



Council Matters

Saint Jude Council 6551

Winter / Spring 2013 Newsletter



Calling All Brother Knights – Please Participate in Summer / Fall 2013 Activities

Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

Sadly, all good things come to an end. But, change is also good. I have really enjoyed being the Grand Knight of our Council for the last 3 years. It has been both fun and rewarding. You will see a story about our election results elsewhere in this newsletter and note that Brother Knight Tom Mullen has been elected Grand Knight. Congratulations Tom on your election and dedication to our Order. Tom has a lot of really great ideas that will add positively to every Brother's experience as a member of our Council. Please be sure to join me in supporting Tom by participating in our Council's activities.

We have added a significant number of new activities this year and participation at these activities has never been better. You will see many of these pictured in this newsletter and also on our website. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie and companionship of other Catholic men as we support our parish and raise money for our charitable causes.

Membership in our Council has grown significantly. Last year we achieved Double Star Council status by accomplishing 200% of our annual membership goal. This year we will also accomplish 200% of our membership goal and achieve Double Star Status for the second year in a row. Besides new members, we have also had a significant number of members transfer into our Council from other Councils. These transfers are not included in the calculation for Star Council.

Brothers, if you have not been to a Council meeting for some time or participated in a

Council activity, please know that you are always welcome. Your help and ideas are what will continue the growth of St. Jude Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Brennan

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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.

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

Upcoming Events

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

During the **Summer** and **Fall** of **2013**, we plan to do the following:

- Support for Degree Events – TBD
- Installation of Officers, 8/24/2013
- Parish Chicken BBQ – 9/29/2013
- Hoagie Sale, 10/12/2013
- “Keep Christ in Christmas” Magnet Sale Kickoff, 10/19/2013 and 10/20/2013

- Membership Blitz Weekend of 10/26/2013 and 10/27/2013
- Serve Refreshments after Holy Mass – Next one is 10/27/2013
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale, 11/2/2013 and 11/3/2013
- Thanksgiving Pie Distribution, 11/26/2013
- Breakfast with Santa, 12/8/2013
- Collect Eye Glasses for the Needy – As available

Internet - Web Pages

Portable Document Format (PDF) files of this issue of **Council Matters** and 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

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

Sometimes 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**.

Financial Secretary

Brother Knights,

Our Financial Secretary, PGK Ben Vasta, has requested to retire from his current position effective June 30th. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has accepted Ben's request and asked that he remain in position until a replacement is appointed by the Supreme Knight's Office. Ben has graciously agreed to

this request. Please join me in thanking Ben for his six years of service as Financial Secretary for our Council. His contributions to our success are recognized and appreciated. Of course, Ben will continue to be involved with many of the Council's activities as he has always been.

While most Council activities run on the Columbian Year (July 1 to June 30), our membership dues is based on the calendar year. If you have not paid your 2013 dues, it is due. Please look in your wallet. If your membership card does not indicate 2013, you have not paid your dues. Annual dues are only \$25 and a good portion of the dues collected has to be sent to Supreme and the State Council to support our overall programs. This "tax" must be paid in September. If you do not pay your dues, the Council still has to pay the per capita tax for you. This depletes our Council funds and dilutes the gains made in our charitable fund by the hard work of all Council members in our activities. If you are unable to pay your dues due to financial hardship, please let me know. This is what fraternity is all about.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Brennan, Grand Knight

From the Financial Secretary

In **January 2013**, **PGK Ben Vasta** updated us that **Supreme** recognizes that we have **115** members. He reported that we had **4** additional members not yet listed. His report continued:

For this year we will exceed our quota for both insurance and new members.

The idea was brought forth to coordinate membership and dues statements with the **Columbian Year** running from **7/1 to 6/30** each year.

Membership cards and dues statements will be sent to each member soon. Once received, you are encouraged to return the dues as soon as possible.

As **Retention Chairman, Trustee Ray Rossignol** updated us on past due members looking to come current.

In **February 2013**, **PGK Ben Vasta** reported:
Per Capita for State Due.

2 Transfers Bill Harris –In

Jim Porcelli –Out

For New Members and Insurance we show 117 members, plus 1 pending.

