



Council #10947 Father Julius J. Cilinski

2014 Annual Awards Night Presentation

The Father Julius J. Cilinski Knights of Columbus Council #10947 held our Annual Awards Night Presentation in Monsignor Hannan Hall of St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church (6720 Union Mill Rd, Clifton, VA), on Tuesday, 17 May 2014 at from 7:30 pm. The Annual Awards Night Presentation is open to all Knights and their families to recognize a deserving 'Young Man of the Year', 'Young Woman of the Year', 'Family of the Year', and 'Knight of the Year'. This year, we had the privilege to include a very special 'Honorary Life Member' presentation. When a Knight reaches the age of age 70 and has been a member of the Order for 25 consecutive years, or – has been a member of the order for 50 consecutive years regardless of age, he shall be designated as an Honorary Life member. This year, we are proud to recognize Brother Larry Bifareti for becoming an Honorary Life member.



Brother Larry Bifareti, Fr Julius J. Cilinski Knights of Columbus Council's Honorary Life member

This year, we also included presentations of Letters of Appreciation for a few exceptional people who are not Knights, but as St Andrew The Apostle Parish staff members, they have provided valued support to the council, and have been particularly been invaluable to Worthy Grand Knight, Al Grimmig.



Cate Lione, Donna McDowell, and Rosanne Bachus (not pictured) have continually supported the Council, assisting the Grand Knight by coordinating communications between the council and Father Kelly and Father Bergida, and supporting the publishing of bulletin announcements about Knights Of Columbus council activities. As a small token of our appreciation and the Council's gratitude, each was presented with Letters of Appreciation and boxes of candy.



Parish custodian Enrico Rodriguez receives a special Letter of Appreciation.

Our council has many meetings, activities and events during the course of the year, many of which convene in Monsignor Hannan Hall. Even though we pick-up after ourselves, there is one stalwart soul who quietly and unpretentiously (*even when our meetings run a bit past 9:00 pm*) cleans up after we are done and puts the hall back in shape for the next school day. In recognition of all his hard work and support of the Council we would like to present Parish custodian Enrico Rodriguez a special Letter of Appreciation.



Knight, fellow parishioner, dear friend, and President/Owner of McCabe's Printing Group - Kevin McCabe

The Father Julius J. Cilinski Knights of Columbus Council #10947 could not do what we do without the promotion of our events and activities and support of parishioners. We have been blessed with someone who not only has been an integral part to those promotion efforts; he also has generously underwritten costs for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drives (*providing all the boxes and tape*) and has personally helped to collect food for the needy in our community. Kevin McCabe is very special to us – not only is he a Brother Knight, a fellow parishioner, and dear friend, as President/Owner of McCabe's Printing Group (8451-B Hilltop Road - Fairfax, VA), he has been for many years a very generous benefactor providing top quality printing services, often at no cost. In recognition for exemplary service and in appreciation for his selfless generosity, Kevin McCabe was presented with a special recognition plaque.

Each year the Council also recognizes a Young Man and Young Woman who have attained a high academic status, are involved in extra curriculum activities at school, and are actively involved in their Church and Community. This year, our selection for Young Woman of the Year, Lauren Woods, was unable to join us for the Annual Awards Night Presentation. She will be presented with her award on Tuesday, 29 July 2014, preceding our Spiritual Outreach Seminar on the "Bones of St. Peter".

Our Council's selection for Young Man of the Year is 13 years of age and just completed 8th grade.

He is an active member of the Boy Scouts, provides continuous contributions to the community and the Wounded Warrior Program and is involved with nature-based projects such as: re-mulching, planting trees. He has been on the A/B Honor Roll for all subjects in 7th and 8th grade, he has achieved the highest average in the highest Math course the school offers, and is in the top percentile in Spanish.

He has participated in Bake Sale fundraisers for school and church, has served as an altar boy at his parish, provides support to the Religious Education program as a Catholic Catechetical Doctrine (CCD) Assistant – he has volunteered at a Home for the Elderly, and has volunteered at the Library over the summer.

He plays violin for the Christmas Choir, performs in the second highest-rated school orchestra, and has taught himself to play guitar. Additionally, he has a Brown Belt in Tae Kwon Do, and plays SYA Soccer.

The Father Julius J. Cilinski Knights of Columbus Council #10947 selection for 2013-2014 Young Man of the Year, is Michael Martis.



2013-2014 Young Man of the Year, Michael Martis

Our Council's selection for the Family of the Year recognizes the contributions of a Knight and his family who have provided extraordinary service to the Council, the Parish and the Community. This year's Family of the Year is a very dynamic couple who support the Council in countless ways.

Rob and Clare Morson are Eucharistic Ministers who volunteer cheerfully and reverently, routinely filling-in for other Eucharistic Ministers when substitutes are required.

Both actively support the Council's Community activities that raise funds for the Council's various charities – including our Casino Knight and Art Auction events, and our Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. They have purchased, prepared, and served food and beverages for these events and have been instrumental in the success of many of our endeavors.

Additionally, Clare has volunteered to repair the uniforms for the local high school football team and has repaired the ceremonial robes for our Council. She is also a member of a local Quilting Bee and does community service through that activity, too.

And just to show you how dedicated they are, they arrived at our Annual Awards Night Presentation straight from the airport, after returning from a trip to Spain!



2013-2014 Family of the Year, Rob and Clare Morson.

The 'Knight of the Year Award' is reserved to recognize a Knight who emulates above all others, the principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity – and, it is presented to a Knight who provides extraordinary service to the Council, the Order, the Parish, and to the Community.

This year's recipient is an outstanding father figure, very much involved in every aspect of his children's lives and activities – all five of them, ranging in age from 7 to 18. He is an Assistant Scout Master and has been influential in his eldest son's attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. When you see his family at Church, they are all neatly dressed and it is obvious by their reverence that they have been instructed well in their faith and obligations. He always puts his Family, Church, and Council ahead of himself. In short, he is the best of the best.

David Skouby has been a Knight in our Council for six years, holding the offices of Recorder, Youth Committee Director, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and has served as our Newsletter Editor. Over the years he has also chaired the Children's Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, the Soccer Challenge, the Free-Throw Basketball Contest, and coordinated our Council's participation in the annual Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Day Dinner – a project jointly hosted by our Council and the Father Nudd Council at St. Timothy Church – on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. He also volunteers as an usher at Mass, and he supports the Parish through Council's events such as the Parish Picnic, Parish School Carnival, and Holy Thursday Washing of Feet. His fiscal acumen as our current Financial Secretary insures that all financial transactions are correct and timely. He was instrumental in setting up the electronic payment of dues through our website using PayPal, and recently instituted the electronic voucher system and brought the Council's financial system into compliance with the guidance from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council regarding the electronic receipt, tracking and payments.



2013-2014 Knight of the Year Award is presented to David Skouby