



Grand Knights Message



Brothers,

This month's Knight of Columbus #8891 quote comes from Saint Padre Pio, "The Cross will not crush you; if its weight makes you stagger, its power will also sustain you."

Over the past few weeks, the Knights of #8891 have been very busy with multiple activities occurring over all four of our pillars of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Many thanks to all Brother Knights that gave of their time and talent to make a difference for others in so many ways. Whether it was the Seminarian Raffle, Mass of Remembrance, Marian Prayer program for the Protection of Persecuted Christians, Italian Dinner, Holy Hour Rosary, Food for Families, Roadside Clean-up, prep for Wreaths across America and Keep Christ in Christmas, Box of Joy, 40 Days for Life, Rachel's Vineyard, Football Sweeps, Veterans Tribute, Soup & Sandwich, and multiple mini-Bazaar, Bazaar & Bingo events, #8891... your FAITH In ACTION. Wow!

Looking ahead we have a special event scheduled at the end of January where we will need a new Leader. Brother Don V. and crew have led the kitchen efforts for the annual Polish Fest in the past. This year he is asking for an individual to step up so he can transition the event to them. This is a fun event that draws people from many miles. Please consider taking this over as a Leader or -Co-Leader. Let me know. Tempus fugit.

Our November Family of the Month is Bob and Carol Karotko. The Karotko's have made a significant contribution to our parish both taking leadership roles in the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Brother Bob has been supportive of most every event on our calendar whether he is found in the kitchen, Soup & Sandwich, Bingo, Bazaar, keeping our town beautiful Roadside Clean-up or at meetings pushing us to be the most we can be. Thank you for making a difference.

The Knight of the Month is Gene Ware. Brother Gene supports our church well beyond our traditional #8891 events. You many recognize him working with our altar servers and assisting Father at various masses. He is a key assistant in coordination of the sacristan as well as serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Thank you for your giving to others.

Thank you to all that have contributed to keep #8891 Rockin. If you are reading this and would like to get more involved, please see the list of program directors, names with contact information at the end of the Knight's Edition. Reach out to find out more where you can put your Faith into Action.

As Brother Knights we are all called to defend our Faith. 1Peter3:15 . . . always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asked you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence keeping your conscience clear . . .

Be well!

Tim Schott – Grand Knight timschott@hotmail.com

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Deputy Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights of 8891 continue to make a difference in support of our Domestic Church through the four pillars of Faith, Family, Community, and Life.



Consider participating in the KofC Holy Hour to pray the Rosary with Brother Knights. The next opportunity is Saturday, December 4th at 10:00am in the perpetual adoration chapel. Thank you to Rob G and Steve U for coordinating. You may also use the [Sign Up Genius](#) to sign up for upcoming dates. Thank you to Steve Udzinski for obtaining the picture of Persecuted Christians and coordinating the date with Fr. Wilke for the Prayer Service that was held on November 14th at 3pm.

FAMILY Committee Director – Dan Beck

Bo Gifford continues the great ministry of collecting food for the Pantry. He is currently looking at a Saturday, December 11 date for a Wal-Mart Food Drive. Thank you for your persistence, Bo! Bo has also been helping to coordinate the Wreaths Across America project. Bo and Jim H. will speak to the St. JB students on Dec. 17 about their military experience. The Knights are also assisting that day, as the students will lay wreaths on some of the Military Graves in the St. JB Cemetery. For more info, click here: [Sign Up](#)

COMMUNITY Committee Director – Tom Rodowsky

Tom ran his first Community Trash Pick Up event on Oct 30th. The group collected 8 very full and heavy bags of trash. Steve Udzinski had to go back and pick up Dan B. and Tom R. from Campbell Rd, they got very enthusiastic about getting every last bit of trash out of the soy field on Campbell Rd.

Jim Howell's last Soup and Sandwich was the most profitable S&S to Date. Jim and Don also ran the kitchen for the Italian Dinner and the two days at the Bazaar at St John's Lutheran. Brother Jim and Don thank you for all you do. Without you leading these events we would not be able to support the many causes we give to throughout the year.

Dec 4th will be the PTO's, Breakfast with Santa, for the school. The Knights will again be taking the lead on making Pancakes and Sausages for all those in attendance to see Santa that morning.

