



**KNIGHTS  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
POPE JOHN PAUL I COUNCIL #7565  
Serving Visitation BVM & St. Teresa of Avila Parishes  
May, 2007**

**MEETINGS**

**May 15:** Larkin Center 7:30 PM

**June 5:** St Teresa rectory 7:30 PM

**June 19:** Larkin Center 7:30 PM

You are invited to attend all of the above meetings. Officers are required to attend!

**2007-2008 Nominations for Council Officers**

It is that time of year again when we must select new officers to lead our council for the upcoming fraternal year. The nominating committee has nominated the following brothers for the offices listed:

Grand Knight: Denny Mann	Deputy Grand Knight: Bud Swedkowski
Treasurer: Chris Kernozek	Recorder: Roger Tartaglia
Chancellor:	Lecturer:
Advocate: Ted Raffetto	Warden:
Inside Guard:	Outside Guard:
Trustee: Barry Dressler	Trustee: Ted Raffetto
Trustee: Anthony Pensebene	

Note that the above nominations show several open positions which do not yet have nominees. At our May 15 meeting nominations will be accepted for all positions, including those which already have nominees and those which do not. We really need your help as an active member and officer, come on out and pitch in.

**A Call for Renewal**

My dear Brother Knights:

After careful consideration and despite my personal problems, I feel that our council is in a difficult place, if you will at a "tipping point". (a point where an event makes a major change – up or down).

With my wife's approval, I have decided to run for Grand Knight. I am also supported by Brother Bud Swedkowski, who has accepted the nomination for Deputy Grand Knight and others who have accepted officer's nominations.

In order to bring our council back I will need your support. I will need you to also take your valuable time to come to at least one meeting per month. I have hopes of securing a chaplain and once again making our fellowship vital, fun and family oriented.

We have done great things as a council and I, with many others, want to see our council grow – add new members, bring back older members and serve both God and our Church as I know we can. I can not begin to do this alone. Will you give our council and me a real show of support and come to our scheduled election meeting at Visitation on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the Larkin Center.

Fraternally,  
Dennis Mann

## **Membership Cards and Dues**

If you have paid your 2007 council dues your membership card should be enclosed with this newsletter. If your membership card is not enclosed that means that you have not yet paid your dues. If you still owe please mail a check for \$25.00 to our financial secretary, brother Jack Kees, 208 Clearfield Ave Norristown, PA 19403-1659.

## **WEB SITE**

Check out our web site at [www.kofc7565.org](http://www.kofc7565.org). It is updated frequently with new council news and happenings even before a newsletter can get out. The most frequently updated page is the "What's Up" page, make sure to look here for the latest news.

## **DINNER WITH CARDINAL RIGALI**

On Tuesday, March 6, 2007 our Council and District 21 hosted a dinner with Cardinal Justin Rigali at Presidential Caterers. We had 175 brother knights, family and friends in attendance, from all over the eastern half of the state, even as far as Harrisburg and Mount Pocono. Attendees included several priests and KofC state officials. Everyone who attended had a good time and great food. For his after dinner talk the Cardinal shared a wonderful first person account of the election of the Pope and his first interactions with our new Pope shortly after his election. The Cardinal spoke to the Knights and guests as friends. The Cardinal even took time to go around the room and speak with almost all of the guests. There are several pictures of the event posted on our website, check them out.

## **Run For Life**

On the morning of Saturday April 21, 2007, at the Norristown Farm Park A Baby's Breath held their annual Run for Life. After a rough month or several months of weather the event was met with a spectacular warm sunny morning. There were about 300 participants who running, walking, or wheeling around the 1 mile or 5k course. Once again several of our council members were able to help out as marshals at this fun and very worthwhile event. The following members marshaled around the course: Charlie Mehl, Chris Kernozek, Kevin McArdle, Greg Fornal, Tony Coppa, Tony Barrone, and Bud Swedkowski. Check out our council website for a picture of this unique crew. A Baby's Breath is always very grateful for our help. Thanks guys.

## **ARC Drive**

On the weekend of April 27, 28, and 29 our council once again held our annual ARC drive to benefit disabled citizens in our area. We had ten members contribute 22 man hours over the weekend. We were able to collect \$692 for this very worthy cause. We could have collected even more but a shortage of manpower held us to only one collection site, the ACME in Trooper, and one shift that we expected was not able to be manned. The members who helped out were: Bob Tschoppe, Harry Tucci, Cas Janicki, Roger Tartaglia, Bud Swedkowski, Chris Kernozek, Tom Boyle, Denny Mann, Mark Mazur, and Chuck Sardo. Thanks guys, and thanks ACME.

## **E-Mail**

E-mail is a great really quick way to communicate. We are trying to update our records of members e-mail addresses please e-mail Brother Bud Swedkowski your address at [budswed@comcast.net](mailto:budswed@comcast.net). We are also considering sending out our newsletter via e-mail instead of regular mail for those who would like that. When you send your e-mail address to Bud let us know your thoughts on receiving newsletters via e-mail.