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My Brother Knights and Sisters in Christ,

The end of this month we begin the Season of Lent, a time for contemplation, reflection, penance, and almsgiving. For many Councils it is also the season of Fish Dinner Fundraisers. I appreciate the invitations that I have received to attend some of these council dinners. I will attempt to make a few. I ask that you consider donating the proceeds of one or more of your dinners to the PA Special Olympics.

Last year, we partnered with the Special Olympics to assist them with their year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Many of our council members participate as volunteers.

Every council can participate by conducting fund raising activities to help fund this great organization. So far, the amount we have collected is significantly below our past years donations for ARC. Although the 'Measure-Up Campaign' is gone, we should not stop the successful fundraising we have done in the past. It doesn't matter how your council comes up with a donation or what is the amount that your raise. It only matters that you give.

Hopefully, your Grand Knights and council officers have attended their district meetings. Much of the information that your District Deputy received at the Mid-Year Meeting is available on the state website and phone application.

I'm pleased by the response to the new ceremonial which was initiated in mid-January. Many councils have transitioned to the new degree and almost half or more of the candidates are First and Second Degree members who advanced to their Third Degree. The majority of these degrees have been conducted in church, which adds to the dignity of the ceremony. Be sure that you advertise your degrees and invite your wives and non-members to attend them. It is a great way for them to learn about the Knights of Columbus and why the work that we do is so important.

The last weekend of March marks the 138th anniversary of the establishment of the Order. I can think of no better way to honor our founder and continue his vision than to welcome a Catholic man into the Order. Your council should be working now to conduct the new Charity, Unity, Fraternity Degree during the last week of March. Follow the Delta Church Drive format and you are **guaranteed** to have at least three new members. I challenge every council to bring in at least three new members sometime that week, especially the 244 active council which have not brought in a single new member this year.

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STATE DEPUTY REPORT

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Only by brining in new members can we preserve our legacy of charity and service. Growing the Order also helps to Build Up the Domestic Church. Everyone one of us needs to do his part. Are you doing yours?

St. Michael Protect Us.

Fr. McGivney Pray for Us.

Our Lady Help of the Persecuted Christians Pray for Us.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark L. Jago, FIC
State Deputy.

CHECK THE FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION OF THE COLUMBIA MAGAZINE AND GO TO PAGE 24 WHERE STATE DEPUTY MARK JAGO SHARES RESPONSES OF GROWING THE ORDER IN TODAY'S CHALLENGING CULTURAL LANDSCAPES!

ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE MARCH 2020 EDITION OF THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT ARE DUE MARCH 20, 2020. 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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STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Rev. (COL) Gregory J. D'Emma

THE SEASONS OF LENT

In the Spring of every year the Catholic Church along with many of the major Protestant Churches celebrate Lent. Celebrate seems to be an odd word to use in referencing a season of prayer, fasting and penance, but read on and see if it makes sense.

Lent is a season when we take the time to confront our sinfulness, our mortality, and thanking God the Father for the gift of salvation through the Life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Word Lent comes from an Anglo Saxon term “Lencen”, recalling the lengthening of days. It translates to “spring”. Remember we celebrated Christmas in the darkest time of the year, now we celebrate Easter in the brightest time.

The season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

What do we do during the season? The church encourages us by prayer, fasting, and abstinence to confront our sinfulness. We fast abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and we abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Most of us also give up something for Lent like candy, smoking, alcohol, or something else. There is nothing wrong with doing these things though sometime doing these things, can make one difficult to live with. I would like to suggest something different – do something positive! Volunteer at a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter one or two times a week. Make a Holy Hour once a week, go to daily Mass, say the Rosary.

These and other prayerful things will help make Lent a positive experience. You can still do the traditional things, the candy, smoking, etc. If you should have the urge to do something really hard, how about this – turn off the cell phone for a few hours each day, now that would be a sacrifice for a lot of us. Another good idea is to do one or more of these things as a family.

