



Council Matters

Saint Jude Council 6551

Winter / Spring 2014 Newsletter



2014-2015 Officers

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| Trustee 2 Year | Joe Turt, PGK, PFN |
| Trustee 3 Year | Keith Werner |

Activity / Committee Chairmen

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| Baptism Roses | Mike Cruz |
| Can Shake | Newt Schoener |
| Culture of Life | Dan Worstall |
| Eye Glasses | Joe Turt, PGK, PFN |
| Free Throw | Gary Strain, PGK |
| Fund Raising | Pat Ward |
| Hoagie Sales | Bill Graves |
| Member / Degrees | Fred Dick |
| Newsletter | Keith Werner |
| Scholarship | Steve Mignogna |
| Soup for Stations | Gil Scutti, PGK, FDD |
| Web Master | K. Werner / Brandon Tull |
| Web Site Design | Jim Brennan, PGK |
| Acronyms: | |
| | PGK = Past Grand Knight |
| | PFN = Past Faithful Navigator |
| | FDD = Former District Deputy |

Past Grand Knights

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| 2013-2014 | Tom Mullen |
| 2010-2013 | Jim Brennan |
| 2008-2010 | Gary Strain |
| 2006-2008 | Lance Beden |
| 2004-2006 | Ben Vasta |
| 2002-2004 | Gary Tanner |
| 2000-2002 | Joe Turt |
| 1998-2000 | Gil Scutti |

NJ State Council

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| State Deputy | Andy Lipenta |
| Field Agent | Fred Durso |
| District Deputy | Mike Querubin |
| Chapter Representative / Culture of Life. | Bill Harris |
| 4th Degree | Joe Turt |

Calling All Brother Knights – Please Participate in *Summer/Fall 2014 Activities/Events*. See pages 2-3

Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

As we close our year and begin a new year, I would like to thank all of our members who contributed their time and effort to help in the growth of our Council. It is an honor to be a Grand Knight for a very special group of individuals.

Our 2013-2014 Columbian year included the Dedication of the Sanctuary, Tabernacle, and Chapel by Bishop Dennis Sullivan, with a follow-up Jubilee Gala Dinner. Throughout the ceremony, St. Jude Council Members were visible giving support as participants, as ushers, and during our introduction of the St. Andrews Christmas Ornament. Our sales from the Christmas Ornaments and other fundraising activities enabled us to donate over \$5,000 to the St. Andrews Tabernacle Relocation Fund. In fact, we attained Star Council only five months into our Columbian Year -- a milestone that normally requires a full year to achieve. Since so many of our new members have stepped up and

led many of our activities, I am sure we will continue to have a vibrant Council, both for St. Andrews and for the needy in our community.

This past spring, our new Membership Committee designed a recruiting brochure and set up an open house for new candidates. Our membership has reached 136, and this will provide us an opportunity to increase our activities to support St. Andrews Parish and our community. Most importantly, the Membership Committee developed a mentor program to help new members feel more comfortable in their new adventure as a Brother Knight. Based on the help of the Membership Committee, we completed all the requirements to achieve Double Star Council for the third year in a row. We will again be part of the 250 of 13,000 Councils worldwide who have achieved this important honor. We may also stand alone as the only Council to achieve Double Star status 3 consecutive years.

One of the greatest benefits to having new
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members are the fresh ideas they bring to our meetings. We have enjoyed being part of the annual Breakfast with Santa; we led the Corpus Christie procession over a mile through town; we obtained dozens of new winter coats for local children in need as part of our Coats for Kids drive; hosted lunches at the New Vision shelter for the homeless; presented a rose to every mother with our thanks on her choice of "Life" during the baptism of their child; and much, much more. These fresh ideas are so important to maintaining a vibrant Council. If you have not been to a meeting for a while, please plan to join us and share your ideas. This is a great opportunity to meet a talented group of individuals and be part of important work. Your participation will help grow our Council.

Vivat Jesus

Grand Knight Tom Mullen

E-Mail Addresses Needed

If you have not been receiving **Grand Knight** or **Financial Secretary** E-mail messages, **Council 6551** does not have your e-mail address!

