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Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick

By Bob Julien



Bob & Mary Julien

In May of 1999 a handful of practical Catholic gentlemen chartered St. Patrick Council 12449 at St. Patrick Catholic Community. But, who are the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus were founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Fr. McGivney was deeply concerned with the hard times of his parishioners who suffered discrimination because of their ancestry or religion. Families were struggling with poverty when the breadwinners died. Fr. McGivney gathered a handful of Catholic laymen

who were enthusiastic to resolve these problems. From that day forward the Knights continue to be driven by the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We as Catholics learn of these men called Knights of Columbus in many different ways.

My wife Mary and I and our two children Scott and Diana, moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1979. We purchased our first house north of Shea Blvd. Did I forget to mention that I bought our first Arizona house without my wife seeing it? Later I found out that my mother-in-law told Mary that "it's in the middle of nowhere!" At this point St. Patrick did not exist

so we attended Blessed Sacrament, St. Maria Goretti and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Shortly after the new millennium, on a Sunday morning, walking into church for the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass, we were met by a "greeter" welcoming us to St. Patrick. As it turns out Mary knew them, Tom and Dianne Moll. Tom mentioned he was with the Knights of Columbus and that I should consider joining. In 2004, I became a First Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. At that time all I still really knew of the Knights was they were

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Bob and Mary Julien are long time parishioners here at St. Patrick and very involved. Bob has shown his willingness to serve by his past service as Grand Knight of the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus. Mary also served along side him as the head of the Lady Knight's Auxiliary. The Julien's truly care

about the Church and our community as witnessed by their hours upon hours of service.

We are honored to have our Knights of Columbus Council #12449 be so active serving the St. Patrick Community as well as the larger community through their work in many charitable organizations.

We most often see the Knights serving pancake breakfasts or donuts to the community.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric Tellez



The Knights of Columbus are driven by the principals of — Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

responsible for the Sunday morning donuts and newspapers.

When I joined the council at St. Patrick Ron Cacini was the

Grand Knight and there were about 50-60 members. I sat in the back of the room during meetings and seldom spoke. Ron encouraged me to take an officer position which meant getting more involved as well as becoming a Second and Third Degree member. I was quickly finding out what the Knights of Columbus stand for. It's all about doing things for those that need help. Paz de Cristo, St. Vincent de Paul, Maggie's Place, Children's Cancer Network and Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services are some of the organizations we have gratefully helped. Whether the assistance be financial or a helping hand, the smiles and thanks received keep us wanting to help more.

I was elected to the position of Grand Knight in 2008 and remained until June 30, 2011. I was now the head guy or as my wife called me the "Grand Puba." What an Honor! Now considered a "Trustee" my roles and responsibilities are less but the enjoyment of giving of myself to those in need is still the same — it's everything! Now we have grown to more than 80 members.

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic gentlemen, however, as the saying

goes behind every successful man there is a women — and a family. Our council here at St. Patrick has the distinct privilege of having our wives



Council through yet another year of helping those in need. Graciously Nick has volunteered his time to lead our Council in supporting the long standing principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Nick's wife, Lauralee, has assumed the role as head of the Lady Knight's Auxiliary so please also wish her well in her new role.

and girlfriends actively participate and support our council activities through the Lady Knight's Auxiliary. My wife Mary headed this group throughout my tenure as Grand Knight. She kept me going and kept me on my toes

The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood — we are here to help. We all feel we can make a difference somewhere for someone in some way. There are Knights of Columbus programs for young men as early as high school so please do not think you are either too young or too old to be a Knight. If you want to know more, ask me or any other Knight of Columbus. We are always looking for a "few good men."



and deserves all the credit for my success.

Today, another dynamic, soft spoken Knight has taken on the role of Grand Knight — Nick Gaudio. Please wish him well as he leads the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus



Get Involved

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