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My Brothers,

I saw my first Robin last week which means we are getting so much closer to Spring than we were just a few short weeks ago. The ice has almost completely melted on Lake Erie and I am eager to open up the house and let the fresh breezes flow through

February 28th was the last day in office for our own Michael J. O'Connor, PSD, KSS, who served as Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary with great distinction for many years alongside of retired Past Supreme Knight Carl A.

Anderson. We welcome Brother O'Connor back to Pennsylvania full-time, and look forward to hearing of his many experiences as a Supreme Officer. Congratulations on all of your successes!

On March 6th the Education Foundation met in person, really, in person, to select 50 winners for the 2021-2022 Catholic school \$1000 scholarships. More information on the winners selected will be forthcoming.

This month we celebrate the 139 th Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Blessed Michael J. McGivney on March 29th. His tenderness and foreside has brought us to where we are today as the largest lay Catholic men's fraternity in the world. A Novena in his honor will begin on the 20th and run for 9 evenings. More information on the Novena is located in this issue of the Keystone Knight.

As you are all now aware the State Convention in State College was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions on large group gatherings which are still in effect in the Commonwealth. More information on our Virtual Convention will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Brothers, spring and especially the Easter Season are times of renewal and fresh beginnings Let the spring breezes of Easter fill your heart!

Blessed Father McGivney - Pray for Us
Saint John Paul - Hear our Prayers

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**Blessed
Michael J. McGivney**

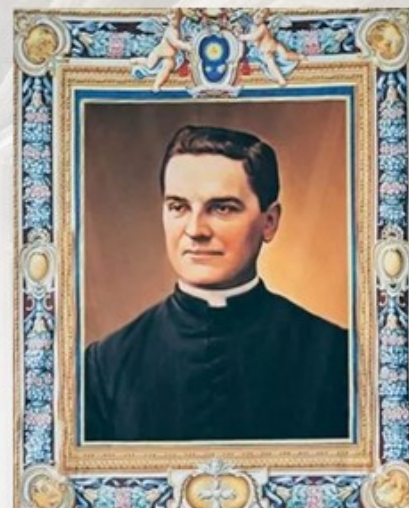
Begin: March 20th, 2021

End: March 28th, 2021

7:00 PM

*Hosted by
State Chaplain*

Rev Pierre M. (Bud) Falkenhan



**Knights of
Columbus**



Please join our State Chaplain Rev Pierre M (Bud) Falkenhan as we come together in prayer during a nine-day Novena to Blessed Michael J. McGivney. We will begin on March 20th, 2021, and conclude on Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2021. Our prayer sessions will last approximately 30 minutes and start at 7:00 PM each evening.

Due to the pandemic, this event will only be held virtually using the GoToWebinar platform.

We will distribute all necessary prayers and handouts via email and the GoToWebinar system under the handouts area. Please join us this Lent as we continue our devotion to our founder and pray for his canonization.

To communicate with you quickly and efficiently, we ask that you register if you plan to attend. This event is open to the public, and we encourage you to extend this invite to all who wish to pray with us. See article on page 15 written by Wayne Freet, PSD, FVSM.

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STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Rev. Pierre (BUD) Falkenhan

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time you read this article, we will be at the home stretch of the season of Lent. I don't know about you, but for this Catholic this penitential season has been a challenge and the time has flown right by which makes me wonder if I did anything worth while. Know that if we TRIED to the best of our ability, our efforts were worth while even if we don't think that we accomplished much.

So that we don't lose heart, beginning on March 20th the Pennsylvania Knights will host a Zoom novena for Blessed Michael McGivney praying for his future canonization. The Novena will begin at 7:00 pm and last for only a 1/2 hour and we will be using the prayers that the Columbia Magazine included a few months ago. A half and hour isn't too much to ask and you and your families are most welcome to join Wayne Freet and myself for this prayer service and you can read more about this else where in the Keystone night.

In the mean time, just hang in there and be assured of my prayers for a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Bud Falkenhan
State Chaplain





**From the Desk of
Michael J. Kish FSA
State Membership Director**

Brothers,

As I am writing this it is 74 degrees and the end of a long cold winter is fast approaching. Likewise, we are nearing the end of Lent and anticipating the resurrection of our Lord. Both show us that rebirth and renewal are a part of life and now is the time for the Knights of Columbus to emerge from our long isolation and begin to make our presence known in our parishes and communities.

