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Official Newsletter of St. Pius X Council 11101
Greensboro, NC

Special Points of Interest:

- Nov. 1—All Saints Day
- Nov. 2—All Souls Day
- Nov. 6 & 7—Membership Drive
- Nov. 7—Daylight Savings
- Nov. 8—Fraternal Benefits Night
- Nov. 8—O & D Meeting
- Nov 11—Business Meeting
- Nov. 14—Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Day

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Grand Knights Message

Worthy Brothers,
I've heard it said "may you live in interesting times". Certainly the events of the last year or so qualify as "interesting times". We've been through a pandemic that has effected millions of people including some of our own brothers in the Council. We've had to retreat to the safety of zoom meetings and we've basically had to give up many of the activities that have defined this council over the years. And now we sit 4 months into the new fraternal year and the changes keep coming. I find during these "interesting times" it helps to take a step back and reflect to sort of refocus and set direction moving forward. I'd like to share this reflection with you and ask you to join me in looking at two questions.

The first question is "Why did I become a Knight?" There is probably a multitude of answers to this question. Maybe you did it for the insurance. Maybe your wife talked you into it to try and get you out of the house. Maybe someone kept asking you until you finally said okay. I initially wanted to wear the regalia and sword. I thought it was really cool! (Alas, that one has sailed for the time being) What really got me interested however was the opportunity to make new relationships and to try and make a difference at the same time. I'm guessing that for most of us in this council somewhere deep within each of us we were all hoping for the same. A chance to make relationships and to make a difference. So are we making a difference? Absolutely! We have men who drive to pick up food 5 days a week to help support Room at the Inn. We have other brothers who have stepped up to build a ramp to help out some of our veterans at a home here in Greensboro. We've had multiple brothers participate in activities in support of Life through prayers and walking. Others have stepped up huge to support the Masses by ushering, essentially allowing the Masses to take place in a safe manner protecting all of the parishioners. I can list so many other activities but for brevity will stop there. We do make a difference.

The second question is for those who may not have been involved for quite some time. The question is "What changed that I've stopped being involved as a Knight?" This is a tough question and truly requires some reflection. It may have been the pandemic. It may have been something in our personal lives that has pulled us away and not allowed us to come back. Maybe you don't care for meetings or don't have the time to attend. It may be the image of what we thought things would be like didn't match the reality. When you search for the answer and find it wherever and whatever it may be I'd like to personally invite you to come back. You may want to talk about those reasons and I would love to hear them. Whatever lead you away let's find a way to bring you back. These are interesting times we are living in and they are going to require the unique talents and abilities that the Knights of Columbus possess. We need your participation to navigate through these interesting times. There are events upcoming that will be listed in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to join us and participate in these and future events and activities. I'll end this with another quote from a movie that is one of my favorites, Shawshank Redemption. "We can either get busy living or get busy dying" This council has a long and proud history of lending a hand to the least amongst us and those in need. It's time for us to "get busy living" and add to that proud history.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless,

Charles Cheney



Nov. 8, 2021, @ 7:00 PM

Councils Fraternal Benefits Night

Council 11101 is having a Fraternal Benefits Night that is open to all members of the parish.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a presentation of benefits by the Knights of Columbus. In addition, several guest speakers will give useful information on a variety of topics that are beneficial to everyone.

The Benefits night is scheduled for November 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Simmons Parish Center, second-floor meeting room.

One does not have to be a knight to attend. It is open to all parishioners.

Refreshments will be served.



Parish Knights Breakfast

The monthly parish pancake breakfast is back. They will occur the second Sunday of each month after the 9 AM Mass. This is a great time to get to know your fellow parishioners in an informal setting with someone else doing the cooking and dishes.

Teams are now being formed. The desire is to have three teams rotating every third month. This does not stress out the members having to cook and serve every month.

If you would like to be on a team contact Ed Calouri at 336-707-2475 or email ecalouri@triad.rr.com

Recruitment Weekend

Recruitment membership weekend is planned for November 6—7, 2021, after all, Masses.

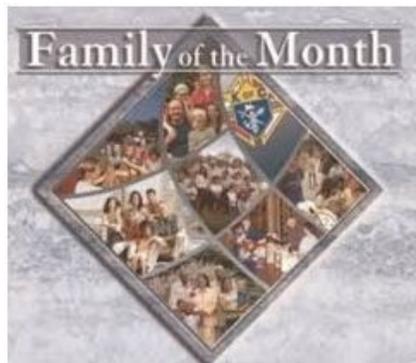
Opportunities for Charity

Knights give back to their communities and those in need around the world. Our charitable programs such as Coats for Kids, Food for Families, the Ultrasound Initiative, and the Christian Refugee Relief Fund answer Pope Francis's call to serve those at the peripheries. Our partnership with the organizations like the Gary Sinise Foundation and Special Olympics amplify our mission of service. Whether you volunteer with us or lend your financial support, you can trust that your work as a Knight is making the world a better place.

Ask a practical Catholic male over the age of 18 to join our organization to become a Better Catholic. Encourage them to join online and take the degree to become a full 3rd Degree Knight. Dues are free this year by using the code MCGIVENEY2020.



Family of the Month



November 2021 Ray & Bernie Menuey

[Http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm](http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm)

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Knight of the Month



November 2021 Ron Schmidt

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Food for Families



Dear Brother Knights of Council 11101, Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Brothers,

Last Thursday evening at a Gala for the Room at the Inn at the Sheraton I was given an award for good Volunteer work for Room at the Inn. They did mention in the presentation that our Council 11101 and the Hibernians Na Cara Division have worked together since January of 2020 to make something great happen. They have never had a volunteer group do so much over such an extended period. I think the Good Lord just wanted it to happen and made it seem like a great idea to so many.

