



Holy Spirit Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity

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A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Take the Next Step

We're nearing completion of our fraternal year, our 7th as the Holy Spirit Council, and my 1st as your Grand Knight. What a great year it has been!

We've all heard that "every journey begins with a first step." Our Catholic teachings tell us that reaching journey's end, the salvation of our souls, requires perseverance and a strong will to continue, to grow. It is a weakness in our human nature to pause too long to revel in our achievements or lament our shortcomings, to hesitate to take the next step.

The good news is that we don't have to rely solely on our own strength or resolve. The "Unity" of our brotherhood not only lightens our load, but it magnifies and multiplies the results of our efforts.

"Endurance" and "perseverance" are words that imply a burden. But this need not be so. The "Fraternity" of our brotherhood brings Joy to our efforts. The essence of true friendship is openness, encouragement, support and holding each other accountable. All of these lighten life's burden.

As we enter our new fraternal year, I challenge each of us to "Take the Next Step" as a Knight of Columbus and joyfully engage the strength of our Unity and Fraternity in pursuit of our common journey's end.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim McNeive
Grand Knight



Pancakes and More! – Serving Our Parish

The monthly pancake breakfast served by the Holy Spirit Knights is a staple of fellowship for our parish community. The succession of leaders for this activity over seven years and the dedicated crew that supports it are a model in service, unity and fraternity.

Relying solely on donations, the breakfast has always been considered as a revenue neutral activity for our Council. Any net proceeds accrued from the 10 monthly breakfasts each year benefit parish ministries such as the Food Pantry and Youth Group. Its rewarding to hear comments from the parishioners who clearly see our joy in serving and the camaraderie among our brothers.



Charity Golf Tournament – Serving Our World

The serious plight of ancient Christian communities in Syria and Iraq suffering persecution, genocide, at the hands of ISIS was the cause for the Holy Spirit Knights to host its first charity golf tournament in 2016. Today, after effective eradication of ISIS,

the news media no longer carry regular reports.

Knights of Columbus Charities however, has not abandoned those affected communities to resettle and rebuild on their own. Our Holy Spirit Knights are also continuing to do our part with a campaign of awareness and fundraising. A big thanks to our Knights and many spouses and family members who have raised \$15 thousand through this annual tournament.



Holy Cow Steak Cook-Off – Serving Many

Fun, Fellowship, Food – The perfect ingredients for any successful event. For seven-years running, the Holy Cow Steak Cook-Off competition has been that and more. Charity manifests itself as works, prayer and money.

A great entertainment value for those that attend, the money raised from Holy Cow each year is used to fill a wide variety of Holy Spirit parish and local community needs.

Our Council has been blessed with a succession of leaders and "all-hands-on-deck" volunteers that make Holy Cow happen. New minds and ideas are always welcomed to ensure continuing success.

Special thanks to our spouses, children and friends who pitch in. It is family fun for all!

"...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." – Matthew 5:16

Looking Back - Accomplishments

New Members and Advancements:

- New Council members 1st Degree: Connor Anderson, Anthony Nonocchio, Joseph Orgeron
- New Council members-Transfers: Chris Brooks, Matt Harland, Kevin Kursonis
- 3rd Degree: Joe Carlson, Nathan Clark, Father Ajesh Joseph, Juan Kindelan

Programs and Events:

- Supported Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- Supported Diocesan 50th Anniversary MLK Commemoration march
- Hosted monthly parish pancake breakfasts for parish fellowship
- Hosted 7th Annual Holy Cow Steak Cookoff fundraiser
- Honored by K of C Tennessee State Council with State Deputy, District Deputy and Membership Awards. Also awarded Council Program of the Year Award (among 95 State Councils) for Member Career Assistance Program.
- Conducted 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit persecuted Christians in the Middle-East \$7000 raised.

Donations:

- 5th Sunday Birthright Goods Collection
- \$800 Sponsorship in support of Birthright of Memphis fundraiser dinner.
- \$3000 contribution toward purchase of a car for Father Joseph.
- \$500 Matching Donation to Fishers of Men for Men's Morning of Spirituality sponsorship.
- \$1000 donation for scholarships to Summer Youth Service Camp.

Service:

- Participated and helped lead the annual parish Pentecost Family Picnic
- Provided meal and hosted Youth Group on trip to Catholic Student Center at U of M.
- Moved previously installed wheelchair ramp for a family in the community.

Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

Consult your calendars regularly

Programs and Events:

6/23 Knights Dinner Social
7/10, 8/11, 9/18 First Degree (Admission)
7/27 Annual Diocesan Seminarian's Benefit Dinner
7/28 Council Officer Installation
8/10 Annual Father McGivney Birthday Celebration
8/12 Labor Day Pork Butt Sale Begins
9/1 Presentation of the Silver Rose – 8AM Mass followed by the Rosary

Volunteers Needed –

7/28-29 5th Sunday Birthright Collection
9/10 Pancake Breakfast Returns

Meetings:

Officers and Directors: 7/10, 8/7, 9/4
Council: 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/1
Semi-Annual Audit: 8/11

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
-1 Peter 4:10*

"Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you shall receive it and it shall be yours.

*When you stand to pray, forgive anyone for which you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."
- Mark 11:24-25*

Pray that we may have more hopeful hearts.

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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).