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Catholic Church**
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**IN THE
SPOTLIGHT**

July 2017

Paul Koneski



Paul and Robin Koneski

Paul is the outgoing Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Robin and his children Jadyn (15) and Joshua (11) have been part of the St. Brendan family for 10 years. Born in Illinois, Paul has previously lived in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky. He has a BS in Man-

agement from Penn State and worked 25 years in pharmaceutical and medical device sales. Currently he is the manager for the Junior League of Daytona Beach. His family is his main interest (they are annual pass holders at Disney) and he enjoys computers, technology, sports, the beach and fishing.

Not one to stay on the sidelines, Paul volunteers in several ministries. He is a sacristan. He is an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He is a catechist for the second grade for first reconciliation and first communion. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2012 and he has proudly served as Grand Knight for the past three years.

Paul says: *"I volunteer at St. Brendan's and the Knights because I*

enjoy helping others and I like to be involved. I am passionate about the Knights because of the way they make a positive impact on the lives of those in our church, school and community. Additionally, I have enjoyed the camaraderie and friends that I have made."

The Knights of Columbus help St. Brendan's in many ways. They raise money to support two scholarships to St. Brendan's school and donate to other local charities. They work with the children in the parish by holding a spelling bee, a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and a free-throw competition. They have helped assemble the two newest play gyms for the school and painted the school gymnasium and the parish banquet room. And, they help with the parish picnic each year.

Chris Hill

Meet the incoming Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus - Chris Hill.

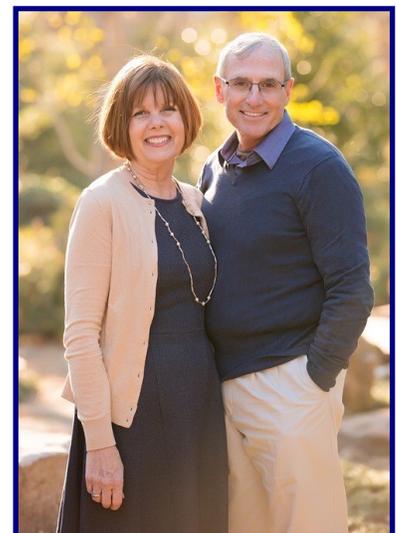
Chris and his wife Denise have been parishioners at St. Brendan since June of 2001. They have been married 39 years and moved here from Ocala. Denise is a Guidance Counselor at Palm Terrace Elementary School in Daytona Beach and Chris is the Practice Administrator at Daytona Beach Women's Center. They have two married children. Daughter Shannon is a Radiologist She has two boys ages 4 1/2 and 2. Son Shaughn is an attorney in Tampa. At the present time he and his wife do not have any children.

In addition to the Knights, Chris is a member of the Daytona Beach Rotary

Club. He has been a member of Futures Education Foundation of Volusia County for 12 years and has served on the Board and is Past President of that organization.

Chris tells us: *"With any volunteer organization, you generally receive more than you put in. The Knights of Columbus is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and take a more active role with your church and faith. We would value any time you can commit to it.*

For me the best thing about being a Knight has been the chance to get to know my fellow parishioners, the priests, and the deacons and to become part of something that helps to fill the spiritual side of me.



Denise and Chris Hill

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization.

Headquarters: New Haven, CT

Founder: Michael J. McGivney

Founded: March 29, 1882, New Haven, CT

Motto: In service to One, In service to all

Supreme Chaplain: Archbishop William E. Lori

Supreme Knight: Carl A. Anderson

CEO: Carl A. Anderson (Oct 2000–)

The purpose of the Knights was to establish a group of men, united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities.

The Knights has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the US, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Do-

minican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

Charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless. In 2015, the Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record for the 17th consecutive year. Charitable donations increased from 2014 by more than \$1.5 million to a new total of \$175,079,192. In addition, they achieved their highest level of charitable service in 2015, volunteering more than 73.5 million hours of service.

There are various degrees of membership. For example; a First Degree exemplification ceremony, by which a

man joins the Order, explicates the virtue of charity. He is then said to be a First Degree Knight of Columbus; after participating the subsequent degrees, each of which focuses on another virtue, he rises to that status. Upon reaching the Third Degree, a man is a full member.

The Color Corps (Fourth Degree) is the most visible arm of the Knights, as they are often seen in parades and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. Official dress for the Color Corps is a black tuxedo, baldric (a belt worn over one shoulder that is typically used to carry a weapon, usually a sword or other implement such as a bugle or drum), white gloves, cape, and naval chapeau (ceremonial hat).

Some of the other benefits of membership include: scholarships, orphan/widow benefits, insurance, and leadership development.



St. Brendan Council - Knights of Columbus

If you're interested in helping those in need in your parish and community, strengthening your parish and your familial relationships, growing in your faith, and gaining exclusive access to top-quality insurance protection for you and your family, then consider joining the St. Brendan Council of the Knights of Columbus.



WHO CAN JOIN? - WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Any practicing Catholic man over the age of 18.

WHEN/WHERE ARE THE MEETINGS?

Business meeting—2nd Thursday of each month (Knights only)

Pot Luck Social—4th Thursday of each month (Knights & their families)

HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED?

No time requirement. Volunteer when you are able.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Annual dues—\$25

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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