Thanks to Paul "Doc" Stadler for coordinating the Box of Joy Christmas Giving Program.

One other community side note: The Council has purchased a new Hot Dog machine to replace the old one for our Rest Stop events. We've already tested out the machine at the last council meeting and Brother Jim used it at the Bazaar in the very small kitchen at St John's Lutheran.

Life Committee Director – Tom Evans

Tom as usual continues his great work for the Pro Life Ministry. He usually has an article in this Knights edition, so please read his article for upcoming events.

Council Committee Director – Barry Price

Barry continues to publish the monthly Knight Edition and also run the Bingo for the Bazaar Team. Dec 5th is the next Cash Bingo.

*Peace and All Good Things,
Joe Mazziett – DGK - 717-858-6004 - themazz@verizon.net*

Food for Families Report



As of July 1st 2021 until the end of October 2021, Council 8891 has donated 573.8 lbs. of food, \$500 and 3 turkey's to the York County Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Also this month Alveena Kornak, the wife of our departed brother Gene Kornak, donated a turkey to the food pantry in his Honor. Thank you Alveena for your heart felt expression of love.

Walmart has given us the OK to have Food Drives at their store again. At the Dec. 2nd meeting we will discuss the best date to have or next drive.

I would like to thank the council for the increased volume of food donations after the meeting. Thank you very much and keep it coming! **Please** remember that it is **extremely important** that each of you donate at least one food item for each meeting that you attend!

Food for Families Report *(continued from page 2)*

Please check the weekly Parish bulletin for items that are currently most needed.

Remember that donations can be taken directly to the pantry Monday-Saturday 9-11:30 AM. Let the pantry know that your donations are from the Knight of Columbus so that our efforts will be recorded. Financial donations should go through our Financial Secretary, otherwise the **Council will not get credit**.

If you cannot get to the pantry please contact me @ (717-424-4567, please speak or I will not answer) and we will work out a way to get your donations there. **No food items or financial donations will be refused.** Plastic/Cans/Boxed products preferred.

For Pantry assistance call 717-235-6370.

Thank you and God bless you!

Have a Joyful Holiday Season!

Bowen Gifford PGK, PFN, Food for Families Chair - 717-424-4567 - boknows@nfdc.net

Pro Life Report

Brothers,

- The St. John Pro-Life Ministry has restarted the Pro-Life Rosary on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We will meet in Our Lady's Chapel immediately after the 9:00 Mass.

- 40 DAYS FOR LIFE WRAP UP - Thanks to all who participated in any way during the campaign. We know that at least 12 Brother Knights prayed on the curb in front of Planned Parenthood/York. 25 St. John parishioners stood peaceful, prayerful vigil. About 120 in all stood vigil.

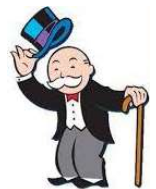
They came from two dozen different Christian communities stretching from Enola in the north to Manchester, Md. in the south and from Gettysburg in the west to Lancaster in the east.

We know that at least 3 abortion-minded women opted to walk away from Planned Parenthood. We are also pretty sure we had one couple seek out the abortion pill reversal protocol after having taken the RU-486 abortion pill.

The 40 Days' managers tell us that at least 850 babies were saved through this campaign. That means that over 20,000 babies have been saved through the 40 Days programs worldwide. Thanks be to God.

- I think it was 5 years ago when Becky Biter, President of Undeclared Courage, got the urge to put a mobile Ultrasound vehicle on the road. Becky has more energy than the Lord. She manages the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and the Harrisburg Pro-Life efforts in front of Planned Parenthood. The mobile Ultrasound was a huge undertaking. Five years ago, she stopped by St. John the Baptist with a Save-the-Storks van to demonstrate the ability to put an Ultrasound capability anywhere. Our Council presented her with a \$2,000 check to help get the effort started. We, as a Council, have continued to help the effort when we can. I know that they know #8891 "Rocks" and then some.

