



The Shield

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Pope John Paul I Council - Knights of Columbus

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

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The Grand Knight's Corner

Reflections on Being a Knight of Columbus

My Brother Knights,

With the Thanksgiving holiday just around the corner and so much to be thankful for, I reflect on the meaning of being a member of the Knights of Columbus (K of C). I ask myself, just what does being a Knight really mean to me?

First, and foremost, it means being a member of an organization with 1.8 million Catholic men who share my faith, beliefs and values. My participation in our council's charitable activities allows me to stay in touch with the fact that my life is not all about me. There are others in our community who are less fortunate than I and in need of our help.

Each year our council conducts the annual ARC drive. This year, the Pennsylvania K of C raised more than \$163,000. Our council contributed over \$700 towards that statewide effort. Over the last 31 years the K of C has raised more than \$5 mil-



Roger Tartaglia

-lion to assist the developmentally-challenged and disabled.

In conjunction with the Respect Life group, our council hosts a social gathering after the annual Vigil Mass for the reversal of Roe vs. Wade. We conduct an annual Rose for Life fund drive which provides money to support the Right to Life effort in our community.

We contribute funds to A Baby's Breath and provide services for their Run for Life Race. We sponsor tuition scholarships to our grade school graduates to assist them in furthering their Catholic education. We recognize our altar servers' service and sponsor the Christian Witness Award. The council also sponsors an annual Keep Christ in Christmas Concert, which is on the horizon. Recently our council began a Catholic Christian Ministry partnership program at Graterford Prison. Those who have attended the Mass and fellowship will tell you that the rewards are truly ours.

What does being a Knight mean to me? It means enjoying the fellowship of my brother Knights and participating in activities that help me strengthen my Catholic faith. I am truly blessed to be a Brother Knight.

- Roger Tartaglia, Sr., Grand Knight



NEW OFFICERS: Pastor Msgr. Thomas Murray (left) and Rev. Ed Kelly (right), Council Chaplain, welcome newly installed officers (left to right), Kevin Mulligan, John Gatto, Bud Swedkowski, Roger Tartaglia, Paul Ondik, Rob Cusella, Ed Wallace, Roy Sullivan and Chris Kernozek

Kees, Mann Tributes Highlight Installation Mass and Dinner

Presentations of service awards to outgoing Grand Knight Dennis Mann and longtime officer Jack Kees highlighted the 2009 Council Officers Installation Dinner (see list Pg. 2) at Moorhead's Caterers. The evening of fellowship began with Vigil Mass at Visitation celebrated by Rev. Edward Kelly, Council Chaplain. Msgr. Thomas Murray delivered the invocation at the dinner, attended by approximately 20 Knights and their families.

COME TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING TUESDAY NOV. 17 7:30 ! WE MISS YOU !

Faith



On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights
PRAY THE ROSARY

Adoration Schedule

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

Our Knights hour is 9-10 PM every Friday. Please join our group, the parish needs you! Contact an officer or Kevin at 610-630-1636.

Current schedule: Nov. 13 Bud Swedkowski, Nov. 20 Kevin Mulligan Nov. 27. Rick Kettinger, Dec. 4 Roy Sullivan Dec. 11 Ralph Garcia , Dec. 18 Kevin Mulligan

Calendar

November 13 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Theresa of Avila Christmas Bazaar.
Setup Thursday, Nov. 12.

November 17: Monthly Council Meeting
Visitation BVM Larkin Center **7:30 p.m.**

November 20-21- (setup Thurs. 11/19)
Visitation BVM Christmas Bazaar.

November 24: All day Masses, Services
K of C Solemn Novena to Our Lady
Miraculous Medal Shrine, 475 Cheltenham Ave.
(see www.CAMMOnline.org for schedule)

December 6 - 3:00 pm
K of C “Keep Christ in Christmas Concert”
Visitation Upper Church.

December 12 - 5:00 pm (Visi parking lot)
Graterford Prison Christmas Mass 6:30
Topic: “Forgiveness” RSVP Roger by 12/4.
Cars will depart from school lot at 5 p.m.

Officers

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2009/2010

CHAPLAIN.....Rev. Edward J. Kelly (539-5572)
GRAND KNIGHT.....Roger Tartaglia (584-5261)
DEPUTY GR. KNIGHT.....John Gatto (630-8405)
CHANCELLOR..... Roy Sullivan (935-1936)
WARDEN.....Rob Cusella (631-1534)
RECORDER.....Kevin Mulligan (630-1636)
TREASURER.....Paul Ondik (613-6211)
ADVOCATE.....Barry Dressler (539-5020)
OUTSIDE GUARD.....Chris Kernozeck (666-5945)
INSIDE GUARD.....Ed Wallace (631-0463)
1 YR. TRUSTEE.....Kevin McArdle, PGK (539-7988)
2 YR. TRUSTEE.....Greg Fornal, PGK (489-0729)
3 YR. TRUSTEE.....Rick Kettinger (584-1404)
FINANCIAL SEC.....Bud Swedkowski, PGK (630-0861)

Annual Christmas Concert Plans Underway for Dec. 6

It's almost time to get into the Christmas spirit (unlike the stores, we wait until AFTER Thanksgiving!). Mark your calendars for a festive evening to start the holiday season: The Knights' annual "Keep Christ In Christmas Concert" will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the upper level of Visitation BVM Church.

The 2009 concert will feature three choirs, youth and adults, along with the parish guitar group and children's bell choir performing liturgical Christmas songs.

Pastor Monsignor Thomas Murray will address the congregation and the grand finale will officially ring in the holiday season at Visitation and St. Theresa. Please spread the word about this wonderful family and Council celebration.

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ATTENTION: Ad space available for the Christmas Concert program book. Personal Greeting ads Just \$10, all sizes available for companies, etc. Contact Roger Tartaglia via email rogercpts@verizon.net or 610-584-5261. Don't delay. See you on Dec. 6!

COUNCIL WELCOMES SMITH

We welcome into our council newest Brother Knight, Harold Smith, who received his first degree in Oct. at Epiphany of Our Lord.

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See "What's Up"