Whatever you do, do all you can to make Lent a positive experience. I wish you and your families a Happy Lent that brings you closer to Jesus and a Happy Easter.

God bless,
Father Greg



REFLECTION

Brothers,

Ash Wednesday, Lent begins; we reflect on our life, not just our Spiritual life, but all aspects of our life.

In March, we have an opportunity to reflect upon what we have accomplished and to annotate the achievements of our Council.

CEvery District Deputy, Grand Knight has received a reminder that all State Award applications **MUST** be received by March 15 to be eligible for judging and determining division and category awards.

Why should your Council take the time to file for awards?

The reasons are as varied as the many things each Council does. Perhaps to add to your “war chest” of awards, to showcase an event near to your heart e.g. Special Olympics, Pro-Life, Devotion to Our Lord, to bring others to Our Order, to show thanks to your members by acknowledging their endeavors.

My feeling is that **YOU** gave the real award to those **YOU** have assisted, every member of your Council, Parish and Community. The recognition of the State Award is our State Council thanking you on their behalf.

Forms, instructions can be found at: http://www.pakofc.us/programs/council/awards/docs/JAN_2020_Award_Frms.pdf

**BE A BETTER MAN! BE A BETTER CATHOLIC! BE THE KNIGHT YOU
PLEGDED TO BE!**

Vivat Jesus!

Mike



From the Desk of

Jack Rosati

Pa State Membership Director

Dear Brother Knights,

February is almost over. Spring is in the air and Baseball is starting to make the news again. The groundhog said Spring is right around the corner. Winter is over and gardeners are staring at their fertile plots. As Knights look forward to all the Men's conferences that happen in the spring. Most of us are working Church Fish Fry's during lent and hopefully inviting new souls to join the Knights while serving them their meals. The seemingly illusive point that I am trying to make here is NOW is the time for action. Spring conjures up many images of action. Birds singing, kids playing outside, flowers blooming.....and it also is the beginning of, what we traditionally see in Pennsylvania, as the time we invite men to join our councils. No one knows why this is, but it has been that way for a long time. Maybe it's that whole SPRING thing. I just wanted to say... Thank you for bringing these new souls into our order. The legacy that you are leaving will serve the church and our God long after we are gone.

A famous writer once said that the greatest gift his parents ever gave him was his faith. Let's nurture that faith in every soul. Let's encourage charity in others by their witness to all that we do. Now is the time. Now is when we move into action. As I have traveled across the state visiting with so many councils, I am in awe of all the good works we are doing. Keep up the good work brothers. It will yield a harvest that will make our God proud.

And *Thank You* for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,

Jack Rosati

Pennsylvania State Membership Director



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In the past few months, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has been considering legislation of interest to the Knights of Columbus. One such bill is the **Buyer Beware Act (Senate Bill 60)**, sponsored by Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill), which enhances penalties on human traffickers and those who benefit from the illicit trade. Representative Seth Grove, who sponsored a similar bill in the House, was instrumental in gathering broad, bi-partisan support for the legislation. The bill was signed into law by Governor Wolf on February 5, and is now Act 1 of 2020.

Another bill which we are closely monitoring is the **Telemedicine bill (Senate Bill 857)**, sponsored by Senator Elder Vogel), which creates video-conferencing capabilities for certain doctor visits. The program is quite popular, especially in rural areas, where access to a primary physician may be limited. While the bill enjoys wide support, certain groups pushed to include the dispensation of medical abortions (utilizing dangerous drugs such as *Mifeprex*, which is strictly regulated by the FDA REMS list, a drug safety protocol). This provision was successfully taken out during the legislative process, and currently is up for a concurrence vote in the Senate. At this time, the bill's fate remains unclear.