Like all organizations, we would like to move away from snail mail and related postage costs as much as possible. Money saved from postage can be used to expand our charitable work. Meeting announcements, activity announcements, and special information can reach you faster with e-mail. **Please send your email address to:** kofc_1@juno.com and/or j.a.brennan@comcast.net.

Shining Armor Awards

The **Knights of Columbus** organization recognizes outstanding new members with the **Shining Armor Award**. A new **Brother Knight** is eligible for this award by completing the following requirements during the **first year** of membership after their **First Degree ceremony**:

- Worked on 3 Council service programs
- Attended at least 3 Council business meetings
- Received the Third Degree

- Met with the Council Insurance Field Agent
- Recruited one new member

Upcoming Events

Our future success depends directly on you. Come to our meetings on the **2nd** and **4th Thursdays** at **7:30 PM** in the **Classroom Area** of **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall**.

During the **Summer** and **Fall** of **2014**, we plan to do the following:

- Support for Degree Events – TBD
- Mignogna Scholarship Award - 7/16
- Parish Cleanup - 7/19, TBA
- Parish Yard Sale - 7/26
- New Vision Lunch for Homeless - 8/23
- Installation of Officers - 9/6
- Baby Bottle Drive - 9/20 & 21
- Circus for Special Needs Children - 9/27
- Membership Blitz Weekend - 10/11 & 12
- Refreshments after Holy Mass – 10/12
- Coach Purse Raffle - TBA
- Hoagie Sale - 10/18
- Open House - 10/23
- Can Shake – Walmart Berlin - 10/25 & 26
- Pie sale Tickets - 11/1 & 2
- Veteran's Mass - 11/9
- Refreshments after Holy Mass – 11/9
- Pie Sale Distribution - 11/25
- Breakfast with Santa - 12/7
- Food Distribution - TBA
- Collect Eye Glasses for the Needy – As available

Internet - Web Pages

Portable Document Format (PDF) files of this issue of **Council Matters** and past issues have links on <http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm> with links to additional information about this council and the **Knights of Columbus**.

PDF files require use of the **FREE Adobe Acrobat Reader** downloaded using the link on the above web pages currently maintained by **Sir Knight Keith Werner**.

Event Photo Pages

In the effort to find more photographs for this newsletter **Sir Knight Keith Werner** has tapped into some sources of photographs that show **Brother Knights** in action.

Sometimes we have too many **Activity** or **Event Photos** and so **Sir Knight Keith Werner** developed some **Activity** or **Event Photo Pages** which can be updated and are posted with page links at the bottom of the web page <http://www.pfmc.info/KofCC6551.htm>.

Links to these pages have been inserted in this as well as past issues to guide readers to the specific **Activity** or **Event Photos**. When appropriate the sources of the photographs will be recognized with links to where they can be found on the Internet.

Financial Secretary

Brother Knights,

Under Tom Mullen's leadership as our Grand Knight and the extraordinary efforts of our membership committee, our Council has a very good chance for making Double Star Council again this year. That would make an unprecedented 3 years in a row that our Council achieved this status. Unfortunately, we have also had several members leave our ranks and resign from the Knights of Columbus. This is unfortunate for us because these folks offset some of our membership gains. This means that some of the hard work of Tom and the committee simply makes up for these losses. But, incredibly they have done it. It is also unfortunate for the men who leave our ranks. They give up the camaraderie and friendship of like-minded Catholic men and the opportunity to make a difference in our parish and community through the good works of our Council.

My Brother Knights, I have an appeal to make. First, if you have not paid your dues, please do so. It is only \$25 per year. I don't know of any Council in our area that is lower. Many are higher. Your membership provides the Columbia magazine and a free Accidental Death Policy. If you owe dues, send your check to me at the address below. Second, GET INVOLVED. We have a full calendar of events throughout the

year. Some are fund raisers, some are service programs and others are just helping out around the parish. Believe me; you will enjoy the people you will work with at these events. Lastly, just come to a meeting. Get reacquainted with Brother Knights that you know and meet many more who are relatively new.

