

Fortunately we were blessed with a beautiful Fall and hoping and praying for a mild Winter. Thinking back a few months ago, would like to express a sincere thank you to all for the volunteer hours given to the "Cruise for a Knight" car show event. It was not the correct weather for this type of event, but we were thankful for the 23 exhibitors and generous sponsors.

It is exciting to see our Council membership increasing to 182 members as of September 30, 2014. I become very emotional and sincere when looking back at why I joined the Knights of Columbus. I want to share with you a recent article written explaining "Why we are brother Knights"?

If we are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

I'm sure that becoming a Knight of Columbus has somewhat transformed your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community and grow in your faith. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. Each of us are expected to band together as a network of men in the service of God and our neighbor.

What are the men of Council 6353 expected to provide:

#### **SERVICE**

- Support the parish with its needs
- Help meet the needs of those in the local community
- Volunteer support for the initiatives of the council
- Save lives through initiatives such as the "Ultrasound Program"

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. **Knights are men who get things done.** We volunteer our time to serve our parish and community. Brother Knights of Council 6353 by working together we can accomplish many worthy initiatives.

#### **SUPPORT**

- A unique "band of brother"
- Shared values and the support to live out Catholic faith more fully
- The ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knight of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith

through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a gentleman through the practicing of good works.

### **STABILITY**

- Exclusive access to top-rated life insurance products, available only to members and their families
- Access to local and national educational scholarships

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in the improving the world around them, one initiative at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

Brother Knights of Council 6353 may we be the best example of a brotherhood working together in unity to accomplish all our initiatives. See you at our meetings with your hand up volunteering to serve.

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Grand Knight 6353

Jesus Vivat!