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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brothers Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank each and every one of you for electing me to be your Grand Knight for the upcoming year. It is a Great honor to be Grand Knight but I feel proud to know that you my Brother Knights have the confidence in me to lead our council.

I will give the council nothing less than 100% of myself to ensure that we continue to grow and have the successes that we have had in the past. With your continuing support I know we will be successful in the future. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of being Grand Knight and leading our council in the coming year.

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..

God Bless America !

“Our Lady of Peace ... Pray for Us”

Vivat Jesus,

Joe De Luca Jr.

Council Officers

Pastor—Rev. John V. Polyak

Grand Knight—Joe DeLuca

Dpty Grand Knight—Steve Reitano

Chancellor—Nick Arico

Recorder—Andrew Remm

Financial Secretary—John Bauer

Treasurer—John Sidwa

Advocate—Fred Offenburger

Warden—Patrick Ambrosio

Inside Guard—James Grieco

Outside Guard—Joe Barna

1 YR Trustee—Scott Minnihan

2 YR Trustee —John Petrikonis

3 YR Trustee—Thomas McGivney

Lecturer—Steve Csontos

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Membership Drive—2012

The men of the Our Lady of Peace Parish community showed great support for its Knights of Columbus council during the 2011-2012 Columbian year. A total of 13 new members joined the ranks. All of our new brother Knights helped to contribute greatly to the magnificent success of our Council. In addition 6 new members joined the ranks of the 4th degree Sir Knights. Two additional members of our council were inducted into the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. We look forward to another productive Recruitment year in the 2012-2013 Columbian year.

The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus has accomplished much in serving our Parish community over the years. That continued success is only possible with the continued growth of our ranks. That growth only begins when one of our brother Knights speaks proudly of our accomplishments to another Catholic gentlemen. So please do not hesitate to tell other Catholic gentlemen that we would be honored to have him stand with us.

Viva Christo Rey


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 !!



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Upcoming Activities—2012

Membership Drive

Christmas Family Festival

Super 50/50 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Alzheimer's Drive

2013

Mardi Gras Family Event

Easter Egg Hunt

Applebee's Breakfast

And much, much more !!

2012 Annual Awards Ceremony

Our 2012 Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the New Brunswick Elks Club, presided over by Grand Knight, Scott Minnihan. To start the evening, some special recognition certificates were given:

- For support during events throughout the year, we recognize a new Brother Knight, **Brother Knight Gil Cruz**. While we don't always appreciate it during the events, providing DJ services to our events helped make the Christmas Family Festival and Mardi Gras Festival go much, much smoother.
- For his tireless leadership during the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Drive, we recognize **Sir Knight, John Petrikonis**. To some of us it is only a couple of hours work, but John set up the locations, collected donations and expended a tremendous overall effort to achieve success.
- In recognition of support at all our programs and events, we recognize the **Our Lady of Peace Columbiette's**. If we ever need help, they are always there to provide a helping hand.

The *2012 Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Awards* went to:

Youth Award

The Youth Award is given to the member of the Knights of Columbus who exemplifies our mission in helping the youth in our community. This year's

recipient was at each of our Programs Free Throw Contests, Christmas Family Festival, Mardi Gras Festival and the Easter Egg Hunt. Even dragging his wife to stuff eggs with us - this award goes to **Sir Knight, Patrick Ambrosio**.

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. This year's award goes to a knight who provided support at all our events, created a newsletter to share the success of our Council, and developed and maintains our Council website. This year's award goes to **Sir Knight Steven Reitano**.

Church Services Award

The Church Award is given to the Brother Knight who promotes the Church teachings through actions and words. This year, the award is being given to someone who over the last 2 years has provide spiritual insight into being a Catholic Gentleman. This year, the award goes to **Brother Knight, Steve Csontos**.

2012 Annual Awards Ceremony (cont)

Community Services Award

This award is given to the Brother Knight who provides assistance to people within our church and community. Our biggest program run during the year is our assistance with the Food Bank. This year, he helped institute a new program with Applebee's Breakfast. He is a constant supporter of all our functions. This year the award goes to **Sir Knight, Joseph DeLuca.**

Family of the Year

This award goes to the family that has made significant contributions to the Church and Community. They exemplify the family values taught by our Church and order. This year's family has been tremendous supporters of our programs. This year's award goes to the **Pinto Family – Sir Knight Dave Pinto and Lady Janet Pinto.** Janet has run the Activities Center at both our Christmas Family Festival and Mardi Gras Festival, and Dave is well ... Dave !

Rookie of the Year

The 2011-2012 Graduating class of new Knights to our council was a stellar group of Catholic Gentlemen. Their instant dedication to our Parish Community was inspirational to all. Our Rookie of the Year **Charles Wilkey**, was emblematic of that dedication. He began attending events even before he became a Knight. His attendance and contributions were evident at nearly every function. He reached 3rd degree status in record speed and he plans to obtain his 4th degree in the coming months

Knight of the Year

It's always difficult to choose the Knight of the Year. There are many members that help tremendously. There was one member though, that stepped up his effort and brought our council to a new level. Through countless volunteer hours, spearheading a new fundraising event, accepting leadership responsibilities – all of these things make our 2012 Knight of the Year and invaluable member of our council. This year's award goes to **Sir Knight, Nicholas Arico.**

2011—2012 A Year in Review ...

