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My Brother Knights and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here, and the season of Advent is close behind. As we end the Liturgical Year, the readings and our focus shifts to the 'End Times', our own mortality, and whether we are prepared to meet the Lord when He comes for us. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is already here and that we must help build up that Kingdom through our good works and love for one another. As we prepare to give thanks for our many blessings, let us be mindful of those less fortunate in our midst and reach out to them in charity.

Advent is the perfect time to conduct one of our many Faith Programs; such as Holy Hour, Rosary, and Spiritual Reflection Programs, as we reflect upon the miracle of the Incarnation of our Saviour. If your council has not yet conducted any of our Faith Programs for your council or parish, now would be a good time to sponsor one.

The State Family has been hard at work preparing for the Mid-Year Meeting of District Deputies the first week of January. Once again, we will be conducting a series of workshops which will assist the District Deputies in serving their councils.

We have also had a couple of meetings with the 2020 Convention Committee. The convention in Pittsburgh will have more changes, with an emphasis on family and fellowship. The business agenda has been shortened to accommodate other activities.

Many councils have completed the new Delta Church Training. They are seeing the results of this new approach to inviting men into our Order. The Online Membership is doing extremely well. Over 350 men have joined online, since we began the program last March. Now it is up to the councils to connect with these men and get them engaged in their programs and activities.

We are starting to see more degrees being conducted. However, two-thirds of our councils have not brought in one new member this year. Without fresh blood, your council will not be able to sustain our legacy of charity and service. We need young men to take our place and to continue the mission of "Changing Lives" and "Saving Lives" started by our founder, the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. Your parish needs the Knights of Columbus. Build up your council.

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STATE DEPUTY REPORT (CONTINUED)

Janis and I wish you and your family a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

St. Michael Protect Us.

Fr. McGivney Pray for Us.

Our Lady Help of the Persecuted Christians Pray for Us.

Vivat Jesu,

Mark L. Jago, FIC
State Deputy.

From the desk of the state
ceremonials chairman

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Effective immediately a copy of all 450s
NEEDS TO BE SENT TO ME AT
roncubbage@hotmail.com

ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE DECEMBER 2019 EDITION OF THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT ARE DUE DECEMBER 12, 2019. SEND THEM TO: rickterroni@comcast.net
LET'S SHOW EVERYONE WHAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ARE DOING! PLEASE TRY TO SEND A PICTURE WITH YOUR ARTICLE!

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From the Desk of

Jack Rosati

A Knight Before Christmas

Dear Brother Knights,

Winter is in the air. Christmas is quickly approaching. Our thoughts turn to the baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph. We remember the gifts that the three Wise Men brought to our savior. The dictionary defines a gift as "A thing given willingly to someone without payment." These three Wise Men had no idea that this God-Child held his own gift for humanity, eternal salvation, given willingly.... without expectation of payment.

As a Knight of Columbus, offering membership into our order is also a gift.

Let me explain.

We know that the Knights of Columbus change lives and save lives. We change lives every time we bring food to the hungry, warm coats to cold kids and wheelchairs to those less mobile than ourselves. And all the other great charitable programs we do. And of course we save lives through our Pro-Life efforts and our ultra-sound initiatives. But I would challenge you to think about how the Knights of Columbus save lives on the eternal scale. When we all joined the Knights, we probably thought we were pretty good Catholics. But wouldn't we all say that we are better Catholics today.....better husbands...,better fathers....better men, since we joined the Knights of Columbus? We all walk closer with Christ today because of our association with our brother Knights and the charitable works that we accomplish together. God's work.

This is a gift. A gift that someone offered to you when he asked you to join our order. A gift that brought you closer to our Lord. A gift that you accepted without expectation of payment.

And here we are.....Christmas... right around the corner. The tradition of gift giving at Christmas goes back 2000 years to those three Wise Men under a bright shiny star. So I ask every one of you to make a commitment today. Let's give the gift of Knighthood to someone before Christmas. Before December 25th, let's each one of us bring a new soul closer to Christ. **A Knight before Christmas**.... A gift to a good man, a gift to a new Knight, a gift to the service of God. Do this before Christmas and you may find that your bright shiny star..... is your own home council.

Merry Christmas to you and your family from the State Family of Pennsylvania



AUTUMN

Brothers,

As I was staring out the window, watching the leaves fall, my thoughts drifted to miss opportunities.

The boy or girl we didn't get a winter coat to, the lonely person we failed to reach out to, the soul that departed this life we didn't pray for, the man we failed to ask to join our Order.

It reminded me more and more of the direct relationship of program and membership and then the bond of our Order to our Faith.

We as Knights have an obligation to live as Catholics in the broadest sense of the word.

