



Grand Knights Message



My Brother Knights,

The holidays are here, and we gave our Deputy Grand Knight Mark Phipps a well-deserved vacation. Mark's efforts in running the New Life Christmas Party ensured the event's great success. Thanks to Mark for his efforts and to all the members who donated gifts to the New Life family. I would also like to give thanks to Kelly Brown and the host of brother knights who did yeoman's work in assisting Sister Jane in a Faith in Action program with the 4th graders from the school, cooking for and serving the New Life dinner and prepping and selling food for the soup and sandwich event, all on the same day. The next day the soup and sandwich event wrapped up on a positive note. As always, the members of this council and their spouses truly demonstrate the Faith in Action tenants Supreme has asked us to do. As this newsletter will be going out prior to the end of the year I hope you will join the council and members of the parish and community in our annual New Year's Eve dance. It is a great local event to ring in the New Year. In January, there is one more soup and sandwich event, Basketball Free Throw, and the March for Life. Mark on your calendars the Polish Festival, February 9th from 4 to 9PM. The band is TKO. Thanks to Dan Beck and Dave Taylor for assuming the Family and Community Directorships respectively. This will allow us to meet the Faith in Action requirements. Remember to turn in your fraternal surveys as soon as possible. The Knight of the Month was Alan Stegmayer and the Family of the Month was John Wargo.

Finally, the council has had another successful year and all members, and their spouses should be congratulated for a job well done. Mark and I and all the officers' thank you all and wish you a Happy New Year!

Council 8891 ROCKS!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Sam Bongiovano, GK

Mark Phipps, DGK

Remember: Membership, Membership, Membership. It is the lifeblood of our organization!! There are now e-membership cards and brochures in the council mailbox in the parish office.

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Message

In November's newsletter a request was made to join the Father McGivney guild. And I believe a few members did. To bolster those efforts I have included a message from our Vice Supreme Master, and for those members who might not know, was instrumental in forming our council. Please consider joining the guild.

My Brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus established the Fr. McGivney Guild to promote the cause of canonization of our founder, Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. We can find information on his life and works by accessing the website at www.fathermcgivney.org. We can also report any favors attributed to his intercession at guild@kofc.org. The Guild plays an important role in making Fr. McGivney better know and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

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Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Vice Supreme Master Message (Continued from page 1)

I invite you to join the Guild as soon as possible. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Fr. McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through his intercession. Not only do we need miracles, but we also need witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

The following information can be found through Officers on Line or Supplies On line: Fr. McGivney Guild free enrollment form 4046, A Model for Our Times form 5044 and Fr. McGivney Prayer Card form 10302 A.

Here is the problem we have. We have 1.8 million members in the Order, but we only have 171,000 members in the Guild. These Guild members may not all be brother Knights because anyone can join the Guild. In Pennsylvania we have some 61,000 Knights but we only have 5,547 Guild members. What is wrong with this picture?

Once again, I would like to encourage our brother Knights to join the Guild. Also, I urge our councils to renew their effort in promoting the Guild to their membership, families and friends.

Vivat Jesus,



Wayne S. Freet, PSD
Vice Supreme Master



Pro Life Report

Brothers,

Three items hit me the wrong way in the last two weeks, the lead-up to Christmas. I consider them and I scratch my head. Our society still doesn't get it: life is precious, in all its stages.



1. We've all seen TV solicitations on behalf of animals/abandoned pets that are in sad shape. "For only \$19 a month, you can make a difference". These are sad stories. Practically everyone likes pets. But, do they deserve more help and consideration than humans? The last one of these ads really caught my attention as it contained background instrumental of "Silent Night".

2. In December, a customer came to Planned Parenthood, York for an abortion. This customer had a sticker on the window of her car.....are you ready? "SAVE LIVES, EAT PLANTS". How's that for equivocation? Eating veggies and fruit keeps you from eating meat and that saves lives.

3. A long-time professor at Clemson University submitted a long Op-Ed piece to the New York Times in December; a piece they were only too happy to print. He muses over the benefits of human annihilation. I can't make this stuff up, Brothers. Is he kidding? After looking at his CV I'm convinced myself that this guy is serious.

Brothers,

Pray that we as a nation come to our senses.

Don't forget our January Respect Life Rosary right after the 9:00 Mass on January 20.

Our bus for the **Jan 18, 2019** - National Right to Life March is filling up. Want to go, call me. 717 235 8833.

