



# Holy Spirit Council 15196

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## Holy Spirit Knight's Quarterly

### A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brothers:

This inaugural edition of our quarterly direct-mail Council 15196 Newsletter is a first step in a broad initiative within our Council to improve internal communications to all of our members.

In September, a small group representing the diversity of our membership, met to review how we are communicating: What we communicate, how we communicate, and what can we do better. Concrete recommendations were received and a comprehensive Communication Plan is being formulated by the Council's officers.

The objectives of the Plan are: To inspire each member to be proud to be a Knight in our Order; to ensure your membership grows in personal value; and together, that we fulfill our role as Knights of Columbus at Holy Spirit and in our community.

I hope you will find this quarterly newsletter a valuable resource for reviewing and proudly proclaiming to all, our recent accomplishments, and for advance planning to actively participate in as many upcoming activities as possible.

**Joshua Boss**  
Grand Knight

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### NEW Holy Spirit Knight's Communications Board in the Batson Center

Our dream is now a reality! The Holy Spirit Knights COMM Board is prominently mounted on the South wall of the Batson Center immediately adjacent to our meeting room 101-102. It is in full view so that everyone in the parish can keep track of the many activities and services our Knight's Council performs for the parish and community.



The right side of the board will contain what you need to know to be an informed and active member. The left side of the board will accent our recent achievements serving to maintain the esteem of our Council among Holy Spirit parishioners and prospective new Brother Knights.

The COMM Board is a centerpiece for our renewed efforts to communicate with you and those we serve.

### Brother Jim Shanks Leads Council's Communications

After championing the communications effort for the 2016 Holy Cow Steak Cook-off and our inaugural Charity Golf Tournament, Brother Jim Shanks has stepped up to the role of Communications Director for our Council. His outreach to local media and others in the community to promote these events was of immense value. Jim also created the Council's **Facebook** page to feature these two successful events and will look to expand its use while guiding the developing Communications Plan.

### Knights Donate Outdoor Stations of the Cross to Holy Spirit Parish



One of the first actions taken by Brother Knight, Father Mike Werkhoven upon his appointment as Pastor at Holy Spirit four years ago, was to install outdoor Stations of the Cross. Some may not know that these stations feature original art produced by Father Mike.

During Stations this past Good Friday, some Knights observed that the years have not been kind to many of the stations which have seriously deteriorated due to weathering. The Holy Spirit Knights set out immediately to research appropriate replacements that would both honor Father Mike's wishes and represent the sanctity of the Stations of the Cross.

Stations produced by Wayside Shrines, Bloomfield, Indiana, were identified and suggested to Father Mike who wholeheartedly approved them. The Stations of the Cross are designed to be richly traditional and consist of exterior grade, weather-resistant porcelain/ceramic. The religious artwork image for each station is recreated from original Italian antique paintings and contained within a rustic Gothic style carved housing made of western red cedar.

The Holy Spirit Knights are proud to donate these wonderful stations to the parish in honor of the legacy created by Brother Knight, Father Mike.

## Looking Back - Accomplishments

- Welcome to new Council members: John Kanne, Joe Talavico, Daniel Crone, Alex Covarrubias, Andrew Smothers.
- Congratulations to Brother Jeff Allen on his advancement to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in our Order.
- David and Edna Guntert hosted our Member Social featuring football tailgating fare and trivia contest on 9/24.
- The Knights supported the parish Youth Group with food and manpower at their first meeting.
- The Knights supported annual parish Tour d' Espirit with 24 hour manpower for parking security.
- The Knights replaced worn metal ash barrels used as part of the Tour d' Espirit event.
- The Knights placed order for new Stations of the Cross, \$5000 in kind contribution to Church of the Holy Spirit.
- The Knights contributed \$1000 sponsor contribution to Denuville Learning Center Charity Golf Tournament.
- The Knights contributed \$500 sponsorship toward annual diocesan Seminarian's Dinner.
- The Knights contributed \$1600 to K of C Charities for Louisiana Flood Victim Relief.
- The Knights hosted "College Night" at Holy Spirit for the Youth Groups and parents from Holy Spirit and other parishes.
- The Knights announced parish-wide "Keep Christ in Christmas" children's poster contest.
- The Knights conducted annual Christmas Florida Fruit Sale.
- The Knights sponsored 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pancake Breakfast returned.
- The Knights 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection of items for Birthright was conducted in October.
- The Knights contributed \$1000 to Birthright of Memphis for their campaign of support for needy families at Christmas.

## Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

- 1/3 Officers and Director Meeting  
Super Bowl Pork Butt Fundraiser begins
- 1/8 **Volunteers Needed** – Pancake Breakfast
- 1/9 BCS College Football Championship Party at COHS - Parishwide
- 1/17 Planned 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification at Holy Spirit  
Council business meeting
- 1/21 **Volunteers Needed** Council Dinner Social
- 1/29-30 **Volunteers Needed** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Birthright Collection
- 1/30 **Volunteers Needed** Youth Group trip to U of M Catholic Youth Center
- 2/7 Officers and Directors Meeting
- 2/12 **Volunteers Needed** Pancake Breakfast
- 2/21 Council Business Meeting
- 2/23 Virtus Training (for Knights not previously trained for interaction with Youth of the Parish)
- 2/28 **Volunteers Needed** Mother's Day Out Fundraiser Dinner

### 2017 HOLY COW Committees Form

- 3/3 **Volunteers Needed** Knights led Stations of the Cross
- 3/7 Officers and Directors Meeting
- 3/12 **Volunteers Needed** Pancake Breakfast
- 3/21 Council Business Meeting

**Your ideas for charitable acts and service are always welcomed.**

**Your prayerful consideration to explore a leadership role in our Council is needed.**

