

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
125th Anniversary of Father McGivney's Founding
of the Knights of Columbus**

From The Grand Knights Desk,

My Brothers,

Now that the Holiday season is behind us I would like to reflect on an event that my wife, Rose and I took part in. The event was "Operation Santa Claus". What this event consisted of was Brother Knights from all over the Philadelphia Diocese volunteering to either drive a truck or be a helper for the truck. The truck ran five days a week for 2 or 3 weeks going around to the different parishes in the Philadelphia Diocese picking up presents that were donated to the needy families. It was truly an unbelievable sight seeing all the generosity that flows from our fellow Catholics. One stop, I made, was outside Norristown at an elementary school where the children there collected 31 large trash bags of presents for the needy, a truly unbelievable sight. Another girl's school that we stopped at had 30 bags and one of the students there thought of an idea to contact publishing companies and had another 20 cases of brand new children's books donated. By the end of the day when we went to unload the truck at the wrapping center it was totally full from floor to ceiling. Upon backing the truck, I was greeted by several teens from various parishes there to unload the truck. While they seemed to have things covered for drivers and helpers, I soon found out that if they were lacking drivers and/or helpers that day the Diocese drew from the office workers to go out and get the job done. The same day I was doing it, there was a second truck on the road as well that was manned by Brother Knights from our neighbors at St. Elizabeth Council. I learned the Past Grand Knight Jim Smith has actually volunteered for the week and used his vacation time to do it.

I also learned that our very own St. Basil's Youth Group went to a Wrapping Center outside West Chester this year to volunteer to wrap the presents brought in.

This is a wonderful activity of both Knights and Youth groups involved in the same project but in different phases of it.

Next year let's see if we can man that truck for more than one day and see if we can make a difference.

Membership:

As of January 1, 2008, The Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our Council 13800 membership as 66 Brothers. This membership number is an increase change of 4 Brothers for the year.

There are three new candidates who will be installed at a future 1st degree program. Many of the Brothers who are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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.

Further, in the December Supreme Membership Statement eleven 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.] Of our council 66 membership fifty-five 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 2 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 13800 February 2nd & 3rd "BLITZ" - Brother Christopher Mitchell

Brother Knights!!! We are having a call to arms! We would like you to SAVE THE UPCOMING DATES! Our goal as we kick off the New Year is to have a minimum of 24 Brother Knights from First through Fourth Degrees to help with an upcoming Blitz after each mass on February 2nd & 3rd!

Furthermore, Council 13800 would like to take the next step forward in 2008 to build through Fraternity our charitable efforts this year.

The following are a few goals for 2008:

1. **Create Momentum:** Help to increase our council growth by staying approximately 15 minutes after mass for the upcoming "Blitz" to recruit to recruit new candidates through a special "BLITZ" Football theme. [We will have a logo of our council on the side of a football helmet since it will be around the *Super Bowl* time.] Theme: "Becoming 24 Hour Knights".
2. **Build on Momentum with "24 Hour Knights" Theme:** We would like our council to have a strong entourage of at least 24 Brother Knights to attend the 3rd Degree held in West Chester on March 2nd. We would like to take a huge step in creating Fraternity within our council and send a message to other councils in the district. This event can enable any of our 2nd Degree Brothers to obtain their 3rd Degree while asking our 3rd and 4th Degree Brothers to attend, witness, and support our Fraternal Brothers as they reach their next level on Knighthood.
3. **Continue the Momentum:** We will be successful in continuing our momentum in 2008 if we achieve the above first two goals. This in turn will give us more help for the accomplishing charitable efforts as a Fraternity of Knights. If we have a larger group of Brother Knights, then it will only take each Knight 24 hours in a year to make an impact in the community and regionally by joining our efforts together. Charity and Fraternity will be the continuing New Years Resolution for the Knights in 2008 and beyond.

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.

Brothers' Birthdays:

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

January

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

February

Leo Amore
Thomas Mitchell
Anthony Odorisio
Thomas Twardowski

* 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. 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 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 Ed Linder's mother-in-law Ester
- * Brother Joe Frisco

Thoughts On Knights of Columbus Insurance

“I already have insurance.”

“Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis [which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge], it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

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SNEEZING DOES HAVE A PURPOSE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown-up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during the commencement – not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principle and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the court ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine, until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly *SNEEZED!!!!*

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "*GOD BLESS YOU, each and everyone of you!*" And he walked off stage.

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Never doubt the ingenuity of our youth This is a TRUE STORY. It happened at the University of Maryland.

God Bless the creativity of our youth.

Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

THE FUTURE

“On Man’s Future Fortune – There is a tide in the affairs of men which, when taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.”

Shakespeare
Julius Caesar, 4;3

“The future is not a place to go but something we bring about by our own *ACTION* in the *PRESENT*.”

Patricia Cross

**“You hold in your hand the camel’s hair brush of a painter of life.
You stand before the vast white canvas of time.
The paints are your thoughts, emotions, and acts.”**

**Wilferd Peterson
“The Art of Living”**

“I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.”

**Patrick Henry
Patriot**

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Peter Drucker

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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The Knight’s Page, Editor**