



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FATHER JOSEPH G. MCMANUS COUNCIL #7941

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CLARION

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT YOUR PARISH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DEC 2007

## KNIGHTS TO PREPARE CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

On December 22, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, your parish's Knights of Columbus will donate about 100 baskets of food to needy families. The Knights will purchase or collect donations of frozen turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables, canned goods, milk, bread, and other items from area grocery stores and give these to any family that requests them.

Last year, St. Christopher's Knights distributed 70 baskets and were lauded in *The Kent Island Bay Times*. If you or someone you know is in need of food this Christmas, please contact Grand Knight **Jim Bowser** at 410-827-9551.

As always, any Knights who would like to help collect and/or distribute baskets are more than welcome. Call Jim or Deputy Knight **Hugh Dent** at 410-827-9342 to lend a hand. We'd be glad to have you!

## KNIGHTS KEEP "CHRIST" IN "CHRISTMAS"

Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest to remind kids of what the holiday really means. The contest was open to CCD students in grades 1-8, and 48 entries were received.

Our pastor, Fr. Jennings, along with members of the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary, participated in the judging. Posters were viewed and judged based on expression of theme, originality, and artistic quality/presentation.

## KIDS MAKE THEIR BEST SHOTS

Fourteen boys and four girls competed in this year's basketball free-throw event. The 10- and 11-year olds shot from the 12-ft. line, while those 12 to 14 shot from the 15-ft. line. Each participant threw 15 times, plus threw five more shots to resolve any ties.

The winners in each age category were:

- 10-yr olds: **Erica Haschert, Ricky Iannucci**
- 11-yr olds: **Anna Haschert, Bailey Quinn**
- 12-yr olds: **Justin Hampton, Kendyl Willox**
- 13-yr. olds: **Jason Maheux**
- 14-yr. olds: **Alex Spiegel**

Thanks to all who entered the "Keep Christ in Christmas" and Basketball Free Throw contests, and congratulations to the winners. Extra thanks to Brother Knight **Greg Denny** for once again running these contests

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who joined the Knights for our spaghetti dinner at St. Christopher's on November 10.

First, second, and third place was awarded for each age group.

#### Grades 1-3

First Place: **Natalie Kirkwood**

Second Place: **Emma Kelly**

Third Place: **Ciara Wilson**

#### Grades 4-6

First Place: **Micaela Gately**

Second Place: **Mallory Boyle**

Third Place: **Connor Spiegel**

#### Grades 7-8

First Place: **Katherine Bridenstine**

Second Place: **Rachel Walters**

Third Place: **Tommy Sedwick**

Interested in joining the Knights? Contact **Ron Brownley** at 410-490-1198 or [capnron@atlanticbb.net](mailto:capnron@atlanticbb.net)

*We thank Father Jennings for his support and encouragement of this newsletter and our other activities*

## CHURCH RENOVATIONS BRING ADJUSTMENTS

The big topic of discussion at our Council's last few meetings has been how the renovation of St. Christopher's will affect our meetings and fundraisers for the next year or so.

**Meetings** will continue to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Because the social hall is being used for Masses, we will be meeting in the conference room near the sacristy. As always, we encourage members to attend to learn important information and to discuss issues that affect you, the Knights, and our parish.

We used to hold **events and functions**, such as Knight at the Races, in the hall at St. Christopher's, but this will no longer be possible. The Council has discussed a number of possible alternative locations, including the American Legion on Rt. 8.

If an alternative venue can be found, the Council will be holding the following events in 2008:

- Bull and Oyster Roast (Saturday, January 26)
- St. Patrick's Day celebration (Saturday, March 15)
- Knight at the Races (date TBD)

If you have a suggestion on where the Knights should hold these events, please contact Grand Knight **Jim Bowser** at 410-827-9342.

Holding fundraising events is crucial to our Council. Profits we make go into **Charity funds** for the good of needy individuals and families and towards **Building funds** for renovating and maintaining St. Christopher's Church. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to help at an event, we'd be glad to have you. Contact Deputy Grand Knight **Hugh Dent** at 410-827-9342 to help out.

**Thank you** to all the Knights who helped at the Fall Festival on November 3, and the Spaghetti Dinner on November 10; who attended the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights on November 25; and who helped with the reception after the Christmas Pageant on December 9.

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (12/11/2007):

- Resolved to donate \$300 to continue sponsoring an overseas student in the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation
- Resolved to donate \$150 to the Maryland Right-to-Life campaign
- Will discuss with Fr. Jennings possible safety improvements to outside entrance to CCD classrooms
- Admitted new member to Knights
- **Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

### Questions, comments, or items for this newsletter?

Contact **Kenton Kilgore**  
Phone: 410-643-7833

**PLEASE PRAY** FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

George Mallet; Ed Malloy  
+Pete Schmidt; John Smith

Cathy Burneston  
Bernadine Crutchley

Peggy Lewis

IF YOU KNOW OF A BROTHER KNIGHT (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) WHO IS ILL OR IN NEED, CONTACT GRAND KNIGHT **JIM BOWSER** AT 410-827-9551

## KNIGHTS, GET YOUR DEGREES: UPCOMING CEREMONIALS

**Second Degree:** January 3 at St. Andrew By The Bay

**Third Degree:** January 11 at St. Andrew By The Bay

**Fourth Degree:** April 5 in Frederick, MD

For times and other information, please contact Grand Knight **Jim Bowser** at 410-827-9551 or come to our next meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at St. Christopher's.