Free Throw Competition - 1/19/2013

The local Free Throw Competition was held in partnership with **Archangel Council** on **19 January 2013** in the **Saint Simon Stock Parish Gym** from **9 AM to NOON**. Event Chairman **PGK Gary Strain** at gjstrain96@aol.com, with help from **GK Jim Brennan** and several Brothers Knights who offered to assist as scorers and assistants for this event.



In the picture above, **State Free Throw Chairman PGK Ray Sands** presents **Boy 14 Award** to **Michael Quigley** from **Mater Ecclesiae Council 12883**.

For pictures please go to:
<http://www.njko.fc.org/start/news/details/article/results-of-free-throw-7-spelling-bee.html>.

Alzheimer's Respite Care - 2/2/2013

Many thanks to **FDD PGK Bill Harris** for his leadership in initiating and managing the fundraiser for **Alzheimer's Respite Care** on **2 February 2013**.

Bill and his team: **Sam Parry, John Daddario, PFN PGK Joe Turt, Ray Rossignol, DGK Tom Mullen, FDD PGK Gil Scutti, PGK FS Ben Vasta, Tony Pesseller, PGK Gary Strain** collected **\$605.78** for this worthy cause in front of **San Remo Pizzeria** and **Canal's Liquors**. Thanks to all for a great job for a worthy cause.

This Alzheimer's Respite Care Fundraiser was proposed at the December 2012 meeting. The Purpose was to raise funds as part of the State Council's initiative to enable family caregivers who support an Alzheimer's patient to obtain respite care from home health aides, adult day care providers or short-term assisted living care.

The Goal was to raise \$1,000 in the current Columbian Year for this activity. Funds received were to be donated to Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. Many Councils have had significant success in being able to raise a lot of money for this worthy cause due to the number of lives affected by this disease.

Thank you letters were sent to the following who helped make this event a success:

Dr. Bob Labaczewski, Grand Knight of Marian Council for lending the aprons.

Luigi Epifanio, owner of San Remo Pizzeria, Gibbsboro, NJ

Lenny Varvaro, manager of Canal's Liquors, Berlin, NJ

Valentine Social - 2/10/2013

Although not a Council function, many Brother Knights enjoyed the 8th Annual Parish Valentine Social at the Chop House.

Brother Knight Brandon Tull



and **PGK Gil Scuti** were in attendance. For more pictures see: <http://share.shutterstock.com/share/received/welcome.sfly?fid=0c30f79cf01b4485&sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVhLQ>.

Healing Holy Mass - 2/10/2013

The **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish Community** got together for a special celebration of a **Healing Holy Mass** for all who desired healing. Several **Brother Knights** helped with and participated in this celebration.

Brother Knight Deacon Bill Slaven assisted **Council Chaplain Monsignor Marucci** and **Brother Knight Mike Maffei** was in attendance with some of his family.



For more pictures see:

<http://share.shutterstock.com/share/received/welcome.sfly?fid=fff5528cc41c5ecd&sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVhPA>.

Mardi Gras - 2/12/2013

Brother Knights including **Chaplain Monsignor Marucci** and **PFN PGK Joe Turt** and **Brother Knight Norb Bucholtz** participated in the **Parish Mardi Gras** celebration, serving, and enjoying the food and festivities.



Also present were **Brother Knights Deacon Bill Slaven** and **Mark Leise** pictured below along



with **Brother Knights Father Allen Lovell** and **Greg Stagliano, PGK Gary Tanner** and



Brother Knights Ray Rossignol and



Brendan Tull.

For more pictures, please visit:



<http://share.shutterstock.com/action/welcome?sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVhSw>

Lenten Food Drive - 3/9/2013 and 3/10/2013

Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish had a food drive on the weekend of **March 9th and 10th, 2013**. This was an opportunity for us to assist the **Christian Cupboard Ministry** in the parish and to satisfy one of Supreme's requirements for the **Year of Faith** action plan. The project collected grocery donations from people coming to each celebration of Weekend Holy Mass. Help was also needed in the Parish Center Hall for several days to sort the groceries that were collected.



Because of the success of this food drive and a special offer from Supreme, the Council



submitted information related to the food drive and received a check from Supreme for \$500.

