



Holy Spirit Council 15196

Charity, Unity, Fraternity

Holy Spirit Knight's Quarterly (Edition 2 – March, 2017)

A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brothers:

Welcome to the second edition of your Council newsletter! I hope that you find it helpful in keeping up with dates and activities as well as news in our Council. I love to see every member as involved as they are able and I think that this is a great tool to do so. Thank you to all of our contributors!

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for all that you do for our parish. I think that there has been a misconception that an "active" Knight is one who attends a meeting or makes every event, but that is not the case. Several of you are active as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, in Fishers of Men, Men's Club, Wednesday Night Supper, and the list goes on. These are some of the things that make a brother an active Knight.

For those of you that haven't been to a meeting in a while, please swing by when you can. We always have dinner and fellowship afterwards and what is better than spending time with your fellow brothers.

As always, thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work!

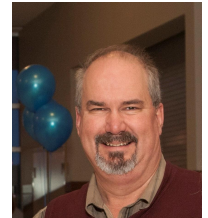
Vivat Jesus,

**Joshua Boss
Grand Knight**

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Brother David Guntert – A Model Holy Spirit Knight

Brother David Guntert, personifies a Holy Spirit Knight of Columbus. From the inception of the Holy Spirit Roundtable, through the formal petitioning process to become a standalone Council, David dedicated countless hours of his own time. He would be the first to humbly admit he couldn't have done it alone, and that many others marched beside him to charter our rare "Centurion Council" (100 members). Still, it was his determination and leadership that inspired us all to realize his vision.



David has never slowed down since! He's served as the Council's first Grand Knight, and as Past Grand Knight, has served two terms as a Council Trustee. He also started the Council's monthly pancake breakfast and lead that event for four years. When the very successful Holy Cow Steak Cookoff idea was first hatched, David again stepped into the lead, and under his direction over six years, the event has flourished. And, oh by the way, David also serves in the role of Faithful Comptroller for the Fourth Degree, Holy Cross Assembly, and is employed full time.

David has certainly set a high bar! Can't we all do a little bit more?

Holy Cow!!!



It's that time of year again. The 6th Annual Holy Cow Steak Cookoff is Saturday, April 22. We all know that it's a giant undertaking to pull this off each year with the planning, coordination and countless volunteer hours. But rather than focus on all that, consider the enormous good this event brings about. The obvious financial return from the steak dinner sales, silent auction and separate donations provide resources for charitable donations for many causes throughout the year. Some of those are recorded on the back of these newsletters. In addition to the Charity, we all experience the Knightly virtues of Unity and Fraternity as we enjoy each other's company when we come together to multiply the benefit of each individual's effort. And, never discount the goodwill your efforts bring within our parish.

K of C Charity Golf Tournament – Benefits Christians Persecuted by ISIS



The continued, rampant persecution of Christians in the Middle East is well documented. Testimony presented to the U.S. Congress in 2015 by Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, helped lead to the Congressional declaration of this persecution as genocide. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$2 million dollars to support Syrian and Iraqi Christians remaining in their homeland and those fleeing this persecution.

The Holy Spirit Knights contributed the proceeds of its first Charity Golf Tournament in 2016, more than \$5000, to Knights of Columbus Charities for this cause. On Friday, May 19, 2017, we will host the 2nd annual Charity Golf Tournament, again to benefit these persecuted Christians. This year, our goal is \$10,000. All of our Knights are asked to participate in the tournament, as golfers or volunteers, and promote contributions and sponsorships toward this worthy cause.

Looking Back - Accomplishments

New Members and Advancements:

- New Council members: Alejandro Natera, William Hargest
- 2nd Degree: Alex Covarrubias, Christopher Esposito, Andrew Smothers
- 3rd Degree: Alex Covarrubias, Don Franceschetti

Programs and Events:

- The Knights co-hosted with the Men's Club, a parish-wide BCS Championship Tailgate Party.
- The Knights awarded cash prizes totaling \$225 to 1st and 2nd place winners in its "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.
- Thanks to Steve Willet and Matt Price for organizing a very successful member social in January.
- The new Knight's Communication Board was installed in the Batson Center.
- Conducted successful Super Bowl Pork Butt and Christmas Fruit campaigns.

Donations:

- Donated \$400 in proceeds from their December Pancake Breakfast to the parish's Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.
- Contributed \$300 as a Gold Sponsor for the parish's Mother's Day Out dinner. Underprivileged families were seated at the sponsored table for the dinner.
- Donated \$600 to St. Benedicts to sponsor an attendee to the National March for Life in Wash, DC.
- Donated \$1500 to the education fund for daughters of a fallen Knight at St. Francis.

Service:

- Prepared and served a meal for the parish Youth Group and others present at the Catholic Student Center at the U of M on 1/29/17.
- Collected goods for Birthright at January 5th Sunday event.

Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

Programs and Events:

- 3/3 Consecration of new Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- 4/18 1st Degree Exemplification
- 4/22 Holy Cow Steak Cookoff
- 5/19 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Volunteers Needed –

- Pancake Breakfast: 3/12, 4/9, 5/7
- Room at the Inn: 3/22
- Holy Spirit Feeds Packaging Event: 4/1
- Holy Cow Steak Cookoff: 4/22
- 5th Sunday Birthright Collection: 4/29-30
- Millington Air Show: 5/13-14

Meetings:

- Officers and Directors: 3/7, 4/4, 5/2
- Council: 3/21, 4/18, 5/16

Council Elections - June

All Knights are asked to prayerfully consider a role as a Director or Officer in our Council. Many current Officers and Directors, as well as key program leaders (Holy Cow, Pancake Breakfast), have served 4-6 years in these roles. The continuity, indeed the future, of the Knights at Holy Spirit depends on a succession of new leaders.

A brief summary of each of these roles will be provided in the next month. Please pray on this and be generous in responding to God's call to serve.

Your ideas for charitable acts and service are always welcomed. Keep your, eyes, ears and hearts open to the needs in our parish.

Remembering our Departed Brothers- May they rest in the peace of Christ: Victor DeBacco (2013), Frank Sampietro (2015), Richard Jensen (2015), Eddie Lindsey (2015), Percy Karnes (2015), Joseph Anderson (2015), Mark Willhite (2016).

