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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brothers Knights,

The new year brings a time to reflect on activities of the past year. An opportunity to not repeat mistakes, but renew our hope, change our focus and have a rebirth of possibilities. Our blessings are abundant; family, friends and our brother Knights.

As we look out on the second half of the Columbian year, I hope we continue the great support our council has provided to the various earlier activities —Parish Picnic, Membership Drive, Super 50/50 Raffle, Christmas Family Festival. These events were spectacular not just for themselves, but due to the hard work and active support of you, my brother Knights.

Looking ahead, we have our Mardi Gras Festival—which was a shining star last year, our Alzheimer’s drive, Easter Egg Hunt, Fish Dinners, to name a few.

As a reminder, our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at the Our Lady of Peace Parish Center. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, stop by, meet our new brothers, say hello to old friends..

“Our Lady of Peace ... Pray for Us”

Vivat Jesus,
Scott Minnihan

Council Officers

Pastor—Rev. John V. Polyak
Grand Knight—Scott Minnihan
Deputy Grand Knight—Joe DeLuca
Chancellor—Dave Pinto
Recorder—Steve Reitano
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Treasurer—John Sidwa

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towski
3 YR Trustee—Thomas McGivney
Lecturer—Steve Csontos

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Membership Drive—2011

The men of the Our Lady of Peace parish community continued their vigorous support of the Knights of Columbus with 10 new members joining the ranks of the Knights in the recent membership drive. The substantial growth experienced by the Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus over the past 4 years is a testimony to the support that the families of the parish gives to the church, Father John and the community as a whole. This support enables the Knights to foster activities that assist the

needy, as well as, promote activities that bring our community together.

The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus continues to encourage men of our Parish community to join our council. This growth will permit us to further promote and expand these constructive activities which greatly benefit all of the families of our community.

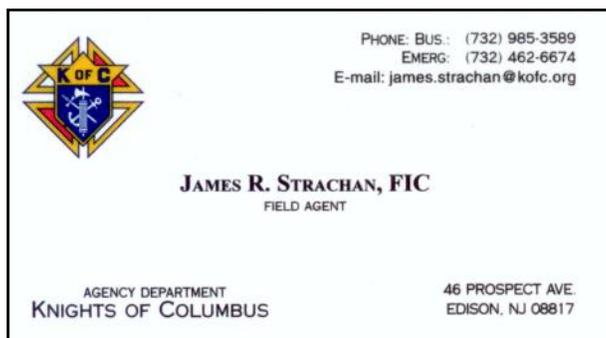
David Pinto

Membership Director

Insurance Corner

Protecting family financial security has been a part of the Knights of Columbus mission since we were founded in 1882. We've since received the highest ratings from A.M. Best (A++) and Standard & Poor's (AAA) and certification of ethical business practices from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association.

Feel free to contact Jim Strachan, a brother Knight and our Insurance Representative, about the many varied Knights Insurance products !!



2011 Season of Giving

Council 11378 sponsored a family through the Parish office for Christmas. We bought gifts for the family as well as a gift certificate. Several Knights joined in the effort. Many thanks to all who supported this effort.

2012 K of C Dues

It is that time of year again to pay yearly dues. If you haven't received your notice, please see the Financial Secretary for specifics.

Mardi Gras Festival

Back again, due to overwhelming requests !! We are planning our Mardi Gras Festival, Friday, February 17th. If you can volunteer some time, please reach out to one of the council officers.

2012 Free Throw Contest

We had solid participation by 12 young adults from our parish, along with about 40 or so parents and family attending .. We had 5 winners and are looking forward to the state contest, February 19th, in the OLOP Parish Center ...

OLOP Parish Picnic—2011

At the annual Our Lady of Peace Parish Picnic, the Knights were in full force, supporting our Parish. The day was warm, and fun was had by all..



The Knights were out in typical form, helping to get seating and tables to/from the picnic, along with setup and cleanup.



4th Degree Ceremony—2011

Our council had 6 members achieve the 4th Degree this past November.

On a wonderful day, our brothers joined together and attended the exemplifications of our 4th principle, Patriotism, at the Eatonton NJ Sheraton for a grand event, filled with much fun, food and drink.



