

Knights of Columbus Council #14349 /Sacred Heart
Spring Grove, PA

Next Meeting: 01/19/10 at 7 PM.

Council Meetings are held every third Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parish Center/ 1031 Sprenkle Rd. Spring Grove, PA 17362

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About Our Organization

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization. The Knights of Columbus provide social and intellectual fellowship for the members and their families. The fellowship is developed by the members' participation in educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public charity projects.

The Sacred Heart Council of Spring Grove, PA has as its mission to perform good and charitable deeds that benefit the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic parish of Spring Grove, PA and the general Spring Grove and greater York, PA communities. Our monthly council

meetings are for members only. However membership in our Council is open to any man of good character who is also a practicing Catholic. If you believe you would like to join our society, please contact Chuck Becker, our Grand Knight to arrange for an interview. []



Grand Knight's Message

Charles Becker, Grand Knight

Everyone has been very busy over the holidays. From the Mitten tree, Christmas sled sales, recruitment drive, coal tickets to our business conducted at our council meetings. Very busy indeed but none of it goes unnoticed to our parishners and fellow knights. What we do is very important helping the parish and community in ways we will never know.

Steve has sent out to all members a survey of what each one of us has accomplished this year. Please fill them out accurately and turn them in to be tabulated and sent forward to supreme. Feel free to be honest on what you have personally done both in time and donations. From attending meetings, CCD teaching, cooking, hwy cleanup, to and out of pocket money you may have spent for activities. This is critical not only for submission for Star Council, but to let everyone worldwide know the hours all Knights are volunteering. As Steve stated bring them to the next meeting, or mail them to me:

4066 Elmhurst Ct
York, Pa 17408

The survey needs to be completed and the audit needs to be conducted so we can be free to pursue other areas of interest. We will be voting on the ceiling tile in the kitchen, and we will also start planning for our Lenten dinners that are just around the corner. Yes we stay busy, but it's worth it.

God Bless You All,

Charles Becker

Grand Knight

Mitten Tree Results

By Chris Norris

We had another very successful year, thanks entirely to the heartfelt and compassionate giving of members of Sacred Heart Parish. Without their giving none of this would be possible. Over 125 mittens were placed on the tree, and taken.

With the assistance of brother knights Ron Gallant, Tom Grimaldi, and Jeff & Nathan Cosentino, all of the gifts were delivered to the sponsoring agencies for their dispersal to the intended children in time for Christmas. In addition to the verbal thanks received upon delivery to the agencies, the Knights have received some notes of gratitude from the groups, which will be shared at our January meeting.

To paraphrase these notes, it is difficult to overestimate the joy that these many of our Lord's children feel on the celebration of His Son's birth, upon receiving these gifts. All of the children who received gifts are in some type of difficulty, and many of them would not receive any gifts other than those provided by this effort. Just as God gave us His Son, Jesus, we are called to give to others, and there can be no better way than to do so than by giving anonymously, with no recognition desired.

The Father will certainly provide abundant rewards for those who give selflessly! Thanks again for your support of this Knights program. *Chris Norris*

Smooth Sledding

This year Nevin Taylor spear headed the effort to build and sell small toy slides for Christmas tree ornaments, or gift tags during the holiday season. This was a very significant fund raising initiative for the council.



We thank Nevin for proposing this idea and leading the effort. We also thank Nevin's son for all the work he contributed in building, painting and selling the sleds. In addition thank you to all the brother nights (particularly Todd) who helped to sell the sleds throughout the community. Finally thank you to everyone who purchased one of these beautiful keepsakes.

Chance of a Lifetime Raffle Results

This year we again had a very successful Chance of a Lifetime fundraising raffle campaign. This is a statewide drawing for 16 major prizes. The winning tickets were drawn on December 8, 2009. The grand prize winner (2010 Toyota Yaris) was John Polron of Yardley, PA. (Near Philadelphia). Locally we had Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Wrightsville win the 3rd prize of a CIE 10 day tour of Ireland.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket during our fundraising drive. We thank Bob Strine for working the COAL campaign for us this year. It is this type of fundraising that gives us the funds to support all our charitable activities through out the year.

