

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,

My term of office now comes to an end as your Grand Knight. If I may, let's look back over the last couple of years and reflect on our accomplishments.

When we started out on 2005 in the back of the old church with a small handful of men all of us not knowing where this was taking us, we went forward and gathered a total of 30 men and formed the council. From there to today we have more than doubled our number and continue to grow. First year out we started by giving all the mothers in the Parish a flower on mothers' day which is still tradition today, then on fathers' day we gave each father a rosary ring. We assisted with the Chicken Bar-B-Que for the church's anniversary. This was no small accomplishment since the council in those days had little to no money set aside.

We went on to: do the successful Spring and Fall Flea Markets; do the Palm Sunday breakfasts raising funds for our Church improvement fund; purchase new Church vestments; continue each year the mulching of the Church grounds; and work on the Belfield. The accomplishing of all these projects was no small task. Each and every Brother in this Council has contributed one way or another to the success of Council 13800.

As I prepare to hand the Grand Knight's gravel of leadership to my predecessor and leave the office of your Grand Knight, I want to thank each and every one of

you for the cooperation and support you have shown me during my tenure. You have allowed me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Knight and further allowed me to grow with in our brotherhood and find the family within out ranks. This family of Brothers is all too important in today's world of hate and disrespect for life. With this family of Brothers there is nothing Council 13800 can not do. Each and every Brother on this Council truly holds a special place in my heart. I thank our Lord God for the true blessing he has bestowed upon me to have you as my Brothers.

I now step aside as your Grand Knight to accept my new duties as three Year Trustee for the council. I ask you my Brothers to support our new Grand Knight as you did me and I pray to the Lord our God that He will bless our new Grand Knight with the blessings that where bestowed upon me during my tenure as Grand Knight.

In closing, it has truly been an honor and a pleasure to be Grand Knight of Saint Basil Council 13800.

May God bless you all.

Brother S. K. Glenn Deery
Grand Knight

Membership:

As of June 1, 2008, The Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our Council 13800 membership as 70 Brothers. This membership number is a loss of one (1) Brother and an increase change of 8 Brother for a year to date change.

Further, in the June Supreme Membership Statement thirteen 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 barry.phillips@kofc.org.] Of our council 70 membership fifty-seven are associate members, two are Honorary Knights and five are listed as Honorary for Life Brothers. Our council has now surpassed our assigned 5 membership quota to qualify for the Father McGivney Membership Award with 8 members. This is a percentage quota attainment of 160%.

However, we still need 2 members availing themselves of K of C insurance program to also qualify for the Founders' Award Insurance Quota Award. This is a percentage quota attainment of 33%.

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.

Brothers' Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have their Special Day
in June and July

June

Robert Batten
Mark Bilodeau
Michael Emme
Joseph Ferenchick
Wesley Firkin

Edward Griffith
Robert Murphy
Robert Strycharski

July

Paul Jaworski
Bill Jennings
Paul Shoemaker, Jr.

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:

WEBPAGE

Brothers,

Our Webpage is really starting to shine bright. We have several new features to report on this month. Check it out! Lots of new items, issues, and happenings. Don't be left behind in keeping up in the area of new information. stbasilkofc.org

Remember; want to see the Council record of activities, costs, and history such as past and present council minutes, "Knight's Page", pictures of members, officers, and etc. go to the website.

As always if someone would like to see a feature added to our webpage you can either send the item by an email to webmaster@stbasilkofc.org or give Grand Knight Glenn a call at (610) 935-3059.

Council Membership and Degree Roster Updates:

Brothers please remember to update all your Council Rosters with Brother Ed Linder at marshall19460@yahoo.com.

Council Meeting Dates:

The council meets every third Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the St. Basil's Rectory basement. Mark your 2008 calendar. Keep active and up-to-date with council decision making by attending meetings when possible. Council Officers meet at 6 p.m. before council meetings. Next meeting September 21, 2008.

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| | September 21 | |
| June 15 | | October 19 |
| July 20 | | November 16 |
| August 17 | | December 21 |

3rd Annual Golf Outing:

Brother Tom Cosgrove reported that the Third Annual Golf Outing was a tremendous success. Over \$5,000.00 was raised from this one event. A resounding thank you goes out to Brothers Tom Cosgrove, Steve Giacomucci, Chuck Waddy, Bill Jennings and Tony Odorisio for coordination of the activity and also a large well done to Brothers Dominick Aquilante, Glenn Deery, Merrill Frances, Frank Mastrangelo, and Dave Mitchell for their volunteering that day to insure the Golf Outing success.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ---- the 4th Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Kimberton Golf Club on May 28, 2009.

K of C Sponsored AARP Driver Safety Program:

The AARP Driver Safety Program for the St. Basil's the Great parishioners has been scheduled for Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd. The program will commence each day at 9 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. in the Saint Basil's gymnasium. The program is open to only 25 individuals 50 years of age or older. This is not a driver testing program, it is a program based on class discussion. To sign-up, a person must present a check made out to AARP in the amount of \$10.00 at the time of having their name assigned to the official sign-up list.

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be team taught by Brother Ed and Donna Linder.

One of the major benefits of the program is that once completing the AARP Driver Safety Program is the gaining of reduction in your auto insurance policy cost for 3 years. This reduction can be any where from 5% to 10% each year for three years depending on your insurance company. You should check with your insurance agent. Another benefit can be the fraternity fellowship for those who attend.

