



ST JOSEPH THE WORKER COUNCIL 10921
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Summer 2008 Newsletter



2008-09 Officers

Grand Knight: Craig Traverson
Chaplain: TBD
Deputy GK: Jim Mueller
Financial Sec'y: Dave Shellhamer
Chancellor: William McNulty
Advocate: Bob Partel
Treasurer: Bob Gowell
Recorder: Karl Mueller
Warden: Jack Wenner
Inside Guard: Jim Bonczek
Outside Guard: Joe Corcoran
1st Year Trustee: Jeff Joyce
2nd Year Trustee: Marty Stefanik
3rd Year Trustee: Joe Spence
District Deputy: John Fitzpatrick
Field Agent: Dennis Matthews



Roses For Motherhood

1st & 3rd Sunday after 11:30 Mass

To sign up, Please Contact
Brother Henry Schairer @
610-555-1234

Upcoming Events:

- 1st Degree @ St Ann's: Jun 19
 - Officer Meeting: Jun 24
 - STJW Night @ Iron Pigs: Jul 2
 - Annual Family Picnic: Jul 9
 - Officer Meeting: Aug 26
 - Regular Business Meeting: Sep 9
- Parish Breakfast: Sep 21

Planned Charitable Giving 2008-09

- Vocations: \$2500
- School/Prep Scholarships: \$1200
- Teacher Appreciation: \$300
- ARC: \$1000
- Father Chinnappa: \$1000
- Mercy Learning Center: \$1000
- Caring Hearts: \$1000
- Habitat for Humanity: \$500
- Special Olympics: \$500
- Military Advocacy: \$500



**Annual Family
Picnic**

July 9 4-9 PM
Lone Lane Park

Bring A Friend!

Outgoing Grand Knight's Message

We have had another fruitful year of service to our parish's priests, parishioners, school, community charitable organizations, and military service members overseas. The council raised and distributed over \$13,000, logged thousands of service hours, and grew in membership. We maintained our traditional activities and initiated new works including support for the troops in Iraq, the COAL raffle (which supports Pennsylvania –wide K of C activities), and support for the sanctity of marriage in Pennsylvania.

Soon I will pass the reigns of our Council to a truly worthy brother, Craig Traverson. Craig is a Past Grand Knight whose leadership will serve us well. Please give him the support you have shown me. Accept my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to represent our Knights of Columbus council in our parish and community.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeffrey Joyce

2007- 08 In Review

July – **Annual Family Picnic**. September – **Penn State- Notre Dame Tailgate, Parish Breakfast**. October – **Council Night, Knight of the Year - Dennis Matthews, Family of the Year - Ed & Mary Johnstone**. November – **Turkey Raffle, Nativity Set Up**. December – **Annual Christmas Party, Free Breakfast to “Snow Birds”, Decorate Church for Christmas**. January - **Free Throw Contest**. February – **Fish Fry, Fulfill School Obligation**. March – **Ham Raffle, Caucus**. April- **Essay Contest, Mercy Learning Appreciation Luncheon**. May – **12th Annual Road Race, ARC Dinner, Last Parish Breakfast**. June – **Elect New Officers, Parish Festival. Don't forget Bulletin Stuffing, Chris' Breakfast Club, Rose for Motherhood and More!**

Incoming Grand Knight's Message

Hello to all of my Brother Knight's. I am honored and privileged to have been selected as your Grand Knight for this fraternal year. Many of you probably do not know much about me so I will give you the penny version.

I have been blessed with an incredible wife Cricket, to whom I will celebrate ten wonderful years of marriage later this month. We have 3 little girls; Abigail, Emily and Angela. We are expecting our 4th child at the end of the year. We moved to Fogelsville at the end of 2004 and we love the parish and the area. My wife is a native of the Valley.

I became a Knight after my father asked me to join in 2001 while we were living in Virginia. I transferred to a newly resurrected council in New Jersey where I soon became Grand Knight after the elected Grand Knight stepped down due to personal reasons. This year I was blessed with the ability attain my Fourth Degree. It was a very moving ceremony.

I pray that I will be able to successfully fill the shoes of the past Grand Knights of our council. I have a few goals of what I would like to see happen with the council in the coming year. Two that I will mention now are communications related. The first would be a regularly published newsletter, which thanks to John Fitzpatrick is the reason that you are reading this. The second would be a regularly updated website to be a storehouse of information for the council as a whole and to assist in our recruitment efforts. Of course with any project, we need volunteers to support them. If you have the time and talent to devote to either of these projects or any other project, please feel free to contact me. If there is anything that you would like brought up at a meeting, have added to the agenda, or would like to find out how to become more involved, please let me or any of the other officers know.

You may contact me via phone at 610-530-2672 or email at cjtraverson@yahoo.com.

Fraternally,

Craig Traverson

It's Never Too Early to Plan for the Future

Traditionally, this is the month for two important life events: graduations and weddings. These two events are also opportunities to review your life insurance – particularly if you're young and in good health. Even if you're in excellent health, there's no way to predict when your death will occur.

It's unavoidable that your family will suffer emotionally if you should die. However, financial hardship is something that you can prevent. Owning enough life insurance ensures that your family will always be protected, come what may. As your K of C agent, I can help you determine how much is "enough" for your family and tailor your insurance plan to fit your needs.

By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. The sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well.

Fraternally,

Dennis Mathews