So why has it taken 5 years? A vehicle had to be purchased. This one came from Denver, Becky drove it here. It needed many repairs. Money was always, and still is, a major consideration. Staffing was not easy. Nurses operating the Ultrasound equipment had to be certified "sonographers" (I think that's what they are called). Intake people had to be trained. Drivers had to be found. Getting the Ultrasound was complicated even though Supreme Council picked up half the cost. Special, temperature and climate-controlled garage facilities had to be located. The Ultrasound equipment does not react well to extreme climatic changes. Then there were legal issues to consider, certifications, security, equipment installation, etc. etc. etc... The good news is, IT'S HERE. It was on the curb in York, across from Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, Nov 17 and Friday, Nov 19. It will be used here and in York and other venues. I know from York, it was going to be used at a fall fair in the Harrisburg area. I know so many of you have been asking about it. Well, now it's a reality. A **tip of the hat** to Becky Biter and her husband, Deacon Shawn Biter, Vice President of Undeclared Courage, for this Herculean effort.



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Box of Joy Project Wrap-Up



The **Box of Joy Project** by Cross Catholic Outreach was a success in its first year here at St. John's. 50 boxes were ordered to be filled by Parishioners as gifts for children in underdeveloped countries. The boxes were for various age groups and either boy or girl. Boxes were quickly distributed after Masses on October 30th and 31st. Filled boxes were to be returned by November 6th at the Church. A total of 57 boxes were filled and donated. Seven more than we gave out thanks to the generosity of parishioners. The boxes were then brought to a Drop Off point to be sent out.

Doc

Knights Cook at the Soup & Sandwich and Parish Bazaar Wrap-Up

Once again, the good news of a total sell out for the last **Soup and Sandwich**. I want to express my total gratitude for all of you who helped to make this event a total success. Always the same group of guys for Food prep, Food assembly and Sales, doing much more than your share, double and triple duty ...thank you! Lenny, Mark, Barry, Bob, Bo, Rob, Mazz, John Nycz, Ray, Tom Evans, Tom Rodowsky, Dan and Don.

After expenses our profit was around \$1,248.00. In order to continue these events, we will always need hard working volunteers, but some new blood would be nice.

In the future we are hoping to start a team that could take of some of the meal preparation with Don and myself providing the recipe and procedure involved.

Cooking for the **Bazaar** team on Friday November 12th and Sunday November 14th went well. It was a bit of a challenge working out of a remote location, but the team made it work and between Friday and Sunday, we cleared \$600 for the bazaar selling food. Thank you for the help, Joe Mazziot and son. We had early mornings in the kitchen. Tim Schott and Tom Evans, thanks for the second half. Barry Price, John Nytz, Rob Galante, Joe Delaney, Tim Frank, and Dennis Cooper, thanks for all the help and long hours between Friday and Sunday at Saint John Lutheran.

December 5th will be the last cooking event for me for a while, in support for the Bingo Barry is running for the parish, a few volunteers will be needed to help cook and serve, and Barry also needs help for the Bingo. The doors for the Bingo open at 11:30, food will be sold starting at 12:00 noon, and the Bingo starts 1:00 pm.

Please, if you have the time, commit some time to do God's work.

Peace in Brotherhood,

Jimmy

Roadside Cleanup Wrap-Up



On October 30th GK Tim Schott, DGK Joe Mazziott, PGK Dan Beck, Steve Udzenski, Bob Karotka, and Tom Rogers participated graciously with me in our Roadside Cleanup despite the threat of rain that morning. Mixed in with their hard work was plenty of fun and humor. This time the amount of beer and liquor bottles was surpassed by multiple scraps of shredded newspaper dropped from a truck and spread out by the wind. Thank all of you for your welcomed and appreciated help.

With kind regards,

Tom Rodowsky

2022 Dues Notice from the Financial Secretary



Brothers,

The 2021 dues statements were mailed out in the January 2021 Knight Edition. To date the majority of the council's dues are up to date; however, there are a couple brother knights that we have not received your 2021 dues. If you received a 2021 Membership Card, your dues are current. If you did not receive a 2021 membership card or have any questions or concerns about your dues, please contact me kocgering@yahoo.com or call me (717) 552-8173. Dues can be mailed to the church with the note K of C 8891, can be dropped off in the Parish Office, or given to me at any of our meetings or at the 11am Sunday mass.

Please note that as we end the year of 2021 and move into 2022, similar to 2021, you will be receiving your 2022 dues statement in the mail in the January 2022 Knight Edition, in addition to the 2022 COAL campaign tickets, and this will be a USPS paper mailing of the January Knight Edition, 2022 Dues Statement, and 2022 COAL Campaign collateral. If I have your e-mail address, you will also be receiving an e-mail copy of the Jan KE a week or so prior.