Fraternally,

Jim Brennan, PGK, Financial Secretary
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West Berlin, NJ 08091

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2014-01-11 Can Shake

The Brother Knights, under the leadership of Chairman Newt Schoener, to the right with Joe Turt in the photo below braved the cold to man the doors at the renovated Wal-Mart Store in Berlin, NJ.



More photos are posted at <http://pfmc.info/2014-01-11CanShake.pdf>.

2014-01-26 Award for Larry Anlage

Larry Anlage, shown at left in the photo below is Mr. Maintenance for Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish. He is always on-time and often arrives



early even on days off doing more for the parish than a number of men even with his age and dedication.

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council 6551 wanted to recognize humble Larry Anlage with an award and some gift certificates for tools and a meal with his wife, Jean.

In the photo at the bottom of the previous column are, from left to right, Larry Anlage, Grand Knight Tom Mullen, and Chaplain Monsignor Louis Marucci.

In the photo at right are Jean and Larry Anlage receiving gift certificates from Grand Knight Tom Mullen.



More photos are posted at: <http://pfmc.info/2014-01-26Larry.pdf>.

2014-01-30 Award for Jim Brennan

In the photo below, Grand Knight Tom Mullen, left, and Past Grand Knight Gil Scutti, right, are shown with the Thank You Award previously presented to immediate Past Grand Knight and current Financial Secretary Jim Brennan, middle holding his Thank You Award.



During his three years as Grand Knight, Jim was responsible for two years of Double Star Awards.

2014-02-08 Free Throw Contest

Past Grand Knight Gary Strain has worked the Council, District, and Regional levels of the NJ State Council Free Throw Contest.

In the photo below he is shown congratulating Greg Stagliano, son of Brigid and Greg Stagliano, a Brother Knight at Saint Jude Council 6551. Greg won the Council and District Championship for his Age 11 Group.



More photos are posted at: <http://pfmtc.info/2014-02-08FreeThrowContest.pdf>.

In the photo below he is show working at the Regional Competition which took place at Paul VI High School.



More photos are posted at: <http://pfmtc.info/2014-03-29RegionalFreeThrow.pdf>.

The [NJ State E-Newsletter for May](#) and the [NJ State Free Throw Finals Report](#) showed a **13 Year Old Winner Christina Katkocian** attributed to **Saint Jude Council 6551** but with **Saint Simon Stock** as her parish. Upon checking, we found that **Ronald M. Katkocin** was listed as a

1st Degree Brother Knight from **5 July 1995** in the **Membership List** for **Saint Jude Council 6551** from **Supreme**. We took the liberty to modify the spelling of **Katkocin** where either **Katocian** or **Katkocian** appeared in our rework of the original [NJ State Free Throw Finals Report](#). Congratulations **Christina**

We then found some pictures of **Christina** during the [2014-03-29 Regional Free Throw Competition](#) at **Paul IV High School** and captured them for viewing at [2014-03-29 Regional Free Throw Competition](#).

More photos are posted at: <http://pfmtc.info/NJStateFreeThrowFinals.pdf>.

2014-02-22 New Visions Lunch

Deacon and Sir Knight Bill Slaven is Chairman for the Saint Jude Council 6551 efforts with the New Visions Shelter Lunch for the Homeless as often as it can be scheduled.

The Brother Knights not only collected food for the homeless they went to the New Visions Shelter on 2/22/2014 and fixed lunch, served it, and cleaned up afterwards. Tony Peseller, John Daddario, Bill Graves, George Laigaie, Grand Knight Tom Mullen, Fred Dick, Bill Thorpe, and Pat Ward can be identified in the picture below.



More photos are posted at: <http://www.pfmtc.info/2014-02-22NewVisionsLunch.pdf>.

2014-Lenten Fridays Soup for Stations

Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy Gil Scutti Chaired the Lenten Fridays Soup for Stations Program. He is shown in the center of the Brother Knights in the photo on the next page. With him are from left to right Brother

Knights Norbert Bucholtz, Caddie Alfonso, Joe Antinori, and Gary Strain.



More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014LentSoupforStations.pdf>.

2014-03-15 Apostles Skit

The Brother Knights agreed to assist Religious Education as Apostles in a preplanned skit.

In the picture below are from left to right Fred Dick, Brandon Tull, Dan Worstall, Caddie Alfonso, Tony Peseller and Greg Stagliano.



