

# ***THE KNIGHT'S PAGE***

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Saint Basil's The Great Council 13800 of Kimberton, PA**

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**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father McGivney's Founding  
of the Knights of Columbus**

### **From The Grand Knights Desk,**

**My Brothers,**

**I want to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Holy Christmas and a happy safe and prosperous New Year.**

**I have been sitting around complaining to Rose that I have not been able to get into the spirit this Christmas Season. Then today listening to Father Mac's homily it struck me why I have not been able to get into the spirit.**

**You see like everyone else I was looking for the wrong spirit. I have been putting too much emphasis on the commercial spirit and not opening my heart up to the Holy Spirit. Listening to that little story Father told opened my eyes and reminded me that it's not about the gifts that we give to one another. While those gifts are pretty and sometimes useful, the most precious gift we can receive is the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the true reason for the season. By opening our heart and souls up to Him we can not only give gifts to another but also receive the most precious gift of all our Lord Jesus Christ. During this Christmas Season let's all take the time to open our hearts up to the Holy Spirit and find the true meaning of Christmas and share it with out loved ones and friends.**

### **Membership:**

**As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, The Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our Council 13800 membership as 66 Brothers. The Supreme report has caught up to our present membership of 66 Brothers. This membership number is an increase of 4 Brothers for the year. The following are our new Brothers and the degrees they have completed.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree(s)</u>
Dwight Demchik	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Robert Fox	1 <sup>st</sup>
Edward Griffith	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
John Lomano	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dr. Michael Pascavage	1 <sup>st</sup>

There are three new candidates who will be installed at a future 1<sup>st</sup> degree program. Many of the Brothers who are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree will be able to take their next degree as the scheduling permits. Please keep up with the scheduling information as it is announced at meetings, posted on our Council's Web Page, and sent to you by e-mail. A good functioning Knight is one that is up-to-date with the happenings of his council.

Further, in the December Supreme Membership Statement ten Brothers, are listed as having availed themselves of the K of C insurance. [If you haven't looked into the Insurance offerings contact Brother Barry Phillips at (610) 544-1964 or at [www.barry.phillips@kofc.org](mailto:www.barry.phillips@kofc.org).] Of our council 66 membership fifty-six are associate members, two are Honorary Knights and five are listed as Honorary for Life Brothers. Our council has now met our assigned 5 membership quota to qualify for the Father McGivney Membership Award. Now we need 3 members availing themselves of K of C insurance program to also qualify for the Founders' Award Insurance Quota Award. Please remember, it is incumbent on all of us to continue to enroll new candidates for membership in council 13800. If you are in need of new green Membership Document 100G forms, please contact Brother Chris Mitchell, Grand Knight Glenn, or me.

**Council Orientation Team:** The Team consists of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brothers who will meet with new candidates prior to their taking their first degree. The purpose of the team is to bring to the candidates attention those responsibilities and duties incumbent upon the candidate to fulfill as a Brother Knight.

**Council 13800 Committee Assignments:**

Brothers who have not as of yet informed the Grand Knight as to what committee assignments they would like serve on, are asked to do so. Those not signifying a committee will be assigned. This is your opportunity to choose your committee. See the below council committee listings.

**Council 13800 Committees:**

Prolife [Chairman Jonas Bilenas & 4 Brothers]  
Sunshine [Chairman Dominick Aquilante & 4 Brothers]

- Membership [Chairman Christopher Mitchell & 4 Brothers]
- Fundraising [Chairman & 3 Brothers]
  - Sub-Committee Flea Market [Chairman Tom Murphy & 4 Brothers]
  - Sub-Committee Chicken Barbeque [Chairman Fran Mastrangelo & 5 Brothers]
  - Sub-Committee Football Tickets [Chairman Tom Cosgrove & 5 Brothers]
  - Sub-Committee Coal Books [Chairman Glenn Deery & 5 Brothers]
  - Sub-Committee 180 Tickets [Chairman Frank Mastrangelo & 5 Brothers]
- Historian/Scrapbook [Chairman Greg Meyer & 4 Brothers]
- Picnic & Christmas Party [Chairman Frank Mastrangelo & 4 Brothers]
- Orientation Information Degree Team [Chairman Ed Linder & 8 Brothers]
- Golf Outing [Chairman Tom Cosgrove & 4 Brothers]
- Charitable Works [Chairman & 4 Brothers]
- Program Director [Chairman & 5 Brothers]
- Council IT [Chairman Tom Everly & 5 Brothers]
- ARC [Chairman & 5 Brothers]
- “Knight’s Page” Newsletter [Editor Dr. Ed Linder]

**Brothers’ Birthdays:**

Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have their Special Day  
in December and January

**December**  
 John Colarusso  
 Thomas Everly  
 Robert Fox  
 John Lomano  
 Christopher Mitchell

**January**  
 Dwight Demchik  
 Leo Kaercher  
 Alfred Kobylinski  
 David Matey  
 David Mitchell, Sr.

\* Research Shows The Average Age Of The Council Members Is -- 53.8 years

**COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:**

**Council 13800 Website** has been officially moved and established at the new address [WWW.STBASILKOFC.ORG](http://WWW.STBASILKOFC.ORG). If you haven’t visited the website yet, please do so. New information and updates appear there daily.