Greg Gering - Financial Secretary - kocgering@yahoo.com



\$\$ - CHURCH CASH BINGO – Sunday December 5th - \$\$



Mark your calendar for the next and last church **Cash Bingo of 2021** on Sunday December 5th in the Fr Capitani Hall with doors opening at 11:30 for early bird arrivals, Bingo running from 1:00 to 4:00, and food will be available starting at 12:00. There will be **20 Regular Cash Bingo games**, a **Top Cash Prize game**, with **5 Special Games** and more. **Door prizes** will be awarded. Since the Knights will be running this Bingo and also Cooking and Serving the food, **We Need Your Help**. Based on the last Cash Bingo on October 3rd where we had between 50 and 100 players, we do not know if we will have 75 or 200 players attending this Bingo, so we need to prepare for a successful event and customer experience, and we will adjust our resource requirement as the day progresses accordingly. Additional information is available in the parish bulletin or you can call the Parish Office, Bob, or me. Tickets are available in advance for \$22 from the Parish Office, Bob, or Me, or you can get your ticket at the door the day of the Bingo for \$25.

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Food for Thought (*Endow by C.S.Lewis*)

The humans live in time, and experience reality successively. To experience much of it, therefore, they must experience many different things; in other words, they must experience change. And since they need change, {God} (being a hedonist at heart) has made change pleasurable to them, but since he does not wish them to make change, any more than eating, an end in itself, he has balanced the love of change in them by a love of permanence. He has contrived to gratify both tastes together in the very world He has made, by that union of change and permanence which we call Rhythm. He gives them the seasons, each season different yet every year the same, so that spring is always felt as a novelty yet always as the recurrence of an immemorial theme.

Perspective of one demon instructing another in how to tempt his human charge in The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

Joshua Bell's 'Stop and Hear the Music' Metro Experiment

In addition to the above Food for Thought article, after hearing Deacon Carl's homily at the 9am mass on November 14th, it struck me so I did some research on Joshua Bell, and also watched the various videos recorded and posted by The Washington Post about their DC Metro experiment, and was both enlightened, but not surprised about the behavior of the public that passed him by in this day and age.

Joshua Bell is one of the world's greatest violinists. His instrument of choice is a \$3.5 million-dollar Stradivarius, which he had at the DC Metro station that day. He played it for spare change that day for about 45 minutes as part of the experiment, incognito, just inside the bustling Metro stop in Washington D.C. to see if anyone would notice?

Unfortunately in this day and age, hardly anyone stopped and noticed. In fact, out of the 1,097 people that passed Bell by in the 45 minutes he played, only 27 gave any money for a total of \$52.17, and only 7 actually stopped and listened for any length of time. Below are a couple links to the various videos recorded that day.

I guess my comment on this story is, we all need to stop and slow down and listen to the music more often, because we are missing opportunities and great experiences, and life is short, *i.e.* "Tempus Fugit"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnOPu0_YWhw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZeSZFYCNrw>

http://www.woodpecker.com/blogs/joshua_bell_subway.html

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Knights of Columbus December 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 November  Don't forget to attend Mass	29 November 	30 November	1	2 Nov. Officer Planning Meeting (OPM) NH 7:30pm	3	4 St John's H.S.A. Breakfast with Santa 8:00am – Noon Fr Capitani Hall
5  Don't forget to attend Mass & \$ Cash Bingo \$ Food @ Noon Bingo @ 1:00 20 Games with 5 Specials & a Grand Prize	6	7	8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation 	9 Council Meeting NH 8:00pm	10	11
12  Don't forget to attend Mass	13	14	15	16 4th Degree Meeting 8:00pm 7:30pm Rosary	17	18 January 2022 Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net
19  Don't forget to attend Mass	20	21	22	23 Officer Planning Meeting (OPM) NH 7:30pm	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 
26  Don't forget to attend Mass	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE 	1 
2  Don't forget to attend Mass	3 January	4 January	5 January	6 January	7 January	8 January

St John's Cash Bingo– December 5th – The Knights need your help

January 2022 General Meeting – Thursday January 13th