With our present and upcoming efforts to promote good public policy, it becomes necessary to ensure that we are acting within proper boundaries (i.e. engaging in issue-specific discussions, avoiding candidate endorsement, etc.), so that we do not endanger our non-profit status. To that end, the Pennsylvania State Council has partnered with Commonwealth Compliance Solutions, a highly-regarded, Harrisburg-based firm, to handle these complex compliance matters.

Submitted by Dave Bloomer



Agency Report – Feb 2020

The new year is a great time to assess your financial goals. Please consider meeting with your Field Agent. He is trained to help you to identify gaps in your family's financial foundation and help you to plan for retirement and beyond.

Did you know that the Knights just started offering a Universal Life Policy with a feature that guarantees that the policy will never lapse as long as premiums are paid on time? Many older types of Universal Life did not have that feature and many people lost their coverage when the cost of insurance was no longer affordable. Universal Life may be good for you to consider if you want a death benefit that will never expire and increasing cash value and death benefit is not a priority.

Our Whole Life portfolio has also been upgraded to where you can decide exactly how long you want to pay premiums. Many older Members have reduced rates over the older policy, even those with health conditions. These changes benefit our families and allow your Agents to serve you more efficiently.

Field Agent of the Month – February 2020

Hutek Agency

Our Agent of the Month is Samuel Connahey, FICF.

Sam is a member of Council 2551 in Mc Sherrystown. He services Councils close to the Maryland border, Mc Sherrystown and Gettysburg, and all the way up to Mechanicsburg. He has been an Agent for almost five years, and he transferred to our Agency in August 2018 after three years as a FA in New Jersey.

Sam and his wife, Melissa, have two children in grade school, and love it in PA. We are very glad that they decided to transfer! Sam had an extremely successful 2019. He was the Agent of the Year for our Agency. He has done a great job of serving his Councils and is working to expand the Order by recruiting parents of children in Catholic Schools.

Sam is smart, caring and very diligent. He works hard to make sure that he gives each family the best advice for their situation. We have received many unsolicited calls and e-mails praising Sam's work. Sam is off to a great start in 2020.

BURKITT AGENCY—SPOTLIGHT ON A FIELD AGENT

JOHN PATERRA



The picture to the left shows (from left to right) State Deputy Mark Jago, Kathy Paterra and John Paterra attending the new degree exemplification where their son Tim took this degree. More information on this on the next page!

The Burkitt Agency is proud to “Spotlight” Field Agent John Paterra. John is the epitome of what it means to be a Knight!

John is very passionate about providing sound financial advice and insurance protection to members as well as being extremely active in Charleroi Council 954 (member since 1986) and the community they serve. He graduated with a BA in Economics from California University of Pa and understands finance extremely well. His efforts as a Field Agent have yielded tremendous results and has earned the respect of his peers. John, knowing the need for Field Agents in our area came out of retirement where he served as a Financial Advisor for Waddell and Reed for 35 years. His commitment to the Order and our members is sincerely appreciated!

On the family front: John and his wife Kathy of 41 years are very proud parents of two sons, Kevin and Tim, both of whom are graduates of the University of Dayton. Kathy is a retired teacher spending 35 years in Special Education in Washington, Fayette, and Green Counties. Kevin is married to his wife Rebecca and works as a Global Manufacturing and SAP Coordinator for Calgon Carbon. Tim is a Design Engineer for Fed Ex Ground in Pittsburgh. Tim recently participated in the first New Ceremonial degree held in Youngwood Pa and obtained full Knighthood.

What I love about John most of all is his love for life and music. John has been a professional vocalist in the Pittsburgh area for 50 years. He sang the National Anthem for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Steelers, and Penguins. He currently sings and performs with the Tuesday Night Band and the Joe Campus Legacy Band. He has served on the Geibel Catholic High School finance committee and is currently serving as a Board Director and Supervisory Chairman for the Frick Federal Credit Union in Uniontown, PA.