*Happy New Year Brothers,
Tom*

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Visit our Council web site kofc8891.com for up-to-date event information and to access to current and prior month Knight Editions.

Articles are due via e-mail to Barry Price bapent@comcast.net by the Saturday prior to the Business Meeting. I can accept MSWord, PDF, text, and articles included in an e-mail. I can also accept graphics and photos in a JPG, GIF, and PNG format.

Food for Families Report



Brothers,

Food for Families effort continues on thanks to the generosity of the council. With recent food donations of 74 pounds our grand totals for this fraternal year now stand at 1,954 pounds of food and \$ 2,111.25 for the pantry. Good job everyone!

I would like everyone to bring at least one non-perishable and non expired food item to the next meeting. The Food Pantry needs canned tuna in water or chicken, spam, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned soup, oatmeal packets, hot cereal, box cereal, ramen noodles, cake mixes and icing. The pantry will also accept whole fresh or frozen turkeys, turkey breasts, roaster chickens or related store turkey vouchers or turkey gift cards.

You may also drop off larger and perishable donations directly to the food pantry. If dropping off to the pantry directly between the hours of Monday-Saturday 9am to 11:30am or by appt 717-235-6370, please let them know that it is a donation from the Knights of Columbus for us to capture our effort.ort.

*Happy New Year and God Bless,
Joe Grohal*

Color Corps Report

Brothers,

Previous Events:

- 4 Nov – Diocesan Memorial Mass, St. Patrick Cathedral, 1 in uniform
- 11 Nov -- 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I, St. John Paul II Shrine, Washington D.C., 1 in uniform, 1 in regalia
- 20 Nov – Council Memorial Mass, St. John the Baptist, 6 in regalia
- 27 Nov – Closing of 40 Hours, Immaculate Conception, New Oxford, 1 in uniform, 1 in regalia
- 5 Dec – Confirmation, St. Joseph, Hanover, 1 in uniform, 4 in regalia
- 12 Dec – Our Lady of Guadeloupe Mass, St. Joseph, Hanover, 2 in uniform, 4 in regalia



Future Events:

- 2 Mar 2019 – Closing of Diocesan 150th Anniversary, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Allentown
- 19 Mar 2019 – Closing of 40 Hours, St. Joseph, Bonneauville, 7 p.m.
- 14 April 2019 – Palm Sunday, St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover
- 27 Apr 2019 – First Communion, St. Joseph, Hanover, 10 a.m.
- 28 Apr 2019 – Divine Mercy , St. John the Baptist, New Freedom
- 4 May 2019—First Communion, St. John the Baptist, New Freedom
- 24 May 2019 – Graduation, Delone Catholic High School (tentative)
- 27 May 2019 – Memorial Day Parade, Hanover
- 23 June 2019 -- Corpus Christi, St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover

If you know of other events not listed here, please make sure Council #8891 is invited and provide me the details at rickkorivo@verizon.net or 717-227-2728. Thank you, and hope you had a terrific summer and are looking forward to fall.

Rick Corriveau, CC Commander

Faithful Navigator Message Fr. Cyril J. Allwein Assembly #944

I would like to thank the New Freedom Council for hosting our December meeting. Our next meeting will be in Hanover on January 17th. Please make an effort to attend the meeting.

*Happy New Year!
Steve Arthur, FN #944*



Council Activities - Perspectives from the Chancellor

I made a difference to that one...

And you did; we did. These few words were on a little sign on the wall in the Children's House at John Hopkins Hospital. I'll get back to these words below; but first...

It is time for reflection; we are half way through our fraternal year and just starting our new year of 2019. As Chancellor, Council Activities are important to me and should be for each of us. All too often, we lose track of them; don't think too much about them; or simply just don't care about them. However, once or twice a year in the Knight's Edition or at a general meeting or business meeting we are reminded about what we do... I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Greg Gering who not only serves as *Chief Instigator* but also as our *Quiet Leader* reminding us of the many reasons that #8891 Rocks. Those many reasons all have to do with Council Activities!



As we complete the second half of the fraternal year and look forward to a new year, let's ask ourselves, "Where can I make a difference to that one?"

That little sign really jumped out at me on Thanksgiving Day. Fully realizing all the efforts that went into preparing, decorating, serving, and clean-up were all worth it when I was introduced to little boy who had been hospitalized since September and was released that morning. He loved the mashed potatoes; had a real big smile; and according to his mom, his eyes were bright for the first time in a long time. We made a difference to that one!

