

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

Next Meeting: 12/20/11 at 7 PM.

Council Meetings are held every fourth 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

I would first like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and joyous Christmas. I hope all will be surrounded by friends and family as should be during this time of year. I further wish you a happy and safe New Year and hope that the new year brings you all prosperity. Remember in this new year how truly blessed we all are, and as the Knights do, help those who have almost nothing.

Thank You Nevin and company for heading up the fruit sale. It was a huge success especially being the first year it was tried by our council. The food pantry also was surprised by the generosity of our parish. Now families who we will never know will have some fresh fruit to enjoy. Thanks guys.

This unfortunately will be my last column in our newsletter for a while. For those who do not know it yet I will be deploying with the Navy reserves for 7 months. The Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Norris, will be leading this council until August 2012 when I return.

I know you will support him as you all have supported me. I am so proud to be a member of this council and to be associated with all of you. I will let you know if I find a council where I am going, and if I do I will let you know.

Keep up all the good work, see you in August.

Charles Becker

Grand Knight

Mitten Tree

By Chris Norris

The annual Mitten Tree project sponsored by our local K of C council is wrapping (no pun intended, since we are NOT supposed to wrap presents!) up another successful campaign. Over one-hundred mittens were put on our small, Charlie Brown inspired tree, and as of this date, nearly all the gifts have been returned to us for sorting. We are distributing the gifts this week, with the final dozen or so still outstanding to be delivered at the beginning of next week.

The Mitten Tree project helps struggling families to provide some presents for their children to open on Christmas morning. While we adults realize the biggest and best gift we could hope for is Christ our Savior, it's not hard for anyone to recall the joy they had as children opening some special treats on His special day.

While there is arguably way too much commercialization of Christmas, and stress by our secular society on the materialism that goes with it, there is no doubt that a Christmas morning without any gifts for needy children is a sad thought. Due entirely to the thoughtfulness of our parishioners, many of those young (and this year, some not-so-young) children of God will not be forced to do without a special gift, or several gifts as we celebrate His birth.

It is certainly a testament to the depth of compassion and thoughtfulness of our small Parish that we are able to help out so many who are in need, especially given the economic realities of this and the past few years. It is proof of His Grace working through us. Let us all plan to pause for a moment or two, as we are having our own family celebrations, to reflect on the gifts He has given to us, and to think of the joy we have helped bring, if only temporarily, to those who benefit from this Mitten Tree project.

A heartfelt THANK-YOU to all who have helped make this dream a reality. May He bless us all, and continue to hold us in the palm of His hand. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Citrus

Information supplied by Nevin Taylor, Bob Strine and Dave Trettel

This holiday season our council #14349 has joined with other local councils to hold a Christmas Citrus Sale. The sale was coordinated by the KofC 4th Degree Assembly 920 and directly benefited the Harvest of Hope Pantry as well as our own council.

Council member Nevin Taylor led this activity for our council. He was assisted in this work by Dave Trettel and Paul Wivell.

We received approximately 30 orders through members of the council and parish. Some orders comprising as many as 3 boxes of fruit.

Members of our council distributed the oranges, grapefruit and tangelos to the members of the parish who ordered the fruit on December 9, 10 and 11th.

In addition, the people of Sacred Heart used this program to contribute an equal amount of the citrus shipment to the Harvest of Hope food pantry.

The generosity of the people of our parish is notable! Thanks to the council members who made this happen!

COAL Tickets

Information supplied Bob Strine

Bob Strine was this year's COAL chairman. This annual effort raises funds for the Pennsylvania KofC state wide scholarship program, and in addition provides some funding for our council activities.

Bob reports that our council sold a total of 88 books. The drawing was held on December 8, 2011 in Newtown Square, PA. Three of the 15 prizes were won by residents of south central PA. The winner of the Disney vacation was from East Petersburg, the winner of the Caribbean Cruise was from Fairfield, and the Nikon digital camera was won by a person from Mechanicsburg.

Bob will provide additional detail about the ticket sales at the council meeting on 12/20/11.

Planning Calendars

Planning Calendar_Dec-2011

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

Planning Calendar_Jan-2012

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

Rosary Presentations:

For the year 2011 the council has made the following rosary presentations for the sacraments of baptism and matrimony at Sacred Heart Parish. Please contact F. Oleson at 793-7108 if you would like to become involved in this activity for our council.

Sacrament	Date	Parents	Child
Baptism	Feb. 27, 2011	Christopher and Erin Feters	Alexandra Feters
Baptism	March 13, 2011	Gabrielle Delaney	Dominica, Giovanni, Vincent, Enzo, & Andaliasia Delaney
Baptism	June 25, 2011	Daniel and Kari Langford	Tyler C. Langford
Baptism	July 16, 2011	Michael and Tammi Shea	Emma L. Shea
Baptism	August 7, 2011	Russell and Tiffany Ansbach	Jonathan G. Ansbach
Baptism	October 2, 2011	Andrew and Emily Epley	Sophie J. Epley
Sacrament	Date	Bride	Groom
Matrimony	March 4, 2011	Carli (Dekat) Progin	Jeff Progin



Please pray for our sick



Thank you for remembering all the people listed below in your prayers.

Father Tom	Lee Benton	Michael Springer
Gladys Batts	Jeff Progin	Melvin Nace
Diane Miller	Mary Roller	Diane Oleson
Carly Smith	Tom Kennedy	
Ed Chmiel	Stephen Barron	