



# A Knight's Tale

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## ***GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE***



Fraternal year 2016-17 has been an other outstanding year for our Council in its commitments to the parish and community.

The Bank of America Concession Stand TEAM generated approximately \$4,500.00 that the Council can use to support a variety of charitable causes.

We supported several community events; TEAM Ayden, Social Concerns, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, Pancake breakfasts to support several local community needs. The Council has sponsored Family Movie Night and Family Game Night. We partnered with the Parish to serve Christmas Breakfast. In total the Council distributed over \$4,000.00 to Charity, Community Youth Activity and Culture of Life causes.

There are other charitable and community activities we participated in, as well. Some of those activities include Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service, Food for Families, Habitat for Humanities, Parish Blood Drive and visits to the sick and bereaved. These activities required the commitment of over 1,450 hours of volunteer time.

I'd like to thank the parishioners that supported our efforts and the Council Brothers that worked diligently to make this a success.

Most of all, I want to thank Father Joe Pearce for his unending support.  
Vivat Jesus,

Jim McNeill, Grand Knight, Council #15611 St. Martin de Porres



### **Upcoming Events**

- February 28th  
Council Meeting
- March 3rd  
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
- March 12th  
Chat n' Chew
- March 14th  
Council Meeting
- April 7th  
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
- April 9th  
Breakfast
- April 22nd  
Council Family Picnic (Manchester Meadows) 12-5 pm.
- April 25th  
Council Meeting



Fraternity.

A word all of us Knights of Columbus speak and acknowledge. Do we truly know the meaning of the word? Sometimes I fear not. The third definition in the Oxford Dictionary states "friendship and shared support within a group." This is a starting point for us but being Knights of Columbus, we need to add in an extra and most important ingredient to our fraternity, Jesus Christ, for our fraternity is rooted in Jesus as our master and teacher.

He told his disciples that if you wish to be my disciples (1) pick up your cross and follow

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me, (2) love one another as I have loved you, and (3) after washing his disciple's feet "what I have done you must do also."

So, our Fraternity must encompass these three principles. First, we must be willing to suffer for our God and neighbor by carrying our cross and not running away from it. Second, our fraternity must be based on love, agape love, a love that knows no bounds or limits. Third, our fraternity must be rooted in service of God and neighbor. There must be no task, no matter how unpleasant it might seem, that that we cannot do for God or neighbor out of love. **Father Joe Pearce, C.O.**

# St. Martin de Porres KofC Council# 15611



February's Meditation Theme: The Sacrament of Marriage

*The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life.*

## Council 15611

### Officers

Grand Knight- Jim McNeill

Deputy Grand Knight- Rollin Hansen

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Chaplain– Fr. Joe Pierce

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Advocate– John Ellis

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Outside Guard- Skip Gale

Inside Guard – Johnny Mack Brown

### Trustees

One Year– Steve Rast

Two Year- (open)

Three Year– Clarence Coleman

### Welcome New Brothers!

Council #15611 has welcomed two new brothers into the Council in recent months.

**Mike Ludwa** joined the Brotherhood in January 2016 and is a relative newcomer to Rock Hill, having moved here in 2013. Mike was born in Chicago and served in the US Army and is a Vietnam Veteran. His career focused in the transportation industry, retiring in 2016 from Landstar Systems. He and his wife Sandi have been married for 43 years and is most recently from Buffalo, NY. We welcome Mike to St. Mary's Church and Council 15611!

**Bill Hutton** transferred in #15611 in October 2016, having moved to Rock Hill from the south Florida town of Ave Maria. Bill and his wife Frances moved to Rock Hill about a year ago, and have 5 grown married children & 10 grandchildren. Most of them live in northern Virginia and eastern Pennsylvania. Bill is a Third Degree Knight. Welcome to #15611 Bill!

### Proceeds from Pancake Breakfast Donated to Veterans

The proceeds from the Council's November Pancake breakfast were donated to the York County Veterans Affairs Food Pantry. These proceeds, totaling \$407, were presented to the acting Veterans Affairs Officer Darrin Jenkins by Knight Milt DeLair.

Thanks for the generosity of St. Mary's Parishioners and the sponsorship of the Council!

### Visit a Vet/Fish With a Vet

We have a list of veterans that would appreciate a visit every once in a while. They all reside at Chandler Place. If you can help with this effort, please contact Milt DeLair at 803-322-0111.

Also, a "Fishing with a Vet" is another program that is looking for veterans who enjoy fishing. Call Milt or Ray Howard at 803-325-1086 if you are interested in this worthwhile opportunity to share your time and talents.

### Quilts of Valor

Hand sewn quilts will be presented to veterans on March 11 at St. Anne from 1:00 -3:00 PM to veterans who have requested them. As of this writing 11 of the 14 recipients are members of the Knights. These veterans have carried on their commitment to serve our community and our country.

For more information contact Old Glory Quilters at [hcmayhill@aol.com](mailto:hcmayhill@aol.com)

### Panthers Concession Has Successful Year!

Faithfully led by Charlie Lillis, the concession stand at the Panthers stadium has been successful for the Council again this season. Knights worked 13 events, serving about 40 manhours each event, and the Council raised about \$4500 to use for various projects. Many thanks to Charlie and all those who volunteered!

**Please continue to pray for the sick, including Steve Rast, Buddy Hingle, Ray Howard, & Ayden Ellis.**