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FATHER GILBERT STRAUB COUNCIL CONDUCTS NEW DEGREE



Father Gilbert Straub Council #8452 in Youngwood, PA put on the new degree. Our State Deputy Mark Jago performed the part of the investing officer presented the rosary and invested the new members with their Knights of Columbus Pin. The picture to the left shows Mark giving his remarks. The picture below shows Mark putting the pin on Tim Pattera with his girl friend Jessica Wellington looking on. Tim is the son of John Pattera who was the Spotlight on a Field Agent shown on the previous page.

The picture at the bottom left shows Michael Burkitt of the Burkit Agency performing the Unity part.

Congratulations to Father Gilbert Straub Council for being the first Council in Pennsylvania to put on the new degree live!



Faith in Action – Family Programs



Family of the Month Program Grand Knights are reminded of their responsibility to submit the Family of the Month form for their Council's February Family of the Month by February 15, 2020. 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.

It is time to consider Family of the Year. Council entries must be received by **March 15, 2020.** Please use [Family of the Year Form 10680](#) and submit it to **MICHAEL N. YAKUBICK, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, 561 BRIGHTON PLACE, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055-5486**. The winner of the Pennsylvania Family of the Year will be submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration as International Family of the Year.

Councils should have plans on finishing the Fraternal Year on a high note by completing the Programs that you have worked so hard to develop. Don't let the failure to complete Safe Environment Training hold you back. Grand Knights, Program Directors, Family Directors and Community Directors must complete the training. Details can be found at <http://kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>. Knights who are listed on their Councils Form 365 who do not have access to a computer, can call the Supreme Council at 1 (800) 524-3611 and ask for assistance.

For more Information

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9 th Prize \$ 2000 Cash	10 th Prize Opryland Vacation 7 Days	11 th Prize Kalahari Vacation 5 Nights	12 th Prize Las Vegas 4 Days + \$ 300
13 th Prize Cancun Vacation 6 Nights	14 th Prize \$ 1000 Cash	15 th Prize Smart TV 60 Inch	16 th Prize iPad Pro 256 GB w/ Wi-Fi

Cash Equivalent Offered for All Prizes - Game of Chance License # 1762

You can still participate. Contact Fran O'Hara at fran@ridleyapa.us or 610 733 1812

Bonus Dates

The first Bonus Date, March 1, 2020, is fast approaching There is a \$.50 per book discount for payments received by March 1, 2020. Books are \$3.25 for each book during the period. The books can be sent in at a later date.

The second bonus period runs during March. There is a \$.25 per book discount for payments received by April 1, 2020 - Books are \$3.50 during the second period. The books can still be sent in at a later date.

All books paid for after April 1, 2020 cost \$3.75 per book

April 15, 2020 - \$.25 rebate for each book of stubs received

April 30, 2020 - \$1.00 per book bonus rebated for all books sold over the 2018

Checks must accompany all books or stubs not paid for in advance. Checks must be postmarked on or before the Bonus Date to qualify.

Special Instructions

Checks should be drawn to **"State Council Charities"** and sent to Fran O'Hara, 524 Lindsay Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078 or Joe Caromano, 1906 Robinson Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083

Postage must be prepaid, Collect shipments will not be accepted. Sold books can also be delivered in person to Mater Dei Council Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073 between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM on Mondays through Thursdays between April 20, 2020 to April 29, 2020 or on April 30, 2020 between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Drawing April 30, 2020 – 8:00 PM at Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, (Route 252)Newtown Square, PA

For questions or special delivery times, contact; Fran O'Hara 610 733 1812 / fran@ridleyapa.us or Joe Caromano 610 449 4778 / joecaromano@verizon.net.

WEST COLOR CORPS MEMBERS OPEN SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA WINTER GAMES



The photograph above is a picture taken at the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Winter Games opening ceremony at Seven Springs Resort that was held on Sunday, February 8, 2020. Pictured in the center is Master of the Pennsylvania West District of the Calvert Province, Michael P. Lynch. Members of the Queen of Angels Assembly 2191 Flag Team, as well as Color Corps members from the Johnstown Assembly 0954 were present for this event. It was an honor for the Knights of Columbus to be asked to participate in the opening ceremonies. At this year's event at Seven Springs over 350 athletes will be participating in the winter games.