As our churches begin to open more and we begin to see our fellow parishioners, we need to be the men leading the way. We need to stand up and show our pastors that we are here to do anything to help the parish become active and vibrant again. There are many program opportunities to help our neighbors, parish and communities. IF NOT US THEN WHO?

As we show our neighbors and friends that we are making a difference we can also help them to see that the Knights of Columbus is a great way to put our Faith into Action. Like minded men will see our example and be drawn to our Order. The only thing they need is to be asked to join. It is that simple. Ask someone you know to join the Order.

Our State membership quota has been reduced by 15% and we need everyone to work together to reach our new goal. To help our councils reach their goals, and in turn help the State to reach its goal, we are running two incentives currently. First incentive is if a council reaches 75% of its Supreme membership quota by March 31, 2021, the State Council will give the council \$100. The second incentive is the Lenten Challenge, if a council brings in 5 members during Lent then the council will receive \$250. Please see the State website for more information or contact your diocesan membership chairman with any questions.

We have great news from Philadelphia. We have started a new council at St. Williams Church! Thank you to DD Nick Marcantonio and Field Agent Norbert Mendes, who is from New Jersey, for all their work in getting the council established. Thank you also to the degree team and all the volunteers who helped in many ways.

I pray each of you remain safe and healthy. Let us all keep faith during the final days of Lent and look forward joyously to Easter Morning!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Kish, FSA
State Membership Director



LENTEN CHALLENGE

WHO: EVERY COUNCIL CAN WIN!

WHAT: \$250 TO SUCCESSFUL COUNCILS

WHERE: STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHEN: STARTS ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 17th

ENDS ON HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1st

HOW: RECRUIT 5 NEW MEMBERS*

WHY: HELP MEN PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION

*New member must join the Order during the time specified above.

An existing prospect does not count as new member.

Total only includes new members during Lent, not totals for the year.

**From the Desk of
James A. Maochi
State Program Director**



Brother Knights of Pennsylvania,

Among the downfalls of the restrictions imposed on all of us during the Pandemic has been limitations of our Councils and Members to engage as we normally do with our youth. While some Councils have been able to continue customary youth programs like the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Competition, Essay Contests, etc., the closures of schools and facilities due to the Pandemic have unfortunately resulted in Councils suspending these great Programs as we prayerfully await a return to normalcy.

An idea to consider for our Councils and Members is to use facets of our Leave No Neighbor Behind Program to collaborate with youth groups in our Parishes and students in our affiliated Catholic Schools to serve our neighbors in need. Consider including our teens in programs we're conducting like food drives, Habitat with Humanity, assisting the elderly with spring cleanup projects, collecting items for pregnancy resource centers, etc. that promote the First Degree Principle of Charity. With warmer weather (hopefully!) approaching, these activities can be conducted safely outdoors and give our youth exposure to our charitable work and the joy attained by helping others.

In doing so, Councils should keep in mind they must be compliant with Safe Environment compliance guidelines in considering and planning these activities.

As we spiritually aspire this Lent for ways to sacrifice and inspire love for one another, let's look for ways to extend the good intentions of Leave No Neighbor Behind to our youth.....this can hopefully also lead to future members of our beloved Order!

Fraternally

Jim Maochi, FDD
PA State Program Director



**From the Desk of
RAY MCLAUGHLIN
STATE SECRETARY**



My Brothers All

On March 2, 2021 we all received a notice from Supreme (2020 Tax Information) reminding us that we all (Council's, Assemblies and Chapters) have a legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (Informational Tax return) for the 2020 Tax year. The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinates is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the IRS as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the IRS Code. This tax-exempt status requires each subordinate to file an annual Form 990. The deadline to file is for Councils with an accounting period ending December 31, must be filed by May 15 of the following year. For Councils with an accounting period ending June 30, must be filled by November 15.

As most Council's know that have received several communications from me that this is a busy time of year. As of today, 372 Councils have paid their Per Capita Assessment, there are 29 Council's in the East, 34 Council's in the North East; 26 Council's in the Central East; 17 Council's in the Central West and 24 Council's in the West that still need to take care of this obligation. The Per Capita provides the State Council with operating funds, your cooperation in paying the Per Capita is appreciated.

