



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER JOSEPH G. MCMANUS COUNCIL #7941

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CLARION

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

FEB 2009

"WHO WANTS PANCAKES?"

Join the Knights on February 24, starting at 5:00 p.m., for a **FREE** Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at the hall here at St. Christopher's! Bring the kids and come hungry!



KNIGHTS HELP THE NEEDY AT XMAS

Once again, St. Christopher's Knights of Columbus prepared and gave out over 100 boxes of food—milk, bread, frozen turkeys, fresh and canned fruit and vegetables—to needy families. The Knights were aided in their efforts by donations of food and funds from area businesses, civic organizations, and individuals, including one person who contributed \$3000. Our council is very grateful and awed, given the current economic times, at the generosity of those who helped us make Christmas a little better for those less fortunate. We would especially like to thank:

- **Wheeler Baker** and **Baker's Liquors**
- **Bruce Moore** and **Tom Balch** at **Safeway**
- **Joe Griscom**, **Manager Tracy**, and everyone at the **American Legion**
- **Norman Vitrano**
- **Frank Weskel** at **Food Lion**
- Knights **Jim Bowser**, **Bob Lewis** and all the others who helped prepare and/or distribute baskets.

WHAT ELSE DO THE KNIGHTS DO?

Your parish's Knights work throughout the year, not just at Christmas. We help renovate homes as part of **Christmas in April**. With our autumn **Tootsie Roll** drive, we collect funds for facilities that serve those with mental disabilities. We raise funds for other charities by hosting dinners like our recent **Bull & Oyster Roast** or by special events like our annual **Oktoberfest** and "**Knight at the Races**."

We have helped with repairs and renovations to St. Christopher's hall and parking lots. We support right-to-life campaigns and fight efforts to marginalize Catholic values. We sponsor seminarians here in America and children studying in Christian schools in the Holy Land. We contribute funds to help retired clergy and those who are homeless or recovering from drug addiction. We donate to cancer research. We run award-winning sports programs (archery, soccer, basketball) for parish youth. And, in keeping with the Knights' founding mission, we help widows of fallen Knights.

If you're interested in joining us, contact **Ron Brownley** at 410-490-1198 or capnron@atlanticbb.net for information.



GRAND KNIGHT **HUGH DENT** (3RD FROM LEFT), BROTHER KNIGHTS AND OTHERS PREPARED BOXES AND HANDED THEM OUT TO NEEDY FAMILIES

“FREEDOM” JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR “ABORTION”?

Please join the fight against the proposed “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) that would, if enacted, make abortion an entitlement that the government must condone and support. FOCA would have an unprecedented effect on society’s ability to limit or regulate abortion and would overturn a broad range of existing laws.

Voice your opposition to FOCA by contacting Congress:

- Senator Ben Cardin (202) 224-5424 or www.cardin.senate.gov
- Senator Barbara Mikulski (202) 224-4654 or www.mikulski.senate.gov
- Rep. Frank Kratovil (202) 225-5311 or www.kratovil.house.gov

President Obama has vowed to sign FOCA if it passes Congress. Please help make sure that he never gets the chance!

See www.nchla.org for more information on fighting FOCA

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming new members **William Phillips, Gene Wesolowski, Andrew Duda, and Michael Brazerol.** We’re glad to have you!



KoC: NOT JUST FOR MEN

Ladies, if your husband, father, brother, or other relative is a member in good standing of the Knights, we welcome you to join the Ladies’ Auxiliary to help the men carry out their works of charity. If you’d like to learn more, contact **Denise Miante** at 410-643-2782.

CHURCH DEDICATION GOES SMOOTHLY

Thank you, Brother Knights, for attending and participating in the dedication of the new church on January 18 and the reception that followed. Your efforts helped make it a great event.

THANK YOU

Andrea Jedrowicz would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Fr. Joseph G. McManus Council #7941 and the parishioners of St. Christopher’s for their prayers and support. They mean a great deal to Andrea and her family.

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- Grand Knight:** Hugh Dent (410-827-9342)
- Deputy Grand Knight:** Jim Bowser (410-827-9551)
- Chancellor:** Bob Lewis (410-643-7509)
- Chaplain:** John Robinson (410-604-0942)
- Treasurer:** Kenton Kilgore (410-643-7833)
- Financial Officer:** Steve Crutchley (410-643-6097)
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- Warden:** Gerry Maans (410-827-9245)
- 1st-Year Trustee:** Joe Griscom (410-643-4442)
- 2nd -Year Trustee:** Bernie Jedrowicz (410-643-2687)
- 3rd-Year Trustee:** Fran Emory
- Inside Guard:** Greg Denny (410-643-5960)
- Outside Guard:** Clarence Cochran (410-643-3352)

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT MEETINGS

- Discussed plans for Bull and Oyster Roast, Shrove Tuesday.
- Discussed funding issues re. future donations.
- Discussed ramifications of passage of Freedom of Choice Act
- Reviewed results of Christmas basket distribution
- Developed plans for church dedication ceremony
- Admitted new members
- Next meeting: March 10 @ 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

- George Bailey
- Tom Cahill
- Terrance Griffiths
- Andrea Jedrowicz
- +Mario Rossi, Jr
- +Tom Fletcher

IF YOU KNOW OF A BROTHER KNIGHT (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) WHO IS ILL OR IN NEED, CONTACT GRAND KNIGHT **HUGH DENT** AT 410-827-9342 OR CHANCELLOR **BOB LEWIS** AT 410-643-7509

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