



# Council Matters

**Saint Jude Council 6551**

*Fall / Winter 2012 Newsletter*



**Calling All Brother Knights – Participate in Winter / Spring 2013 Activities**

## Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

I am pleased to report that our Worthy Chaplain, Monsignor Marucci, has recovered from surgery and is back on the job as Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. If you attended the Jubilate Deo Celtic Christmas Concert at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, you witnessed first-hand that Monsignor Marucci is back in full form. In his role as the Executive Director of the orchestra and chorale, he led them in a magnificent performance.

I am also pleased to announce that our Council continues to grow. We currently have 10 candidates awaiting their First Degree. We also have 6 candidates awaiting the Second Degree and 5 awaiting the Third Degree. It is heartwarming to see our Council attract new members who want to advance their position in the K of C and serve our parish and community.

We were very fortunate to have an Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon on display in our parish chapel for a week in December. This Icon was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI and contains a relic. Many of our parishioners visited the Icon to pray to Our Blessed Mother for intercessions and blessings. Among her many titles, she will always be Mary, Queen of the Knights.

Our new Fall fundraisers, the Christmas Magnet Sale and the Thanksgiving Pie Sale, were very successful. The proceeds have enabled us to expand our Christmas support of needy families.

The men of our Council always impress me with their charity. For example, a Brother Knight from Vineland had a house fire that was a total loss. He is married with two young children. Our Council voted to donate \$100 from our charitable funds. Then, our members took out their checkbooks and made personal donations of \$400. This is the spirit upon which the Knights of Columbus was founded. Charity is the first principle of our Order.

Our Free Throw Competition will be held in partnership with Archangel Council on January 19<sup>th</sup> in the St. Simon Stock Parish Gym from 9am to noon. Please email Event Chairman Gary Strain at [gjstrain96@aol.com](mailto:gjstrain96@aol.com), with a copy to me at [j.a.brennan@comcast.net](mailto:j.a.brennan@comcast.net), if you can assist with this event.

Brothers, YOUR Council has become very active and presents you with an opportunity to participate and enjoy the camaraderie of working with other Catholic men. As you ponder your New Year's resolutions, may I suggest that you consider increasing your participation in the Knights. Make a resolution to attend a minimum of 4 meetings per year, just 1 each quarter. Also, make a resolution to participate in at least 2 Council activities in 2013.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Brennan

## E-Mail Addresses Needed

If you have not been receiving **Grand Knight** E-mail messages, we don't have your e-mail address!

Like all organizations, we would like to move away from snail mail and related postage costs as much as possible. Money saved from postage can be used to expand our charitable work. Meeting announcements, activity announcements, and special information can reach you faster with e-mail. **Please send your email address to:** [j.a.brennan@comcast.net](mailto:j.a.brennan@comcast.net).

## Shining Armor Awards

The **Knights of Columbus** organization recognizes outstanding new members with the **Shining Armor Award**. A new **Brother Knight** is eligible for this award by completing the following requirements during their first year of membership:

- Worked on 3 Council service programs
- Attended at least 3 Council business meetings
- Received the Third Degree
- Met with the Council Insurance Field Agent
- Recruited one new member

Congratulations again to **Chris Benz, Steve Mignogna, Newt Schoener, Rich Smyth** and **Tim Whelihan** for receiving the **Shining Armor Award** for the year **2011 - 2012**.

## Upcoming Events

Our future success depends directly on you. Come to our meetings on the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** **Thursdays** at **7:30 PM** in the **Classroom Area** of **Saint Andrew's Parish Hall**.

During the **Winter** and **Spring** of **2013**, we plan to do the following:

- Support for Degree Events – TBD

- Free Throw Competition, Saturday, 1/19/2013
- Soup for Stations - Fridays during Lent, 2/15/2013, 2/22/2013, 3/1/2013, 3/8/2013, 3/15/2013, 3/22/2013 but not Good Friday, 3/29/2013
- Easter Egg Hunt with Galaxy - 3/30/2013
- Membership Blitz Weekend of 4/20/2013 and 4/21/2013
- Serve Refreshments after Holy Mass – Next one is 4/21/2013
- Hoagie Sale, 5/11/2013
- Coach Purse Raffle, TBD but aimed for draw before Mother's Day, Sunday, 5/12/2013
- Collect Eye Glasses for the Needy – As available

## Internet – Web Pages @

<http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm>

**Portable Document Format (PDF)** files of this issue of **Council Matters** and some past issues have links on <http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm> with links to additional information about this council and the **Knights of Columbus**.

**PDF** files require use of the **FREE Adobe Acrobat Reader** downloaded using the link on the above web pages.

## Event Photo Pages @

<http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm>

In the effort to find more photographs for this newsletter we have tapped into some sources of photographs that show **Brother Knights** in action.

Now we have too many **Event Photos** and therefore developed some **Event Photo Pages** which will be updated and posted with page links at the bottom of the web page <http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm>.

