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Subject: 2018 Council Year Accomplishments of 15834

Over the past year, Father Bill Skeeahan Council 15834 has taken on many activities.

The name of our council was changed from Church of The Resurrection to Father Bill Skeeahan, the founding priest of a church who was much revered and cherished for his social justice philosophy and great homilies. Our council can now identify with the culture of our parish.

It seemed like we were always eating. Several meals were sponsored, including: Epiphany Dinner, San Jose Calasanz (Patron of Christian Schools) to mark the opening of the school year, Columbus Day meal, St Patrick's Day Meal (We honored Father Bill Skeeahan at this meal and dedicated his portrait), Valentine's Day Dinner, and Shrove Tuesday Pancake meal in conjunction with our Church's cultural outreach ministry.

Family activities this year included a hayride and soccer challenge.

We support the Church of the Resurrection in many ways, including the parish clean up prior to Easter, Bibles for the RCIA candidates, and financial support for our Seminarian Gabriel Garcia.

The helping needy of our community is a major focus of our council. Every month we go to the local food bank and pick up supplies for our Parish Food Pantry. We then stock the food, help distribute the food, and provide transportation if needed. Our Church supplies a meal to the Day Center for the Homeless every month. Two of those meals are provided by our council, where we purchase the food, prepare the food, and distribute the food to 120 people at the Day Center. Our council manages the Meals on Wheels program for our church.

Right to life is important to our council. We held a Novena for Life over 9 Sunday mornings prior to Lent. During the 40 Days of Life, our council not only devoted time for prayer at the event, but we helped setup and park cars for the opening and closing ceremonies. We sponsored a table at the Go Life Gala and donated another \$100 directly to Go Life.

Religious life and the support of our church were a key focus this year. We were able to conduct a special service around the Silver Rose. We held a men's retreat on a Saturday in Lent, the first retreat of this kind to be held by our church in many years.

As community service programs for the year included volunteering at the Patriot Fest in May. We directed traffic, enrolled cars, and helped with the setup.

The most gratifying part of the year was the growth on Hispanic members in our council. Last year we added five (5) new Hispanic members to our council, we are approaching 25% Hispanic participation in our council, and these men are not the old geezer's of our church, they are the young and interested brothers.

Sadly, we had two Knights pass away last year. Chris York, an active member of our council, and Jim McCusic, a past Knight who was no longer active. Our prayers go out to their families.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Short

Grand Knight