In May we will hold our Second Virtual State Convention, not desirable but necessary. The Convention Call went out in mid-January. The Convention Call highlights three responsibilities for each Council. First, Councils are encouraged to submit Resolutions to the By-Laws of the Knights of Columbus, unfortunately the deadline for submission has passed, but there is no reason that Councils cannot start on next years entries. Second, the Credential Form, which provides State Council with the names of the State Convention Delegates and Alternative Delegates, this form needs to be signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary and stamped with the Council Seal. Third, the Necrology Report, which list our deceased Brother Knights. On the PA State Website there is a tab for the State Convention which includes forms for all the above.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Councils that have been cooperative and encourage the others to please respond to all of the above. I pray that we all have a Holy Lenten Season and a Holy and Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Ray McLaughlin
PA State Secretary



From the Desk of
BRIAN T. SMITH, PA STATE FAITH DIRECTOR



My Brother Knights,

As we continue our Lenten Prayer devotion, our Supreme Knight has released Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour. This program celebrates the Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney through a Prayer Hour open to all members of the Parish and beyond. It is a great program to participate in virtually or in person, when allowed. The Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour is built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent Popes and reflections on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayer hour is a way to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy. For Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour program resources, visit www.kofc.org/mcgivneyprayer. As always, please contact me directly if you have further questions about this new program.

Another great Prayer program is our State Novena to Blessed Michael McGivney, hosted by our State Chaplain, Rev. Pierre M. (Bud) Falkenheim. This will begin on March 20th, 2021 through March 28th, 2021 (Palm Sunday) starting at 7:00PM each night. We hope everyone will join us for this very important Novena as we all continue to pray Blessed Michael McGivney into full Sainthood.

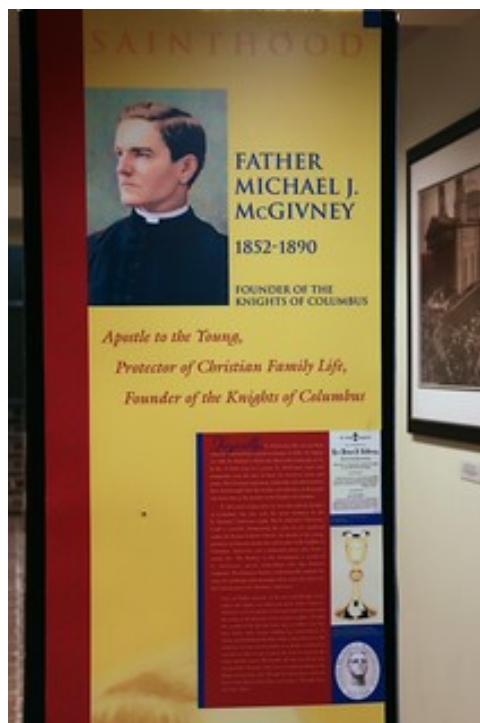
Finally, I would like to thank the many councils that have been participating in a virtual Rosary. Praying to Mary, Mother of Jesus, for her intercession at this time in our lives is most important.

Have a very Blessed Easter.

Brian T. Smith

State Faith Director

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From the Desk of
JOHN COCCO, PA STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR



My Brother Knights,

As we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord, and during this season of Lent you have spent these last few weeks fasting and alms giving. It's hard to believe that for a year now, we have been meeting virtually, attending mass virtually, and being socially distant from people that we love. However you my brother knights have stepped up in all of the ways that brothers should.

From cleaning and sanitizing churches, providing coats for kids, having kids competing in new ways in our Soccer and Free Throw Championships to providing Food for Families. What we as brothers have done in making a difference in the lives of others is exemplary. But our work is not done, Lent isn't over and neither is our mission.

Our State Deputy has chosen the state motto as , "Be not afraid ". You my brothers have not been afraid to step up, and into the breach. One of my favorite phrases about what we do as knights, is from Past State Deputy Stan Glowaski, "Making a difference in the lives of others". Here's my challenge to all of you, since our work as a council, district, state, and order are not done. Be not afraid to ask a catholic gentlemen to join us. But also as we close these forty days of lent, there's still time for us to make a difference in the lives of others. As there are forty days in Lent, I urge you to take stock in your own lives. There's still time for to take these forty days and turn them into a new. Like a new season, take these next few weeks and hold your own personal food drive. Call it Forty Cans for Lent. Collect forty cans of food the represent the season of Lent and at the end donate them to the less fortunate.