Chaperoned by our Grand Knight, Scott Minnihan and our Chancellor, Dave Pinto, it was a memorable event.

We congratulate our newest 4th Degree “Sir Knights” -

- Steven Reitano
- Pat Amrosio
- Nick Arico
- Tom McGiveny
- Fred Offenburger
- Ted Zajack

Christmas Family Festival—2011

The Knights of Columbus, Council 11378 hosted our annual Christmas Family Festival, on Saturday December 10th. From our estimates, over 200 people attended, with approximately 105 children there to meet Santa.

Several highlights in the day, most importantly a visit from Santa himself !! As with years past, children were able to have pictures taken with Santa and they were provided to family members via CD.

The Santa's Children's Workshop was another big hit. Children were able to make ornaments, sand art and many other things.

Brother Gil Cruz provided excellent Christmas Music and made the day one to remember..



Bethlehem Chicken made a debut along with French Fries—all were a big hit.



The Train Display—provided by Brother Knight Steve Olsen was a bit hit, as always..

The budding artists of the Our Lady of Peace community had the opportunity to display their talents



in our Keep Christ In Christmas Drawing Contest.

We need to thank the entire supporting cast, the young adults from CCD, the Columbiette's and as always, our brother Knights for their assistance prior and during the event.

A big thanks goes out to the Christmas Family Festival committee, headed up Dave Pinto. Decorations collected by Nick Arico, Gifts coordinated by Scott Minnihan.

Finally, a big thanks to all our Brother Knights for their help before during and after the event. Setting up our Christmas Wonderland, then re-setting for CCD sessions the next day ... As with all our events, we had plenty of help from our council, and it would not have been a success without each of you !!

Lecturer's Corner...

Holy Mary, Mother of God

On January 1st we celebrate the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God, the highest of her titles and the basis of the great esteem in which she is held by the faithful. Let us explore the profound mystery associated with this title by meditating on the announcement of Christ's birth, called the Annunciation, as presented in the Gospel of St. Luke (Chapter 1, verses 26-38).

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

The word translated as "favored one" can also designate one who has been the recipient of favors or graces. That is the basis for the translation in the Hail Mary as, "Hail Mary, full of grace." Mary's life has found favor with God and consequently she has been filled with His grace. Gabriel goes on to reveal the ultimate grace that will be bestowed upon her:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

When Mary asks how such a marvelous thing will occur, she is told:

"The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Mary's response indicates to us precisely why she has been favored by God:

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

This is the perfect response to God: a humble, trusting, obedience. Mary agrees to play a key role in God's greatest gift, the gift of Himself incarnate in His son, Jesus.

The early Church pondered the meaning of the incarnation and developed the concept of the Trinity: God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This understanding of Jesus as Son of God resulted in the Council of Ephesus giving Mary the Greek title "Theotokos", literally the "bearer of God," or "Mother of God." Just as the Ark of the Covenant was the sacred object that held the presence of God in ancient Israel, Mary was understood to be exceptionally favored by God to bear His son.

The Annunciation is used as the first of the Joyful Mysteries in the Rosary. It is not a coincidence that the fruit of that mystery, the virtue we develop contemplating it, is Humility. Mary is the model of humility, a young Jewish peasant woman who said yes to God. But God chooses the weak things of the world to do His will so that "no flesh (human being) may glory in His sight." In her humble obedience, Mary is exalted by God. She is the Queen of angels and of men. In the words of the poet, William Wordsworth:

Woman! Above all women
glorified,
Our tainted nature's solitary
boast...

S. Csontos, 1 January 2012.

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In Service to All !*



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

As the year turns, we hope to continue our normal schedule of activities:

- Monthly Food Bank support
- Mardi Gras Family Festival
- Alzheimer's Drive
- Mardi Gras Dinner
- Fish Dinners
- Disabled Charities Drives

We are always looking for new ideas to include so that we can support our church and community. If anyone has any ideas, please bring them up at a meeting, or discuss it with a council

member—our council is a vital part of our community!!

To continue in excellence, we need fresh ideas, so support your brothers, attend meetings, progress in your degrees and be well.

We are always looking for ways to keep you informed of upcoming events and to save on costs. If you are not receiving an email, please let us know by sending your current contact information to info@kofc11378.org.