



Let the amazing story be told...

In the early months of 1981 Council 7449 of the Germantown Knights Columbus held a membership drive at OLPH church (chapel). After the 9:00AM mass on Sunday I was standing in the back handing out info about the Knights when a lady (Mrs. Frulla) approached me and gave me a check for \$75.00 in honor of her husband who was deceased and she told me that more would be coming. We took that \$75.00 and purchased the crucifix that hangs on the wall in our council chamber. As Grand Knight I didn't know what or if we could accept large sums of money or property as a council. After checking with Supreme I found out we could NOT own property but if we formed a corporation , separate but affiliated with KC council 7449, we could own property etc. So I met with the officers at my house to discuss this and we approved it and so did the council. We incorporated and approved our Christian 49ers by laws on January 18,1981 and I was the Incorporator and first president, We never did receive any more money etc but we were in a position to do so if and when it was presented to us.

Father Elliott was our pastor and council Chaplin and of course we discussed this with him and he gave us his approval, He is the one who suggested the we call ourselves "The Christian 49ers" because our council number is 74 (49) and as the 49ers of old, pioneered the gold fields of California. So we as Knights are pioneering our Catholic faith here in Germantown TN and Shelby county.

Paul Cardelli - PGK

Membership is automatic to 3rd degree only members of Council 7449.

The actual incorporation of Germantown Knights of Columbus Christian 49'ers in the state of Tennessee was May 5, 1981. The 49'ers is a 501 c (3) tax exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service. We are registered in the state of Tennessee to solicit donations from the public advertising that the donations are tax deductible to the donor. The organization is required to have at least 5 but no more that 9 directors. Currently there are 9 directors.

The current Board of Directors and Officers are:

Paul Cardelli - Director & President

Frank McFadden - Director & Vice President

Frank Lamanna - Director & Secretary

Howard Giffin - Director & Treasurer

Tom Fristick - Director

Joe Piacenti - Director

Phil Moore - Director

Chris Cambre - Director

Tom Wilson - Director

Through August 23, 2012 the 49'ers have made the following donations/contributions in the name of

Germantown Knights of Columbus Council 7449

Organizations other than OLPH or Catholic Schools: \$96,700

OLPH & OLPH affiliated organizations and priests: \$151,100

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Memphis: \$148,800

Grand Total: \$396,600

