



# Council Matters



Saint Jude Council 6551

Fall 2010 Newsletter

## Calling All Brother Knights

As your new Grand Knight, I am humbled by the leadership and dedication of those that have gone before me. On behalf of the Council, I thank Gary Strain for his leadership and tireless efforts to move our Council forward over the last few years. I also thank the new officers and trustees for their willingness to “help carry the wood” as we work to build our Council into an organization we can all be proud of. Like all organizations, the more active members we have, the more good work we can do. Rev. Msgr. Marucci has challenged the St. Andrew’s Parish, in the spirit of stewardship, to dedicate themselves to actively participate in a ministry for one year. If all of our members were to renew their relationship with the Knights and become active again this year, we could accomplish incredible feats and make St. Jude’s Council something we can point to with pride as we acknowledge our membership. This would also satisfy Monsignor’s stewardship challenge for St. Andrew’s parishioners.

Your Suggestions are always welcomed... along with a willingness to help see the projects through. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday’s at St. Andrew’s parish hall at 8:00 PM. If your work schedule prohibits your attendance at meetings, become active through our projects and activities. While meetings are necessary for planning and conducting the business of the council, the real action is in the activities and projects. Come join us.

### E-Mail Addresses Needed.

If you have not been receiving my email messages over the last 12 weeks, I don’t have your email address! Like all organizations, we would like to move away from snail mail as much as possible. Meeting announcements, activity announcements, and special information can reach you faster with email. *Please send your email address to: [j.a.brennan@comcast.net](mailto:j.a.brennan@comcast.net).*

### Degrees

A significant number of our members have not completed their journey to the third degree. Each degree ceremony provides an opportunity to renew your relationship with God and the Knights. The lessons of these degrees, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the cornerstones of our Order. Our District provides a number of dates for these degrees. Anyone interested, please contact me for details. If anyone is interested in taking the Fourth Degree, please contact Joe Turt or me.

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## Council Activities

**Roses for Baptism** – Osvaldo Agrait-Ruiz lead the Roses for Baptism program for the last 3 years. Osvaldo has presented roses to more than 60 mothers of children baptized at St. Andrew’s just in the last year. The moms continue to be both surprised and grateful for this kind gesture. Thanks to Osvaldo for his dedication and work with this program. Unfortunately, Osvaldo has moved and can no longer lead

this project and we are in need of volunteers to handle the project for 2 or 3 month periods. Baptisms are on the first and third Sundays. The project involves buying the roses at a convenient retailer and dropping them off at St. Andrew's church. We have volunteers through September 2011 but we need coverage for the balance of 2011. If you can help, please contact Jim Brennan at: j.a.brennan@comcast.net.

**Hoagie Sale** - In November, we had a hoagie sale to raise money to replenish our charity funds. This was a fun day with great weather that became a father-son event. Ray Rossignol, Mike Cruz and Greg Malera brought their sons and taught them the fine skills of selling hoagies on Rte. 561. Ben Vasta, Joe Turt and Lance Beden also worked hard to make the event a success. Gary Tanner contributed by taking the unsold sandwiches to homeless shelters in Camden.

**Refreshments after Mass** – On Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored refreshments after the 10 am Mass at St. Andrews. It was a beautiful Fall day and we drew a good crowd. This is a terrific way to raise our visibility in the parish, especially when the men wore their new St. Jude Council shirts.

**Other Fall Activities** – Joe Turt has collected 87 pair of eyeglasses for the Eyes for the Needy Program. Thanks to Joe for your efforts. We also made a cash contribution to the Bancroft School.

### Upcoming Events

**Breakfast with Santa** - Our annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30AM and 10:00AM Masses at St. Andrew the Apostle. Galaxy Youth Group will be on hand to do crafts with the kids. *We do need your help and support for this event. Cooks, kitchen help, food runners and servers are needed. Please volunteer to help with this terrific event.*

**Other December Activities** – Our December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a social meeting at the St. Andrew's Parish Center at 8pm. We are inviting all those who have signed up for the Knights of Columbus as their stewardship commitment at St. Andrew's to come for refreshments and meet with our members to learn the many benefits of membership. All members are welcome. If you haven't been to a meeting for awhile, this is a great time to come a get re-acquainted.

**Free Throw Contest** – We will once again partner with Arch Angel Council #7429 to sponsor a free throw contest. This will be scheduled in January. Details will be available soon.

### From the Financial Secretary

Brothers, as you know our many good works are dependent not only on our few fundraisers but also on the annual dues assessed each member. Like other organizations, the state and national levels of the Knights also share in our individual annual dues to support their worthwhile programs. We are responsible for this level of financial commitment to the state and national chapters regardless of how many or how few local members pay their dues. So, as we look towards the new year, 2011, I ask you to remain loyal to your dues responsibility and respond to the invoices soon to go out as soon as you can in the new year. Thanks.

Ben Vasta

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# Hoagie Sale

November 13, 2010



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