

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

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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,**

## **THE CHRISTMAS TREE MAN**

I've been feeling for sometime, with growing concern, that so many people seem to be "out for themselves", rushing through their lives with a "what's in it for me" mentality. This can be seen every day, often several times a day. What's missing? .... a smile followed by a thank you, a kind word, lending a hand, holding a door for someone, waving a fellow motorist into a slow moving line of traffic, and on and on and on.

Enter the Christmas tree man. I bought my tree from a family at the Freedom Center in Valley Forge. I noticed last year that they leave their unsold cut trees behind at closing on Christmas Eve, asking only for a donation if possible be left in the envelope. After striking up a conversation with the man he tells me of a guy he once worked for. Upon closing on Christmas Eve, this guy would cut all of the remaining trees in half, rendering them useless to anyone. This senseless act caused Christmas tree man to vow that he would never do that. Why??? He knows that there are people waiting to take advantage and get a tree for nothing. The answer was deeper yet simpler. You see, there is something else that the Christmas tree man knows. He knows that there are families that cannot afford a tree. And in his heart, he believes that, "If one of these unbought Christmas trees will bring happiness to a family in need ..... well, it's worth it. Isn't that what Christmas is all about?"

So, this Christmas season as I stress over an ever maddening world, I am choosing to ponder the simple caring attitude of the Christmas Tree Man. Merry Christmas 13800 families,

Tom Murphy  
Grand Knight

**Grand Knight's three items to accomplish for year 2008-2009.**

1. A council concerted effort to enroll younger Catholic men between the ages of 18 and 30 years into council 13800.
2. Placing Memorial Day American flags on the cemetery graves of veterans. The American Legion will supply the American Flags and assign a cemetery to our council.
3. Last year we committed our council to selling "Football Tickets" at \$10.00 a ticket. It is desired to continue this practice. Monies collected will go to help funding the Special Olympics scheduled for early November. Villanova and Bryn Mawr will be two area locations chosen to host the events. See Brother Tom Cosgrove for tickets. The season will run from October 26<sup>th</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the West Chester council will be offering the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree instillation. If you are a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knight, please let Brother Chris Mitchell know if you plan to attend at (610) 639-7759.

**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 Dmchik  
Leo Kaercher  
Alfred Kobylinski  
David Matey  
David Mitchell, Sr.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:****AED Demonstration:**

The AED [Automated External Defibrillators] demonstration is still being negotiated. The council will be notified once a date is secured with Brother S.K. Ed Hinson.

**Webpage:**

As always if ant Brother would like to see a feature added to our webpage you can either send the item by an email to [webmaster@stbasilkofc.org](mailto:webmaster@stbasilkofc.org) or give Past Grand Knight Glenn a call at (610) 935-3059. Also if you have not received your website ID contact Brother Glenn.

**Council Membership and Degree Roster Updates:**

Brothers please remember to update all your Council Rosters with Brother Ed Linder at [marshall19460@yahoo.com](mailto:marshall19460@yahoo.com).

**New Council Meeting Dates:**

At the council 13800 November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the council monthly meeting was changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the whole council will meet at 7 p.m. in the St. Basil's Rectory basement. **THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Mark your 2009 calendar with the following NEW council 13800 meeting dates. Keep active and up-to-date with council decision making by attending meetings when possible.

**2009**

January 14	April 15	July 15	October 21
February 18	May 20	August 19	November 18
March 18	June 17	September 16	December 16

**Council 13800 Leadership Manual:**

Chancellor, Brother Ed Linder continues constructing the Council 13800 Leadership Manual for council officers.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass:**

Council 13800 Knights of Columbus will sponsor The St. Basil Church 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day mass sponsored by the Council 13800 was greatly appreciated by the parishioners who attended. Many fine comments were voiced by those in attendance.

**Council Knights Christmas Dinner Dance:**

The Annual Council 13800 Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner Dance held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Phoenixville Country Club found many of the Brother Knights accompanied by their special spouses and some special friends. It was an enjoyable evening full of sharing good fellowship, dancing, and food. Thank you Brothers Frank Mastrangelo, Dominic Aguilante, Michael Pelosi, their families and many more who insured a successful evening out. Thank you Brothers for your unending unselfish leadership.

**For The Good Of The Order:**

**Spring Flea Market and Chicken B-B-Q** scheduled Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set up Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

**Annual Golf Outing** is scheduled for May 28, 2009, the Thursday after Memorial Day weekend. Shine up the clubs, mark your calendar and plan to share a great time. Brother Tom Cosgrove will be coordinating the activity again this year.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:**

Brother Caonabo Almonte  
Brother Brian Bodrick, Sr.  
Brother Walter Connell  
Brother Joseph Frisco

Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

*“If all the warmth of Christmas time was only made to last,  
The troubles of the world could be just relics of the past.*

*“If that kind , friendly spirit could be kept throughout the year,  
Then we should all be happy, and our lives be full of cheer.*

*“If we could give, from day to day, the yuletide love and thought,  
Before another year comes around, what changes would be  
wrought!*

*“So let us now resolve to try to keep within our hearts,  
The friendliness, the warmth, the cheer, when Christmas time  
departs.”*

**CULTURES FAR BUT THE SAME THOUGHT**

*Czech: Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok*

*Danish: Glaedelig Jul*

*Dutch: Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!*

*English: Merry Christmas*

*Finnish: Hyvaa joulua*

*French: Noflike Krystdagen en in protte Lot en Seine yn it Nije Jier!*

*Gaelic: Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath uri German: Froehliche  
Weihnachten*

*Greek: Kala Christouyenna!*

*Hebrew: Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova*

*Hungarian: Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket*

*Irish: Nollaig Shona Dhuit, or Nodlaig mhaith chugnat*

*Italian: Buone Feste Natalizie*

*Latin: natale hilare et Annum Faustum*

*Lithuanian: Linksmu Kaledu*

*Norwegian: God Jul, or Gledelig Jul*

*Penna German: En frehlicher Grischtadaag un en hallich Nei Yaahr!*

*Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia or Boze Narodzenie*

*Rumanian: Sarbatori vesele*

*Russian: Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom*

*Slovakian: Sretan Bozic or Vesele vianoce*

*Scots Gaelic: Nollaig chridheil huibh*

*Swedish: God Jul and (Och) ett Gott Nytt Ar*

*Welsh: Nadolig Llawen*

*Yugoslavian: Cestitamo Bozic*

***But no matter how we say it, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!!***

*The Editor Hopes His Research Found Your Culture*

***WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 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