We MUST "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, see God in EVERY man", it is our mission within our Order and Faith.

Look at your Council, have you completed a third of your programs, your membership requirements, your assistance in giving your Brothers access to our Fraternal benefits?

It is not too late. Gather up the metaphoric leaves, help those in need, brighten the day for a stranger, offer the opportunity to EVERY Catholic man to increase his Faith by joining us.

BE A BETTER MAN! BE A BETTER CATHOLIC!

BE THE KNIGHT YOU PLEDGED TO BE!

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Yakubick

Program Director

Faith in Action – Keep Christ in Christmas Program



[Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas](#) programs encourage a shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. PA State Program Activities emphasize efforts that best suit the parish and community.

Assistant Family Director George Schneider, Jr. is leading efforts to help Councils promote the real meaning of Christmas through banners and sales of Religious Christmas Cards and other items. Information is available at the PA State Council website <http://pakofc.us/programs/family/kcic/index.html> or use the attached form.

We are also bringing back the [Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest](#). Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups — ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10 and 11 through 14. Councils are encouraged to run Poster Contests in their Councils and send winning posters to their District Deputy for processing. Councils are free to determine prizes for Council participants as they wish.

District Deputies will determine a winner in each of the age groups and forward to Family Director Fran O'Hara, FSW, 524 Lindsay Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078. District winning posters must be received by January 15, 2020. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants in each age category.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kits can be ordered through Supplies online, which can be accessed in the officers Portal.

For more Information;

Family Director - East	Fran & Patty O'Hara, FSW	kofcfamily@ridleypa.us	610 461 5167
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Keep Christ in Christmas October 2019


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COUNCIL NAME & NUMBER _____

☐ **47"x76"**\$65.00

☐ **12'x24'**\$244.80

☐ **4'x8'**\$80.00

☐ **14'x48'**\$571.20

☐ **6'x12'**\$180.00

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☐ **EcoFlex**\$85.00

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the continental United States

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Chance Of A Lifetime (COAL)

Remember, this year's drawing will be at **8:00 PM on Thursday April 30, 2020 at Mater Dei Council in Newtown Square**. There will still be 16 great prizes and there will be a cash option available to all winners. The COAL Program funds the State Scholarship Program and is also a **Risk-Free** opportunity for Councils to raise money. Ticket have been ordered and distribution is scheduled for early January, but we will try to honor requests for early tickets in the fall.

Stay tuned for updates. If you have not already ordered tickets, please fill out the form below and send it to fran@ridleya.us or Fran O'Hara, 524 Lindsay Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078. The plan is to distribute books in early January but we will honor requests for early distribution. Please send requests to fran@ridleya.us.

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<mailto:joecaromano@verizon.net>

2019-2020 C.O.A.L. PROGRAM

Please Print Legible

Date _____

Council # _____ Council Name _____ Dist # _____

Number of Books Requested _____

Ship to
Name _____

Ship to
Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
(Do not use PO Box or Council Home)

Chairman's Name & Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Financial Secretary Name & Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Grand Knights Name & Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Requested by _____ Title _____

Faith in Action – Family of the Month Program



Grand Knights are reminded of their responsibility to submit the Family of the Month form for their Council's November Family of the Month by December 15, 2019. The Program honors a Council or Parish family that models Christian family values. Family of the Month can be any Family in the Parish. They do not need to have to be a Knight in the Family. **Any Family in the Council or Parish is eligible!**

The [Family of the Month Report Form \(#10668\)](#) must be completed and sent to fraternalmission@kofc.org by the 15th day of the following month. Copies should be sent to statedeputy@pakofc.us and family@pakofc.us. The Council will present the Family with a [Family of the Month Certificate \(#1843\)](#) at a Council or Church event. Supreme Council will also randomly pick winning families for a special Holy Family gift.

If your Council is not participating in the Program, you should ask your Grand Knight to start. It is the right thing to do and it is easy.

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Knights of Columbus Educational Foundation Student Grant Program Rules

***NOTE: There are changes to
Rules from last year!***



The Educational Foundation will be processing up to fifty (50) \$1000.00 Knights of Columbus Student Grants paid to the Catholic School the student is enrolled in. **Grades 1 through 12** where the Third Degree member's child is enrolled. Applications will be received by the Educational Foundation Secretary beginning **January 1, 2020**. The Educational Foundation members will then hold a drawing and the winners will be notified by the Secretary and also posted on the state web site www.pakofc.us Only applications post marked between January 1, and January 31, 2020 will be eligible for the drawing.

Each Member must comply with the following:

1. The student's father must be a Third (3rd) Degree Knight in good standing of a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Council for six months prior to the date of application (January 1).
2. Be the son or daughter of a deceased Third (3rd) Degree Knight who was a member in good standing of a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Council at the time of death.

