



KNIGHTLY NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brothers Knights,

As we start a new Columbian year, let me first thank you for your tireless support of our church and community.

I wanted to share some good news, we have been elected as a Star Council for 2010!! This is due to all of your hard work and effort in supporting our families, church and community...

Last year was a successful year, we expanded our membership, tried some new events to raise money—Mardi Gras Parish Festival—and continued with some grand traditions—Christmas Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Fish Dinners, Super 50/50 Raffle, and more...

We also re-introduced our newsletter, Knightly News, which we anticipate publishing twice a year. Also, we have developed our own web site at www.kofc11378.org.

As we look ahead, we have installed a new council of officers, listed below. We thank those that have guided the council in the past, and congratulate those who continue to and who have joined in leading our council.

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.

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
Financial Secretary—John Baur
Treasurer—John Sidwa

Advocate—Fred Offenburger
Warden—Nick Arico
Inside Guard—James Grieco
Outside Guard—Joe Barna
1 YR Trustee—John Petrikonis
2 YR Trustee —Donald Romo-
towski
3 YR Trustee—Thomas McGivney
Lecturer—Steve Csontos

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 2010 and 2011 the men of the Our Lady of Peace parish community continued to enlist in our Knights of Columbus Council in record numbers.

Six new members joined in the fall membership drive while thirteen members became 3rd degree Knights. Four existing members were also elevated

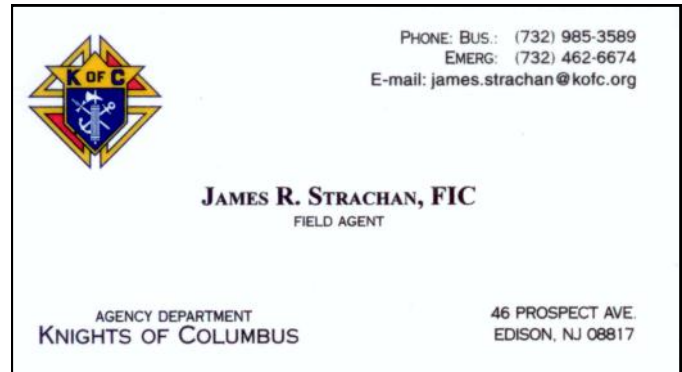
to fourth degree status. The support of the Knights by all of the men in our Parish is greatly appreciated by Father John.

The membership committee looks forward to another vibrant growth year in 2011 and 2012.

We would like to welcome our new Insurance Agent **Jim Strachan** to Council 11378. Jim has 20+ years experience with the Knights.

As you all know, the Knights of Columbus has many Insurance products available only to Knights and their families. The products include Whole Life, Term Life, Long Term Care, Annuities, IRA's and the most recent, Disability Insurance. One year of disability can wipe out 10 years of saving. Disability causes 50% of all foreclosures in America. Feel free to contact Jim about the Knights new and affordable Disability Income program. This program is available only to members of the Knights of Columbus.

Please feel free to give Jim a call, he is ready to help you with your insurance needs ...



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2011 Council Officer Induction

In the recent Council Officers election, the individuals listed on page 1 have been elected to officer positions.

On July 12th we held the Induction Ceremony for the incoming officers. State Representatives Joseph Sabella and Joseph Schiavo conducted the ceremony.

We thank those who have served, and congratulate those who will lead our council in the coming year.



2010 Annual Awards Ceremony

Our recent Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the New Brunswick Elks Club. The 2010 Awards were presided over by Grand Knight, Scott Minnihan. The *2010 Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Awards* went to:

Youth Services Award

The Youth Services Award is presented to the Knight that helps with our Youth Activity Programs throughout the year. This year's recipient is a soccer coach in North Brunswick, runs our annual Free Throw Competition and helps with our CCD Traffic Control. Most importantly he takes on the role of Santa during our annual Christmas Festival. Please join me in congratulating **Nick Rivera**.

The Columbian Award

At the Council level this award is a tangible testimonial of the efficiency, industry and excellence of the Council's Activity Program. This includes, Church, Community, Pro-life, youth and Family Activities. At the individual level, with our council, it is the person who we feel most effectively helped us achieve our Council's goals. This year's recipient assisted in many of our programs throughout the year. Whether it was early morning 50/50 sales, helping the Columbiettes, or serving at the bar at the Fish Dinners, this Knight was always there in support. Please join me in congratulating **John Sidwa**.

The Church Services Award

The Church Services Award is given to the Knight who dedicates his time and talent in service to our parish. This year's recipient serves as a Eucharist

minister. He was instrumental in the success of the Church Fish Dinners. He assisted in the Columbiettes "Indoor Garage Sale" and ran the kitchen for the Christmas Festival. When anything needs to be done around the church in terms of maintenance, he is the one we call. Please join me in congratulating **James Wright**

Community Services Award

The Community Services Award is given to a Knight that works within the community to make it better for those around them. This year's recipient was there to help with our programs at the Food Bank, was there to assist with the 50/50 sales and he provided extra tables to the Columbiettes "Indoor Garage Sale". He is also an active member of the North Brunswick First Aid Squad. Please join me in congratulating **Nick Arico**

Family of the Year

The Family of the Year Award is given to the Family whose members all contribute to the church and community both individually and as a family unit. This year's family was selected based on the following activities.