The last year has been different and difficult for many. Leave No Neighbor Behind has been a great program that you have all embraced. The difference that you have made in the lives of others is remarkable and commendable. Remember that the programs you conduct are important to all and the program isn't complete until the forms are filed. In the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, donating food can also be counted in the Food for Families program. It is the only one that can be counted in both and can reward your work. Please keep up the great work and sending us and posting the good works you have done.

God bless you and your families

John



**From the Desk of
MICHAEL DELUCIA SR.
DEPUTY STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR**



Good Day to all of my Brother Knights,

I wish to send Lenten and Easter prayers to all of my Brother Knights as we continue to move through this year of many challenges brought on by the pandemic and COVID 19. I have some quick updates for everyone as we move into the last quarter of our fraternal year, there is still much that we can accomplish.

Free Throw Competition

The Free Throw Competition is quickly winding down and at the time of this publication the scores should have been sent to me. Please be certain to send them to the address below by Saturday, March 20, 2021.

**Mike DeLucia, Deputy Community Director
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I would like to also suggest that you do two very important things when you send the scoresheets to me. First, try to send the package to me possible through an alternate delivery service (Fed Ex, UPS) as the USPS has not been providing timely delivery and could impact my receiving the package. Second, if possible, please send me a copy of the final scoresheet (does not need to be the individual sheets) of your winners and runner up in each age and gender via my email as listed: mikedelucia@msn.com. I will then be able to announce the winners and know that the individual scoresheets are forthcoming.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

We are very honored to announce the winner of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest from the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. The young person selected was Lauren Hayden from Mountain Top, PA. Her essay captured the essence of the topic "Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it." Her personal and family experience involving a dear loved one through a challenging and difficult time truly demonstrated how the work of our Lord and God Almighty can provide the strength and support we need to endure even for those so very young. Congratulations Lauren. Thank you to Mark Rongone, DGK of Council # 6440, St Jude Council and all of St Jude Council for their submission of this inspiring essay.



From the Desk of
MICHAEL DELUCIA SR.
DEPUTY STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
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Habitat for Humanity and Global Wheelchair Mission

There is still time to promote and participate in the Habitat for Humanity and Global Wheelchair Mission. If your Council is interested in participating in either or both of these programs please do so and let either myself, John Cocco State Community Director, your District Deputy or State Deputy Ken Grugel know so that we can make sure we are promoting your program with Supreme. Please make sure that you complete the appropriate forms available on the Supreme website in order to receive credit for your hard work.

Many Habitat for Humanity programs have curtailed their efforts due to the pandemic however as things improve we anticipate that we can once again join with this fine group to help those most vulnerable and in need. If your Council is interested please reach out to your local chapter for Habitat for Humanity and see if there are any opportunities to assist. Global Wheelchair Mission has begun to provide wheelchairs to those in need throughout the world. If your Council would like to participate and raise money for this worthy cause, please let me or John Cocco know so we can assist in getting your support to Supreme for the Knights of Columbus world wide efforts.

Thank you to all of my Brothers who have stood strong during this difficult and challenging year. We faced some of if not the most difficult times in trying to continue our commitment to those who need our love and support more than ever. If this pandemic has taught any of us anything it is that through the strength and guidance of our Lord with the support and assistance from all of our Brother Knights, we can overcome the most difficult challenges we face and bring Charity, Unity and Fraternity to all in need.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!!!

Mike DeLucia



**From the Desk of
JOHN MEENAN, PA STATE LIFE DIRECTOR**



My Brothers All;

My message this month is going to be short and sweet.

I've been harping on you guys for months to begin to "think outside the box" and to begin to take advantage of technology.

Well, I'm going to give it a try.

Very shortly, every Council Life Director in the State will be receiving an invitation to join a zoom meeting on Thursday, April 1st, (that's right, April Fool's Day) so that the Life Team can begin to make a concerted effort to help every Council in the State to make the Life Programs the most exciting, aggressive and successful ever!

We'll ask and answer questions, invite guests to the meetings, share ideas, initiate "out of the box" strategies and generally make our mark throughout the Order.

I hope this idea motivates and excites you. Just by the fact that you've accepted the position of Life Director in your Council tells me that you agree that Life is the greatest gift God has given us and it's our job as leaders to step up to the plate and begin swinging for the fences!