Applicant must be aware and comply with these instructions

1. Grant application is to be sent to the Educational Foundation Secretary **postmarked** between **"January 1 and January 31 2020"** of the new school year. No application will be accepted if post marked prior to January 1st or after January 31st 2020.
2. Only one application per envelope.
3. Applicant must complete the application including obtaining all required signatures and **Council Seal**.
4. Applicants are required to file for a Student Grant each year even if the student was awarded a Grant in the previous year.
5. An invoice will be required from the Catholic School that the student will be attending. Once a copy of the Certified letter is received by the Educational Foundation Secretary stating the student is enrolled for the coming school year, the process of sending a \$1000.00 Grant check to the Catholic School of choice will begin. This check will be processed by the Educational Foundation Treasurer in the July time frame.

Rules for Grants and General Information

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1. *The Knights of Columbus Educational Foundation Secretary will be responsible for processing and handling all of the Grant requests.*
2. *Applications will be marked with a numerical number as received and placed in a box for later processing. Once all applications post marked between January 1 and January 31, 2020 are received, we will count all the applications and verify that each envelope has an assigned number. The Educational Foundation will hold a special drawing and will insure that a number has been assigned to each application. Matching numbers to the applications will be placed in a drum to be drawn and determine the Grant winners. The barrel will have the exact numbers of coins as applications.*
3. *Families with more than one child **MUST** fill out an application for **each** child requesting a Student Grant. Each application has to be placed in its own envelope and sent to the Educational Foundation Secretary. (Only **one** application per envelope is allowed)*
4. *Ten alternate applications will be drawn in case a winning student does not choose to attend a Catholic School. The names will be recorded as they are drawn.*
5. *Checks will be processed during the July time frame. If a school requires payment before July, you must notify the Educational Foundation secretary.*
6. *All Grant money not used will stay in the Educational Foundations account for future use.*
7. *The Educational Foundation reserves the right to change the rules of this program as deemed necessary.*
8. *The Educational Foundation reserves the right to change the dollar amount and number of grants as deemed necessary.*

George L. Beckes
Educational Foundation Secretary
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North East, PA 16428-4950

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Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus Educational Foundation, Inc.

Application for Educational Foundation Grants for students 1 through 12

Application must be "postmarked" between January 1 and January 31, 2020 of the school year. The application must be sent to the Educational Foundation Secretary

Date: _____

This Grant is for attending a certified Catholic School!

SECTION 1: Item 1 through item 12 to be completed by applicant - Print or type ALL answers.

1 _____ Name of Student	6 _____ School year / grade
2 _____ Street Address	7 () _____ (Area code) and Telephone Number
3 _____ City or town	8 _____ Date of Birth
4 _____ Diocese	9 _____ Parish
5 _____ School telephone number	11 _____ Catholic School Name
10 _____ Member's e-mail	12 _____ Member's signature or if deceased wife's signature

SECTION 2: This section must be filled in by Council Officers and returned to applicant

13 _____ Council Name	14 _____ Number	15 _____ Location
16 Name of member: (Print or type) _____		
17 Knight's Membership number: _____		
18 Is he a Third Degree Knight in good standing with a council for at least six (6) months, prior to January 1		
Yes / No		

SECTION 3: We, the undersigned, here by certify questions (13) through (18) to be true and correct.

GRAND KNIGHT - SIGNATURE / Date

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - SIGNATURE / Date

DISTRICT NUMBER

(COUNCIL SEAL)

Send one (1) application per envelope to : **Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus
Educational Foundation Inc.**

"Secretary" **George L. Beckes**
10236 Sidehill Rd.
North East PA 16428-4950

Council #1333 Answers The Call and provides Breakfasts for Seminarians



In response to the call for assistance from Father Thomas Gardner, Pastoral Coordinator of West Chester University Catholic Newman Center, Brothers Knights from Council #1333 stepped up to provide daily hearty “home cooked” breakfasts to over 30 seminarians, priests, and participating students on October 7-8, 2019. The Newman Center hosted these holy men from seminaries located in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Seminarians gathered in West Chester as part of a “Direct Person to Person” Evangelical Outreach Effort on the 18,000 plus student campus of WCU. The Band of Brother Knights (Larry Carlin, Tony Cipollini, Kevin McCarthy, Rob McNamee, Art Treston (PGK), Mike Zengel, and Gary Novinskie (PGK, PDD) provided the physical nourishment and their moral support to the Seminarians as they embarked, in the spirit of Saint Paul, on their individual daily evangelical journeys throughout the university’s campus. The Council’s effort is just one example of its ongoing commitment to support our priests and seminarians and to be positive examples of Catholic men and what their efforts can accomplish. This event was a special occurrence. It has rarely happened on any college campus. 26 seminarians and 1 priest faculty member from Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland spent two days on West Chester University’s campus. They engaged the students on campus and even had Eucharistic adoration at the academic quad. See picture below! The Knights of Columbus generously provided breakfast both mornings for the seminarians.

