



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local chapter of Knights of Columbus that is affiliated with St Bede parish had many great accomplishments in 2016. The Council grew from 99 men to 114 through the year (greatest growth year). They meet monthly on third Thursday of each month to plan the good deeds that benefit the community, council, parish, or the Roman Catholic Church causes. At year-end, the council accumulated over 1,000 hours of service, related to these events. This does not account for the additional hours and efforts extended for general work that the council performs to remain a sustainable force. Below is a list of the activities and allocated funds that the council supported in 2016:

Community Benefit/ Catholic Church

- Annual Sponsor of March for Life bus to Washington DC
- Primary sponsorship of Padre Pio Festival, including funding/distributing volunteer shirts & staffing Beverage Station
- Food prep and service for Archdiocese St Bede sponsored Vocation drive
- Planning & selection of Farm Shares to supply local food pantry
- Support efforts to oppose PA Bill 1947 (penalties for private schools vs public)
- Voter Registration Booth
- Coats for Kids (purchased 96 coats to be distributed winter 2017)
- Baby Bottle Collection for Baby Bottle Drive for LIFE

Council Benefit

- Parish Ministry Membership Drive

Fundraiser

- Lenten Fish Dinner

Parish Benefit

- Christmas tree set up and take-down on the altar
- St. Bede Church Christmas Decorations
- Set up and funding of new construction Nativity at St. Bede Church
- St Bede Adoration Chapel - Saturdays at 3am for 39 of 52 weeks
- St. Bede Knights of Columbus 15478 - July 3rd Patriotic Concert Support
- St. Bede Parish Picnic KofC support
- New Parishioner Welcome Social
- Discovering Christ Child Care effort support

Council Social

- 4th Annual Council Golf Outing

Donated over \$19,000 towards following beneficiaries:

Parish: SKD Scholarship Fund for St Bede Anne Flanagan Foundation; St Bede CYO; Seminarian Sponsorship; Support of Knights and Families in need; Patriotic Concert; New Christmas Nativity construction

Community: Pro Life Union Dinner (10 kids); Legacy for Life; Padre Pio events; Farm Shares for local pantry; Coats for Kids

KofC: Archbishop Wood Exemplification

If interested in joining the Knights of Columbus St Bede Chapter, please visit our website for further information:

<https://sites.google.com/site/stbedekofc/>