I'll be sending reminders out over the next couple of weeks and I sincerely hope that you'll clear your calendar and join us on April 1st at 7:30 PM.

When you get the invitation, at the time of the meeting, simply click on the link provided and follow the instructions. This will be an informal, wide open meeting designed so that we can help each other lead our Councils, the State and our Order to Defending Life and being the best that we can be.

God Bless, Stay Safe and I'll see you on the 1st.

John Meenan



From the Desk of
BRIAN HALLOCK
STATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
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Candidates have greatly responded to our State Council Virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity conducted by all of our Regional Exemplification Teams over the last few months. During this time of the pandemic, we must continue our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney's work. To help us continue to make it easier and better-fit candidate's schedules and those who may be sponsoring them. I am sending out dates for these Upcoming Exemplifications for March.

I am reaching out to all District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries to get candidates registered for these upcoming Exemplifications. Your State Family and Regional Exemplification Teams have worked hard to provide these exemplifications for us; let us show our support and bring us closer to our membership goals by bringing forward as many new members as we can!

Please discuss with your candidates continuing on to the Fourth Patriotic Degree of our Order many of the Masters in your Districts have scheduled their Exemplifications. More details are available on our State Website.

If you have a Facebook account, please also RE-SHARE the Exemplification Facebook post to attract even more members to JOIN US. You can find and like our Facebook by going to facebook.com/pakofc.us

The State Council Virtual Exemplifications for the rest of March 2021 are as follows:

MARCH 20, 2021

12:00 PM

MARCH 28, 2021

3:00 PM



2020-2021 COAL PROGRAM



It is not too late! Consider working with other groups in the Parish or local community; many of them have lost their traditional fundraising and may welcome the opportunity. Remember COAL is **risk-free** because Councils only pay for the tickets they sell.

Councils need to sell 75 tickets to participate in the Scholarship Program. **TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

Councils are finding it easier to sell and track individual tickets at \$5.00. The cash prizes also seem to be helping sales. Many Councils have ordered additional tickets.

We are encouraging Councils to send tickets and payments together. To accomplish this, we have one discount date, April 1, 2021. Councils will make \$2.00 per ticket sold and delivered by April 1, 2021 and \$1.75 for tickets returned after April 1, 2021. In addition, a \$.25 per ticket rebate will be provided for paid tickets received by April 15, 2021. The Drawing will be at 8:00 PM on April 30, 2021 at Mater Dei Council Home. A decision on the number of spectators allowed will be made when we get closer to the drawing date. Either way, we plan to broadcast the drawing on ZOOM. Information will be posted in the April issue of the Keystone Knight.

We will have to depend on online ordering again for the 2022 COAL Program since the Convention will be virtual again this year. Information will be posted in next month's Keystone Knight and orders will be accepted starting May 1, 2021. We also plan to ship earlier next year to avoid competing with the Christmas rush at the Post Office. Please send any suggestions to me at coalchairman@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Fran O'Hara, FSW

COAL Chairman

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

16 Great Prizes - \$ 65,000

\$ COAL

CASH \$

1st Prize
\$ 15,000

2nd Prize
\$ 10,000

3rd Prize
\$ 7,500

4th Prize
\$ 5,000

5th Prize
\$ 5,000

6th Prize
\$ 5,000

7th Prize
\$ 2,500

8th Prize
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9th Prize
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10th Prize
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11th Prize
\$ 2,000

12th Prize
\$ 2,000

13th Prize
\$ 1,000

14th Prize
\$ 1,000

15th Prize
\$ 1,000

16th Prize
\$ 1,000

Drawing April 30, 2021 – 8:00 PM

Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, (Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA

TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT NO PURCHASE NECESSARY
Game of Chance License # 1809



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My Brother Knights,

Founders Day is fast approaching. It is my hope that our councils are planning events to honor our founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

The Pennsylvania State Council will be conducting a virtual Blessed Michael McGivney Novena starting Saturday March 20th at 7:00 PM. It will be conducted everynight at 7:00 PM and will conclude at 7:30 PM through Sunday March 28th.

The Novena will be conducted by our Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Pierre (Bud) Falkenham. Every Brother Knight received a Blessed Michael McGivney Prayers and Devotions program in the November issue of the Columbia Magazine. We will follow the novena found inside the maunal. Father will conclude with a few remarks for each day.

