



Holy Spirit Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity

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A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Our Council's Membership Committee, under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Mike Esposito, is firing on all cylinders! The role of the committee includes: new member recruitment, promoting advancement through the degrees of Knighthood, membership retention and awareness of member benefits.

Our recruitment goal is simple: **Be certain every man of our parish over the age of 18 is invited to be a Knight in our Order.**

In early November, we embarked on a campaign to invite fifty-eight identified young men of the parish, ages 18-20, to join us. Another twenty young men we've identified will turn 18 in 2018. Each will be personally invited on his birthday. The reception thus far has been great!

In order to ensure the best possible welcome for our new members, we've revived the "Sponsor's Pledge" and the "Shining Armor Award". The pledge is a promise by a candidate's sponsor to walk with the new Knight through the first year so that he will experience the full flavor of our Brotherhood. The Shining Armor Award criteria include guidelines for first year participation and advancement.

Congratulations to Brother Mike and his team: Stan Schulz (Recruitment), David Guntert (Advancement), Mike Heitzman (Retention), Ed Brucker (Benefits).

Vivat Jesus,

Tim McNeive
Grand Knight



A "FOCUS" on Youth

Meet David Purcell and Jack Delac. They are among the newest members of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus. At 23 and 24 years of age, respectively, they represent a new youthful spirit at work in our Council.

David and Jack are fulltime Catholic missionaries for FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, in residence at the University of Memphis. They serve at both the U of M and Rhodes College campuses. The FOCUS Approach is to "win the hearts of students, build them in the faith, and send them out into the world." Learn more about FOCUS at Focus.org.

Each year, Holy Spirit parish sends dozens of our young men and women to college campuses, near and far. As parents, we've hopefully instilled in them a sound foundation in faith, but we know well how fragile we all are and how college campuses today breed secular lifestyles. The Holy Spirit Knights are pioneering with FOCUS locally to help lead our young adults to a strong campus faith community with the hope of having them returned to our parish as strong, faith-filled and active members of the Catholic church.

Coats for Kids - Bright Hearts, Warm Bodies



The young children of clients at the DeNeuville Learning Center in Memphis were treated to new winter coats by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus as part of the K of C Coats for Kids Program.

GK Tim McNeive and DGK Mike Heitzman presented the coats to the children and were overwhelmed by the joy on the kid's faces.

DeNeuville Learning Center provides language and high school equivalency education for more than 300 women each year. The Holy Spirit Knights are among the sponsors of the DLC Annual Charity Golf Tournament and many of our Knights are regular donor participants.

Knights Support "Pics with St. Nicholas" at Holy Spirit



Our own Brother Knight Tom Miller, and #1 Elf, wife Marjorie, helped set the right mood for a very successful "Pics with St. Nicholas" festival. The event, organized by the Evangelization Team at Holy Spirit on Saturday, December 2, featured a wide variety of fun for the more than 70 children in attendance. And of course, everyone got their picture taken with St. Nic.

The Knights' pancake breakfast crew cooked up a breakfast of pancakes in the shapes of snowflakes, Santa Claus and gingerbread men. The children were able to then decorate their pancakes them with a variety of edible confections.

Looking Back - Accomplishments

New Members and Advancements:

- New Council members 1st Degree: Nathan Clark, Jack Delac, David Purcell, Ed Lyles, Anthony Pickard, Jonathon Kiestler, Daniel Prate, Michael Foppiano
- 2nd Degree: Ray Quiles, Greg Carrico, Paul Smothers
- 3rd Degree: Ray Quiles, Paul Smothers

Programs and Events:

- Hosted Men's Health-Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday
- Participated in Life Chain event for Right to Life advocacy
- Completed annual Christmas Florida Fruit fundraiser.
- Hosted monthly parish pancake breakfasts for parish fellowship
- Conducted successful Keep Christ in Christmas children's poster contest

Donations:

- \$1000 Sponsorship and many Knights played and contributed at DeNueville Learning Center Charity Golf Tournament.
- K of C Coats for Kids: Donated 24 new winter coats to children of clients at the DeNueville Learning Center
- Donated wine and service for 50th Anniversary as a priest for former pastor Msgr. Kirk.
- \$250 for snacks for children in after school program during 2017-2018 at Resurrection School
- Collected and donated goods for Birthright at October 28-29 5th Sunday event

Service:

- Provided parking security and many Knights volunteered in other areas of the annual Tour D' Espirit 24-hour walk run event benefiting Haiti Missions of Memphis
- Knights participated and prayed for the success of the Fall 40 Days for Life international campaign.
- Provided breakfast and support for parish "Pics with St. Nic" children's program

Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

Programs and Events:

- Holy Cow Planning Committee Meetings Begin
- 1/8 College Football Playoff Championship Tailgate Party
- 1/14 Super Bowl Pork Butt Sale Begins
- 1/20 Knights Winter Dinner Social
- 2/10 Fourth Degree Exemplification

Volunteers Needed –

- 1/14, 2/11, 3/11 Pancake Breakfast
- 2/13 Mother's Day Out Fundraiser Dinner
- 2/14 – 3/25 40 Days For Life Campaign begins
- 3/2 – 3/3 Holy Spirit Feeds Packaging Event Date to Be Determined – Knights lead Friday Stations of the Cross

Meetings:

- Officers and Directors: 1/2, 2/6, 3/6
- Council: 1/16, 2/20, 3/20

How to Build a Culture of Life - Missionary Discipleship:

"Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

"A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."

– USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization

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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).