Submitted by: Mark A. Luchetti, Trustee, Past GK

Also—Check the whitewashed walls that were painted by the Trinity Chapter at the Newman Center!



ST. PATRICK COUNCIL 13490

2019 MAN OF THE YEAR

FRANCIS J. KEEGAN, SR.

In recognition of a life of selfless service, inspirational leadership and tireless dedication to country, community and church, St. Patrick's Council, with great pride and enthusiasm, presented its 2019 Man of the Year Award to Sir Knight Frank J. Keegan, Sr. at a awards dinner held at the parish on October 19, 2019.

Frank has been married to his wife Ronnie for over 60 years. They have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Among his many accomplishments—he has been very active, serving over 51 years to the Boy Scouts of America in Chester County. He served in the United States Army achieving the rank of Specialist 4th Class. He is very active in his parish.

Frank has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 12 years. He is a Past Grand Knight of his Council and has served as Faithful Navigator and Color Corps Commander of the Father Emil Kapaun Assembly #3274.

Congratulations to Frank on his well deserved Award!



The picture on the top left shows all the Knights that were in attendance from Frank's Council, District and Assembly. The picture on the top right shows Frank addressing the audience after accepting his award. The picture at the bottom shows the head table—from left to right: Jennifer Flynn, Tim Schuster GK, Ronnie and Frank Keegan, and Abbot Richard Antonucci.

PA STATE COUNCIL PRESENTS CHECKS TO ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT



Pictured below is State Treasurer Joe Paoletti presenting checks to Archbishop Charles J. Chaput from the PA State Council for seminarians and religious activities.



At the presentation pictured above from left to right are: Bottom Row— State Chaplain Rev (COL) Gregory J. D’Emma, His Excellency Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M.Cap., , State Deputy Mark Jago. Back Row—Program Promotions Chairman East Ray McLaughlin, Hispanic/Ethnic Development Assistant Coordinator East Carlos Medina, Ceremonial Chairman Ron Cabbage PSD, Education Foundation Director George Koch PSD, State Treasurer Joe Paoletti, Stice Agency—Mark A. Stice, Family Director/COAL Chairman Fran O’Hara FSW, Keystone Knight Editor Rick Terroni FSS.

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY ASSEMBLY REMEMBERS DECEASED MEMBERS



Cardinal Dougherty Assembly #913 held a Memorial Mass for its deceased members on November 10, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Secane, PA. The picture above shows the honor guard in attendance. They are from left to right: Rick Megaro, Joe Carey, Ben Linowski DD, Tom Begley DD, Rick Terroni FSS PFN, John Rush DD, Tony Grimaldi FN, Fran O'Hara FSW PFN, Tom Dorsey and Neal Pizzano FN.

ST. PATRICK'S COUNCIL 13490 HOLDS A DELTA CHURCH DRIVE



St. Patrick's Council in Malvern, PA held a Delta Church Drive. The drive brought in 7 candidates. In the picture to the left from left to right are: John Long PGK, Jim Helferty and Tim Schuster GK.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER OF CHESTER COUNTY GIVES PRESENTATION AT DELAWARE VALLEY BOARD OF DD MEETING



The Delaware Valley Board of District Deputies asked Melissa Baxter of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County to give a presentation at its monthly meeting. Melissa explained the goals of the Center and its importance. The Center provides adult counseling, legal services and options, various types of housing assistance, and children's services. The center also provides community education and prevention programs. The center is always in need of donations like bathing supplies, bedding, cleaning and office supplies. Monetary donations of \$ 50.00 provides one night of safe lodging and food for a family and \$ 250.00 provides one week of Bridge Transitional Housing for a family. For more information—contact www.dvcc.com. Melissa is the Chief Operation Officer of the DVCCC and the daughter of FDD Gary Novinskie.



NEBDD MAKES A DONATION FOR A WORTHY CAUSE



The Northeast Board of District Deputies presented a \$ 500.00 donation to Principle John Petruzzelli of Kolbe Academy. He was most thankful to our Knights for their generosity. The check will be used to support catholic high school age children struggling with addiction to get their lives back on track with Christ and their families and community.

In the picture above is John Petruzzelli receiving the check from Dennis Sullivan DD 63 and beside Dennis is John Cullen District Warden 63 and GK of St Rocco's Council 14082 of Martin's Creek.

Another great day for our Brother Knights!



FROM
PA STATE COUNCIL
AND
KEYSTONE KNIGHT