The first registration notice was sent out by Brian Hallock, State Deputy Director for Technology Services on January 21st. It was sent to the State Officers, Directors and Chiarmen, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

The second registration notice will be sent on March 15th to those mentioned above. It is imperative that each of the receipts push this notice out to your councils and all Brother Knights.

My Brother Knihgts, if you are interested in participating in this Novena please contact any of the afore mention names. Or, contact Brian Hallock directly at patechnology@kofcknights.com. All members who register will then receive a link to join the Novena.

May this Novena bring Blessed Michael McGivney closer to the needed miracle for Sainthood.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has announced the Blessed Michael McGivny Prayer Hour that can be used for a Faith Progam. There will be more information concerning this prayer hour from our Faith Director Brian Smith. I urge our councils to promote this program in you parishes.

Are you looking for useful resources concerning Blessed Michael McGiveny? Pleae visit the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild website. Our Supreme Council continues to post new information on this website. The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center has been and continues to present a series of biographical webinars covering Fr. McGivney's life and experiences. I suggest that you take advantage of them and urge your Brother Knights to do the same. They have proven to be very informative.

Show your support for Blessed Michael McGivney. Visit Knights Gear and purchase the newest Blessed Michael McGivney T-Shirt.

Finally I invite you to join the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild. Please complete the membership document and mail it to the address indicated. Or, please join by visiting the Guild website at www.fathermcgivney.org.

Thank you for your interest in Blessed Michael McGivney

Wayne S. Freet, PSD, FVSM
Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

**** NOTICE ** PA KofC State Convention ** NOTICE ****

Due to the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's Proclamation, dated February 19, 2021, which extends the disaster emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic for another 90 days, until May 20th, the State Council is moving the in-person 2021 State Convention to a Virtual Convention.

The exact date and time of the Virtual Convention will be communicated as soon as possible.

If you made reservations at the Penn Stater, they will be automatically cancelled for you.

All planned outings associated with the convention have also been cancelled.

All registration monies will be returned. Please contact Joe Kubiak at kofc2021convention@gmail.com with any questions.

Basket donations and program advertisement payment will be returned.

The State will be sending out registration information for the virtual convention.

State Secretary Ray McLaughlin will be contacting the councils regarding credentialing for the virtual convention.

Fraternally,

Ken Grugel PhD.
State Deputy

Fraternally,

Jim Bahm, FSS
2021 State Convention Co-Chair

More information will be posted on the
state website's convention page.

2020-2021 State Council Scholarship Winners

Each year the PA State Council Education Foundation awards Fifty (50) Scholarships to the children of Brother Third Degree Knights in Good Standing. These scholarships were awarded on a **random basis** for applications submitted (Postmarked) between January 1st and 31, 2021. Fifty Winners were drawn from all the applications received, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the end of February, 2021. Ten Alternate Winners were also drawn at that time. If a selected application is determined to be invalid, an Alternate Winner will be chosen.

On the next two pages are a list of the winners with their Council Numbers!

<u>Last name</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Council #</u>
King	Meghan	W. Trenton	NJ	3673
Pavone	Sophia	Lansdowne	Pa	4461
Kloc	Evelyn	Newton	Pa	11013
Slegel	Edward	Philadelphia	Pa	7025
Logan	Gillian	Carlisle	Pa	4057
Krow	Lea	Harrisburg	Pa	14786
Denbowski	Nicolette	Reading	Pa	14847
Hunsicker	Kelsey	Easton,	Pa	345
Laskowski	Katheryn	StateCollege	Pa	4678
Keller	Elizabeth	Wynnewood	Pa	17262
Murphy	Hailen	Columbia	Pa	2294
Bodart	Elliot	Washington	Pa	1083
Hagenbuch	Gavin	Allentown	Pa	10921
Messineo	Francis	Reigeway	Pa	1064
Yangula	Kyle	Milesburg	Pa	1314
Willi	Jesse	Palmyra	Pa	6693
Cheico	Peter	Blue Bell	Pa	14210
Redmond	James	Harrisburg	Pa	12811
Haffley	Garret	Lock Haven	Pa	1774
McCullough	Shawn-Michael	Aliquippa	Pa	2555
Schmitt	Jarret	Columbia	Pa	2294
Schessler	Aislyn	Mars	Pa	14807
Favocci	Robert	Nazareth	Pa	4282
Cimino	London	StateCollege	Pa	4678
Krinks	Luke	Waynesboro	Pa	2068
Sheehan	Kieran	Mount Joy	Pa	14786
King	Brendan	W Trenton	NJ	3673
Magyar	Carter	Marietta	Pa	14786
Cinoski	Connor	Mountain Top	Pa	6440
Fragale	Beau	Emporium	Pa	990
McCullough	Katherine	Aliquippa	Pa	2555

