



# Holy Spirit Council

## Charity, Unity, Fraternity

### Holy Spirit Knight's Quarterly (Edition 6 – March, 2018)

#### A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

##### **It's about time!**

*Our time is the personal resource we all seem to value most. Our time is limited. None of us knows how much we will have in a lifetime. Every minute is a gift from God. It's a vain, proud man who believes he is entitled to tomorrows.*

*C.S. Lewis wrote that "God created humans part spirit and part animal. As spirits we belong to the **eternal** world, as animals, we **inhabit time**." Yet, despite the obvious, eternity vs. 80-90 years on earth (if we're lucky), we invest and protect an inordinate amount of our precious time in worldly pursuits, risking the eternity God has promised and Jesus died to secure for us. And, by our example, we train our children to follow this same perilous path.*

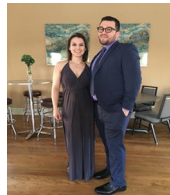
*I want to encourage us all to take the lead in our families and assess how much time we invest nourishing our spirit, in the **eternal pursuit**.*

*The charitable activities of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus nourish your spirit and the fraternity of our brotherhood strengthens your resolve and holds you accountable. Invite your family to participate with you. I encourage you to recommend more family friendly Knights activities.*

##### **Isn't it about time?**

Vivat Jesus,  
**Tim McNeive**  
Grand Knight

Our Holy Spirit Knights, 150 strong, range from 18 to 93 years of age. Of course, age is relative. More impressive is the spectrum of life's stages represented and its amazing diversity. Below you will meet three of our brothers. Hopefully you will be inspired by their stories.

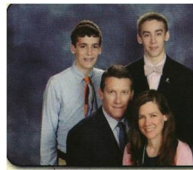


##### **Ed Lyles and Family**

Ed Lyles and his family represent the youth of our Council. When asked why he joined the Holy Spirit Knights, Ed says he had been looking for ways to connect more closely with our parish and its men. He believes men need to take a more active role in parish life, and the Knights are a great way.

Since joining the Knights, Ed says he has grown in his love for the Holy Spirit parish and found it easier to encourage others in their faith.

The next time you hear someone say "I don't have enough time to join and participate in the Knights of Columbus," refer to Ed and his young family, wife Brittany and their five young children.



##### **Brian Marie and Family**

Brian and Ann Marie represent another group of our members, those who are experiencing one of life's "transitions," almost "empty nesters". This is usually characterized by a joy in the accomplishment of successful child rearing and anticipation

of more discretionary time together.

Brian, Ann and their boys Michael and Ian, have always been very active in their parish life. Brian's work life is still very busy, but Brian has always found time to participate and even lead. When life is in transition, it's a good time to reassess our priorities and how we invest our time.



##### **Mike Heitzman and Family**

Mike and Linda Heitzman represent "the elders" of our Council (that's a good thing). With adult children, and after a distinguished, entrepreneurial career, Mike and Linda are enjoying retirement and grandparenting. Mike is also our

Deputy Grand Knight.

Mike says that being a Knight is his way to make his life more Christ-centric. He chooses to spend his time with good, charitable men who provide a venue to living as a Catholic gentleman. He finds it both a pleasure and a privilege to share the same faith-directed journey.

Mike initiated and leads our Council's annual charity golf tournament which has, in only two years, contributed more than \$8000 to benefit persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Mike and Linda have always been active in the Memphis Catholic community including advocacy and support of the DeNeuille Learning Center and the Sisters of Charity. In retirement, they are both doubling down on the time they commit to charitable works.

## Looking Back - Accomplishments

### New Members and Advancements:

- New Council members 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: Father Ajesh Joseph, Jonathon Kagoo, Stuart Cook, Joseph Angelillo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree: Joe Carlson, Juan Kindelan, Father Ajesh Joseph, Ed Lyles, Stuart Cook, Daniel Prate, Jim Prate, Jonathon Kiestler, Nathan Clark.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Ray Quiles, Paul Smothers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Ray Quiles, Joe Talarico

### Programs and Events:

- Hosted parish College Football Championship tailgate party.
- Enjoyed "Southern Knights" dinner social hosted by the Mike and Linda Heitzman.
- Conducted very successful Super Bowl pork butt sale fundraiser.
- Hosted monthly parish pancake breakfasts for parish fellowship
- Celebrate Marriage Renewal weekend with roses for the ladies and heart shaped pancakes for breakfast.

### Donations:

- \$300 Gold Sponsorship in support of Mother's Day Out fundraiser.
- \$800 Purchased 6 new round tables for the Batson Center.
- \$500 Sponsorship for Brother Joseph Angelillo's mission trip with FOCUS to the Dominican Republic.
- \$500 Sponsorship for K of C State Council Seminarian's Charity Golf Tournament.

### Service:

- Participated and prayed during Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign.
- Provided servers at annual MDO Mardi Gras Fundraiser dinner.
- Provided roses for Sisters of Charity for St. Valentine's Day.
- Help lead Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross.
- Strong family participation at Holy Spirit Feeds.

## Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

### Programs and Events:

Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent  
3/30 Lead Stations on Good Friday 3:00PM  
4/4 Memorial Mass for MLK at St. Peters  
4/12 Holy Cow Rally Party (Couples)  
4/21 Holy Cow  
5/11 Bishop's Open Golf Tournament  
5/15 Council Officer Elections  
5/18 Council Golf Tournament – Benefiting Persecuted Christians in the Middle East  
6/23 Knights Dinner Social

### Volunteers Needed –

4/8, 5/6, 6/10 Pancake Breakfast  
4/21 Holy Cow (all hands on deck)  
4/28-29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Birthright Collection  
5/18 Council Golf Tournament

### Meetings:

Officers and Directors: 4/3, 5/1, 6/5  
Council: 4/17, 5/15, 6/19  
Annual Planning: 5/22  
Semi-Annual Audit: 6/23

*"The door to healing is humility. For men in particular, entering the unknown waters of emotional vulnerability, so necessary for healing, calls for a different kind of courage that feels deceptively like weakness."*

*"Jesus proclaimed, "I am the vine you are the branches (John 15:5)." To bear the greatest fruit, the branches must be pruned. Each level of pruning requires a deeper level of humility so that we can abandon ourselves to His will".*

– Author unknown

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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).