More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-03-15Apostles.pdf>,

2014-03-15 Parish Grounds Clean-up

After many of the Brother Knights served as Apostles in the Religious Education skit, many of them participate in Parish Ground Spring Clean-up.

In the photo at the top of the next column, Brother Knights Brian Higgins, George Laigaie, Sam Parry, and Joe Turt. are shown after they participated in Parish Grounds Clean-up.



In the photo above are Brother Knights Brandon Tull, Greg Staliano, Greg Melara, and Joe Turt.

More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-03-15ParishClean-up.pdf>.

2014-03-29 Regional Free Throw Contest

Greg Stagliano, shown at right, and Christina Katkocin advanced to the Regional Free Throw Championships at Paul IV High School.



District #58 Deputy Mike Querubin presented the certificate and trophy for the Age Group 13 Female Regional Champion to Christina Katkocin.



More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-03-29RegionalFreeThrow.pdf>.

2014-04-11 San Remo Thank You

In appreciation for all that Luigi Epifanio and his San Remo Restaurante have done for Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish and Knights of Columbus Saint June Council 6551, the Brother Knights of that Council Awarded a plaque to



them. Pictured above left to right are Gil Scutti, Bill Slaven, Luigi Epifanio, Brandon Tull, and Tom Mullen.

More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-04-11SanRemoThankYou.pdf>.

2014-04-19 Easter Baskets, Bunny, Egg Hunt, Raffle

On Holy Saturday morning, 4/19/2014, approximately 40 families attended the Blessing of Easter Baskets in the church, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt behind the Parish Hall sponsored by the Saint Jude Council 6551 of the Knights of Columbus.

In the picture below are some of the Brother Knights with the Easter Bunny. From left to right those pictured are: Ray Rossignol, Tom Mullen, Greg Stagliano, Cadie Alfonso, Gary Strain, Rob Parry (inside Easter Bunny Outfit), Dominic Cotugno, Joe Turt, Sam Parry, Norbert Bucholtz.



More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-04-19EasterEggHunt.pdf>.

2014-04-26 & 27 Blitz

Fred Dick, Tony Peseller, and Jamie Luscombe work the Blitz table.



Other Brother Knights are shown in the photo below with members of the congregation at Sunday Hospitality.



More photos are posted at:
<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-04-26and27Blitz.pdf>.

2014-04-27 iRace4Vocations

Brother Knight and Seminarian Henry Laigaie and his father, Sir Knight George Laigaie, participated in the Camden Diocese Vocation Encouragement Program called iRace4Vocations on 4/27/2014.



See more photos at: <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-04-27iRace4Vocations.pdf>.

2014-05-01 Open House

The Open House was a great success with a total of 6 new Brother Knights as a result. See the article on the 6/2/2014 First Degree in the Degrees section.

2014-05-02 Vocations



Brother Knight and Seminarian Henry Laigaie wrote an article which was featured in a Supplement insert for Vocations in the Catholic Star Herald for 5/2/2014. The

entire insert is available at: <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-02Vocations.pdf>.

2014-05-03 Hoagie Sale

Chairman Bill Graves was very pleased with the large number of Brother Knights for the 5/3/2014 Hoagie Sale on both sides of Camden County Highway 561 near the American Legion Hall in Gibbsboro, NJ. Chairman Bill Graves acquired international orange colored Knights of Columbus Charities printed shirts in all sizes. They were a hit with the Brother Knights and those who saw them were inclined to stop and donate even if they did not want to buy a hoagie. Here is the picture of the group about 12:15 PM when all 225 hoagies had been sold.



More photos are posted at: <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-03HoagieSale.pdf>.

2014-05-16 NJ State Council Awards

Sir Knight Keith Werner, Saint Jude Council 6551 Webmaster, attended the Awards Ceremony portion of the 118th New Jersey State Convention at the Wildwoods Convention Center to represent Saint Jude Council 6551 for the Web Site Contest Award amongst the Councils in the Camden Diocese.

Saint Jude Council 6551 won other awards and Keith collected them on behalf of the other recipients.

