

Grand Knights Report: (July 2nd)

Brothers,

We have finished our 5th great year, and accomplished many things. Over the past 12 months we successfully created an Angel Fund, Donated \$10,000 to build a pavilion and playground at St. Mark. We have continued to put on pancake breakfasts and beer and brats that parishioners expect to attend each month. We also have turned some smaller programs into huge successes such as the bike drive and kid fest, only to name a few.

Our principals are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Each year the grand knight picks something to focus on. In the past we have tried to grow membership, transfer the workload from the original council founders to newer brothers, expand Evangelization. This year I want to focus on Charity. As knights it is in our core to be charitable. Over the past 5 years we have donated significant amounts of money to charity. But charity does not consist alone in gifts of charity. It springs forth from a kindly heart to sooth the unhappy, to relieve distress, sympathize with the unfortunate, and bring peace to the troubled mind.

I personally have experienced this kind of charity. Just this week, I was faced with a challenge at work that was troubling me. A co-worker of mine noticed this and took the opportunity to crack a joke. The simple joke was that act of charity that I needed relieve my distress and troubled mind. I was able to change my way of thinking and solve the problem.

We do a fantastic job of on the money part. Let us focus this year on the other 4 aspects of Charity.