That January of 2020 started with a Right to Life meeting at St. Pius X where interested parties got to tell what they were doing. The head of the Women's Hospital told us how they were planning to move the birthing unit to Moses Cone. Purple Hat ladies told how they were making newborn purple hats to create awareness of parents shaking and thus killing their babies. Crisis Pregnancy told what they were doing for over 1000 pregnant women who found themselves in a crisis situation with a pregnancy. Then they thanked our Knights for giving them two sonogram machines so mothers could see their moving child still in utero, thereby making it almost impossible for them to rationally abort their baby. Mariann Donadio from Room at the Inn told the group how many women they worked with and how they supported 30 while they were having their babies and then keeping them for up to two years while they got their lives in order in the form of baby care, food and clothes, an apartment and furniture, schooling and a job.

I asked Mariann what we could do on an ongoing basis. Said that her custodian was taking a lot of time picking up food donated by local stores and she could use some help. I went with him the next week to Sheetz. They wanted us to come by 3 times a week and started by giving us a 2 x3ft. box with wraps and snack food. Soon Harris Teeter called and said that they had several boxes we could pick up those same 3 days. Hibernians Mike Wachter, Charlie Connolly and Mike Doyle joined me each taking a day. Second Harvest Food Bank did all of the soliciting for us. They added Chipotle who insisted that we take 10 to 20 lbs. of spiced beef. That worked until we were told that pregnant women don't do so well with spiced anything and we had to drop them. We added another Sheetz on Spring Garden and KFC on Battleground and Cone Blvd. and Papa John's Pizza. We added more Hibernians, Ned Crohan, Jim Keaney, Tom O'Laughlin, and Tom O'Connell. We also added eight Starbucks pickups a week and needed serious help, because we also picked up our largest major contributor, Food Lion on S. Elm-Eugene. We also added Greensboro Day School and Guilford Elementary.

I appealed to our Council and found Neil Rochett, Glen Spivey, Ron Swanson, Bryan Harvey, Walt Edwards, and three independent men whom we should recruit as Knights like Bryan Sutton, Matt Johnson and Steve Rockwood. Food Lion takes two men each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I wish the award had said all of this. But there is no way to convey how happy this work makes us all feel. Sometimes I tell these guys about the Benedictan motto of Ora et Labora, You know, prayer and work. Sometime doing God's will is reward itself. One of my brother bean counters said that I should record all the miles driven and time spent by these men. I asked the ones actually working about this and they said that it missed the point completely. They said that they were doing it because of a comment at the abortion clinic. That person asked what we do next when someone decides not to abort their child. The answer is to find a much better way to live with their new baby, to have a happy productive life. Our new mothers at Room at the Inn do not abort, not many give up the child for adoption. They go to church and discover what God had in store for them.

That is reward enough. Thank you for your help in making all of this happen. Someone asked what I do. I also do Pickup and drop off when the guys can't make it and get to experience the fun they are having.

Yours,

Jim Furman

District Deputy's Report

Healthy Councils help us build a better world one Council at a time. How do healthy Councils do that? What exactly do they do? Councils do things according to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Healthy Councils build better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers and better citizens. We do it through our shared interest, shared purpose, shared values and shared vision.

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus? I joined the Knights to become more active in our parish, to become a better Catholic and to meet other men looking for the same things. What I enjoy most about the Knights is that we are busy pulling parish families together through our Knights Rosaries, breakfasts, fish fries, helping our youth group, helping the less fortunate in our community, and having social events. The Knights' high levels of activity attracted me most of all.

Recently, our Council sponsored a retreat given by Brian Pusateri of Open Door Ministries. Some Brothers attended, and other parishioners attended, too. Brian's message was spiritually powerful. I can easily say I was blind before, but now I see. I hope you too can see or hear his important message someday.

St Pius Knights lead the ushering effort in our Church. We compromise more than half of the Ushers in our parish. Knights sacrificed themselves and volunteered to work all the Masses since Covid began. We kept our parish healthy and to my knowledge prevented Covid transmissions in our Church.

Fourth-degree brother Knights recently attended a fraternal dinner at Phoenix Asian Cuisine. About 25 members and their wives attended. It was fun to restrengthen our fraternal bonds, to break bread with our friends again. If you'd like to join us, please call me 336-814-5005.

I could go on listing other things that we do, but you get the idea. We like to be busy building our fraternal relationships through community prayer, helping others and working or spending social time together.

So what's this all about? It's that time again, time for a parish membership drive. If we are not growing in membership, we are dying.

Every year we lose members. Some move away from the area, others move away from the church and others lose interest because they're just not involved. Every two years we like to change Council leadership, to bring in new blood and new ideas. We really do need our membership to grow in order to keep up. When Grand Knight Charlie Cheney asks you to help at the upcoming membership drive, please help. It's important to remember that every new member in our Council brings new ideas, new energy and a new set of hands to share in our work. We hope to bring them closer to God, their Faith and Parish through our focus on Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

God bless you and your families,

Vivat Jesus,

John Joyce,

District Deputy 24,

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Knights of Columbus Field Agent Report

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Business Meetings—
Second Thursday of the Month

Officers & Directors Meeting -
Monday before the Business
Meeting

All Meetings in the Simmons Par-
ish Center at 7:00 pm

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Council Meeting Message—November 2021

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more and making a true difference in your life.

May God bless

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