



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER JOSEPH G. MCMANUS COUNCIL #7941

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CLARION

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THE CALL GOES FORTH!

Welcome to the first issue of the *St. Christopher's Clarion*, a monthly newsletter for members of the Father Joseph G. McManus Council of the Knights of Columbus. Our goals for this newsletter are:

- 1) To inform the parish family about the Knights and their activities;
- 2) To keep members informed of issues and upcoming events; and,
- 3) To encourage members to come to meetings and participate in functions.

Each month, this newsletter will report on events and activities, tell you about upcoming items of interest in our parish, and provide a synopsis of the prior month's meetings. We'll have photos, features, opinion pieces, and more.

We hope you'll enjoy the *St. Christopher's Clarion*!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Knights will be involved with many events and fundraisers over the next few months. Here are a few to look forward to. More details will follow in future issues of the *St. Christopher's Clarion*.

- Car Raffle—August
- Tootsie Roll Giveaway to raise funds for people with mental handicaps—October
- Oktoberfest
- Spaghetti Dinner—November
- Keep Christ in Christmas Contest
- Christmas Baskets for the Needy

*If you'd like to help with any of these events, please contact Grand Knight **Jim Bowser** at 410-827-9551*

"Why Join the Knights?"

- Fellowship
- Brotherhood
- An excellent life insurance program
- The chance to do something good for your parish and for the less fortunate

Interested? If you're male, 18 or over, and a Catholic in good standing, contact **Ron Brownley** at 410-490-1198 or capnron@atlanticbb.net. We're confident that once you learn more about the Knights, you'll wonder why you didn't join sooner.

"Why Wouldn't You?"

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

WHY I'M PROUD TO BE A KNIGHT BY KENTON KILGORE

I never aspired to be a Knight of Columbus. I'm not much for joining groups, and like a lot of guys my age, I'm busy with a demanding job, a wife and kids to attend to, and a house that always needs fixing. Nevertheless, when someone suggested that I join the Knights, I did, though I wasn't sure why I was doing it.

Last December, the Knights asked me to help them hand out boxes of food to needy families. Before dawn, we loaded milk and frozen turkeys onto a truck and

brought it to St. Christopher's. Each family got a turkey, a gallon of milk, a loaf of bread, a box of stuffing, plenty of canned goods, and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Over the next few hours, over 70 families showed up to claim their food. After a while, I forgot about how much my back hurt from shoveling gravel the day before, how I had gotten up way too early on a day off, or anything else. It was all worth it to see and hear how much these families

appreciated what we had done. We hadn't just wished them a "Merry Christmas": we had helped make it happen.

Since then, I've done more charity work with the Knights and every time, I've seen right away the immediate difference the Knights make.

I'm still not much for joining groups. My professional and personal lives are still very busy. But having seen the good the Knights can do, now I know why I joined. And I'm glad I did.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CLARION: NEWS FOR KNIGHTS

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

On June 12, 2007, Council members met at St. Christopher's to elect officers for the 2007-2008 term. The results were:

- *Grand Knight: Jim Bowser (410-827-9551)*
- *Deputy Grand Knight: Hugh Dent (410-827-9342)*
- *Chancellor: Bob Lewis (410-643-7509)*
- *Chaplain: John Robinson (410-604-0942)*
- *Treasurer: Ron Brownley (410-490-1188)*
- *Financial Officer: Steve Crutchley (410-643-6097)*
- *Lecturer: Dean Hardman (410-643-1199)*
- *Advocate: Larry Carr (410-643-7818)*
- *Warden: Gerry Maans (410-827-9245)*
- *First-Year Trustee: Bernie Jedrowicz (410-643-2687)*
- *Second-Year Trustee: Joe Griscom (410-643-4442)*
- *Third-Year Trustee: George Bailey (410-643-2151)*
- *Inside Guard: Greg Denny (410-643-5960)*
- *Outside Guard: Clarence Cochran (410-643-3352)*
- *Recorder: Kenton Kilgore (410-643-7833)*

MENTOR PROGRAM BEGINNING

To welcome new members into the Council, Grand Knight **Jim Bowser**, Deputy Grand Knight **Hugh Dent** and others are initiating a mentor program.

Under the program, new members would be assigned a sponsor, who would remind them about meetings, introduce them to other Knights, go with them to attain degrees, and recruit them to help out at events.

If you'd like to join the mentor program, either as a new member or a sponsor, please contact Hugh at 410-827-9342.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (07/10):

- *Newsletter approved for distribution*
- *Discussion of whether to continue contributions to the Thomas More Law Center (tabled)*

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 14, @ 7:00 P.M. in the social hall of St. Christopher's

Questions, comments, or items for this newsletter?

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

CAR RAFFLE COMING UP

Once again this August, the Knights will be selling chances to win a new car. Currently, we plan to sell tickets at Thunder on the Narrows (August 4th and 5th), during the Queen Anne's County Fair (August 6th-11th), and on weekends.

Our annual car raffle is one of our major fundraisers and brings in a lot of money for charity. More than ever, **we need your help** to man booths and sell tickets. Please contact **Vince Rossi** at 410-827-4027 to lend a hand. Just a few hours of your time can make a big difference in the life of someone less fortunate.

THE KNIGHTS NEED YOU!

Our Council is blessed to have over 150 Knights, but only a handful regularly attend meetings and charity events.

We realize that many Knights have families and demanding jobs, but we would appreciate any time you can spare. Helping out at one or two events a year would give your Brother Knights a big hand, and coming to meetings is a great way to hang out with the guys and stay involved with your parish. And besides, it's a lot of fun!

Contact **Ron Brownley** at 410-490-1188 or capnron@atlanticbb.net to learn more about what you're missing. We hope to see you soon!