In the photo below Sir Knight Keith Werner accepts the Photography Award on behalf of Brigid Stagliano from Sir Knight Mike DiNardo with Sir Knight Andy Lipenta looking on.



More photos are posted at: <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-16Awards.pdf>.

There were Pro-Life and Ultrasound Equipment Awards as well. Both of these areas are worked by Sir Knight Bill Harris.

More photos are posted at: <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-16AwardsPhoto.pdf>, and <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-16AwardsPro-Life.pdf> and <http://www.pfmc.info/2014-05-16AwardsUltrasound.pdf>.

2014-06-14 Altar Servers Pizza Party

Brigid Stagliano, wife of Brother Knight Greg Stagliano, and recognized by NJ State Council as a Worthy Photographer for both First and Third Place Finishes in the NJ State Council Photo Contest, asked Saint Jude Council 6551 to

assist with refreshments for the Altar Server Appreciation Day, 6/14/2014.

She is now the Coordinator for the Altar Server schedule and carried through on the plan to have an Altar Server Appreciation Day, 6/14/2014..

Brigid took more than one hundred pictures and they are posted at:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=wAcOGThi2ZMmbVRDR>,

Here Grand Knight Tom Mullen appeared with the altar servers.



More photos are posted at: <http://pfmc.info/2014-06-14AltarServers.pdf>.

2014-06-22: Corpus Christi Procession

PGK PFN SK Joe Turt leads the color guard with PGK PFN DD SK Mike Querubin and Mike Walters.



Brother Knights Troy Brocco, Grand Knight (GK) Tom Mullen, Stephen Brady, PGK Gary Tanner, Tony Peseller, Erik Erickson, Caddie Alfonso, and SK Keith Werner are visible.

More photos are posted at:

<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-06-22CorpusChristiProcession.pdf>.

2014-06-28: Support Larry

Thanks to our Brother Knights who spent 3 hours Saturday, 6/28/2014, doing a great job cleaning, trimming and painting throughout Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish Grounds in support of Larry Anlage, Maintenance.

Larry talks with Dave Jenchura and Greg Stagliano.



Joe Turt and Larry discuss the support efforts.



More photos are posted at:

<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-06-28SupportLarry.pdf>.



Degrees

Contact **Membership Chairman Fred Dick** who has information and schedule for Degree Activities.

First Degree – 1/20/2014

Brother Knight Michael A. Cona made his First Degree on *Monday, January 20, 2014* at **Marian Council 3784** in **Cherry Hill, NJ**.

First Degree – 2/17/2014

Brother Knight Donald A. (Pat) Ward made his First Degree on *Monday, February 17, 2014* at **Marian Council 3784** in **Cherry Hill, NJ**.



Second Degree – 5/15/2014

Brother Knight and Seminarian Henry Laigaie made his Second Degree on *Thursday, May 15, 2014* at **Archangel Council 7429** in **Berlin, NJ**.

At the bottom of the previous column is a photo of the Second Degree Certificate presentation at the **Saint Jude Council 6551 Meeting** on *Thursday, 5/22/2014*.

First Degree – 6/2/2014

As a result of a very successful **Open House, Thursday, 1 May 2014**, **Brother Knights Jaimie (Jimmy) Flores, Stephen Brady, Roger Tizon, Carlito Ferrariz, Rafael Valencia, and Amir Catajoy** made their First Degree on *Monday, 6/2/2014* at **Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, Gibbsboro, NJ** run by the First Degree Team from **Holy Crusaders Council 9193** in **Blackwood, NJ**. They are shown in the photo below in the order listed above from left to right.



More photos are posted at:

<http://www.pfmc.info/2014-06-02FirstDegree.pdf>.

First Degree – 6/23/2014

Brother Knight Tim Carmody made his First Degree on *Monday, June 23, 2014* at **Santa Maria Council 1443** in **Haddon Heights, NJ**.

Fourth Degree – 11/1 & 2/2014

The Fourth Degree ceremony for **2014** will be held on *11/1 & 2/2014* in **Eatontown, NJ**.

Details will be discussed in the Fourth Degree section of the **Saint Jude Council 6551 Minutes** or obtained from **Sir Knight PGK PFN Joe Turt**.