



**Magr. Francis X. Coyle**  
**Springfield Council #5560**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014**



Dear Brother Knights,

*I would like to thank my fellow Knights for their trust in having me serve as their Grand Knight these past three years. I will not be seeking another term in this position but look forward to assisting our next Grand Knight as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our council!*

*As Grand Knight I am deeply humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve our council. We have experienced profound increases in membership in the last few years. We need to encourage our new members to become as involved as possible with our upcoming fundraisers and volunteer projects. Through our fraternity I hope we can do more in our service to the Church and the community.*

*I am happy to report that the health of our Council is well and its future continues to be promising. The financial position of the Council and the Columbian Club is solid through diligent fundraising and fiscal responsibility. We have taken a robust approach to fulfilling one of our core duties: CHARITY. In the last year we have donated approximately \$4154.93 to various causes. Standout efforts have been our Annual Golf Outing, Comedy Knights, clothing and food drives and numerous Pasta Nights and Bus Trips to Atlantic City. The hard work and dedication of all our Brother Knights have made it possible to continue our support of the Church, the seminarians, annual scholarships and our efforts to "Restore the Shore." I would also like to commend our Columbian Club Board of Directors in their efforts and hard work as they continue to maintain and update our council hall. I would like to set as a goal for the 2014/2015 year to increase our Charity efforts to exceed last years effort. This would be an attainable goal if we continue to work together with the fundraising projects that are planned ahead.*

Vivat Jesus,

John N. Dougherty / Grand Knight  
Monsignor Francis X. Coyle  
Council #5560.

**January and February 2014 Meeting**

Meetings were not held due to poor weather conditions.

**March 12, 2014 Meeting**

The Grand Knight reported that there is one application for new membership (Joseph Piraneo). He also thanked the council members who came to service for our Brother Herman Piraneo.

**Communication:**

A letter from Father Gabriel of St. James stated that they were seeking to better relationships with the Springfield Council. Grand Knight Dougherty will be reaching out to the Father. A letter from the Summit First Aid Squad thanked the Council for their \$1000.00 charity donation.

**New Business:**

A motion was made and approved by the Council to order a plaque for our deceased Brother Herman Piraneo. Chris Tarashuk was appointed by Grand Knight Dougherty to complete Brother Herman Piraneos position as a Council Trustee. Brother Sal Sellers will be running a golf outing in June honoring our Brother Herman Piraneos.

**District Deputy:**

Patrick Harrington introduced Richard Smykowski as the new Grand Knight of a new Council in Linden.

**Under Good of the Order:** Brother Rudy Reino is in the hospital.

**Lecturer Reported:**

Vincent Candella showed a video in regard to Lent. Three tenets of lent (Prayer, Sacrifice and Palms Giving)

**Council Audit:**

Was completed by John Buscaino and reviewed by the Trustees and Grand Knight Dougherty. Knight funds are in good order.

**Note:**

The Columbian Club reported on 2013 year end business. Synopsis will need to be recorded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

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