Soup for Stations, Fridays of Lent, 2013

Our **Soup for Stations Chairman, FDD PGK Gil Scutti**, thanks all who volunteered for the Soup for Stations activity. This was very successful. We returned to the church vestibule this year and found that the response was very positive. Many who attended Stations extended their visit by socializing with their fellow parishioners over a cup of soup and polite conversation. It also fulfilled our goal of evangelization by presenting a welcoming environment for any visitors or returning members of our faith community. We offer my



thanks to **Gil** and his wife **Sylvia** for their efforts in making this activity a big success.

Last Supper Re-enactment -3/9/2013

Religious Education held a **First Eucharist Re-treat** on **Saturday March 9th 2013** from **9 AM** to



NOON. We were asked to assist by providing 15 men to "act out" the motions of the Origins of the Eucharist while a script is being read. This was a terrific opportunity to bring us closer to our faith and provide a meaningful experience for those families who attended. Those who volunteered



included: **Ben Vasta, Maynard Leistiko, Dan Worstall, Brian Higgins, and Jim Brennan.**

Easter Triduum Assistance -2013

Monsignor Marucci requested our help for the **Holy Week Triduum**:

Holy Thursday

- Assistants to Monsignor during the Service - need 3 Knights



- Ushers - several Knights

Good Friday

- Assistants to Monsignor during the Service - need 3 Knights
- Ushers - several Knights
- Honor Guard - need a Knight to stand in honor for 1 hour during each of the following time slots: 4 pm -, 5 pm -, 6 pm -, 7 pm -

Easter Vigil - Saturday evening

- Ushers - several Knights

Easter Sunday

- Ushers - several Knights for the following Masses: 8 am -, 10 am -, Noon -

The volunteers for **Monsignor's Assistants** on **Thursday** and **Friday** attended a rehearsal on **Wednesday evening** at **7 PM**.

Easter Egg Hunt - 4/30/2013

The **Brother Knights of Saint Jude Council 6551** were asked to support the **Easter Egg**



Hunt on Saturday, 4/30/2013.

Event Co-chairmen and Brother Knights **Sam and Rob Parry** indicated that this is a great



opportunity to get your children or grandchildren involved in an event actively supported by your Council.

This was the bulletin announcement:

The **Galaxy Youth Group** and the **Knights of Columbus** will co-host the parish's annual **Easter Egg hunt** **Holy Saturday, March 30, at 9:30 AM**. **Morning Prayer** and a **blessing of Easter baskets** will begin at **9:00 AM**, and the **Easter Egg hunt** will follow. The **Easter Egg hunt** will be conducted outside the parish hall (or inside the parish hall, in case of inclement weather). All children of the parish and their families are invited to attend the **Morning Prayer**, **blessing of baskets**, and **Easter Egg hunt**!



PFN and PGK Joe Turt added something special this year with the appearance of the **Easter Bunny**.

For additional pictures see:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVjSQ>

Easter Basket -2013

The chances for our internal Easter Basket Raffle were \$2.00 each or \$10.00 for a book of 6. Event Chairman, **PFN PGK Joe Turt** did another great job with revenue of \$512 on a donated basket with only \$46 in postage and \$ 31 for ticket stock with a Net income of \$435.

Pictured here is **Brother Knight Chris Benz** with an Easter Basket.



For additional pictures see:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVjSQ>

Membership Blitz - 4/20/2013 and 4/21/2013

We held a membership blitz before and after all Weekend Holy Masses **4/20/2013** and **4/21/2013**.

At least two Brother Knights at each Mass to answered questions and took applications.

Pictured here at **GK Jim Brennan, Eric Erickson, PFN PGK Joe Turt, DGK Tom Mullen, and Field Agent Fred Durso.**



There were announcements read at the conclusion of each Mass by **GK Jim Brennan, Deacon Bill Slaven, and SK Keith Werner.**

Thanks to all the **Brother Knights** for helping make another **Membership Blitz** a success.

Coach Purse Raffle - 4/20/2013 through Mother's Day, 5/12/2013

We began selling Coach Purse Raffle tickets before and after all Weekend Holy Masses **4/20/2013** and **4/21/2013**.

This was a very successful event last year that contributed significantly to our Council's charitable fund. We repeated that success this year.

