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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This year's Christmas and New Year holiday festivities are over and I hope everyone has enjoyed himself and are returning to the normalcy of life's daily challenges. Winter is full force, but according to Punxsutawney Phil, spring is just around the corner!

I would like to remind everyone that Friday, March 29 marks the 131st anniversary of the Order receiving its charter from the State of Connecticut. The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause of great celebration! Take a moment on this day to say a special prayer to the Blessed Mother, thanking her for her constant intercession, and for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

I would also like to comment on our Council's successful activities over the past year. Time moves so fast and we sometimes forget to stop and reflect on the great things that we have accomplished. In the beginning of the year, we started with our annual Fish Dinners during the Lenten Season, spring blitzes in the local parishes, the KOC Essay Contest and our bake sale. Added new this year was the Special Olympic Soccer Challenge and Miracle League Fund Raiser. In addition, we took part in the annual Palmer Township Community Day Weekend, our family picnic and children's Christmas Party, fall blitzes in the local parishes, the annual KOC Knight of the Year dinner, Memorial Mass for our departed Brothers, and the RSVP Support for our Diocesan Seminararians.

In closing, I would also like to comment on the attendance of our Brother Knights at our bi-weekly meetings. Presently, we have close to 250 members of our Council, but during our meetings, I normally see the same 30-35 Brother Knights along with our newer and younger Knights. I would like to remind all Brothers that one of the main requirements of your membership with the Knights of Columbus is that you must attend at least three (3) Council meetings annually. If you are a Brother Knight who has been lapse at attending our meetings, I encourage you to attend on a regular basis. In addition, I ask that when you receive anything in the mail from our Council that you please respond at your earliest convenience. Someone took time and effort to get the mailings to you so please extend courtesy and respect in doing your part on a timely basis.

Peace and Blessings!

Grand Knight Walter D. Evancho Jr.

Council 345 Officers for 2012/2013

Grand Knight:	Walter D. Evancho Jr.	Warden:	Michael E. Adams
Financial Secretary:	William J. Bogari	Trustee for 1 Year:	James Szoszorek
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Advocate:	Michael Furman	Lecturer:	Dan Bonner
Chaplain:	Rev. Keith Laskowski		

2012 Review & 2013 Upcoming Events

- Sept 23, 2012** Our Council's annual family picnic was held at Louise Moore Park. Approximately 30 families were in attendance.
- Oct 2012** At the conclusion of October 2012, Our Council had completed the following events: Knight of the Year awarded to Brother Joe Dagon and the First Annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, which was chaired by Brother Barry Laudenslager. In addition, we had the annual Christmas Card sale and the fall blitzes, chaired by Brother Frank Gualano, at all four of our feeder parishes.
- Nov 2012** During the month of November, the only event that took place was the annual Memorial Mass for our departed Brother Knights in Council #345. The Mass took place on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The Presider was Father Keith Laskowski, our Council's Chaplain.
- Dec 2012** The Annual KOC Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 8. Brother Knights brought their children for some Christmas goodies, holiday songs and a visit from Santa himself (thanks to Brother Jim Szoszorek).
- Jan 2013** The yearly audit of our Council was begun. In addition, both First and Second Degree Installations took place.
- Feb 2013** The Annual audit was completed. The Third Degree Installation Ceremony was held on Sunday, February 24 at Monocacy Manor in Bethlehem. All Brother Knights of the First and Second Degree were eligible to be elevated to the Third Degree. In all, eleven Brothers received their Third Degree. Congrats to them! Council is also preparing for the annual Lenten Fish Dinner that will take place on March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.

The following took their Third Degree Exemplification at Saint Francis Retreat/Monocacy Manor in Bethlehem on Sunday February 24th:

Reverend Venantius K. Twinomuhwezi, James T. Schwar, James P. Case Jr., Jason R. Daunton, Alfred R. Dischinat, Christopher M. Hess, Timothy J. Costantino Jr., Donald M. Scrima, , Frank G. Wismer. William C. Bennewitz, Todd J. Leber, Richard J. Larkin

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Special Olympic Soccer Challenge chaired by Brother Barry Laudenslager



2012 Knight of The Year



Grand Knight Walter D. Evancho Jr. of Council 345 Easton (pictured at left), presents Brother Knight Joe Dagon (center) the Knight of the Year Award, with Brother Ken Haney (pictured at right holding the microphone).

In Memoriam

To Our Brother Knights who have recently passed on

As of the printing of this newsletter, no Brother Knights from Council 345 have passed.



First 1/2 of Year Meeting Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Purpose	Meeting Room
March 13, 2013	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
March 27, 2013	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR
April 10, 2013	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
April 24, 2013	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR
May 8, 2013	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
May 22, 2013	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR
June 5, 2013	WED	7:00 PM	Home Association Meeting	MGMR
June 12, 2013	WED	7:00 PM	Rosary/Business Meeting	MGMR
June 26, 2013	WED	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	MGMR

MGMR = Monsignor Gobitis meeting room at St. Jane's Church rear lower level.