Submitted by:

Andy Rodgers

PA West District Marshall

Special Olympics Winter Games

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On the chilly evening of February 9th, I attended the Winter Games of Special Olympics at Seven Springs Resort. This was an evening to remember and it speaks to the importance of our State Knights of Columbus Mission to support Special Olympics of Pa at the State Level.

After a nearly 200 mile journey from the Erie area, we pulled into Seven Springs Resort, close to the West Virginia line. We quickly found our room for the evening and readied for the Olympic Reception. We met Jack Rosati and Mike Lynch and then attended the Olympic Reception with State Deputy Mark Jago and his lovely wife Janis. There were many representatives from all of the agencies that support Special Olympics of Pennsylvania (SOPA) including numerous Law Enforcement Agencies from Pittsburgh and all across Southwest Pa.

Numerous Corporate Benefactors stood and spoke, congratulating Special Olympics on their 50th Anniversary including the Allegheny Health Network and Sheetz Convenience Stores. Donation Checks came from many Benefactors and Special Olympics received well over ½ million in cash and services during the reception.

After the hour long reception, the guests and the Athletes moved outdoors to the hillside plaza at the base of the ski slopes for the Opening Ceremonies. There were several speeches commemorating the athletes and again congratulating Special Olympics on it's 50th Anniversary. The Knights of Columbus had the honor of providing a Color Corps Flag Unit to Present Colors. The Flag Unit was led by Master Mike Lynch and was comprised of members from the metropolitan Pittsburgh area as well as Johnstown Pa. I was definitely proud to be a Knight that evening. As the Color Corps stood at Attention, the athletes began to parade in – county by county- over 350 athletes in all. Each county group had their own minute in the limelight on the plaza while the Olympic hymn played over the loudspeakers. After all of the county groups paraded in, there were additional groups of athletes from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. The best was yet to come!

From the tops of two ski slopes close to the plaza, 100 torches crested the ridges in the darkness, parading across and down the slope. When they had formed 2 lines from the top to the bottom of the slopes and after a crescendo of music, the Olympic Torch crested the top of the highest slope and paraded downwards between the two lines. Reaching the bottom of the slope, the skier with the torch paraded to a small, diminutive athlete at the base of the 8 foot tall Olympic Caldron. The Athlete grabbed the torch, scampered up the steps and standing on her tip toes lit the Caldron to thunderous applause.

The Opening Ceremony concluded with a 45 minute fireworks display, donated by Zambelli Fireworks.

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Special Olympics

Winter Games (continued)

While proud to represent the State Knights of Columbus, along with State Deputy Mark Jago, I still have some concerns about the Donation that the State Council will make in June. While some Councils starting to send donations to the State Council to be passed on to the State , Special Olympics, our total donation is still under \$7,000. We want to donate at least \$50,000 to State Special Olympics and this takes effort from all 525 Councils not just a handful.

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In February, I challenged 93 District Deputies to motivate their Councils to raise funds for the State Special Olympics, suggesting that the “Big Dog” Councils raise \$2,000 each for State Special Olympics by March 31st and that the other Councils in each District support Special Olympics as best they can. It seems that there are quite a few Great Dane Councils that are performing like yipping Yorkies. For those Councils who have stepped up or told me of their plans for a fundraiser coming shortly – Thank You. To Conynham Council – Thank You. To the Board of District Deputies in the East – Thank You!

To those Councils who haven’t done a thing yet – We need Action:

Run a Fish Fry – donate the funds

Run a Pancake Breakfast – donate the funds

Run a canning event – using tootsie rolls or Gold Coins – donate the funds

Celebrate Champions Sangria - \$42 donation for every case purchase

All donation checks for SOPA – State Special Olympics need to be made out to “Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus”. Please mark “SOPA” on the detail line of the check.

