

JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEN'S CLUB

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2011 ANNUAL FAMILY AND PARISH LIFE REPORT

The following is the information compiled for the 2011 annual Family and Parish Life Report.

1. What is your mission and how does it impact St John Vianney?

We are a social, devotional and service organization. As such, our function is to support and help the Pastor, staff, and ministries carry out their functions. We also serve as a locus for social interaction for our members and the parishioners of St John Vianney. Through various scheduled and spontaneous events and functions, we hope we provide a positive impact as we carry out our activities. Our member contributions of time, expertise, supervision and other resources have benefited the parish by reducing costs for functions and those associated with renovation, maintenance and new construction projects critical to the parish.

2. What are the highlights of the past year and what activities do you have planned for the coming year?

Our members were directly and indirectly involved in the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Mothers Day Breakfast, and a Men's Retreat. We set up, cooked, and cleaned up for the Parish Picnic, participated in the Youth Work Camp, and the monthly First Sunday Breakfast. We also cleaned both kitchens in the Vianney Room and the Family Life Center, helped cook for Safe Nights, helped renovate the Casa de Juan Diego basement for use by the St. John Vianney Interfaith Food Pantry. We also financially supported the youth group, the retreat house in Washington, DC, and the pastor's anniversary party. We also sponsored two evening cruises on the Marine Museum boat, golf trips, and held our annual crab dinner in October, as well as our seafood dinner in

December. We donated two bushels of leftover crabs to the Echo House. Some of our members helped move elderly parishioners from their home to other quarters, and helped disabled parishioners by cleaning, painting and refurbishing homes directly or indirectly by providing support to the Catholic Youth Work Camp and at other times throughout the year. We also helped supply meals periodically to those in need.

For 2012 we will continue to sponsor the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Mothers Day Breakfast, Men's Retreat, golf and boat cruise outing, crab dinner and seafood dinner. We also plan to prepare the luncheon for the Confirmand retreat to be held annually in January, as well as the Parish Picnic and other functions that require our expertise and/or staffing. There has been some discussion about adding a Father's Day breakfast to our agenda. This is under consideration.

3. Who are your key members?

We consider all our active members "key members". Without their participation as leaders and workers, we could not function as a viable club.

Our 2012 Officers and Key Members are:

- President: Vic Wisniewski
- Vice President Eugene Gonzalez
- Treasurer Chuck Knapper
- Secretary Gordon Norwood
- Awards Jack Yatsko
- Membership Joe Garcia
- Bylaws Pete Abresch
- Web Master Jack McFadden

Food Service	Larry Donnelley
Crab Feast	Richard Hayes George Sullivan
Seafood Dinner	Steve Pedone
Parish Council Rep	Chuck Knapper Joe Garcia (Previous Presidents)
Retreats.....	Maury Mattingly
Spiritual Advisors	Father Peter Daly Father Pete Alliata

4. How many parishioners are involved in your group?

All men of the parish are considered members. We define active members as those who lead or assist in at least one function during the year and attend our monthly meetings. This usually involves 40 to 50 members. During the year, we ordinarily meet at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month. Our meeting is located in the Sullivan Room of the Family Life Center.

5. What are the strengths of your group?

As a social, devotional and service organization our biggest strength is the potential and actual expertise our members possess. We stand ready to help the Parish and its programs in any way we can. Over the years, our members have participated in and contributed to almost every parish function that required labor and specific expertise held by our members. Historically, this has ranged from construction of the new church, Family Life Center, basement renovation, hurricane assistance, painting, moving, grounds keeping, the food pantry and a number of other projects. Our members also work with other parish programs such as Safe Nights, First Sunday Breakfast, The Catholic Youth Work Camp and other special events. We also sponsor the Shrove Tuesday dinner, a St Valentine's Day Social, the Mothers Day Breakfast, cook for the Church Picnic. We also prepare the annual Men's Crab Dinner in

October and the Seafood Dinner in December.

6. Are there any specific goals or needs for your group that can be presented to the Pastoral Council?

We would respectfully ask that same question of the Council. Let us know how else we can serve.