



# Council Matters

**Saint Jude Council 6551**  
*Spring / Summer 2012 Newsletter*



## Calling All Brother Knights – Participate Fall-Winter 2012 Activities

### Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

I am thrilled to report that the **Columbian Year** ending **June 30, 2012** was an incredible year for our Council. We earned **Supreme's Double Star Award** for exceeding our membership and insurance goals by over **200%**. We added 15 new members to our Council and had 8 current Knights transferred into our Council.

We also scored a trifecta in **State Council** awards. Based on our recommendations, **Monsignor Marucci** was named **Chaplain of the Year** for the State, **Frances Mann** of Saint Andrew's was named **CCD Teacher of the Year** for the State and **Rob Parry**, son of **Brother Knight Sam Parry**, received the **K of C NJ State Scholarship**.

For the first time ever, we had **5 Brothers** earn the **Shining Armor Award** (see the details in a separate article in this newsletter).

During the year, we added a significant number of new activities:

- Assisted with parking and ushering at the special Christmas Eve Mass
- Bought 2 cases of winter coats for needy children
- Bought CD players for Little Angels Academy classrooms

- Partnered with Galaxy Youth Group with a sandwich project to feed the homeless
- Sponsored Monsignor Marucci's anniversary dinner
- Sponsored 3 families for the Breakfast with Santa
- Sponsored a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for parish children
- Awarded the first Mignogna Family Scholarship
- Mother's Day Coach Purse raffle
- Served as cooks for the Saint Andrew's Parish movie night

We are also off to a terrific start for the new Columbian Year. So far, we have 6 new members and 5 current members who are transferring to our Council. Our new members have told me that they joined our Council because they were looking for an active men's organization. I think they have found it. Besides all the activities we added last year, here's what's new so far this year:

- Thanksgiving Pie Sale, partnering with Galaxy Youth Group, Little Angels Academy and Religious Ed.
- "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet sale
- Assist with the Parish flea market
- Assist with the Parish BBQ

- Partner with Galaxy Youth Group for a Faith & Football program

My Brother Knights, now is the time to renew your participation in our Council. We have plenty of activities and an active membership that will welcome your participation. Come to a future meeting to see how you can re-engage.

I also ask that you remember our **Worthy Chaplain, Monsignor Marucci**, in your prayers as he continues to recover and rehab from surgery.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Jim Brennan*

### Shining Armor Awards

The Knights of Columbus recognizes outstanding new members with the Shining Armor Award. A 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 to **Chris Benz, Steve Mignogna, Newt Schoener, Rich Smyth and Tim Whelihan** for receiving the Shining Armor Award.

### 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 fall and winter of **2012**, we plan to do the following:

- Membership Blitz Weekend of 10/6 and 10/7/2012
- Serve Refreshments after Holy Mass – Next one is 10/7/2012
- Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Fatima Monastery, 3 PM, 10/7/2012
- Hoagie Sale, 10/13/2012
- Christmas Creche Magnet Sale - \$5, Starting on the Weekend of 10/20 and 10/21/2012
- Support for Degree Events – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at Shane's Castle, 10/22/2012
- Fourth Degree Exemplification – 10/28/2012
- Pie Sale Order Weekend with Galaxy, Little Angels, Religious Education – 11/10 and 11/11/2012. Forms to fill out with selection of pies \$15 each to be available 11/20/2012
- Jubilate Deo "A Celtic Christmas at the Kimmel" 3 PM, 12/2/2012 – Sell tickets.
- Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch – 12/9/2012
- Collect Eye Glasses for the Needy – As available

### 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).

## Operation Christmas Eve

As we went to press for the **2011 Winter / Christmas** edition we were preparing for **Operation Christmas Eve** at **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish**. We expected a huge crowd, TV cameras, and a great celebration of the Holy Mass for Christmas Eve beamed to our troops overseas. What an experience.

With most Brother Knights in the parking lot and other Brother Knights involved with usher duties there were not many pictures taken by Brother Knights until after the event was over.



The families who were honored were having their pictures taken. For more pictures see: <http://pfmc.info/2011-12-24ChristmasEve.pdf>.

## 2012 – 2013 Officer Installation

On **Saturday evening, 25 August 2012**, the **Saint Jude Council 6551 Officers for 2012-2013** attended the **5 PM** Holy Mass at **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish**, marched in procession, and were installed by **District Deputy Michael Querubin** and blessed by **Stand-In Chaplain Father Allen Lovell**.

- **Grand Knight – Jim Brennan**
- **Deputy Grand Knight-**
- **Treasurer – PGK Gary Tanner**
- **Chaplain – Monsignor Louis Marucci**
- **Stand-in – Father Allen Lovell**
- **Chancellor – Sam Parry**
- **Advocate – Bill Maffucci**
- **Warden – Rich Smyth**
- **Recorder – Jamie Luscombe**
- **Inside Guard – Newt Schoener**
- **Outside Guard – Steve Parker**
- **Trustee – PGK Gary Strain**
- **Trustee – Ray Rossignol**
- **Trustee – Keith Werner**



Pictured here are: Front Row: **Father Allen Lovell, Ben Vasta**; Second Row: **Ray Rossignol, Rich Smyth, Gary Tanner, Newt Schoener**; Third Row: **Keith Werner, Jim Brennan**; Third Row: **Jamie Luscombe, Bill Maffucci, Sam Parry**.

More pictures including wives / families are available at <http://pfmc.info/2011-8->

[25Installation.pdf](#).

A social followed at *Tulia's*.

### 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) )

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 the above internet web page 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**.

### Monsignor Marucci New Jersey Chaplain of the Year / Faithful Friar

During Monsignor Marucci's Celebration of 25 Years Ordained as Priest of the Camden Diocese, Grand Knight Jim Brennan awarded him a plaque showing recognition that he was acclaimed the 2011-2012 Knights of Columbus (KofC) New Jersey (NJ) State Chaplain of the Year / Faithful Friar.

The actual recognition as Faithful Friar came at the KofC NJ State Convention, May 18, 2102.

Additional photographs are at: <http://pfmc.info/2012-5-20Marucci25.pdf>.

