

Summit Council 783



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Patriotism – The Fourth Degree

Brothers,

We are blessed to be American Catholics. I thank the Lord regularly that my ancestors had the fortitude to get up and leave everything they knew to board a ship and set sail for America more than one hundred years ago. They had few belongings. They were not educated and did not speak the language. They knew few people if any in the USA. But they came. I imagine that the small group of men who first met with Fr. McGivney in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut in October 1881 were a lot like many of our predecessors.

Going back further, this country was founded upon the principal of religious liberty. Many people came here from other lands to escape persecution and to practice the faith of their choice. The framers themselves spelled out religious freedom in the very First Amendment.

We are well aware that much has changed, to the point where religious *intolerance* is becoming increasingly acceptable in certain circles of our society. But we ask ourselves, "What can I do about it?"

We can pray and give witness for others. I present the Knights of Columbus program called "Pray the Rosary for Religious Liberty," which was founded by Council 783 in 2012 – in light of the US government's health care mandate. The program runs monthly from May through October following selected masses. Knights of Columbus lead a prayer service in a visible location, reflecting upon the message of Our Lady of Fatima and praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary – in the name of religious freedom and rights of conscience. The program will begin this year on May 9-10.

So if you see a group of the faithful in public prayer, join us. If you would like to represent the Knights and participate in the program, call me. This program is taking on new significance as Christians are persecuted and martyred around the world. If we continue to remain silent and keep to ourselves, we have no right in the future to ask, "How did this happen?"

God bless you all.

David Janazzo

Calendar of Events

MAY

3	Rosary Shrine Sunday	Jim Connors	908-464-0431
5	Pride in Our Priests Dinner	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
7	Dinner - Paca Club 7:00 PM Regular Business Meeting - Paca Club 8:00 PM	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
13-16	OLP Country Fair	Jim Westerhaus	908-665-2616
14	St. John's Soup Kitchen	Jim Gallo	908-464-1861
16	St. John's Soup Kitchen	Mike Savage	908-771-9130
17	Runnel's Hospital	Anthony Giambalvo	908-822-9877
21	Open/Planning Meeting	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
30-31	St. Teresa Membership Drive	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667

JUNE

3	First Degree - Union Council	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
4	Dinner - Paca Club 7:00 PM Regular Business Meeting - Paca Club 8:00 PM	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
11	St. John's Soup Kitchen	Jim Gallo	908-464-1861
12	Third Degree - Union Council	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
18	Open/Planning Meeting	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
19	Federation Meeting - Council 4504	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667
20	St. John's Soup Kitchen	Mike Savage	908-771-9130
21	Runnel's Hospital	Anthony Giambalvo	908-822-9877
26	Chapter Meeting - Council 2346, Nutley	Dave Janazzo	973-309-6667

Dinner for Business Meetings

If you would like to provide dinner for 15 to 20 Brothers at an upcoming Business Meeting on the first Thursday of the month, please contact the Grand Knight. You will be reimbursed for the cost. This Council is noted for its great cooks – you can cook yourself or cater the food. The Council reimburses for the “shortfall” after funds are collected – The Council gets all “profits”

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DESK

May / June 2015

DUES

Brother's dues for 2015 are now due. We depend on your dues to support our charitable efforts. Any brother having trouble paying his dues can have them waived – please contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We ask you to remember our sick and deceased members and their families in your prayers. Please pray for the following deceased: Samuel Alvine, father of Brother Sam; Mary Barone, mother of Brother Ralph; Emily Westerhaus, mother of Brother Jim; Margaret Harahan, mother of Brother Msgr. Harahan. Remember the following who are ill or battling health conditions: PGK Peter Crichton, PGK Jim Gallo, Brother Bill Walsh and Emily Koubek, daughter of Brother Mike. If you know of any serious illness, hospital admission or death of a member or someone in a member's family (wife, children, mother or father) please notify the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. We depend on you to keep us informed.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

The name drawn for March was Bob Vogt and for April Glenn Murphy. Neither Brother Bob nor Glenn were in attendance, so the pot continues to grow. Attend the monthly business meeting the first Thursday of the month and put \$1 in the pot. Half goes to the winner and half for the Council's relief fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Brothers William Harris and Michael Koubek who made their Second Degree on January 19th, and to William Harris and Carlo Santoro on their Knighthood Degree March 6th. Congratulations to Brothers William Gouveia and John Zarnick on taking the Fourth Degree April 19th.

RAYMOND HALEK AWARD

The annual Dr. Raymond E. Halek award in Mathematics and Science at Oratory Prep was awarded this year to Zachary Friedrich.

SUPPORT A CHILD PROGRAM

The Council helps support three children in countries living in poverty. The most recent child is 8 year old Carlos Lopez from Nicaragua. Our support makes a lasting difference in their lives. Please send your donation to the Financial Secretary with a notation "Support a child." Contact Chairman Bill Harris (908-665-0208) for more information.

RELIEF FUND

Please make a tax free contribution to the Council's relief fund. Remember, charity is the first principle of our order.

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Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 15th of the month

Send your name and email address to djanazzo@comcast.net to begin receiving the newsletter electronically.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS COLUMBIAN YEAR 2015-16

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Respectfully Submitted,
Nominating Committee:
John F. O'Brien, PGK, Frederick C. Cowburn, PGK, Rudolph Ferentchak,
PGK

Other News and Announcements

First and Third Degrees – Union Council

We plan to take groups to Degrees at Union Council during the month of June – First Degree Wednesday, June 3rd and Third Degree Friday, June 12th.

St. Teresa Membership Drive – May 30-31

Council 783 will conduct a membership drive following all masses at St. Teresa of Avila in Summit during the weekend of May 30-31. I think we can all agree that this Council should be more active within the St. Teresa parish. I ask you, and in particular the St. Teresa parishioners, to join me and the officers in recruiting new members and engaging inactive members there. We will set up a table in the plaza in front of the church. The current plan to conduct membership drives at Little Flower and Our Lady of Peace in the fall.

Dues

Speaking for the officers, we have spent hours of our time tracking down members who are delinquent in paying their annual dues. We are asking all members to become current by paying the \$30 annual fee – we are not looking for any back payments. More importantly, we wish for all members to become active within the Council.

In addition, we hope to eliminate the administration burden associated with activities like collection of late dues, so we can concentrate our efforts on the Degrees of the Order, like our charitable works. If you truly no longer wish to be a Knight, you have the right to resign from the Knights of Columbus by email or letter to the Grand Knight.

Brother's Corner

I reserve this space in the Bulletin for you, the members of Council 783. The *Brother's Corner* presents a lighter note, for Knights and their families, contributed by any Council member. Suggested ground rules for submission:

- Brevity--one or two short paragraphs
- Family reading acceptable material
- No controversial political / ideological views
- All submissions are subject to review by the Grand Knight
- Signed submissions are preferred
- Please send your suggestions to the Grand Knight by the deadline date

Martin Niemöller

Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) was a prominent Protestant pastor who emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps.

Niemöller is best remembered for the quotation:

***First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.***

***Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.***

***Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.***

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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