Some of the new Website innovations and features are forms: (1) to update your information for the Council Roster; (2) to select the committee assignment(s) you wish to serve on; (3) to make comments about what you desire to have changed in the council; and (4) for prospective new members to request information about joining our council. The Council 13800 "Knight's Page" newsletter will also be posted on the Website besides being sent by e-mail and postage to those not having an e-mail address. Work is also in progress for a picture listing of the council's membership. [All Brothers are asked to contact GK Glenn Deery (610) 935-3059 to arrange a time for having your picture taken]. We are also exploring ways to place the council meeting minutes on the Website.

**Council 13800 Flea Market and Chicken Barbeque:** The flea market and chicken barbeque went well even with contending with the rain. Thank you to those Brothers, Wives and Family members who gave of themselves to aid with the whole coordination, planning, food, tables, clean-up, and ticket booth. Much fun and laughter was gained by all who helped. Who was that special MC Brother selling those special items with each chicken picked up? Brother Frank reported a financial gain with our annual operations. Special well done to Brothers Frank, Dominick, and Tom.

It is always dangerous to single out special individuals for a thank you. So a special thank you to all and a WELL DONE!

SPECIAL WELL DONES to these young future Knights who if not for them we would have had to do much more -----

SCOTT GIACOMUCCI  
EDDIE GRIFFITH  
COLE LUZINS  
MICHAEL MURPHY  
PATRICK MURPHY  
BRIAN WATSON

Brother Tom Murphy, Deputy Grand Knight, asks for any comments and/or suggestions about the flea market be forwarded to him so that the committee can review them. The committee is always open to comments/suggestions as it is there goal to continually improve the success and quality of the event.

Brother Tom sends along *"many thanks to all of the Brothers that helped with this event. Also, a special thank you to the many wives who provided a lot of hard work and just the right amount of always needed laughter."*

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** honoring the victims of 9-11 and the Armed Forces men and women who have served and are serving in Iraq went very well. It was held on

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in St. Basil's main church. Special thank you goes to Brother Dominick and family for sponsoring and arranging for the mass. The mass was said by Brother Rev. Fr. Richard Wyzykiewicz. Thank you to all the Brother Knights and their families that helped and attended.

**Council 13800 Christmas Party and Dance:** The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Phoenixville Country Club on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Brother Frank Mastrangelo did a fine job along with other Brothers to present a warm, friendly and enjoyable evening for all the Brothers and their wives that attended. Many fine comments were heard. Thank you to the Brothers who planned and presented such a great evening of comradeship with outstanding food. Not to mention the door prizes awarded. Nice way to start the Christmas Season Holidays. Next year the Annual Knights of Columbus Council 13800 Dinner Dance will be held on a Saturday evening. Mark your calendars when announced.

**Council Knights In Action:** Thank you from Brother Fr. Mac for the great clean-up that the Brothers accomplished with the Rectory garage and around outside church area.

**Council Meeting Dates:**

The council meets every third Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the St. Basil's Rectory basement. Start the year off right and mark your 2008 calendar. Make a New Year's Resolution to keep active and up with council decision making by attending meetings when possible. Council Officers meet at 6 p.m. before council meetings. Next meeting January 20, 2008.

January 20	May 18	September 21
February 17	June 15	October 19
March 16	July 20	November 16
April 20	August 17	December 21

**Council Membership and Degree Rosters:** When a new Membership and Degree Roster information is sent to you, please destroy any old materials. PLEASE SEND ALL UPDATES TO ME. Thank you for your help in keeping the Council's Rosters and information records up-to-date. Brother Ed Linder

**For The Good Of The Order**

Please remember in your prayers:

- \* Brothers Andy Viscuso
- \* Brother Paul Shoemaker's wife Helen
- \* Brother Merrill Francis's wife Mary
- \* Brother Ed Hinson as he continues his journey to becoming a Deacon of the church. He has been participating in the 40 days for life by fasting and praying. Brother Ed is one who is always ready to volunteer his time and knowledge when and wherever needed.

**Thoughts On Knights of Columbus Insurance**

*"Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll visit and work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.*

*We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.*

*Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there are more than 1 million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those 1 million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.*

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Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

***DESTINY***

**“The destiny of the” ... *council* ... “is as great in promise  
As its” ... *Brothers* ... “are great in character.”**

**Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President, Parent and Soldier.**

***EVIL TRIUMPH***

**“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil  
is for good men to do nothing.”**

**Edmund Burke**

***EXPERIENCE***

**“Experience is the worst teacher;  
It gives the test  
Before presenting the lesson.”**

**Vernon Law**

**“Experience is a wonderful thing,  
It enables you to recognize a mistake  
When you make it again.”**

**Author Unknown**

***AND THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM***

***“Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news  
of a great joy which will come to all the people:  
For to you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior who is Christ the Lord”***

**Luke 2:10 & 11**

**May His Blessing And Love  
Be Yours This Christmas  
And In The New Year.**

**May The Beauty, The Blessings  
And The Joy Of This Christmas Season  
Be Yours To Share With The People You Love.**

**May You And All Whom You Hold Dear  
At Home And Far Away  
Be Blessed With Love And With Christmas Peace  
In The New Year.**

**From The Editor**

***WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST AS EVER.***

**From The Editor's Desk:**

All items and pieces to be included in an issue of the "*Knight's Page*" should be signed and sent to me. Items may be edited.

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Chancellor  
The Knight's Page, Editor**