

Knights of Columbus

Council 13959

Monthly Newsletter



----- September 2017

Brothers,

At our last meeting I was pleased to announce that Father Christopher Mannerino was appointed our council's new chaplain. He is very interested in men's contributions to the faith in our parish and leading our council spiritually will aid him in this endeavor.

Father Boksy Harlan, our previous chaplain, blessed us with his priestly presence when we were in need of a spiritual leader. His strong faith, along with his friendly, outgoing personality was well received by our council. Unfortunately his heavy work schedule and his pursuing advanced studies prevented him lately from regular attendance at our meetings. We wish him well in his spiritual journey and will welcome him anytime he can see his way clear to be with us at future meetings.

Next I'd like to review some facts regarding the Knights' global charitable efforts as reported by a Supreme representative at the last Pittsburgh Chapter meeting.

Last Fraternal Year (2016/2017):

- The order donated \$177, 500,673 to charity.
- Man hours contributed - 76,112,604. If monetized at \$23 an hour, would equal \$4,082,515,479!
- Seminarian support - \$3,950,028 contributed by 6614 councils.
- Food for Families - \$3,507,695 was contributed by 2029 councils and 674,834 hours of service was provided.
- Special Olympics - Councils contributed \$4,122,318 and provided 294,379 hours of service.
- Global Wheelchair Mission - Councils contributed \$1,268,954.
- Ultrasound initiative - 834 units placed since 2009, 130 last year alone. To explain the Ultrasound Initiative in case you don't know what it is - our goal is to place an ultrasound imaging machine in as many Pregnancy Crisis Centers as we can so that expectant mothers can actually see the life growing inside her. Many times this sight touches their hearts and they change their minds about having an abortion. If each machine could save 5 lives per week, (This is a conservative estimate based on experience), 216,840 lives would be saved in a year.

These are just some of the charitable efforts reported by Supreme. By the way our council takes part in all of these plus many more. Supreme does the reporting but all they do is keep score. All of this activity is generated by the individual councils. Nothing would happen without us.

Fraternally,
Frank Peduto
Grand Knight

Upcoming Business and Social Meetings

The September Social meeting will be on Monday, September 25th. The October Business Meeting will be on Monday, October 9th. The Social Meeting will be on Monday, October 23rd.

Tootsie Roll Drive

There will be a Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday, October 14th at Sam's Club. There are several openings remaining. Contact Carl Schonhardt if you can do your part in this activity.

Harvest Brunch

The Harvest Brunch for The Anna Seethaler Hospital will be on Sunday, Oct. 29th. If you can help, contact Frank Peduto to check for sign up times.

Coal Tickets

Coal Tickets should be turned in to Frank Peduto as soon as possible. Early returns mean we get a larger share of credits.

September Birthdays

September 2 - Raymond Lucas
September 2 - William Pentecost
September 3 - Stephen Williams
September 4 - Joseph Fidago
September 5 - Robert Raible
September 6 - David Julian
September 7 - David Graver
September 8 - Deacon Gery Pielin
September 9 - Dennis Marn
September 10 - Adam Miller
September 11 - Carl Schonhardt
September 11 - Kevin Guernsey
September 12 - John Catenese
September 12 - Thomas Ondek