



# Holy Spirit Knights Quarterly

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### Coats for Kids – Warm Hearts

The Holy Spirit Knights participated again this year in the K of C Coats for Kids program to bring warm, new coats to children in need in Memphis and Shelby County. Due to individual donations from some of our Knights, we were able to double the number of coats donated this year.

Coats were distributed October 31 at DeNeuille Learning Center and Catholic Charities in Memphis. Knights representatives Mike Pietrangelo and wife Nina, Mike Heitzman and wife Linda, and Grand Knight Tim McNeive were on hand to present the coats on behalf of the Holy Spirit Council. The pure joy in the eyes of the children receiving coats was indescribable.

### A Knights Tale – Sir Knight Joe Carlson

There are times and people in our lives that define and reaffirm our convictions. As Knights of Columbus, one of those times took place in October this year. In a battle for his life with very aggressive cancer, our brother Joe Carlson, rose above his condition and expressed two wishes. The first was about family, to be granted the gift to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Marie. The second, was to be exemplified in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The first wish is in God's hands and we pray for that and much more. Joe's second wish came true on October 20 at Holy Spirit. Through the personal sacrifice of many Knights, in and outside of our council, brothers all, and the grace of God, Joe stood tall and was welcomed as a Fourth Degree Knight.

### Patriotism in Action

Partisan political views are not promoted within a Knights council, but full exercise of our civic duties is always recommended. Holy Spirit Knight Dino Palazzolo exhibited his patriotism during the recent local election campaign. Dino personally knocked on hundreds of doors encouraging citizens to register and to vote. Yes, he campaigned untiringly for his candidates of choice, but with true Christian spirit, he did it the right way. He promoted the strengths of his favored candidates without "mudslinging" practices that have become all too common. Dino's faith, patriotic spirit, character and integrity earned him our Council's Knight of the Month recognition for October.

### FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

As the calendar turns to a new year, many of us aspire to renewal. We make resolutions, right? I'd like to propose one for us. How about we all recommit ourselves to our families. What that means to each of us may be different. But my guess is we can all step it up a notch.

Statistics indicate that many fathers today consider their primary role as the breadwinner. Have you become a "hunter-gatherer?" Our spouses and children need more. Our world needs more!

How high is the bar of excellence for a father? We need only look to St. Joseph. Sure, those were different times, but the principles are unchanged. In fact, let's take the lead right now and bring our families to mass on December 30 and consecrate ourselves to the Holy Family.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tim McNeive

## Faith in Action

## Looking Back - Accomplishments

### New Members and Advancements:

- New Council members 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: Chuck Lanza
- Shining Armor Award: Nathan Clark
- Fourth Degree: Joe Carlson

### Programs and Events:

- Provided 72 Coats for Kids between DeNeuville Learning Center and Catholic Charities
- Conducted Council Fall Ocktoberfest Social Dinner
- Conducted annual Smoked Pork fund raiser in support of the Holy Cross Assembly
- Conducted Christmas fruit sales fundraiser for the council
- Conducted annual Keep Christ in Christmas children's poster contest
- Conducted Knights family Advent Book Club

### Donations:

- Provided a meal for over 100 at the annual diocesan "Awakening" weekend for campus ministries
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Birthright Goods Collection
- \$1600 donation for hurricane Michael relief
- \$500 sponsorship for Haiti Missions of Memphis
- \$2000 for travel assistance to India for Father Joseph
- \$3000 donation for flood relief in Karala, India
- \$660 donation for K of C Coats for Kids Program
- Provided special pancake breakfast and support for parish Pics with St. Nic celebration
- Provided lunch to participants at Advent Stations of the Incarnation
- Attended mass and provided meal for Swahili speaking congregation served by Father Joseph
- **Service:**
- Hosted Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday
- Provided 24-hour parking lot security for annual Tour d'Esprit walk-run event
- Provided pancake breakfasts to parish on second Sundays each month Sept-Dec
- Conducted College Night program for collegebound youth and parents
- Cleaned, refurbished and inventoried handicap mobility equipment for church

## Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

*Consult your calendars regularly*

### Programs and Events:

- 12/22 Homecoming reception for college students
- 1/19 Knights Winter Dinner Social
- 1/12, 2/5, 12/18 - First Degree (Admission)
- 1/13 Super Bowl Smoked Pork fundraiser begins
- 1/19 Third Degree (Knighthood)
- 2/16 Fourth Degree
- 3/8 Stations of the Cross

### Volunteers Needed –

- 12/22-23 Distribute Holy Family Prayer Cards
- 12/24-25 Distribute Book gifts after masses
- 12/30 Family Consecration to the Holy Family
- 1/7 Parish College Football Tailgate Party
- 1/8, 2/12, Room in The Inn
- 1/20, 2/10, 3/10 Pancake Breakfast
- 3/5 MDO Fundraiser Dinner

### Meetings:

- Officers and Directors: 1/2, 2/5, 12/4
- Council: 1/14, 2/19, 11/20

*Are you ready to receive him? "Before the birth of Jesus, his parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus [today] would they choose... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to Welcome Jesus at Christmas." – St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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**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), Danny Styers (2017), Jim Wright (2017), Emilio Dionisio (2018).