



knights of columbus

Resurrection Council #11341
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FAMILY ACTIVITY REPORT
JOHN RENZI
FAMILY ACTIVITY DIRECTOR



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL



FAMILY ACTIVITY AWARD CONTEST ENTRY FORM AND REPORT COVER SHEET

SEND TO PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Jack Giacalone, 3901 Shallow Brook Lane, Olney MD 20832

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GRAND KNIGHT Patrick Brim TELEPHONE NO. 410-336-9100

COUNCIL NAME Resurrection NUMBER 11341 DISTRICT 04

LOCATION Ellicott City 21042
(CITY) (ZIP CODE)

THE INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS DESCRIBES OUR COUNCIL'S PROJECT AND SERVES AS OUR ENTRY IN THE STATE COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS CONTEST.

DATE PROJECT CONDUCTED 10 October 2014

TITLE OR NATURE OF PROJECT 8th Annual Italian Dinner Night

WHO BENEFITED MOST FROM THIS PROJECT? The whole parish

CHAIRMAN John Renzi, 3830 Paul Mill Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042 410-465-5058
(NAME-ADDRESS-TELEPHONE NO.)

NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT 25

ATTACH DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/PROJECT.

PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWS CLIPPINGS, ETC., MAY BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REPORTING FORM.
USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY

SIGNED _____ ATTEST _____
(GRAND KNIGHT) (DISTRICT DEPUTY) (DATE)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN. COMPLETED ENTREES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AS FOLLOWS:

- BEST FIRST REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (MAR THRU AUG) DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15TH
 - BEST SECOND REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (SEPT, OCT, NOV) DUE BY DECEMBER 15TH
 - BEST THIRD REPORT PERIOD ACTIVITY (DEC, JAN, FEB) DUE BY MARCH 5TH
- (Please check the appropriate box for the program being submitted)

Family Activity Report

Second Reporting Period 2014-2015

Program Activity: 8th Annual Italian Dinner
Date of Activity: 10 October 2014

Objective

The Knights of Columbus emphasizes that families are the foundation of society and are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. Our council sponsors activities through the year that allow families of the parish or council to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives, and social events. This particular activity falls in the latter category for the whole parish.

Overview

The Resurrection Council sponsored its eighth annual parish Italian dinner honoring our Order's namesake, held Friday 10 October 2014. We had a banner event in which we served over 300 patrons this year, more than in any past year. This was the second year in which we used a donation-based approach to the fundraiser and had live music. In lieu of selling tickets, we instead advertised heavily that we were asking for donations to cover the cost of the meal and the charities that we support.



Planning

The advertising for this event is covered in more detail under "Promotional Details" below. There were a lot of advanced discussions and actions taken pertaining to materials and food needed, updates of fliers and the large banner to hang on the church, decorating the hall, and even gave serious consideration to having the food catered by an outside source, though in the end we stayed with our in-house approach to all effort.

Our resident chef, PGK Mike Parker, continued the tradition featuring an all you can eat pasta dinner with meatballs, salad, Italian bread and butter, drinks, and dessert. We also offered pizza as an option, a favorite of the kids in particular. To help with the big evening's logistics, we cooked 50 lbs. of pasta two nights before as well as sweating the onions, peppers, and garlic. We saved money by utilizing many items from our running inventory such as cups, condiments, napkins, and more.

The turnout of brother Knights and their families to step up and help was paramount to the success of the event. We arrived at the parish hall at 3:00 pm to setup the hall and begin work in the kitchen. At 6:00 pm our guests began to arrive. The food preparation was completed shortly before their arrival and the food service went smoothly.

In the following days, while this year's dinner was still fresh in our memories, we took copious notes and discussed at length at the Officers and Program Directors meeting following the event several ways to improve the event for next year.

The Event

Despite some wet weather in the forecast, we ended up with a packed hall, perhaps a testament to our promotional efforts. A very noteworthy charity, the Courage Lion Program, led by Brother John Ramming (shown below with the microphone), was featured at a table where guests could learn about the program and purchase Courage Lion items. John is the president of Courage Unlimited Corporation and was presented a check for \$800 from the Council at the event by GK Pat Brim to support their work. John in turn presented Msgr. John with a custom painting designed for the program from the Knights to the Parish. The Courage Lion Program was developed in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins Children's Center to help children and adolescents discover their inner strength for coping with a variety of crises. (Information is at <http://www.couragelion.org/>). Brother John Collins manned a table to provide information to men considering becoming a Knight. At another table, 50-50 raffle tickets were sold to help raise money.



The live music was provided by accordionist/vocalist Sergio Fresco (shown above). He entertained the guests with Italian favorites such as Ugnie Vote, Jalousie, On An Evening in

Rome, and many others. This mood music added perfectly to the party atmosphere of the evening.



We had good support from local businesses and the Catholic Daughters and some brother Knights that donated door prizes for the event. Prizes included gift certificates to restaurants, gift baskets, and golf outings. GK Pat Brim (shown above with the mic) emceed the event and led the drawings for the winning door prizes and the 50-50 raffle. Our Worthy Chaplain Rev. Warren Tanghe is shown drawing one of the winning tickets.

