

THE KNIGHT'S PAGE

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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,

Brothers,

Thanks again to all who helped with our flea market and chicken BBQ. As usual, we got a lot of work done and had a great deal of fun doing it. Also as usual we saw the same faces as we do event to event, year to year. I don't bring this up with anyone in particular in mind just us as a group. Believe me, I know how demanding life is today (especially with kids) and it would not even be close to realistic to expect 100% turnout among our 70+ members. Nevertheless, we are 70+ strong! This being said, I encourage those who are not active in our endeavors to pick an event or two and give it a try (flea mkt/bbq, pancake breakfast, Special Olympics-coming soon, mulching, church property repair, collecting and distributing Christmas gifts to the home for the aged/ill nuns, placing American flags on the graves of vets on Memorial Day weekend, our golf outing, as well as other ideas we are working on...). I doubt you'll be disappointed. Most of our activities are family affairs. It's nice when we get to know each others wives and kids. Please, bring them out to help (kicking and screaming is okay too, we usually have food to address that). Kind of makes it feel more like family. It also allows us to get to know each other better and have a few laughs (OK a lot of laughs) together. All while sharing in the work. It doesn't get better than this. In closing, please remember that any help you can give (even if it is not for a whole event) is greatly appreciated!!! Thanks in advance for your sincere effort. Also, as I said a few months back, keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities in which we as Knights could be of aid.

**Take Care,
Tom Murphy**

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 26th to December 28th.

Membership:

The October 1, 2008, the Supreme Council Membership Statement reports our Council 13800 membership as 70 Brothers. This membership number is an increase change of 8 Brother for the year to date.

Further, in the October 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 been assigned a 5 membership quota to qualify for the Father McGivney Membership Award. In addition, we need 3 members to attain our assigned quota for the K of C insurance program. This will qualify us for the Founders' Award Insurance recognition.

Brother S.K. Chris Mitchell also reports that our council has five (5) new candidates for induction into the Knights of Columbus. Brother Chris is planning to have these new members inducted on Sunday November 9th, at the 1st and 2nd Degree program, to be held at the Rev. William Fenerty Council #7208 in Downingtown, PA at 7 p.m. All 1st degree Brothers, desiring to take their 2nd degree, should contact Brother Chris immediately.

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.

Brothers' Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have their Special Day
in October and November

October

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| Walter Connell | Robert Mitchell |
| Thomas Cosgrove | Thomas Mitchell,II |
| Joseph Frisco | Thomas Murphy |
| Edward Hinson | Michael Pelosi |

November

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| Dominick Aquilante |
| Brian Bodick, Sr. |
| Dr. Edward Linder |
| Dr. Michael Pascavage |

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:**CPR and AED Demonstration:**

Brother S.K. Ed Hinson, a qualified instructor, is trying to arrange his schedule present at the next Council 13800 meeting, November 16th, a demonstration of the use of the AED [Automated External Defibrillator] and the new CPR [Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation] techniques.

Stay tuned for a future e-mail confirmation of the evening program demonstration by Brother Ed. Many commitments are on Brother Ed's calendar, as well as scheduling the AED and CPR equipment needed, thus the November 16th date will have to be confirmed later.

Webpage:

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 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 S.K. 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 6:30 p.m. before council meetings.

The Council Officers are presently reviewing holding the Officer and Council meetings on another day rather than the present 3rd Sunday of the month. A possible Tuesday or Wednesday night are being explored to meet. This action is due to the many commitments that Brother Knights have on a Sunday night. Stay tuned to your e-mail for further information. At this time, the next meeting is November 16, 2008.

November 16

December 21

Knights of Columbus Flea Market and Chicken Barbecue

Grand Knight Tom sends many thanks to all the Brother Knights, wives, and family members who made the flea market and chicken BBQ another great success. Any ideas and/or suggestions for bettering the Spring event will be greatly accepted.

Council 13800 Leadership Manual:

Chancellor, Brother S.K. Ed Linder, has started the constructing of a Council 13800 Leadership Manual for council officers. An outline for the Manual was presented in the Chancellor's Report at the October 19th Officers' meeting. 42 items to be covered in the Manual are presently being constructed for review. Feel free to contact Brother S.K. Tom Everly, Faithful Secretary, or Chancellor Ed for further information.

St. Basil's Christmas Bazaar:

Anyone that can aid with the St. Basil's Church Bazaar is asked to please contact Mrs. Rose Badman.

Basket Bingo:

The St. Basil's Basket Bingo was great success due to the coordinating efforts of Dee Aquilante with the support of Tony and Chris Odorisio, Andy Viscuso, Merrill Francis, Mike Naducci, Harry Batten, and Pat Dolan. As you can see the Brother Knights were once more well represented in contributing the time and efforts.

Funds received will be donated to St. Basil's Church. [If anyone else who contributed is missed by not being named, apologies. Editors note]

Council Knights Christmas Dinner Dance:

Saturday, December 6th, is scheduled for the Annual Council 13800 Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner Dance at the Phoenixville Country Club. Mark your calendar.

Closing Quotes To Ponder Until Next Issue:

COMMENTARY

“My Confession:

I am a Jew, and every everyone of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees, Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, “Merry Christmas” to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. On fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christmas. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we

understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like hurricanes happen? Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeline Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

The Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.

Now we are asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but

question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send “jokes” through e-mail and they spread like wildfire but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on I think it has merit. If not then just discard it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

My Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully,

Ben Stein

Recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning

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