All donation checks for SOPA need to be mailed to:

James Bahm

State Secretary

289 Niagara Pointe

Erie, Pa 16507



Lastly, we’ve just received an email from Supreme announcing effective March 1st Councils may buy vests for CPID – the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. The pricing gets better when purchased in bulk. Tootsie Roll wrappers and canning labels can also be ordered. Please go to “Supplies Online” under “Officers Online” and order underneath the Special Olympics Page of the Faith in Action – Life Programs. Tootsie Rolls and canning labels can still be ordered, but the styles will change gradually over the next few months. Lets Raise Money for SOPA!

David Spacht

Assistant Life Director

REMEMBERING VIRGIL DECHANT



At the June 2011 State Deputy/State Secretary Training in New Haven, Connecticut, members of the Pennsylvania State Council had the honor of having dinner with our Past Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant. Shown in the picture above starting on the left and going clockwise are: Kathy Koch, then PA State Deputy George Koch, then Supreme Representative and Past State Deputy Michael O'Connor, Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, then Kansas State Deputy Mark Roth, then Kansas State Secretary Scott Maurath, Melany Maurath, Pat Terroni and then PA State Secretary Rick Terroni

When I heard that Virgil Dechant passed away—I could not help remembering the time that I had the opportunity to meet him. It was at the 2011 State Deputy training in New Haven Connecticut. That year they invited the State Secretary to also attend the training. Our Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor invited PSD George Koch and myself and our wives to a dinner with Virgil Dechant with the State Deputy and State Secretary of Kansas. I found Virgil to be very entertaining. He had a multitude of information concerning the Knights of Columbus. He explained how he got involved with the Knights of Columbus. He joined the order in Kansas where he owned a farm and a card dealership and the events that lead to being the State Deputy for Kansas and then eventually being elected Supreme Knight. He explained his involvement in moving the remains of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT in 1982. He had to contact the Pope to get this accomplished! I also was fascinated to hear about his visits to the White house. He attended many dinners there during the Reagan administration. The next day he took us for a personal tour of the Knights Museum and explained how the relics of Father McGivney were obtained. I will never forget my meeting with Virgil Dechant.

Submitted by Rick Terroni, FSS, Keystone Knight Editor

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY ASSEMBLY 100TH ANNIVERSARY HONOREE—RICK TERRONI FSS, IPFN



Cardinal Dougherty celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, February 23, 2020. This years honoree was our Keystone Editor Rick Terroni, FSS who is the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator of the Assembly. Rick was very touched and grateful for all the hard work that the Committee did and all those that attended! He gave thanks for all the recognition certificates he received from the Govenor, Archbishop of Philadelphia, representatives from Congress and the Senate, other assemblies, State and Supreme Council. The pictures above starting from left to right show Rick and Pat Terroni being announced into the room. The next photograph going from left to right shows the current Faithful Navigator Tony Grimaldi presenting the Cardinal Dougherty medal to three worthy recipients. They are PFN Chuck Cunningham, PFN Dan Eury FSS, and PFN Pat McFadden. The next picture shows FSD George Kock presenting Rick with certificate. The next photograph is Vice Supreme Master Michael W. Thumm presenting a certificate to FN Tony Grimaldi for the Assembly's 100th anniversary. The next photograph is of State Deputy Mark Jago presenting a certificate to Rick. The bottom photograph shows current and former Faithful Navigators that were in attendance. Going from left to right is: Mike Vecchione, Fran O'Hara FSW, Jim Jansen, Jack Cruice DD, Chuck Cunningham, Neal Pizzano, Ben Linowski DD, Rick Terroni FSS, Tony Grimaldi, Frank Bruno, Atiba McCoy, Joe Paoletti ST, kneeling Sean Connelly Master of Calvert Province East, Pat McFadden, Oleg Berzovski, Ron Cubbage PSD, FM, Dan Eury FSS, Mike Kish FSA, George Koch PSD, FM and Mark Dusing DD.