Results

The dinner was successful in that the guests could socialize and catch up with family and friends in a festive atmosphere complete with live Italian music, enjoying an evening at the end of a long week with good food and an occasional bottle of red wine. The food was delicious and our chef received many compliments for his cuisine.

Did You Know? Just how many events and charities your parish K of C council leads or is involved with?

Tootsie Roll Drive
 Parish Golf Tournament
 Fish Fridays
 Easter Parking
 Seminarian Financial Support
 Ice Cream Social
 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
 June Lottery Raffle
 Mary's Gold Program
 CHAMPIONS FOR THE CHALLENGED
 Annual Italian Dinner
 Free Throw Contest
 Ultrasound Program
 CEDAR LANE
 Bon Secours
 COURAGE LION
 CAMP GLOW
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Silver Rose
 Arc of Howard County
 PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

In lieu of ticket sales, **PLEASE DONATE** what you feel is right for the dinner! Your donations help us pay for the meal and our Knights' activities. Thank you!



Our net profit for the event was almost \$2000 after all expenses, including our one-time purchases. This money will be put towards many charitable activities. One thing that was added this year to help convey the importance of patronage was a centerpiece that was placed at each table. The illustration shown to the left was printed on a three-sided card as the centerpiece to illustrate at a glance the sheer number of charities and activities in which we are involved where funding is needed. The centerpiece also served to advertise to perspective members the types of activities that our council supports.

Council Participation

Approximately 25 Brother Knights participated in this effort. The sense of teaming, comradery, and good will was present every step of the way, from initial planning, various efforts in the weeks and months leading up to the event, setting up, cooking, serving, and cleanup probably is best captured with the post-dinner emails. A wrap-up email by GK Pat Brim with an inserted email by Chef Mike Parker says it all:

Brothers,

What a great night! Thanks to all that came out to help with setup, the event and clean up. The guys that came out really brought their "A" game. We once again tried a few new things in both the kitchen and the hall and I think they really enhanced the experience for those that attended. The hall itself looked great. Thanks to Sue Brim and Sheila Harris for creating centerpieces for the tables and other touches around the room to add to the overall atmosphere. With the addition of Italian colored pennants, a backdrop for our musician Sergio (along with Viva Italiano! - nice touch Greg and John) and other decorative touches it was a great overall look. I don't know if you got a chance to see the video running on the back TV behind the KofC table but it also looks fantastic - Thanks Sydd!

There are many thanks to go around, but many thanks to John Renzi for organizing the overall event and Mike Parker for making such a great meal. I'll leave the rest to Mike's email comments:

Dear Pat and John,

Just wanted to thank you for your gigantic efforts in making our event a huge success. The number of tasks and "moving parts" make for a mammoth task which you guys handled like pros. Also, with a guy like me at "mission control" (knucklehead, impulsive, emotional, egomaniac) it takes at least two strong leaders to keep me bottled up.

That being said, I would like to compliment the pre-cook team (Arnie Aquilano, Brad Weis, Larry Kuchinski, and Sydd Souza) on an outstanding job. This year's pre-cook was the fastest, safest, best organized, most efficient ever. Thanks men.

I can't possibly list of all the brothers that stepped up tonight. But suffice it to say, it was due to their efforts that we had one of the best dinners, ever. I can't believe I am still awake but I just haven't been able to gear down yet. Anyway, I was tickled by our effort, proud of our Council, and honored to be called Brother by our fellow members. Please pass this note to the email tree to share with all of the brothers.

Thanks,
Mike Parker

Vivat Jesus!

Pat Brim
Grand Knight
Resurrection Council #11341

Promotional Details

It was open to the public, advertised in both The Howard County Times and The Catholic Review, though the guests were mostly parishioners. Until two years ago, we charged \$10/adult and \$6 for children 10 and under. Beginning with last year's event, we used a donation-based approach which alleviated the need for us to print and sell tickets. Our advertising included a large banner (shown below) hung on the outside of the church hall.



Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

**Annual Columbus Day
Italian Dinner**



Friday October 10
Resurrection Church Hall 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
See bulletin for more details.
All you can eat!

Donate what you feel is right for the dinner!



We also advertised in our parish bulletin for several weekends before the event. The bulletin insert shown below was published three separate weekends in addition to a “save the date” announcement appearing three other weekends in the bulletin. A verbal announcement was also made at the end of the masses that last weekend.

A first for this year was an additional personal “exit greeters” approach outside after all the masses the last weekend before the dinner. Several brothers were outside calling attention to the upcoming dinner with not only a stationary sign and flyers but also with festive Italian music playing loudly from a CD in a Bose Wave radio. It really was pleasantly received by all, with some people leaving Mass taking the opportunity for a little dancing! Msgr. John commented that this kind of promotion should be done for other parish programs as well.



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Though not required, an RSVP would be helpful at
<http://www.knightsofcolumbus.org/>
or call Bob Donatelli at 443-610-4602.

Live Music



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