



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER JOSEPH G. MCMANUS COUNCIL #7941

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CLARION

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

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THE KNIGHTS NEED *You!*

Like the Marines, our parish's Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men. If you're male, 18 years of age and older, and a Catholic in good standing, please consider joining the Knights. And why, in these busy and often trying times, would you want to do that?

Because the Knights offer you an opportunity to do some good for your parish and your community. Our parish's Knights of Columbus do repairs on the church and hall, gather donations and hold fundraisers to benefit needy individuals and families, run sports events for children, help with annual holiday programs, and lobby lawmakers to uphold traditional Catholic values.

But being a Knight isn't just work, work, work—it's also a lot of fun! Events like "**Knight at the Races**," last fall's **Oktoberfest**, the upcoming **Shrimp Feast** (see below), or the recent **Bull & Oyster Roast** (see back page) are a blast. The Knights have lots of fun in other ways, too, such as handing out food to the needy at holidays, judging the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" art contest, and going on trips to places like Longwood Gardens.

The Knights also have one of the best life insurance plans to be had, at very affordable rates. You can protect your family for a fraction of what you might pay otherwise.

The Knights were organized 125 years ago by Fr. Michael McGivney and currently number over 1.7 million members in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. The Knights is a men's organization, but women are invited to join the Ladies' Auxiliary. Contact **Ron Brownley** at 410-490-1198 or at capnron@atlanticbb.net to learn more!

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU HAVE SHRIMP? FIND OUT!

Join the Knights on April 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for a shrimp feast that would rival any spread that Forrest Gump could put on. We'll have shrimp prepared almost a dozen different ways, plus pit beef, turkey, ham, chicken, and all kinds of side dishes. There will be plenty of beer, coffee, and sodas to wash down all that food. We'll be holding the Shrimp Feast at the VFW Hall in Grasonville; tickets are \$30 each in advance (\$35 at the door) and will be on sale after Masses, or call **Jim Bowser** at 410-827-9551. **HURRY!** We only have 200 tickets available, and when they're gone, they're gone. Everyone likes shrimp—don't miss out!



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

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

So why haven't you joined the Knights yet? Let me guess...

"I don't have time." Meetings are only twice a month, usually less an hour each time. Helping out at an event is a couple hours' every few months. You'd be surprised how little time it takes to be a Knight.

"I'm not a 'good' person." No one's perfect, but if you're a Catholic in good standing, you're 'good' enough for us.

"The Knights are a bunch of old guys." We have plenty of retirees, but we also have lots of young members.

"You can't trust big charities." The Knights are not like some other charity organizations. Funds raised and collected by your parish's Knights go directly to help to less fortunate people in your community.

"I already have life insurance." You don't have to sign up for life insurance when you join the Knights—but we do have excellent coverage, perhaps better than what you already have.

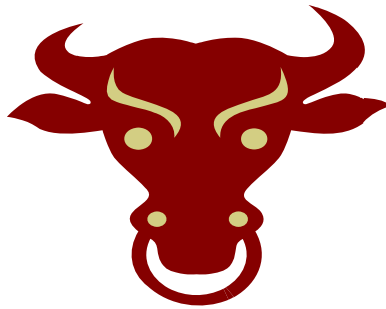
So what's your excuse now?

BULL & OYSTER ROAST A BIG SUCCESS

Our Council's 2nd Annual Bull & Oyster Roast at the Grasonville VFW on February 9th sold out, raising a record amount of funds for charity. So many people attended that the Knights reluctantly had to turn away late-comers who wanted tickets.

ing the hall, to the Knights that helped sell tickets and run the function, and especially for Knight **Gerry Maans**, who once again organized this great event. We'll do it again next year!

A big "thank you" to the parishioners and friends who attended, to the Grasonville VFW for provid-



WELCOME!

The Knights welcome two new members to our Council. **Joe Riley** joins us as a transfer from another Council; **Andrew DeLeon** is a brand-new member who was voted in at our meeting on February 26th. We're glad to have you, gentlemen!

BURNESTON IS NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY

Dave Burneston, a long-time and very committed member of our Council, has taken over District Deputy duties from **John Smith**, who is recovering from neck surgery. Please join us in congratulating Dave, and please keep John in your prayers.

Reminder: During the church's renovation, we will be having meetings in the conference room off the hall, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

KNIGHTS, GET YOUR DEGREES: UPCOMING CEREMONIALS

First Degree: March 21 (Annapolis)

Second Degree: March 21 (Annapolis)

Fourth Degree: April 5 (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, March 11 at 7:00 p.m., in the conference room at St. Christopher's.

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- 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)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (02/26/2008):

- *Announced income and expense figures for February 9th Bull and Oyster Roast*
- *Discussed plans for April 5th Shrimp Feast and asked for volunteers to help sell tickets*
- *Announced that Dave Burneston has taken over as District Deputy for John Smith*
- *Discussed upcoming membership recruitment drive*
- *Admitted new member to Knights*
- *Meeting attendance was high*
- *Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

+Pete Schmidt

John Smith

Terry Rossi

Terrance Griffiths

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