

THE KNIGHT'S PAGE

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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,

Brothers,

First of all, I would like to wish a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to both you and your families. As we all ponder our resolutions for 2009, I encourage each of us to consider our level of involvement in the Knights. As you know, we have many fundraising activities throughout the year. These activities include a pancake breakfast, two flea market/chicken bbq's, a golf outing, and the sale of 180 tickets. The success of each of these activities depends on each of us pulling part of the load. If we pull *TOGETHER* the work will get done, we'll strengthen our council, and we'll be successful.

As I said in the past, if you are not active, pick an event come out and help to the best of your ability. It will make a difference and you'll have fun at the same time.

The above activities are our major fundraisers. While the 180 ticket is our second largest source of funds we are having a problem with several members. 40+ tickets have never been turned in. This means that we are losing \$2,400.00+ in funds. If you still have tickets and can find a home for them please check with Brother Frank on prorating them. In the future, do not hold on to or lose your tickets. If you absolutely cannot sell them, turn them back in so others may be able to sell them. In all honesty, selling five tickets is not impossible (they make a nice gift, two people can split them etc.).

While I understand that raising money is not what we are about (and that there is much that we can do that doesn't require money), it is the only thing at present that affords us the ability to assist in causes that we deem worthy. We have spent a fair amount of money in 2008 (convent windows, the men's shelter, scholarships, Mom's house, East Pikeland Police, mulch for the Church, sponsoring masses,.....). We need the help of each and every one of you if we intend to continue to assist in such areas. We *ALL* must get involved and pull together. This will insure our future success, so please, let's do it.

Respectfully,
Tom Murphy
Grand Knight

Membership

As of January 1, 2009, The Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our council 13800 membership as 73 Brothers. There has been an increase of 3 new Brothers that will appear on next month's statement. Brother Chris Mitchell, Membership Chairman has been diligently working to increase our membership and qualify for Supreme awards.

Further, in the January Supreme Membership Statement thirteen Brothers are listed as having availed themselves of the K of C insurance. [If you desire to find out more information about the Insurance offerings contact Brother Barry Phillips at (610) 544-1964 or at barry.phillips@kofc.org. Of our council 73 membership sixty are associate members, two are Honorary Knights and five are listed as Honorary for Life Brothers. Our council has been assigned a 5 membership quota to qualify for the Father McGivney Membership Award and we presently have 3 members or 60% of our goal (Fiscal Year ends July).

In reviewing our December 12, 2008 council Degree roster listing, we have:

<u>4th degree</u>	<u>3rd degree</u>	<u>2nd degree</u>	<u>1st degree</u>
24	21	15	13

Council Membership and Degree Roster Updates:

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

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
John Brooks
Thomas Mitchell
Anthony Odorisio
Thomas Twardowski

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:**Webpage:**

As always if any Brother 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 Past Grand Knight Glenn a call at (610) 935-3059. Also if you have not received your website ID contact Brother Glenn.

New Council Meeting Dates:

At the council 13800 November 16th 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, FEBRUARY 18th.**

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

	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.

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 17th, 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.

Chester County Assembly #1873 will be collecting Gifts and Donations for the Veterans Administration Center Coatesville, PA 19320. They are looking for new clothing for men, women, and toiletries as well as monetary donations. Contact Brothers John Mattis (610) 942-0123 or Albert Bryson (610) 857-4459 [albertbryson@hotmail.com]. For additional information SEE Grand Knight Brother Tom Murphy's January 26th e-mail.

Telephone Dialing Scam ----- "A No No" A new scam is in play and has been checked with the telephone operator. If you receive a telephone call from an individual identifying themselves as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who is conducting a test on the telephone lines, DO NOT RESPOND. The person will state that to complete the test you should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up.

By pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

It appears that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons.

So DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.

Please Remember In Your Prayers:

**Brother Caonabo Almonte
Brother Brian Bodrick, Sr.
Brother Walter Connell
Brother Joseph Frisco
Brother Bill Hochwind's Mother
Brother Dominic Aquilante's Mothers**

Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

OLD - OLDER

*“Growing old is no more than a bad habit
which a busy man has no time to form.”*

Andre Maurois

*“Old age is ready to undertake tasks that youth shirked
because they would take too long.”*

W. Somerset Maugham

“The older one gets, the larger one's horizon.”

Franz Kafka

*“The great affairs of life are performed by deliberation,
character, expression of opinion.*

Old age, as a rule, has these to a greater degree”

Marcus Tullius Cicero

“Age is a matter of living, not years.”

Anonymous

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.

S.K. Dr. Edward Linder,
Chancellor,
The Knight's Page, Editor