



## BASKETBALL FREE THROW WINNER ATTENDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

At the June general meeting, basketball free throw plaques were handed out to our local winners from our January competition. This year, one of our winners, Francis Interante went on to compete at the state level. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to Chairman Bob Moore and to all Brother Knights who assisted at this year's championship.

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## FIRST DEGREE TEAM UPDATE

Our first degree team will resume exemplifications on October 29th. Chairman Roger Tartaglia will guide our team again during this fraternal year. All Brother Knights are encouraged to consider joining the team. Our goal is to have two people trained for each role. At this point, several roles are without backup. Participating on the first degree team is a very personal and rewarding experience. Please contact Roger at (610)-888-3338 for more information or to volunteer.



SAVE THE DATE

New Haven Bus Trip

October 26th

## Summer Family Events

Annual Bike Ride August 4th  
 Reading Phillies Trip August 23rd  
 Council Picnic August 25th

This summer our Council will offer several opportunities for family involvement. On Sunday, August 4th we will hold our Annual Bike Ride. This year, the ride will take us through the historic streets of Port Richmond and Bidesburg in Philadelphia. All Brother Knights, families and friends are invited. For more information and to RSVP, contact Grand Knight John Gatto (484)-919-2368 [johngatto@mac.com](mailto:johngatto@mac.com).

Our annual trip to the Reading Phillies, originally scheduled in early July was rained out and has been rescheduled for Friday, August 23rd.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Brother Bud Swedkowski at

610-630-0861 or [budswed@verizon.net](mailto:budswed@verizon.net).

As we close out the summer, we invite all brother knights and their families to attend a Council Picnic to be held at Eskie Park on August 25th at 3:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Please contact Grand Knight John Gatto at (484)-919-2368 [johngatto@mac.com](mailto:johngatto@mac.com).



# A Message from the Grand Knight

*Unity Charity Fraternity and Patriotism*

As I begin my second fraternal year as Grand Knight, I continue to be grateful for the dedicated and passionate Brother Knights that surround me. The past year was not only filled with our regular activities like the Arc Drive and the Basketball Free Throw, but it also saw the emergence of several new activities that stemmed from great ideas presented at an officer meeting or a general meeting. Thanks to a great idea from Brother Bob Moore, we held a successful pancake breakfast that raised funds to support our local seminarians. Thanks to a great idea from Brother Michael DiNatale, we held a Communion Breakfast that far exceeded our expectations. Because of a suggestion at a general meeting DGK Mark McGovern pursued and will help plan our council picnic and this fall Brother Roger Tartaglia will lead us on a Council Bus Trip to visit New Haven Connecticut, home of the Knights of Columbus and burial place of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

So once again, thank you to everyone who dedicated their time to these and all of our activities during the past year. As we move forward, I encourage everyone to consider participating in our summer events. As outlined above, we have several ways for all Brother Knights and their families to participate. Please take advantage and help us to celebrate the great gift of family.

As we move toward the end of summer, our annual Football Mania Fundraiser will move in to high gear. As outlined during our last general meeting, football mania is instrumental in helping fund our ever growing list of charitable activities. During the weekends of August 17/18 and 24/25 we will be selling tickets at both parishes. The success of these sales will not be possible without manpower support from all of our

members. Please respond to my upcoming emails and volunteer your time after Mass during both of these weekends. Also, **I am asking each one of you to take and sell five tickets** to family and friends. Of course you are welcome to sell more. In fact, one Brother Knight has already sold 15 tickets! Tickets are available now. Please contact me and I will personally deliver the tickets to your home:)

Our annual membership drives will take place at St Teresa on September 7/8 and at Visitation on September 28/29. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the great work that we do and to build membership. **I am asking each of you to** reach out to friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. Talk about the Knights, tell them about all that we do and **invite at least one person** to attend our open houses on September 10th at Visitation and October 1st at St Teresa.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Brother Deacon Vince Drewicz who was recently appointed to the vacant officer post of lecturer. Our council is truly blessed to now have both Deacon Vince as lecturer and Father Kelly as chaplain. May God Bless them both in their ministries.

Vivat Jesus,

John Gatto, GK

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# Bring Your Ideas to Our Next Meeting

*Attend the August 20th Meeting and Share your Thoughts*

Calling all Brother Knights! At our August meeting, we will be entertaining new ideas for Council Fundraisers. The need to develop another source of funds is becoming ever more evident. As Brother Knights we strive to reach out to those in need. Sadly, this past year was filled with tragedies like Hurricane Sandy in our own backyard and the tornados in Oklahoma. We are also periodically faced with requests from own parishes and local communities. Realizing our desire to assist during these times, we have budgeted some funds from our council reserve to be set aside for use during the coming fraternal year. An additional fundraiser will help to sustain and replenish these funds. It will also give us the flexibility we need to truly make a difference when we encounter those in need. So give it your best shot and bring on those ideas!

## *Adoration Chapel Volunteers Needed*

*Additional volunteers are needed to help man our dedicated hour at the Visitation Adoration Chapel on Friday evenings from 9pm to 10pm. Volunteers rotate and will be scheduled approximately once every two months. Please contact chairman Robert Cusella at (610)-631-1534 for more information or to volunteer.*

## *Color Guard*

*The Fourth Degree Color Guard attended our communion breakfast Mass on Sunday June 2nd. Father Kelly officiated the Mass and was assisted by Deacon Vince. After Mass, breakfast was held at Westover Country Club where Senator John Rafferty was our guest speaker.*