We pray for our dead at every mass; however, our Memorial Mass is so very special as we remember each of our members from this Council who has died. You should have been there! As the candle was carried to the alter and each name mentioned followed by the ringing of a bell, one could only remember each one of them. I remembered smiles and jokes; working side by side serving at a Lenten Dinner; saying the rosary together before a meeting, watching death slowly overtake life; but mostly, I remember a special man who was a Knight of Columbus.

What a service; did I already say, "You should have been there?" Father Bob and Father Ben co-celebrated with the fine assistance of Tom. The Color Corps looked sharp with Dan, Barry, John, Jim-Bob, Rick, and Kelly all in step. Sam read each name; Dennis did the reading; Don presented the gifts; Greg and Dave served as Eucharistic Ministers and we heard that great voice from the choir loft, it was Jim. You cannot improve a mass where all Knights are making a contribution. And then there were the Knights in the church who also remembered. How will you be remembered?

Father Ben, in his Homily, gave us all something to reflect upon as we consider death. Actually, he gave us three (3) things to reflect upon! (1) Prayer matters and we fully need to realize it. (2) God loves us, is there for us, and will do anything for us. What are we asking? (3) Death brings us face-to-face with Eternity. WOW, are we ready today? However, Father Ben DID NOT leave us hanging – he tells us that we can address all three by our FAITH. And, the best way, is to put our FAITH IN ACTION.

I witnessed Faith in Action in our school children as they worked hard on their art projects to Keep Christ in Christmas. Rich did a great job to organize and coordinate the activity while a panel of several Knights served as judges. The kids told me that it was 'hard work' and yet they had 'fun' doing each project. What can we learn from the kids? Let's always look for the fun in our hard work in undertaking our many council activities. Of course, this was just another Council Activity that made a difference to that one.

As we begin 2019, let's work hard and have fun in promoting our Faith in Action. Make a new year's resolution to get involved somehow. Why not show up a little early and join in saying the rosary (it too is a Council Activity); if you can't take a lead, then pick an activity that is of interest and assist – there is always a lot of work. And then, realize the fun!

I wish you a Happy New Year with good health and many blessings. And, if and when you can, do something to make a difference to that one.

bob

Upcoming January and February Event Cooking!

HEADS UP FOR JANUARY SOUP & SANDWICH – Our next and last Soup-n-Sandwich event will be on **Saturday January 12 and Sunday January 13th**. We will be selling soup and sandwiches after all masses that weekend. As usual there will be food preparation prior to the event and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January 10th General Meeting, which is only two days prior to the event. If you can assist in the preparation the week prior to the event, let Don know. He can be reached at 724-288-7225 or dgvosnick@comcast.net. To have this event run smoothly, four men are needed in the kitchen, plus 2 or 3 runners, and also 4-6 men to sell at the end of all masses.



HEADS UP FOR THE POLISH DINNER DANCE! This year the Polish Dinner Dance will be on **Saturday, February 9, 2019** from 4 PM to 9 PM. Be on the lookout for PIEROGI making sessions. Don and Carolyn will train anyone who is willing to learn the dying art of making homemade pierogis. Couples are preferred but individuals can learn and help as well. Working in pairs is the best. Additional information and a signup sheet will be at the General Meeting or contact Don Vosnick (724-288-7225 or dgvosnick@comcast.net) or Kelly Brown (717-668-0509 or kbbrown79@hotmail.com) if you would like to help prep for this event.



College Scholarship Information

PVK scholarship - Council 8891 will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the individual with the highest score. Points are awarded based on grades, in-school and out-of-school activities, and an essay. The essay is the biggest factor. Applications will be available in the parish office and local schools on December 1. Applicants and their parents must be members of St. John the Baptist parish and be a graduating high school senior or home-schooled equivalent. Students already in college are not eligible. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Knights of Columbus. **Applications must be submitted no later than January 31, 2019.** The winner will be announced at the Graduating Senior Breakfast in April.



Education Grants

The PA State K of C Education Foundation will be awarding up to 50 grants toward the cost of attendance at Catholic schools for the children of member Knights. The forms can be downloaded from the state web site. The rules for applying are:

1. Grants will be issued for students in grades 1 through 12.
2. The child's father must be a 3rd Degree member in good standing for at least 6 months prior to the application. If the father is deceased, he must have been a member in good standing at the time of death.
3. **Applications MUST be postmarked no earlier than January 1st and no later than March 31st.**
4. The application should contain all necessary signatures AND the Council seal, which is held by FS Greg Gering.