Links to these pages will be inserted in this and future issues to guide readers to the specific **Event Photos**.

### From the Financial Secretary

Dues paid by Council members help underwrite our charitable activities, as well as our activities in support of the Church and the youth of the Parish. Your dues statement will be mailed separately. Please look for it. You can pay your dues at any of our meetings or you can mail them to **Ben Vasta**. Upon receipt of your dues your membership card will be mailed to you.

I mentioned in our last newsletter that we are assessed each year by Supreme Council and the NJ State Council to help underwrite their

charitable activities. We are required to remit for each member on our roster regardless of whether that member has paid his dues. Therefore, when a member does not pay his dues, he reduces the amount of money available to the Council for charitable acts. Some members have not paid their dues in a number of years. We appreciate the efforts of those brothers in arrears to become current.

Please remember if you are experiencing financial difficulties that prevent you from paying what you owe in past or future dues, please contact me.

God Bless,

**Ben Vasta** (856-627-2916)  
([doctorvasta@gmail.com](mailto:doctorvasta@gmail.com))

### Community Flea Market – 9/29/2012

On **Saturday, 29 September 2012**, **Brother Knights** from **Saint Jude Council 6551** assisted with the parking for the **Saint Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church Community Flea Market**.

The event was supposed to start at **9 AM** and run until **2 PM**. The time for Brother Knights to arrive was initially set for **8:30 AM** but changed to **8 AM** at the **9/27/2012** meeting.

Thank God! **Joe Turt** got there around **7 AM** and others arrived before **8 AM** as there was chaos developing very early on.

It was a surprise to most of the **Brother Knights** that so many vendors showed up so early.

**Josie** and her team had allocated more than **50** slots outside and **20** slots inside.

The team organized by **Josie** had great maps for the vendor slots outside and inside prepared.

As soon as the **Brother Knights** got oriented to the maps, the new arriving vehicles were properly guided to their slots or to appropriate parking areas and everyone seemed to be getting set up for the flea market.

Most of the vendor slots were occupied and active before **9 AM**.

**Father Allen Lovell** came around before **8:30**



**AM Holy Mass** and blessed those present and the area with **Holy Water**.

Pictured above are **Brother Knights Gary Strain, John Daddario, Joe Turt, Marty Pinizzotto, Eric Erikson, Rich Smyth, Tom Mullen**, and **Keith Werner** with **Josie** in front.

For additional pictures please go to: <http://pfmc.info/2012-9-29FleaMarket.pdf>.

## Circus – 9/29/2012

**Shane's Castle Council 7463** has worked with other local **Knights of Columbus (KofC) Councils** from **Hammonton** to **Gibbsboro** for years to sponsor an annual circus for mentally and physically challenged people from **South Jersey**.

This year the **Zerbini Circus** performed shows at **2 PM** and **6 PM** on the grounds of **Saint Anthony Church of Christ the Redeemer Parish** adjacent to the **Waterford Christian Men's Association (WCMA) Hall** used by **Shane's Castle Council 7463** and **Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly 2021**.

**Sir Knight Keith Werner**, a transfer from **Shane's Castle Council 7463** to **Saint Jude Council 6551**, represented the latter at the circus. He was happy to meet up with **Brother**



**Knights** from other councils he has worked with over many years. He is shown in the picture above waiting for a funnel cake to take home to his wife **Kathleen**.

More pictures are available at <http://pfmc.info/2012-9-29Circus.pdf>.

## Chicken BBQ – 9/30/2012

The **Brother Knights of Saint Jude Council 6551** were asked to support the **Chicken BBQ** on **Sunday, 9/30/2012**.

Under the leadership of **Sir Knight Joe Turt**, they procured the chicken, brought and set up the grill, pre-cooked chicken in the kitchen, and then grilled chicken for all to enjoy.



Pictured at right are **Bill Maffucci**, **Sam Parry** and **Jamie Luscombe** watching **Gary Strain** grilling chicken.

Pictured at left are **Joe Turt** and **Ray Rossignol** at the end of the grilling day, tired, but happy with success.

For additional pictures see: <http://pfmc.info/2012-9-30ChickenBBQ.pdf>.

## Hoagie Sale – 10/13/2012

Originally scheduled for **Saturday, 10/6/2013**, we thought we might have to cancel for the fall but **Tom Mullen** used his **American Legion** membership in **Iowa** to help with the arrangements for the sale on **Saturday, 10/13/2012**.

Thanks to all the **Brother Knights** for helping make another **Hoagie Sale** a success with all the hoagies gone by about **1 PM**.

**Tom Mullen** is shown at right in the **Hoagie Sale** pose.

This picture is also available at <http://pfmc.info/2012-10-13HoagieSale.pdf>.