Charity Steering Committee

As a group that has developed a powerful reputation for our good works and concern for people who need help, our council receives many requests for help. Usually these requests come from other councils, or religious orders. As much as we would like to help everyone, our resources are limited. Therefore we need to vet the requests and establish priorities.

The council will be establishing a standing charity steering committee. Members of this committee will be chartered to review all requests for assistance, collect background information as required and make recommendations to the officers and membership in light of our council resources. This will help guarantee that all requests are being properly reviewed and prioritized so that the council utilizes our resources most wisely.

Lecturer's Forum

By Fred Oleson 717-792-3263

Last month many of us were treated to a presentation on how an internet web page can return benefits to a Knights of Columbus Council.

Our council is fortunate in that we currently share a web site with Sacred Heart Church. We are also fortunate that our webmaster is a member of our parish. And currently our web site is no cost to our council.

http://www.sacredheartsg.org/knights_of_columbus.html



We are also fortunate that our current webmaster, Tina Hinkle, is willing to undertake upgrades to our site, as her note below indicates.

“Yes, I will add a page for KofC; send me the photos and info in regards to the officers.

I am working on a church calendar when its ready you will have access to add events for KofC.

As far as a map, I am assuming that KofC meets at the parish center. Would a map to the church and to the parish be sufficient shown on the contact page?”

Those of us familiar with software know that if you are willing to pay for it, almost any web page feature you can think of is possible to implement. What is most important is that we have a website that serves the key needs of our members. How do we determine what is required?

I suggest that we form a committee to define the requirements. We want to make sure that the requirements we list are representative of the needs of all the members. Some techniques used to gather requirements are: 1. Email questionnaires to all council members, 2. Interview all members who attend council meetings. 3. Conduct a telephone survey of all council members.

I would be willing to lead the “WebPage” committee. If 2, or 3 members would be willing to work with me in collecting and prioritizing the requirements, we could probably have a requirements list to present to the council and some sample screen designs by May.

At that point after the officers and membership have approved the requirements we could go to Tina and ask her to implement our design. If you would like to be involved in the work of this committee please contact me by the end of January.

Regards- *Fred*

Planning Calendars:

Planning Calendar_Jan-2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 New Years | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Deadline for Articles | 12 | 13 | 14 Newsletter Distributed | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Council Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

Planning Calendar_Feb-2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Fraternal Activity Survey

Recently Steve Tansey brought to our attention that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has asked us to supply information about the amount of time and effort we as individuals and as Knights contribute in service to others. If you have not already done so, please fill out the form below with your information and bring it to council meeting on 1/19/10.

FRATERNAL COMMITMENT:

1. Number of visits to:

- a. Sick
- b. Bereaved

Total Visits

Estimated hours of volunteer service:

- 4. a. Church
- b. Community
- c. Youth
- d. Habitat for Humanity
- e: Miscellaneous

Total Volunteer Hours

Knights of Columbus Insurance Corner

By Jim Short

Please check this space next month for Jim's column.

Contact me – Jim Short, your Council Field Agent at (717) 332-3999 (or e-mail at Jim.Short@KOFC.org) if you have questions or need information about your fraternal benefits.

God Bless,- *Jim*

Chaplain's Message
By Father Tom Marikovic

Please check this space next month for Father Tom's column.

Please pray for our sick



These parishioners of Sacred Heart need our prayers.

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| Gladys Batts | Lee Benton | Frank DeCello |
| George Kern | Francis Martin | |
| Carly Smith | Mary Roller | |
| Ed Chmiel | Tom Kennedy | |
| Joe Orié | Jean Moran | |

Thank you for your compassion.