- They created decorations for the Christmas Festival
- They are actively involved in the Cursillo Program
- Their children are CCD teachers
- He recently became a 4th degree member
- He is a Fire Fighter in New Brunswick

Please join me in congratulating the **Ortega Family** as Family of the Year

2010 Annual Awards Ceremony(cont)

Rookie of the Year

Rookie of the Year Award was created to honor an individual who became a Knight in the last year that is contributing an extraordinary amount of time and effort within their first 12 months. This years recipient has achieved 3rd degree and has also attended other Knights reaching their various degrees. He has been there in support of our Christmas Festival, Mardi Gras Event, in 50/50 sales. In addition he has taken on the responsibility of creating both a website and a newsletter for the council. Please join me in congratulating **Steve Reitano** as Rookie of the Year.

Knight of the Year

In many ways The Our Lady of Peace council Knight of the Year award could read Knight"s" of the year

award since we are blessed with so many dedicated brother Knights who give of themselves unselfishly to all our great causes. We thank all of them for their service. Our success depends on every Knight in the council.

This years Knight of the Year is an individual who is emblematic of that dedicated spirit. He seemed to be on the front lines of every project through out the year. He was front and center at all our Super 50/50 and event ticket sales in the church. He was instrumental in making our food bank tasks an efficient operation. He assisted in nearly all of our event set up and tear downs including the Mardi Gras and Christmas Festival's as well as the Fish dinners and the Columbiettes yard sale. He assisted in the handicapped drives, free throw contests, Easter Egg hunt and when he wasn't doing any of those things he was serving as an usher in Mass. It was our great honor to present this years Knight of the Year to **Andrew Remm**.

2010 - A Year in Review ...

As we look aback on the 2010 Columbian Year, our council has had quite a lot of exciting times and wonderful family oriented activities. All totaled, the Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus, Council #11378, raised and donated over \$10,000 in the last 12 months.

Below are some of the events and festivities that our council hosted and supported throughout the year...

North Brunswick Food Bank

The **NORTH BRUNSWICK FOOD BANK** is located in the basement of the Municipal building on Hermann Road North Brunswick and is a Tax

Exempt/Nonprofit Organization. The Food Bank receives its food from donations, purchases from money raised and a once a month food delivery from a Major Food Distribution Center located in Hillside New Jersey. The Knights of Columbus from Council # 11378, Our Lady of Peace Church, North Brunswick assist our parish pastor, Father John and the staff at the food bank every 4th Friday of the month in unloading the delivery to the North Brunswick Food Bank from the Hillside distribution site. What would take the food bank almost all day to get the food down to the basement takes only an hour or so with the help of many of our Brother Knights. The Food Bank helps over 200 families a month. It is a lifeline for many families who are facing difficult times. The Knights of Columbus help and support the North Brunswick Food Bank whenever and wherever help is needed.

2010 - A Year in Review ...

Indoor Garage Sale

The Knights of Columbus from Council # 11378 help support the Columbiettes from Our Lady of Peace Church this past April 2011 in their Indoor Garage sale to raise money for the **Wyatt Cancer fund**.



The Knights supplied food, ran the kitchen and assisted in the setup/ cleanup of the Parish Center where the fund raiser was held.



The Columbiettes raised over \$2200 dollars(\$653 from food sales) in this great cause. Knights of Columbus Council #11378 were more than happy to assist our sister Columbiettes.

Our Lady of Peace Famous Fish Dinner!



As part of our annual activities, the Knights of Columbus, Council #11378 held a series of Fish Dinners to celebrate Friday's during lent. Many were heard to comment "... this is the best fish dinner we've had!!".



As always, a team effort made these events a major success!!

2010 - A Year in Review ...

2010 Christmas Festival



Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus hold an annual Christmas party for the families of the parish to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

In 2010, the Knights presented a meal of Chicken Fingers and French Fries, holiday music, holiday crafts, a large model train display bedecked with snow and evergreens, and pictures with Santa for all of the kids in attendance.

As always, our event was a success through the combined efforts of our brother Knights and the Columbiettes !!



Santa and the Columiettes.....

What would Christmas be without a train display?



As usual, Father John making sure everything is done right !!



(Santa and the Knights ...)



2010 - A Year in Review ...

Mardi Gras



The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus hosted it's first annual **Mardi Gras Parish Festival** in 2011. Over 270 people attended this enormously successful event. The Festivities featured food,



Music and an array of children's activities



even a Children's Mardi Gras Parade.



The event raised a substantial amount of money for various Knights of Columbus charities.



In response to overwhelming requests a 2nd Mardi Gras Festival is being planned for 2012.

Hope to see you there !!

Many More

Let's not forget, the Super 50/50 Raffle, Disabled Americans, Alzheimer's Drive, Ultra Sound Drive, Easter Egg Hunt, Knight's service as Eucharistic Ministers, and even more ...

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In Service to All !*



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www.kofc11378.org

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

- Monthly Food Bank support
- Annual Christmas Party
- Super 50/50 Raffle
- 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.