

Knightly

NEWSLETTER

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Pandemic Can't stop Council 6520!



Brothers,

My apologies for the delay in getting out this newsletter. The holidays and All of the Knights events have kept me from forming a solid thought in my head. Now, that it is the night before the night before, I wanted to fill you in on what we have accomplished in my first 4 months of a Pandemic filled term as Grand Knight, and I couldn't have been any prouder of our Council!

Before I go on, I wanted to explain the meaning of the picture on page one. Everyone knows the story of Jesus and the footprints, where he carries us when we are in need. Well, this fall and winter we have been that footprint for many people in need!

We have gone over and above expectations of what we thought we could accomplish in September looking ahead. With God's help and with some creative thinking of our officers and council and Father Dan, we managed to carry out many of the events that were on our agenda and brought smiles to many faces this fall and holiday season.

We have had more than our share of volunteers for every event. The Ladies Auxiliary got involved and filled in where needed, and we even had events where other councils contributed. This Pandemic has brought out the best in people it seems. There has been so much need that everyone wanted to get involved in some way. Our Parish's outpouring of generosity was overwhelming from donated food and clothing, to dedication trees, to monetary donations and the list goes on.

I want to wish everyone who reads this newsletter all of God's blessings this Christmas and a Healthy, successful and Happy 2021. Let's all pray for an end to the Pandemic this year and getting back to some sense of normalcy. Let's also keep our Priests and Church in your prayers as they struggle to minister to our parish and continuing to spread God's good news.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Mazzio, Grand Knight

Accomplishments of Council 6520 Fall 2020

July 2020- Patriotic Prayer Service - Flag Dedicated to Carl Kaufman

Sept 2020-Shop Rite 5k-supported racers for Shop Rite

October 2020

Hunger Harvest- over 45 Carts of food, and 1000 dollars donated to the Christian Caring Center

Gaga Pit- Built for the YES group

Annual Golf Outing- 18,500 Dollars donated to SVDP, Family Promise and First Way

Blood Drive- Collected over 40 pints of blood.

Mission of Honor- Raised over 8000.00 to inter Deceased Veterans.

November 2020

Christian Caring Center Fence Project- constructed Fencing for donation boxes

Dedication Tree Lighting, Staking, and Installation

CUF Exemplification Degree- 5 brothers become full Knights and a new Degree team was formed

December 2020

Dedication Tree Lighting- over 200 people attended

Soup Kitchen- Donated food to over 150 families, Clothing and Toys delivered to Camden needy

Poinsettia Giveaway- Gave out free flowers in appreciation of parishioners generosity

Ongoing Collection of Food and Money given to SVDP, CCC and Helpers

Delivering Casseroles monthly to Helpers.

Upcoming Events January 2021

Right to Life Rose Sales (to be announced)

March for Life Bus trip (to be announced)

Deceased Knights Mass 1/24 @ 9:00 AM Mass

February 2021

Blood Drive

March 2021

Polar Bear Plunge

Some December Facts

Birthstone-Turquoise

Saint Nickolas was originally the Patron saint of Childrens, thieves and pawnbrokers.

Spiders and Spider webs are considered good luck on Christmas.

Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song.

Common Decorations on a Christmas tree have specific meanings.

Candle-the light of the world, Star- reminder of the the first Christmas night, Candy canes are symbolic of the Shepherd's cane.

The term Yuletide comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice, this lasted 12 days, thus the 12 days of Christmas.

The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany and made of Goose feathers dyed Green.