Thanks to **Brother Greg Malera** for the donation of the Coach purse. Thanks to **PFN PGK Joe Turt** for again chairing this event and thanks to all the Brothers who sold and purchased tickets. Total sales / donations was **\$1631** with only **\$31** in ticket expense for a net for charity of **\$1600**.

Council Holy Mass -4/21/2013

Our Council members attended the **8:30 AM** Holy Mass on **Sunday April 21st 2013** as a group. We walked in together, sat together and demonstrated the fraternity that bonds us together with our Church. Because of the Membership Blitz Weekend we wore our

burgundy Council shirts if owned and, if not, neatly dressed.

This was especially important since it gave us an opportunity to demonstrate the strength of the Knights of Columbus to our fellow parishioners.

Council Refreshments -4/21/2013

We hosted refreshments after the 10 AM Holy Mass with setup at 8:30 AM and cleanup when done after 11:30 AM. This is very important since it encourages our parishioners to socialize after the 10 AM Holy Mass and helps with our recruiting especially during the Membership Blitz.



Pictured above is **PGK Gary Strain.**

For additional pictures see:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVkkw>

Social Night - 5/9/2013

Our meeting on **May 9th** was a "Get Acquainted" social night for potential new members. Our Spring blitz produced one transfer member, 3 signed applications and 26 potential new members. These potential members were invited to join us **May 9th** to hear more about our Order and specifically our Council.



With **PDD PGK Bill Harris** at the table in the foreground are two future Knights with **GK Jim**

Brennan, PFN PGK Joe Turt, BK Rich Smyth, and BK Maynard Leistiko in background.

DGK Tom Mullen, PFN PGK Joe Turt, Brandon Tull, FDD PGK Bill Harris, Jim Dougherty and Sam Parry have volunteered to serve on the **Membership Committee** to contact these potential new members and extend the invitation to join us.



Pictured here are **Brother Knights Dave Jenchura, Sam Parry, Rich Smyth, and Ed Garruto.**

Mother's Day and New Statues - 5/12/2013

The **Knights of Columbus Color Guard** featuring **PFN PGK Joe Turt** and **FDD PGK Bill Harris** escorted **Chaplain Monsignor Marucci** and assisted with the presentation of two new statues for **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish** on **Mother's Day, 5/12/2013.**



After **Holy Mass**, **Chaplain Monsignor Marrucci** led the beginning prayers and the **First Decade** of what he called a "**Balloon Rosary**" prior to the release of the balloons.



Hoagie Sale - 5/18/2013

Our hoagie sale was a complete success with all **200** hoagies sold prior to **11:30 AM**. Initially, we had six brothers step up, however, the Brothers that came forward proved the reason for the successful sale of the hoagies.

They were: **Joe Antinori, GK Jim Brennan, Mike Cruz, Eric Erickson, PFN and PGK Bill**



Harris, Bill Graves, Jamie Luscombe, Rob Parry, DGK and Chairman Tom Mullen, Tony Peseller, Greg Stagliano, Brandon Tull and SK Keith Werner. Thank you all for stepping up.

Amazing, this year we received **\$74** in donations from those who do not eat hoagies so total revenue was **\$1074**. Cost of goods was **\$550** leaving us charitable funds of **\$524**.

Council Elections - 5/23/2013

The **Columbian Year** runs from **July 1** to **June 30** and officer's terms align with these dates. We held elections for the year beginning **July 1, 2013** on **23 May 2013**. All of our Council officer and trustee positions were filled. For your reference, a list of the **Positions and Duties** can be found at the end of this article.

GK Jim Brennan wrote: "During my 45 years as a Knight, the years that I served in an officer's position were the most rewarding. My term as Grand Knight has been extremely rewarding and a lot of fun. This is a great time for our newer members to step into some of the positions to begin a progression that will serve as our succession plan for years to come. Serving as an officer requires Third Degree membership in the Order."

Our **Nominating Committee Chairman, PGK Gary Strain** at gjstrain96@aol.com presented the nominees before the elections. They were as follows:

Grand Knight:	Tom Mullen
Deputy Grand Knight:	Eric Erickson
Treasurer:	PGK Gary Tanner
Chaplain:	Msgr. Louis Marucci
Chancellor:	Dan Worstall
Advocate:	Joe Antinori
Warden:	Rich Smyth
Recorder:	Jamie Luscombe
Inside Guard:	Newt Schoener
Outside Guard:	Tony Peseller
Trustees:	Ray Rossignol
	SK Keith Werner
	PFN PGK Joe Turt

There were no nominations from the floor and the nominations were accepted. The vote for these officers to serve from **July 1, 2013** to **June 30, 2013** was unanimous.