## Pot Luck Dinner – 10/20/2012

Although the **Pot Luck Dinner, 10/20/2012** was not a **Knights of Columbus** event, many of our **Saint Judes Council 6551 Brother Knights** brought their families out to enjoy this night of enjoying **Pot Luck Dinner** together.



In the picture on the left are **Marty Pinnizzotto** and **Gil Scutti** at the **Wine Bar**.

In the picture on the right are **Sam Parry** and his son at the serving table.

For more pictures see: <http://pfmc.info/2012-10-20PotLuck.pdf>.

## Trunk or Treat Night – 10/26/2012

Although the **Trunk or Treat Night, 10/26/2012** was not a **Knights of Columbus** event, many of our **Saint Judes Council 6551 Brother Knights** brought their families out to enjoy this night of safely showing **Halloween** costumes to a number of other families.

In the picture at right are **Rudy Rotter** and his family.

For additional pictures visit:  
<http://pfmc.info/2012-10-26TrunkorTreat.pdf>.



## 2012 Holiday Fund Raisers

The **Brother Knights** from **Saint Jude Council 6551** decided during the summer of **2012** to purchase **400 “Keep Christ in Christmas”** magnets as a holiday fund raiser. As the fall approached, **Grand Knight Jim Brennan** proposed a **Thanksgiving Pie Sale** and approached several other ministries in the parish to participate. **Galaxy Youth Group, Little Angels,** and **Religious Education** agreed to participate.

The **“Keep Christ in Christmas”** magnets started selling on the weekend of **10/20/2012** and **10/21/2012**. More than **230** units were sold that weekend with the help of **Rudy Rotter** and two of his sons. This number of units sold covered the initial cost of all **400**. The rest of the sales now go completely to fund raising for **Holiday Needs**. In the picture at right are **Rudy Rotter**, his sons, **Rich Smyth** and **Chris Benz**.



The **“Keep Christ in Christmas” Magnet** sale continues into **Advent** with **Magnets** available from individual **Brother Knights**, in the **Parish Office**, and at other **Knight Events** such as the **Thanksgiving Pie Sale** which was finalized at all **Holy Masses** during the weekend of **11/10/2012** and **11/11/2012**. In the picture at right are **Joe Turt**, **Marty Pinizzotto**, and **Jim Brennan**.

Almost **200** pies were ordered from **Springdale Farms** on **11/12/2012**. They were picked up and made available to purchasers in the **Parish Hall** from about **11 AM** to about **7:30 PM** on the **Tuesday** before Thanksgiving, **11/20/2012**. From all reports they were delicious and well worth the **\$15** cost about a **1/4** of which went to support participating ministries. This effort will be repeated next year.



For additional pictures see: <http://pfmc.info/2012-10-26HolidayFundRaisers.pdf>.

## Breakfast with Santa – 12/9/2012

The **Brother Knights** from **Saint Jude Council 6551** annually host a **Breakfast with Santa** in the **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall** after the **Sunday 8:30 AM** and **10 AM** celebrations of **Holy Mass**. This year the **Breakfast with Santa** was held on **Sunday, 12/9/2012**, in conjunction with **Galaxy Youth Group** doing arts and crafts and the **Youth Choir** singing at **11 AM**. **Santa** was joined by the **Christmas Grinch**. They both handed out candy and posed for pictures. Professional pictures with **Santa** were made available by **Lance Beden** [lancebeden@gmail.com](mailto:lancebeden@gmail.com).

The **Brother Knights** assisting this effort were: **Jim Brennan, Joe Turt, Ben Vasta, Gary Tanner, Ray Rossignol, Sam Parry, Chris Benz, Jamie Luscombe, Rich Smyth, Keith Werner, Newt Schoener, Bill Maffucci, Gary Strain, Steve Parker, Lance Beden, Tim Whelihan, Rich Buccichio, Marty Pinizzotto, Dan Worstall, Ed Garruto, Joe Antinori, Tony Peseller, Tom Mullen, Greg Melara, Bill Harris, Eric Erickson, Gil Scutti, Joe Cavallo, Joe Lovallo, Tom Booth, and John Daddario.**



Pictured above from left to right are: **Rich Smyth, Greg Melara, Rich Buchiccio, Tom Mullen, Ray Rossignol, Sam Parry, Bill Harris, Ben Vasta, Jamie Luscombe, Jim Brennan, John Daddario, Lance Beden, Santa (Newt Shoener), The Grinch (Bill Maffucci), Marty Pinizzotto, Ed Garruto, Tim Whelihan, Tony Peseller, and Dan Worstall.**

Many of the **Brother Knights** went to **11:30 AM Holy Mass** as they had been there for set up since around **7 AM**.

As **Knights of Columbus, Saint Jude Council 6551** grows in membership, the turnout for **Brother Knights** at events such as this becomes greater and is such a pleasure to see everyone pitch in and enjoy the **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**.

For additional pictures see: <http://pfmc.info/2012-12-9BreakfastSanta.pdf>.