As we look at specific events throughout the year, it is important to highlight some of the things we accomplished over the last year. We wouldn't have been able to reach the achievements without the support of all the Knights in our organization. Some of the achievements are:

- We grew membership from 83 – 94 members

- Super 50/50 raised over \$3000.00
- Alzheimer's Drive raised over \$1200.00
- Intellectual Disabilities Drive raised over \$4300
- Continued our annual programs – Christmas Family Festival, Mardi Gras, Easter Egg Hunt
- We started a newsletter
- Added a new program – Applebee's Breakfast which raised over \$2400

2011—2012 A Year in Review ...

Mardi Gras Festival

The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus hosted our annual **Mardi Gras Parish Festival**. Over 250 people attended this enormously successful event. The Festivities featured food, music and our “Mardi Gras Parade” made up of the parish children.

Led by our own “Pied Piper” Sir Knight Dave Pinto, our annual Children's Mardi Gras Parade was a big success !



Supported by a great collaboration of Knights and Collumbiettes, the Mardi Gras event was a HUGE success ! The event raised a substantial amount of money for various Knights of Columbus charities.

Indoor Garage Sale

The Knights of Columbus from Council # 11378 again supported the Our Lady of Peace Columbi-ette's this past April 2012 in their annual 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 event raised over \$2200 dollars in this great cause. Knights of Columbus Council #11378 were ready, willing and more than happy to assist our Sister Columbiettes.

Easter Egg Hunt

This years Easter Egg Hunt was a huge Success ! We had an exceptional group of children who found a record number of Eggs !!



2011—2012 A Year in Review ...

North Brunswick Food Bank

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.

Applebee's Breakfast

This is the inaugural for our Applebee's Breakfast event. This event was supported by a broad mix of Knights, Columbiette's and family—over 40 strong !



The Knights coordinated hosted this event, which consisted of selling tickets during the month of May, coordinating flyers and awareness across the North

Brunswick Community. We sold over 260 tickets and served more than 210 meals.



This event was a great success, as we were able to raise over \$2400 which is being donated to the North Brunswick Food Bank.

Many More

Let's not forget, the Super 50/50 Raffle, Intellectual Disabled Americans Drive, Alzheimer's Drive, Knight's service as Eucharistic Ministers, CCD Teachers and even more!!

Lecturer's Corner...

Living Witnesses of a Distinctive Faith

As we conclude the Easter Seasons with Pentecost, we encounter the three remarkable Solemnities of Ordinary Time. We celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. With these solemnities the Church reminds us of the distinctiveness of our Catholic faith, of what separates us even from other Christians.

The Most Holy Trinity reminds us that we worship God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Sign of the Cross is the public acknowledgement of our belief. While over 90% of Americans believe in God, a significant percentage, including some Christian denominations, do not believe in the Trinity. This is not a new trend: Presidents Adams and Jefferson did not.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, reminds us that we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Here we clearly differ from our Protestant brothers and sisters for whom the Lord's Supper is "symbolic."

Finally, the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of our focus on the love of God, incarnate in the heart of Jesus, which is the source of our redemption. Other Christians may believe this in an abstract way. Catholics apprehend this mystery through devotion to the heart of Jesus which like the real presence is more than symbolic.

Why does the Church call attention to our distinctiveness? Perhaps it does so that we are aware of what we profess as Catholics. Perhaps so we are prepared to acknowledge and witness to these beliefs.

We have heard a lot lately about the movie, For

Greater Glory, the story of the Cristeros Movement in Mexico in the 1920's. Four hundred years after Christianity had been established in Mexico, it probably came as a surprise to Mexicans that the practice of their faith would cost them their lives. Nevertheless, thousands of Catholics were martyrs for their faith.

The word "martyr" comes from the Greek word that means witness. While we normally think of a martyr as one who dies for his faith, we should not overlook the fact that it is just as important to witness with one's life. But we should also acknowledge that witnessing our Catholic differences as individuals in our secular society can be a little uncomfortable or awkward.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus helps us to overcome that awkwardness and enables us to be living witnesses of our faith. You cannot wear our K of C shirts, jackets and nametags and not be identified as a Catholic. No one is going to think you're a Baptist or a Jehovah's Witness. The good works done by the Knights has a long history and is a continuing presence. That means that the good we do around town is associated with our faith. It did not come up as a result of some centering meditation we did during an exploration of our personal spirituality or during a feeling of oneness with the universe. We do this good, as our brother Knights before us have done, as a consequence of our faith in the Trinity, our belief in the real presence of Christ, and in our devotion to the sacred Heart of Jesus. This is why these solemnities are so important.

Let us as Knights reinforce each other in our acts of charity and service. Let our distinctiveness as Catholics be a matter of pride. Let the good works we do collectively witness to our faith and be a collective living witness that draws others to our faith.

S. Csontos

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4TH TUESDAY OF
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**THE OUR LADY
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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.