

Grand Knights Report:

Brothers,

January and February were busy and successful months. We had a tour of DC Catholic sites including the Basilica, two churches and the monastery, we conducted our youth basketball free throw, we conducted our monthly pancake breakfast fundraisers, we supported our two monthly Food Share sites, we took down St. John's Christmas decorations, and had our council banner carried at the Washington DC PRO-LIFE march.

As we move into Spring, we have a number of fundraising events coming up. Your participation is key to their success. We will continue our 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfasts at Prospect Hall to raise funds for the Council and our KofC Scholarship fund. We need a few more knights and their families to work at the breakfast and we need ALL KNIGHTS to come to the event. BRING YOUR FRIENDS. Another big fundraiser is the Preakness Ushering on May 16th, we need at least 20 knights, ladies or friends to make this a complete success. It's also a lot of fun.

We also continue to provide services which need knightly support. These include the 4th Saturday Food Share sites at South Street and at St. Joseph's. St. John's Round Table (all Knights of St. John's Church) will decorate the Church for Easter on April 11. Please put these on your calendar. All Knights are also encouraged to attend the 4th degree assembly's Old Timer's Dinner on April 1st.

Most importantly, we need organizers for new activities and events under all the program categories, Youth, Council, Family, Church and Community. I call on Knights to step forward and lead us in important new efforts, including: PRO-LIFE - the more we do now the fewer children will die before they are born; YOUTH - forming Boys and Girls Squire and Squirette Circles or organizing a fall youth soccer competition; CHURCH - setting up fellowship events with other church groups. The Knights is a strong vehicle for Catholic fellowship and service ... but only if you step forward and serve. Call me at (301) 695-9633 and tell me what you want the Knights to do and how you can help.

Fraternally Yours, Dave Satterfield

Other News:

St. Johns Round Table - took down Christmas Decorations at St. Johns Church. Participants were Mike Czarnecki, Jim Dowell, John Keepers (Cncl 11703), Larry Lindner, Matt Meadows, Dick O'Connor, Sean O'Neil, Dave Satterfield and Joe Sheridan.

New First Degree Knight Exemplified. Congratulations Br. Dave Shumway for his First Degree Exemplification on January 5th.

New Second Degree Knights Exemplified. Congratulations Brs. Sean O'Neil & Anthony Traini for their Second Degree Exemplification on February 16th. The degree was conducted in honor of Sr. Rita Tschudi, of Middletown, MD. They were accompanied by Brs. Bill Brown, Al Harris and Dave Satterfield.

Certificates of Appreciation Awarded. In February, Bishop McNamara Council presented to the children of Br. Dave Wilson. Angela, David, Michelle and Nicole Wilson were given the Certificates to recognize that each has provided 100 hours of service to our Council pancake breakfasts. This has not only helped us raise money for the Council, but has also provided funds to the KofC scholarship fund at St. Johns Literary Institute.

New Officers Elected to fill vacancies: Neil Durso became Inside Guard. Gene McCarthy became 2nd Outside Guard. Ernie Muster Sr. became 1 year Trustee.

Br. Dave Pickert, a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, will transfer in August 1998 to Kelsey AFT, MS. Dave has been very active in our Council. We will miss his contributions and his fellowship.

Home Corporation Officers Elected - The new board of directors, elected at the annual meeting in December, met on January 20th and elected their officers, Bill Kinsella - President, Le Cox - Vice President, Gene McCarthy - Treasurer, Sean O'Neil - Secretary.

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