Now for the HELP ADD, to pull this program off, we need help setting up the gymnasium with some 10 tables and chairs, someone to come forward to aid in helping get refreshments, Brothers to sign-up participants after Saturday and Sunday masses. **CAN YOU HELP?** We need these commitments before we can go further with the Knights' sponsored program. Contact Brother Ed (6100 935-1052). It could be a fine way to help while taking the program with your spouse for the insurance benefit.

Fourth Degree Program:

The Knights of Columbus 110th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Pennsylvania Eastern District Calvert Province was held on Sunday, May 25, 2008, at the Dolce at Valley Forge, 215 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia.

Well done and congratulations to the four Council 13800 Brother Knights who were inducted into the 4th Degree Knighthood:

Brother George Detwiler
Brother Ed Griffith
Brother Chris Luzins
Brother Chris Mitchell

For The Good Of The Order

**COUNCIL 13800 OFFICER
LEADERSHIP FOR 2008 – 2009**

GRAND KNIGHT - BROTHER THOMAS MURPHY

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - BROTHER EDWARD GRIFFITH

The other offices will be filled by the Brothers who served in those offices of leadership last year.

Brothers, this is a new year for the writing an new chapter in the history of Council 13800. This will only happen by each of us committing ourselves to share our individual leadership, knowledge, assistance, and involvement in the program direction that our officers chart for our council.

Please let Grand Knight Tom and Deputy Grand Knight Ed know where you would like to serve.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

- **Brother Dominick Aquilante's Mother**
- **Brother Caonabo Almonte**
- **Brother Glenn Deery's Mother-In-Law Catherine Hojnowski who passed away.**
- **Brother Merrill Francis' Wife**
- **Brother Joe Frisco**
- **Brother Paul Shoemaker's Wife**

Thoughts On Knights of Columbus Insurance

“Unemployment currently stands at 5% but David Wyss, the chief economist for Standard & Poor's, sees it creeping up to 5.5% by the end of this year. That means up to 750,000 Americans could potentially lose their jobs in 2008. Are you prepared – financially, if not emotionally – if you lose your job? If not, you might, with a financial advisor, consider buying more insurance.

“Even if you are retired, or feel very strongly that your income stream is safe, there are some stable long-term saving options in many insurance plans that you might want to consider in these volatile times in the stock and bond markets.

“While term life insurance is overall a more popular product, whole life insurance is enjoying a resurgence of demand. To understand if whole life is right for you, it's best to know a lot about the product.

“A whole life policy can act as a buffer against estate taxes and probate costs, and provides a death benefit along with a living cash benefit, a feature unique to whole life. In addition, a whole life policy allows someone at the time of retirement to remain insured while spending the other assets they've accumulated or pursuing a more aggressive investment strategy for those assets.

“A whole life insurance policy is the Swiss Army knife of the insurance world, says Anthony Domino, a field representative for Guardian Life Insurance and president of Associated Benefit Consultants. And maybe you don't think you need the corkscrew and the scissors and you just need a penknife. But then again, maybe you don't anticipate needing the corkscrew, but then you find yourself in a situation where you do need a corkscrew after all.

“Or, if you prefer an analogy with another financial product, consider the adjustable rate mortgage (ARM).

“People buy ARMs because they seem cheap in the beginning, which is the same reason people buy term insurance, says Chris Blunt, chief operating officer of life and annuity products at New York Life Insurance. But whole life can actually end up being the better value in the long run, because whole life gives a cash value, which could be tapped as an alternative to the three to six month living expenses most financial advisors tell people to keep in a money market fund.

“Blunt also notes that the whole life policy’s cash value could be used as an extension to another source of “emergency” funds, including that money market account. Cash value accumulated via a permanent whole life policy can be used for a number of scenarios. The presence of a whole life in an investment portfolio offers a stable return, though generally less than 5% a year. Whole life insurance is also well-suited for cases involving parents or caregivers of those with special needs or disabilities – an important feature for the “sandwich generation,” who find themselves simultaneously saving for retirement, supporting children, and taking in aging parents.

“People think about the death benefit from permanent whole life insurance, but the living benefit is also important, says Richard Nolan, an insurance representative for Mass Mutual. How much money can you raise in a week without incurring a tax or another financial penalty? If you borrow money from a 401(k), you pay a penalty. But with the living benefit of a whole life policy, you can be your own bank. Know that you can find a way to pay for that emergency surgery the HMO won’t cover.

“It is for these reasons whole life is enjoying a resurgence of popularity.

“As you get your financial house in order for the potential recession of 2008, Talk to your financial planner about insurance.

[For the full article consult www.outlook.standardandpoors.com, “Insuring Against Recession”, January 30, 2008.]

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Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

ON BEING

*“If a man is called to be a streetsweeper,
he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted,
or Beethoven composed music,
or Shakespeare wrote poetry.*

*“He should sweep streets so well
that all hosts of heaven and earth will pause and say,
here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

PASSING THROUGH LIFE

“I expect to pass through life but once.

*“If therefore, there be any kindness I can show
or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being,
let me do it now, and not defer nor neglect it,
as I shall not pass this way again.”*

William Penn

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