

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

Next Meeting: 12/21/10 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

Fellow Knights,

I am hoping for a good turnout at our meeting Tuesday 21 Dec. We will be entertaining a special guest at our meeting with a special message for us all.

From what I have seen so far, no one from this council has sold a winning ticket either from the COAL, or football tickets. We need to start doing a better job! I want to see a winner from YORK for a change.

Congratulations to the two new members to our council. I look forward to working with you both. Everyone has something to contribute as I know both of you do, and will be a great addition.

Hope the Christmas sled sales are going well. They were such a big hit last year, and I know everyone enjoyed them so much.

Do not know what to say about the mitten tree, words escape me right now. So many of the parishioners have come up to me after mass, and called me on the phone expressing what a wonderful idea this was. Many have told me how good it makes them feel to be able to help others in such a way. YOU all do that, I only get to hear it from them.

Thank You!

Charles Becker

Grand Knight

Knights Provide Hymnal Covers

Information provided by Paul Wivell

In May of this year Paul Wivell brought to the attention of our council the sad state of the hymnal covers at Sacred Heart church. Approximately 20% of the green covers were dilapidated, while the remainder were clearly showing their age at over 6 years.

Rising to the need, the council agreed to authorize a project to replace the covers. Paul Wivell was named to head up the effort. Over the course of the next 3 months Paul worked with Father Tom and the cover manufacturer to order the appropriate covers.



Figure 1: Photo of new Burgundy Hymnal Covers (right) and citation of our contribution within hymnal on left.

In August, 175 covers were ordered for the church. The covers arrived in September. At our council's September meeting our members placed labels inside the new covers citing that the cover was a gift to the church from Council 14349 of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul then developed the plan for when the new covers would be set out. It was agreed that the covers would replace the old covers the first Sunday of Advent.



Figure 2: Paul Wivell (left) and Dylan Norris (right) discuss plan for distributing new covers.

On November 28 after the 10:45 mass several of the Knights and their families went into to action and changed over the old green covers to the new burgundy colors (very liturgically correct). Chris Norris then took on the task of making arrangements to recycle the old covers.

This is just one example of how our members are always looking for circumstances in the parish and the larger community where the Knights can show God's concern and love through our action.

Mitten Tree

By: Chris Norris

This year's Mitten Tree project has, once again, demonstrated in a very real and visible way, the level of compassion and concern for others that is embodied in the members of Sacred Heart Parish.

When we think of the Christmas season, it is easy (and the cultural norm), to think of our own selfish desires and "needs". However, when we look at the example God set for us, by the gift of his son Jesus, we begin to see past the commercialism and conspicuous consumption presented in the media, and can start to focus on the true "Reason for the Season".

This year, as in every year that the Knights have sponsored the Mitten Tree, I have been warmed by the response of our giving parishioners. We placed 95 mittens on the tree over two weekends, and all of them were taken. As of the writing of this article, most have been returned with gift(s). We are providing help for the following groups: York Intensive Family Services (an arm of Catholic Charities); Head Start; Children's Home of York; Children's Aid Society/The Lehman Center; and for the first time, some less-fortunate local students (working with a Guidance Counselor @ Spring Grove High School). Students in the 7th grade class of our CCD program provided assistance by cutting out mittens.

I would like to personally thank all who have helped by providing a gift (or gifts) for those who are truly in need, and a special thanks to our brother Knight Ron Gallant, who is again helping me deliver these presents to the agencies in time for their distribution to the intended recipients. Thanks and may God bless all of us in abundance for looking out for "the least of our brothers"

Chris Norris

Sled Ornament Council Fundraiser

Information Provided by: Nevin Taylor

As of this writing, Nevin Taylor and his son Jason continue to build, paint and decorate sled ornaments for this holiday season.



Figure 3: Photo of custom made sled ornament for F. Oleson's new grandson.

Sleds have been provided with various themes, such as; Custom (Baby's first Christmas, etc), Religious (John 3:16, etc), Sports Teams (Ravens, etc) and Products (John Deere, etc). Nevin and other members of our council have been taking orders and delivering sleds for this Christmas since late November. The cost for each decorated sled is \$6.00. Undecorated sleds are available at lesser prices. A portion of the proceeds is provided to the council for use in our charity activities.

Nevin will provide a status report on this project for the council at our next meeting on December 21, 2010.

Wall of Fame (Service)

Earlier in 2010 our Grand Knight Chuck Becker suggested to the Council that it would be a good idea to display our Charter Document and our many awards in a more public area of the Parish Center. It was decided our first choice was to have our display in the hallway directly adjacent to our meeting place.



Figure 4: Photo shows our Knights of Columbus "Wall of Fame" in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The display includes our charter (center) along with photos of the Pope and Bishop (left), Columbus' painting and our council awards (right).

After discussions with the administrators of the parish center, the specific location and the timing for setting up our "Wall of Fame" was agreed. During October Chris Norris gathered up the appropriate artifacts and mounted them on the wall at the agreed upon

location. In keeping with our council's mission and Chuck and Chris's many good works "Wall of Service" is probably the most appropriate title for the new display.

Coal Tickets

Information provided by Bob Strine

This is the third year that our council has participated in the annual Pennsylvania state Knights of Columbus Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) raffle. Bob Strine led this year's activity for us. Bob's service to the council is very much appreciated.

Members of our council sold tickets through the autumn season, and the drawing was held December 8th. The first prize was won by the North Hills Knights of Columbus Council (near Pittsburgh). Rev. GP Carey of Philadelphia won the Caribbean Cruise, Mike Bowen of Marysville, PA won the Baseball Spring Training vacation. John Roperti of Beaver Falls, PA won the Snow Blower. This is really the first year in the three years we have participated in these sales that no one from York County has taken home a prize. Chuck Becker says we need to sell better next year (ha, ha).

Planning Calendars:

Planning Calendar_December-2010

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

Planning Calendar_January -2011

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

Knights of Columbus Insurance Corner

By Jim Short

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

Call me, Jim Short, your council Field Agent, at 717-332-3999.

God Bless, - *Jim*

Please pray for our sick



Gladys Batts	Lee Benton	Frank DeCello
George Kern	Francis Martin	Nicky Lewis
Diane Miller	Mary Roller	Michael Springer
Carly Smith	Tom Kennedy	Rick Stewart, Jr.
Ed Chmiel	Stephen Barron	