Any application not meeting these rules will be rejected.

*Contact me if you have further questions. (rickkorivo@verizon.net)
Rick Corriveau, CE Rep on the Education Foundation*

Basketball Free Throw Contest

As of this writing the **date, time, and location** for the upcoming Free Throw event have yet to be determined. Our new contact from Warrior Youth Basketball, Dave Tomasic, anticipates a mid-January event. I will forward the information as soon as it's available as time grows short to round up volunteers. He is familiar with the event.



We will need 3 rebounders, 3 score keepers, 2 registration desk personnel for two shifts. I will handle the main score board and supply the drinks (Water only). Most likely the times will be something like 8:15 – 10:30 and 10:30 – 1:15.

We will have the Wall O' Shame for all Knights.

Thanks to all for coming out to work this fun event.

Kevin

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Wrap-Up

Brothers,

K of C #8891 would like to thank the students of St John the Baptist Elementary School, the staff, teachers and Principle Sue Mareck for participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas Art contest. The winners for this year's contest are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Eddie Campbell
- 1st Grade: Jacob Powers
- 2nd Grade: Asher Corbin
- 3rd Grade: Olivia Otremba
- 4th Grade: Kate Benesch
- 5th Grade: Wyatt Traband
- 6th Grade: Bernadette McClain



The winning students receive a very fashionable sweat shirt which has "Keep Christ in Christmas imprinted on the front. The year's independent judging panel were members in good standing of #8891 (in alphabetical order): Rick Courriveau, Greg Gering, John Green, Jim Hintenach, John Schwarzman, Don Vosnick and John Wargo.

Again, congratulations to all and best wishes for a blessed Christmas Season and a healthy, blessing filled New Year!.

Have a blessed New Years!
Rich

Dues Note from the Financial Secretary

2019 dues statements have been send out. If you do not receive a dues notice by mid-January or something is incorrect on the notice, please contact me at (717) 552-8173 or email me at kocgering@yahoo.com. Please make dues checks out to "K of C #8891" - Thanks for your cooperation!



Greg Gering
Financial Secretary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8891 – NEW FREEDOM, PA.



Presents

POLSKA KOLACJA I TAŃIEC (POLISH DINNER DANCE)

Saturday, February 9th 2019

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Fr. Capitani Social Hall

315 N. Constitution Ave., New Freedom, PA. 17349

*Authentic Handmade Polish food, Polka Band,
Polish beverages, & Polish fun!*

Tickets will be available Jan 1st from Barry Price, Don Vosnick, and from the Parish Office.



*Admission: By Advanced Ticket Sales***

Adults 16 to 69 - \$18.00

Seniors 70 and older & Adult Platter for Youth - \$15.00

(includes entrance fee, food platter, & band)

Youth Platter (under 16) – \$6.00

(includes entrance fee, band, Chicken nuggets, Apple sauce, Tater tots, & Lemonade)



FTGOTO: Please keep the following in your prayers:

Our Religious	Casserty Family	Ana Marie Gering
The Catholic Church	Cipko Family	Angela Casiero
Fr. Capitani	Borys Family	Leslie Corriveau
Our Troops	Steve Rickrode	Katie Stenauer
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Building Fund - Card Social & Luncheon

January 6th & February 4th



Game Starts Promptly at 1:00

in the Parish Center

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Recognizes**

John & Shirley Wargo

as the December 2018

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



**St. John the Baptist Council 8891
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Knights of Columbus January 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 December  Don't forget your Sunday Obligation	31 New Years Eve Dance 9pm to 1am Fr Capitani Center	1 2019 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 Please complete your 2018 survey of Fraternal Activities	4	5
6 Card Social Fr Capitani Center, 1pm John 235-3721	7	8	9	10 Rosary 7:45 General Mtg 8pm NH	11	12 Soup & Sandwch after 5pm Mass
13 Soup & Sandwch after all Masses	14	15	16	17 4th Degree Mtg 7:45 Rosary 8pm Meeting Hanover	18 National Right to Life March D.C.	19 Possible Basketball Free Throw Event ?
20  Don't forget your Sunday Obligation	21	22	23	24 Business Mtg 8pm NH	25	26 February Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net
27  Don't forget your Sunday Obligation	28	29	30	31 Last day to turn in PVK Scholarship Applications	1 February	2 February

Polish Fest – Saturday February 9th 4 - 9pm