnic at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. Fun for the whole family! If you didn't get your tickets that were sold after Masses the last weekend in June (29th-30th) then find a Knight to inquire. See you there!

Friday, August 2nd through Sunday August 4th – The Corpus Christie Men's Retreat. Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmetsburg, Maryland. Father Larry Richards. It's going to be a good one!

Tuesday, August 13th – Knight's Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM in Brindle Hall.

Saturday, September 7th – Knight's Yard Sale, in the lot in front of Saint Joseph School.

Sunday, September 8th – Coffee Social after Mass begins.

Tuesday, September 10th – Knight's Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Lee Horan Room.

Sunday, September 15th – Parish Picnic, Lower Allen Park. Knights are helping with the food preparation.

Tuesday, September 24th – Knights Council Business Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Lee Horan Room.

And looking ahead, be sure to plan for the **Christmas Festival** that is scheduled for Saturday December 7, 2013. It's going to be a **big deal** and you don't want to miss this one!





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Squirettes of Mary

The Squirettes of Mary is a group of young ladies ages 10-17, who serve God, Church and Community. We are members of the Knights of Columbus family with the Columbiettes being our sponsoring organization. Our service includes spiritual functions/development, moral and intellectual advancement, volunteering, fundraising, and having fun.

For more information email:

Squirettes@council12788.org

Rose Mikolajczak: Chief Counselor

Squires Circle 5102

In these last weeks in the Columbian Squires, we held an exemplification for four new Squires of two different Circles. Among these is the newest Columbian Squire of Circle 5102, Kiah Andrews, son of Knight Tom Andrews, the editor of this newsletter. Congratulations to our new Squire, and hope to see more of him in the future.

Esto Dignus

Liam Tripodi, Squire

Help Us Make Our Newsletter Grow!

Future editions of *Knights in Action* will include a message from our Chaplain, Father Ogden, and an article from the Columbiette's. My apologies for their absence in this edition. As I said in the "From the Editor" piece up front, it is a busy life; however, I do have faith that, with **Christ** at the helm, all things are possible, and that everything that is supposed to happen, will happen!

We're off to a decent start, I think, and what I am hoping for now is *your* assistance. If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, articles, I'd love to hear from you. For example, I would like to add a "Letters from Readers" section. Please, get involved. Not only with the Newsletter, but as an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph Council 12788!



You can email to: tpa@sonfish.net or, if you happen to see me out and about, give me a yell, or throw something at me!

With love in Christ,
your Editor,

Tom Andrews