2020 PA STATE COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION MAY 15 - MAY 17, 2020

The 2020 PA Knights of Columbus State Convention will be hosted by the West in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The convention will take place at:

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

400 MANSFIELD AVENUE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15205

**FOR INFORMATION—PLEASE BRING UP THE PA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEBPAGE AND SELECT “STATE CONVENTION”.**

Hope to see you there!





**Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus
Testimonial & Appreciation Dinner
State Deputy & State Chaplain**



Dear Brother Knights,

A dinner has been scheduled as a testimonial and sign of appreciation to honor two Catholic gentlemen of our Pennsylvania State Council. These brother knights have selflessly given countless hours of their time and talents as leaders in our honored Order within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. They are Worthy State Deputy, Mark Jago; Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend (Col) Gregory D'Emma.

Mark Jago, a proven leader in our State and the Order, has carried out the duties of State Deputy with integrity and continues to make the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction known in the Order. A true innovator and visionary, Mark, has at times "dragged" many into the 21st century. Not change, for the mere sake of change, but to set the foundation for technical advances for future administrations.

Father (Col) Gregory D'Emma, our Worthy State Chaplain, has met with Church Hierarchy throughout the state, personifying to all those within the jurisdiction, "Faith in Action" and the call for Knights as leaders of the Domestic Church.

The Testimonial / Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 in The Comfort Inn, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. The featured dinner selection choices are a) Prime Rib, b) Chicken Chesapeake, c) Ravioli Florentine. Special dietary needs should be noted when replying. The price of the dinner is \$46.00 per person. Celebration of Holy Mass will be 4:00 PM, at Saint Patrick Shrine Church, 152 East Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013; cocktail hour social gathering (cash bar) after Mass; followed by the banquet at 6:30 PM.

Overnight accommodations are available for \$101.76 per night, including applicable state and local taxes. Reservations must be made by calling (717) 960-1000 by February 21, 2020. Please identify yourself as part of the Mark Jago Testimonial Dinner for the mentioned rate.

Please contact David Simms at dsimms6353@gmail.com for more information.

The Testimonial / Appreciation Dinner Committee is hopeful that every council, assembly and chapter within the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction will participate in the honorarium. Individual contributions will also be gratefully accepted. A list containing the names of contributors will be presented to each Honoree.

Dress code for the dinner will be Formal for all State Officer, and members of the Dinner Committee. All other attendees are to be in Formal or Business attire.

Fraternally,

Testimonial Committee



St. Joseph the Worker Council Organizes a Blood Drive



In the fall of 2010, Monsignor Robert Wargo asked St Joseph the Worker Council 10921, Orefield to organize blood drives on behalf of the parish. The council embraced the challenge and has organized parish 19 blood drives. The council works very closely with Miller Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) to make each drive a successful event. The numbers speak for themselves. St Joseph the Worker donors have donated 2135 pints that has helped save over 6300 lives in the greater Lehigh Valley.

The last parish blood drive was held on February 23rd to help a 4-year-old preschool student at the parish school who has been diagnosed with leukemia. The turnout was tremendous with 105 pints collected, the best collection day in the last ten years for the parish's regular blood drive.

The council does more than just advertise the blood drive in the parish bulletin. A number of members and their families regularly donate at the drive and MKBC collection centers. In fact, one member, Ron Paff, has donated over **100 gallons**. In addition, Knights and their wives speak at all of the masses the weekend prior to the drive and sign up donors after mass. When the MKBC truck arrives at the parish at 6 AM on the day of the drive, Knights are there to assist with unloading the truck and setting up to make sure the drive starts on time. Knights are there to assist during the drive, whether it is to make coffee or adjust the room temperature, whatever MKBC needs. When the drive is finished, Knights are there to pack up and load the truck after a long day. See Pictures below:

