



Knights in Action



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A Call to Evangelize



Shortly before surprising the world with his retirement, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI announced a Year of Faith, and a New Evangelization. Our new Pope, Francis I, has been following through with this declaration. Now... what can we do to answer the call?

We are truly blessed to be living in America. It's not that we don't have challenges, but compared to many places in our modern world, we have it very easy. Maybe you haven't heard it from the major media outlets...



... but if you listen to our local *Holy Family Radio*, (720 AM), then you have been getting information about world events from EWTN News, and you probably know that in the far corners of our planet Christians are being martyred; are dying for their Faith, in alarming numbers.

Christianity has been greatly evangelized, and it has been said that our Faith has grown over the centuries, by the blood of martyrs. Within the relative safety of our national borders, it is unlikely that any of us will be faced with the opportunity to be martyred for our Faith. So... what can we **do**?

Whatever we **can** do.

We **can** evangelize with our tithes. We **can** evangelize with our talents. We **can** evangelize with our time. We **can** evangelize with the way we live our Christian Faith. We **can** pray for those Christians around the globe who **can't** celebrate Mass on Sunday morning without the fear of being **killed** for it.

This may seem a little dramatic, but it's true, and it is important for us to keep this reality in perspective as we consider how we choose to live out our Faith. We needn't travel the four corners of the world to find the opportunity to evangelize our Catholic Faith. There's plenty to do... right here where we are.

In this quarterly edition of **Knights in Action** you are invited to consider **your** Call to Evangelize. See if you can't find something here that might inspire you to expand your boundaries just a bit, and answer the call of the Popes, as we bring this Year of Faith to a close, and carry on with the New Evangelization.





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Christmas Fest – A Message to Brother Knights

As you know, we have been looking for an event that could involve all parish organizations and serve as a major fundraiser for those dependent upon fundraising. An event not requiring labor intensity would also be a goal. Several of our Columbiettes who have New Jersey roots suggested a Christmas Fest like they had been part of at a Parish in New Jersey. After considerable discussion we collectively decided it had merit and Father Ogden agreed to allow it a trial effort.

Our mission therefore is Two-fold: 1) provide a parish based activity that could bring together parish organizations; 2) incorporate fundraising opportunities for any parish organization choosing to participate, and in so doing reduce the need for year round fundraising.

We are happy to report that our efforts to organize a Christmas Fest are meeting with success. It will become a reality this December and perhaps grow to an annual event. Saturday, December 7 we will host "A Day of Holiday Cheer" to include shopping for Christmas gifts, religious items of holiday significance, food, entertainment by school choral groups, children's games, babysitting, Chinese Auction, Raffles and more. The Christmas Fest will be the only activity in the parish on December 7 utilizing much of the first floor of the Parish Life & Education Center. It will be an all day affair with a 10:00 am start time, a two hour break from 4:00 to 6:00, to respect our Saturday mass time, and then continuing from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. To date 27 vendors have expressed an interest including 8 parish organizations. The Knights will man the kitchen with sandwiches and other food items. In the spirit of parish unity, one group of men has volunteered to offer freshly baked cookies, the proceeds from which will support youth group activities in the parish. Many youth have already volunteered to assist with the Festival.

We need to extend our thanks to the Columbiettes, in the person of Valerie Spangler, for taking the lead on this initiative. To date Home & School, Women's Council, Squires, Squirettes, School Development, Adult Education, Health Ministry and Legion of Mary have been part of the planning. We are looking for more groups to join the effort.



Mark your calendars to participate and to devote two hours to helping with the needed manpower. Talk it up as you interact with fellow parishioners. A volunteer sheet was forwarded with the last meeting reminder notice and will come your way again in November.

Bill Reily
Grand Knight

Memorializing a Ciborium

At recent meetings of the Knights of Columbus, Council 12788, members have brought up an interest in supporting the cost of a Ciborium. Mentioned was the remembrance of deceased Brother Knights. A Ciborium costs \$1,200 and like many of us personally, this amount is not available in our treasury.



Here is a proposal. Perhaps a group of Knights (say 24) could be identified who would like to combine resources to make this possible. $24 \times \$50 = \$1,200$. Many other combinations are of course possible. Here is what we ask. Send a check to our Financial Secretary specifically for the purpose of offsetting the cost of one Ciborium, used daily, for the distribution of the Body of Christ at St. Joseph's church. Whatever amount is collected will be turned over entirely to Fr. Ogden complete with the identified remembrances of the benefactors and perhaps turning into ciboria (plural). Ideally that amount will equal or exceed \$1,200 but we will ask that any shortfall for a single ciborium be borne by the Knights Treasury.

Mail your check Payable to Knights of Columbus Council 12788 and mail to:

William Moser, Financial Secretary
Knights of Columbus Council 12788
c/o 42 West Keller Street
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

(Be sure to indicate Ciborium donation on the subject line & any special remembrance in a separate note)

What a spiritual lift, knowing you supported a gift of this nature, each time you receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion.





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Schedule of Future Activities

October 2013

Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday Oct 8th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

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

Assembly 917 Meeting

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - starts Monday Oct 28th

Golf Tournament – Friday Oct 4th Army War College Registration 12:00 pm, Shotgun Start 1:00 pm

Membership Drive – TBD

November 2013

Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday Nov 12th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

Regular Business Meeting - Tuesday Nov 26th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm

Assembly 917 Meeting -

40 Hours Cleanup – Tuesday Nov 5th Saint Joseph Hall at 6:00 pm

Knight's Memorial Mass - St. Patrick's Cathedral at 12:15 PM, Sunday Nov 3rd

Knight's Memorial Mass – Thursday Nov 14th in St. Joseph Church at 7:00 pm

Keep Christ in Christmas card sale - Saturday Nov 9th thru Sunday Dec 8th

December 2013

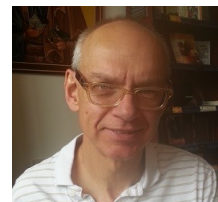
Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday Dec 11th in Lee Horan room at 7:00 pm - Christmas Social

Featuring the historic Singer Band of Mechanicsburg, PA

Assembly 917 Meeting -

Council 12788 Walmart Christmas gift cards for needy family's at St Joseph

Our Director of Family Life, Brother Knight Frank Crupi, Announces the St. Joseph Parish Families of the Month:



August: The Vincent Leone Family

Wife: Patricia

Children: Deborah, Michael, Susan, Mary, Paul (deceased), David (deceased)

Activities (Vincent): Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Parish Council, Finance Council, RCIA, Catechist, Serra Club, Leisure Club, Sons of Italy, and Vince is a Fourth Degree Knight

Activities, (Patricia): RCIA Coordinator, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Leisure Club, Past-President Council of Catholic Women, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-President Diocesan Board, Convention Coordinator, Serra Club Vocation Committee, Docent at Governor's Residence, Mechanicsburg Friends of Library, Education Chair Son's of Italy

September: The John Baker Family

Wife: Rose;

Children: Angela, Gump, Amanda

Grandchildren: Zane

Activities (John): Co-Chair Baptism Committee, RCIA, St. Joseph School Cafeteria Volunteer, Home and School Board, 4th Grade Volunteer, Big 33 Scholarship Committee, West Shore Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee

Activities (Rose): Pastoral Council, Parish Picnic, 12th night Dinner Dance.





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Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.



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Degree Help Needed

Brothers, Looking at the upcoming scheduled events of the council for the 2013 – 2014 fraternal year, the schedule includes a 1st degree, possibly 10 out of the 12 month fraternal year, depending if there are any candidates. This is not the decision of the Grand Knight. The Supreme Council has recommended that the councils with a degree team schedule a 1st degree every month to quickly install any applicant waiting to join the council.

With that in mind, and to comply with Supreme's recommendations, we can accomplish this only with the help of our members. At present we do have a complete degree team. But it would be ideal if we can have a complete backup or alternate team. We need your help. The degree is the same as you received but now the Supreme Council is letting the degree officers READ their parts. No more memorizing as before, at least for now. But we do need volunteers. There are 6 speaking parts and 5 non-speaking. Please consider helping out in this activity. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me, Fran Bludis, by email fbludis@verizon.net or phone 717-697-0713. Your council needs your help.

Remember to Pray for our Seminarians



From Saint Joseph Parish
in Mechanicsburg
our very own
Joshua Weaver



And from
St Bernard's Parish
in New Bloomsfield,
Samuel Dubois

These young men are truly on the front lines in the spiritual battles of our age. Both are enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo in Philadelphia We thank God for their brave service and commitment to our Faith! Please remember them in your prayers.





What Can We Do... ?

Christmas Fest

Volunteers needed December 7th. Help us make this a great new Holiday Tradition at St. Joseph Parish! There will be Food, Prizes, a Silent Auction, Bingo, Music and SHOPPING! We'll have a sign up sheet soon. Come to a Council Meeting and put your name down, or find a Knight or a Columbiette to ask more about it.

Catholic Radio Needs You

They're looking for Catholics who are active in the business world to interview on "The Public Catholic," a local radio program produced at Holy Family Radio, which airs on 720 AM. The radio studio is located in Shiremanstown. It's a great way to witness to the community. Support our local Catholic Radio Station. To inquire further call Doug Neatrouer at 717-525-8110.

We Need Knights!

We have a lot of "Silent Knights" out there... you know who you are and you know what I mean. We understand. Life is busy. There's always one more thing that needs done. If you can spare an evening, please come to a meeting and see what you can do to get involved. The more people that show up the more we can do and extra hands lighten the load! Second and Fourth Tuesday each month.

What've We Been Doing... ?

Jubilee Day

Some of our Knights had a pretty good day and made a few dollars for the Council on Jubilee Day this year. Actually it was our best Jubilee Day ever for fund raising!



The Parish Picnic

A handful of our Knights in Action did the cooking at the Parish Picnic at Lower Allen Park on September 15, 2013. The Columbiettes were there doing a great job of serving as well.

New Clothing Line

Brother Knight Fran Bludis has been busy organizing a clothing line to be available for Council 12788 members. Shirts and hats, with our symbols and council numbers on them. It's in the works and coming soon. Come to a meeting soon for more information, and to place your order! Or contact Fran Bludis by email fbludis@verizon.net or by phone at 717-697-0713.





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Monitors Needed

The Parish Life Education Center needs volunteers to monitor the entrance and lobby area evenings at Saint Joseph School. For more information call the Parish Office at 717-766-9433

Did You Know That...

Knights Council 12788 has a website? Take a look at it sometime. You'll find it online at:

www.council12788.org

Comments or suggestions can be directed to the webmaster: Greg Mikolajczak, email to:

gregmikul85@gmail.com

Coming Soon:

The Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign!

There will be a Poster Contest so get the kids involved! Watch for more details.

The Coffee Club



For years now our brother Knight Tim O'Brien has chaired the Coffee Club. Famous for his extraordinarily good homemade soups, Tim and a handful of volunteers have provided not only a good bowl of soup, as well as coffee and donuts, but also a great venue of fellowship for St. Joseph's Parishioners following every Mass, every weekend, from September to May.

Maybe you can help? There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the kitchen in Brindle Hall. Be there!

Buy A Raffle Ticket!

Support your local Knights Council and maybe make a few buck\$. The **200 Club Raffle** is on! For just \$10 a ticket you have 16 chances to win \$25, and a shot at a Grand Prize of \$100, \$150 or \$250. You can win more than once! Winners will be drawn on Sundays in Brindle Hall after 9:30 Mass from October 13th through November 10th. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex after all Masses, or see a Knight! (SGOC License: 13-266).

10th Annual Frank J. Gawronski Golf Tournament

There may still be time for you to participate, or volunteer to help out. Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Army War College. Contact Warren Stephens for more information: 717-580-8209 or warren571@gmail.com

Did we mention here that Saint Joseph Council 12788 of the Knights of Columbus meets the second and third Tuesday of every month in either the Lee Horan Room or Brindle Hall?