Positions and Duties:

Grand Knight - responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts

as ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for occasional meetings, and ensures that all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. He should also be aware of the council's financial status. This is a two year position.

Deputy Grand Knight - is second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with council affairs and fulfills the duties assigned to him by the grand knight. The Deputy Grand Knight presides over council meetings in the grand knight's absence. He is chairman of the council's retention committee.

Chancellor - assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interest in council activities. He is chairman of the admission committee.

Recorder - similar to a court reporter or secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of meeting minutes.

Treasurer - responsible for the safe-keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Advocate - the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with council bylaws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws.

Warden - the "watchdog" for the council's property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings.

Inside and Outside Guards - The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

An important non-officer position is also open and that is **Membership Director**. The **Membership Director** organizes the blitzes twice a year, schedules new members for their Degrees, communicates Second and Third Degree dates to candidates and arranges for a Council representative to accompany / escort candidates to their degrees.

You may also recall that our **Financial Secretary, PGK Ben Vasta**, has advised of his intention to retire from his position with our Council. The **Financial Secretary's** position is not an elected position. The **Financial Secretary** is appointed by the **Supreme Knight** on the recommendation of the **Grand Knight** and the **Trustees** for a period of **three years** and is renewable thereafter.

The following are the requirements and responsibilities of the position. We preface them with a word of caution. As you Read them, they may seem ominous and difficult. However, most financial secretaries handle these responsibilities as a matter of course with little difficulty and minimal time commitment. An organized person with good computer skills can handle it without much effort. Supreme Council makes software available that really streamlines the billing, mailing and record keeping processes.

The Laws and Rules of the Order set forth the following requirements for appointment of a financial secretary:

- Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and cannot be engaged in the sale of life and health insurance for another organization.
- The financial secretary cannot be a convicted felon and should not hold another elected Council position.

The main responsibilities of the position are:

- Collect and receive all moneys due the Council and all funds obtained from any source.
- Mail membership bills 15 days prior to the billing period.
- Send second notices if payment is not received in 30 days.

- Provide names and contact information for all members who are 60 days in arrears to the retention committee for further action..
- Maintain a roll of the members with addresses and contact information.
- Notify the **Supreme Council** promptly of members initiated, suspended, expelled, deceased, readmitted, or transferred into the Council.
- Provide the **Grand Knight** with a reminder of all reports and forms that are due to Supreme.

GK and soon to be **PGK Jim Brennan** announced to the **Council** that he had tried to find a worthy **Brother Knight** to fill this position and finding none made application to **Supreme** with all **Trustees** supporting that application. The application is still pending but should be approved. Thank you **Jim** for stepping forward to take this very important position.

Highlights of Minutes - January to April 2013

January 2013

Received communications from our **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** that while our first principal is Charity; he encourages all of us to engage in Charity that *also* evangelizes.

Received a letter from **Forest Hill Elementary School** in **Camden** thanking us for the \$125 donation for school uniforms and also for the donated winter coats.

Adopt a Needy Family for Christmas - PFN PGK Joe Turt updated us that he was able to provide a sick mother with 4 children (ages 5,6,7, and 8) the following:

A Christmas tree

Christmas gifts for the kids

Christmas dinner

Purchased \$200 in grocery gift cards to a local grocer who matches \$25 in gift cards for every \$100 bringing the total in grocery gift cards for this family to \$250.

The mother expressed gratitude and said that if it were not for us, their family would not have been able to have a "Christmas" this year.

Brother Knight in Need - Between the **\$100** donation from our council, as well as individual contributions from our council members, we provided **Brother Knight Anthony Thomas** from **Vineland, NJ \$445** to assist his family after a fire in their home in which they lost their home and all of their possessions.

Brother Knight in Need---The **Council** provided **Brother Knight John Coliana** from **Blackwood, NJ \$100** to assist his family after a fire in their home. We have also already received **\$125** in personal donations from council members.

