



# Knights of Columbus Newsletter Council #15373



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*From the Chaplain - Fr. Salvatore R.*

## *Lamendola*

*Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

### *MEMORARE TO THE SACRED HEART*

*Remember, O most sweet Jesus, that no one who has had recourse to Thy Sacred Heart, implored its help, or sought its mercy was ever abandoned. Encouraged with confidence, O tenderest of hearts, we present ourselves before Thee, crushed beneath the weight of our sins. In our misery, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, despise not our simple prayers, but mercifully grant our requests.*

*Vivat Jesus,*

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## *From the Grand Knights Table - David Swierkosz*

*Brothers, recently we received word that Fr. Sam is being transferred. As our Councils Chaplain we got to know and work very closely with Fr. Sam. He helped form our Council and together we served and strengthened our partner parishes. It was challenging and sometimes frustrating to change old ways of thinking. Fr. Sam in his laid back manner showed us through his example the meaning of the word Christian. He helped build the foundation for partnering. The best tribute we could pay him is to continue to work together as partner parishes and support each other as fellow Christians.*

*We wish him good health and the Peace of the Lord and thank him for touching our lives. He will always be remembered and greatly missed. We will keep him in our prayers.*

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## *From Field Agent - Michael Steele*

*The Value of Membership Referrals - As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.*

*Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.*

*If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me, Dave or Paul. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for*

membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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### ***Did You Know - Calvin Kulik***

Did you know... that many members of our local Knights of Columbus chapter are veterans? We are in the middle of some of our country's most patriotic holidays including Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4th. Patriotism is also 1 of the 4 Core Principles of the organization. Therefore in the upcoming months we would like to focus on a few of our local Knights who served their country.

In this edition we want to pay tribute posthumously to one of our Knights who passed away suddenly last October and is greatly missed, **Ralph Hutton**. Ralph was drafted into the US Army on 10/7/1966 and spent approximately 2 years in active duty, 1 of which was in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged on 7/31/1968 and went on to spend 4 more years in the US Army Reserves. Ralph was a Specialist 4th Class and his MOS (Military Occupational Speciality) was designated as "Light Vehicle Driver." Ralph's military record indicates that he was awarded 3 medals/decorations: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Jesus' first beatitude was "*Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

One of the interpretations of the phrase "poor in spirit" means people who are humble, who know they are nothing without God. Ralph was truly a humble man who served the church, family and community and whose presence is greatly missed by the Knights.

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### ***From the Newsletter Editor and P.R. Chairman- Ken Nath***

At our June membership meeting, past District Deputy Larry Bartowski presented our council with plaques recognizing our performance in five specific areas. We were honored at the state convention in receiving 5 of the 7 awards in our classification. Thanks to our Brother Knights for their efforts that made these awards possible!



From L to R, R. Sabedra, L. Bartowski, D. Swierskoz, Fr. Sam, T. shields and P. Ukish

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### ***Upcoming events:***

- **Monday, June 19 - at 7:00 PM** - Chapter meeting in Uniontown.
  - **Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 PM** - Officers meeting.
  - **Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 PM** - General meeting at St. Sylvester's.
  - **Monday, July 23 - at 7:00 PM** - Chapter meeting at a place to be determined.
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Current Officers:

Chaplain.....Fr. Salvatore R. Lamendola  
Grand Knight..... David Swierkosz  
Deputy Grand Knight.....Paul Ukish  
Prog. Dir./Lecturer.....Brad Ronian  
Recorder.....J R Martin  
Membership Director.....Calvin Kulik  
Financial Secretary.....Ralph Sabedra  
Treasurer.....Steve Rado  
Advocate.....Charlie Angell

Chancellor.....Chuck Colton  
Warden.....James Baker  
Inside Guard.....Andrew Cup  
Outside Guard.....Andrew Hill  
Trustee (3 year).....Calvin Kulik  
Trustee (2 year).....Stan Kanick  
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