The **Parish Center** (school) building will not be available from **6/15/2013-9/15/2013**. Although during the summer months, meetings are held only once per month, we will need **alternate meeting locations**.

February 2013

Rob Parry (son of **Sam Parry**) is taking his **1st Degree** on **2/28/2013**.

The **4th Degree** will be held on **Nov 24th** in **Cherry Hill** this year. See **PFN PGK Joe Turt** if interested. It is **\$70** per **Knight** (**\$40** for your spouse to join you at the dinner banquet afterward).

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

- 1) Fundraising opportunity, we will get \$27.00 for each new member.
- 2) Annuities are at 2.25% currently (1.5% guaranteed).
- 3) Disability Insurance is available.
- 4) Long Term Care Insurance is available.
- 5) Guaranteed Life Policy up to age 80 available.
- 6) Single premium policies, and 10 payment policies are also available.

Please contact **Fred** at fred.durso@kofc.org or his NEW number 856-401-3055 for any needs.

April 2013

Communications: Supreme has an American Wheelchair mission. We discussed that we are looking to see if we could solicit Monsignor and maybe have a wheelchair ministry and run a parish campaign. We have availability to purchase \$500.00 wheelchairs at \$150.00 each.

Maybe see if the parish wants to help raise money for this?

Membership: Joe Antinori took **2nd degree** on **March 25th**.

Norbert Bucholtz and **Anthony DeGregorio** will take **1st** on **4/22**.

Joe Kuchler will take **2nd** on **4/25**

Brandon Tull and **Ed Garruto** will take **3rd** on **May 10th**

Joe Antinori will take **third degree** on **June 14th**.

New member total is **12 - 2** more needed during the blitz.

Monsignor gave go ahead for a **Christmas ornament sale** by the parish. Cost will be **\$7.55** each, selling for **\$15.00**. The parish will provide the funding, and we will manage sales. This will help assist with the cost to move the Tabernacle to the main church.

We provided 500 **KofC "Prayer for a Family"** cards to **Father Allen** at his request.

MEMBERSHIP: 4 New Applications were read. There were no objections.

Recruiting Blitz during the weekend of 4/20 & 4/21 resulted in 29 potential candidates. Several brothers volunteered to make follow up calls and emails and to invite the candidates to join us for the May 9th meeting which is now going to be a social meeting. Please try to attend this meeting.

Norbert Bucholtz took his **1st degree** on **4/22**

Joe Kuchler and **Norbert Bucholtz** took their **2nd degree** on **4/25**

Joe Antinori, Brandon Tull and **Ed Garruto** will take **3rd** on **May 10th**

Refreshments after 10 AM mass: Thanks to Betty Capaldi's Cake Bakers who provided us with many of the baked goods. There was an issue with one of the coffee pots we borrowed. The motion was approved to buy a 2nd Coffee Machine for our council to use at future events.

Christmas ornament sale by the parish. The most recent update on this so far is that **DGK Tom Mullen** met with **Anne Marie** in the church office to get the history of the parish which is included in the Ornament packaging.

Little Angels Playground: PFN PGK Joe Turt and Brandon Tull used their pickup trucks to get, deliver, and then spread the playground mulch for the playground. Previously the kids were not allowed to use some of the equipment because these were not safe, but were very excited to be able to now.

PFN PGK Joe Turt and SK Keith Werner moved and set up stuff at **Paul VI High School Auditorium** to help **Chaplain Monsignor Marucci** set up for a ***Jubilate Deo*** concert.

Choose Life: Good Council Homes in **Riverside** are having a spring walk **8:30-9:00 AM** start on the **1st Saturday** in **June**. The **Good Council Homes** provide housing and support for women in need who have chosen life.

Degrees

Rob Parry (far left below) was escorted for **1st Degree** on **2/28/2013** by his father **Sam Parry**.



Norbert Bucholtz (left) and **Joe Kuchler** (right) took their **2nd Degree** on **4/25/2013**.



They were escorted by **Trustee SK Keith Werner**.



Joe Kuchler, Norbert Bucholtz, Brandon Tull, Joe Antinori, and Ed Garruto (left to right below) took their **3rd Degree** on **5/10/2013**.



They were escorted by **GK Jim Brennan**, and **DGK Tom Mullen** pictured with them before departure from **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish** parking lot.