2020-2021 State Council Scholarship Winners

<u>Last name</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Council #</u>
Harr	Aynslee	Dauphin	Pa	15351
Bauerline	Carson	New Oxford	Pa	2551
Miller	Olivia	Harrisburg	Pa	12811
Bieranoski	Jane	Pittsburgh	Pa	1083
Blatt	Luke	Coraopolis	Pa	11279
Blake	Delia	Bensalem	Pa	4279
Laskowski	Andrew	StateCollege	Pa	4678
Cerroni	Benedict	Ridgewway	Pa	1064
Messineo	Mary Claire	Ridgewway	Pa	1064
Offerman	Nicolaus	Pittsburgh	Pa	955
Barnot	Jaxson	Charleroi	Pa	5826
Willi	Schylar	Palmyra	Pa	6693
Baranauskas	Lily	Yardley	Pa	11013
Rogers	Benjamin	Hummelstown	Pa	12811
McCossan	Patrick	Philadelphia	Pa	12348
Messineo	Anthony	Ridgewway	Pa	1064
Kozub	Oliva	Pittsburgh	Pa	4242
Coasta	Carmella	Blandon	Pa	14847
Resch	Kristen	Harrisburg	Pa	2294
Sherdel	Jacob	McSheerrystown	Pa	2551
<u>Back up winners</u>				
Kubiak	Daniel	Erie	Pa	4123
Kozub	Gregory	Pittsburgh	Pa	4242
Outland	Evelyn	Pennsburg	Pa	4649
Krinks	Ava	Waynesboro	Pa	2068
Lecker	Riley	Oakdale	Pa	11279
Kleckner	Kaleb	Erie	Pa	11818
Lecker	Ian	Oakdale	Pa	11279
Offerman	Lilli	White Oak	Pa	955

ERIE DIOCESE HOLDS ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE



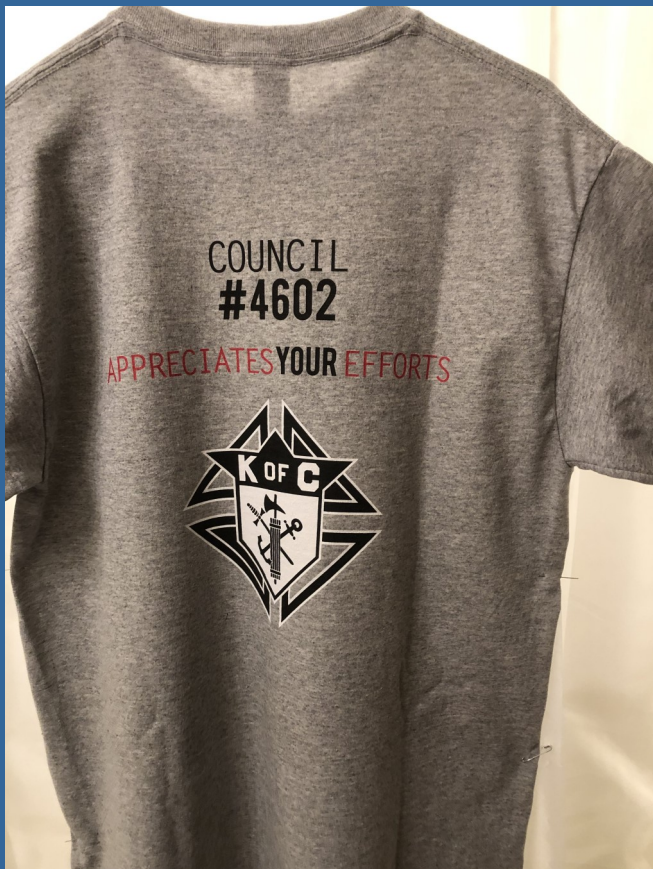
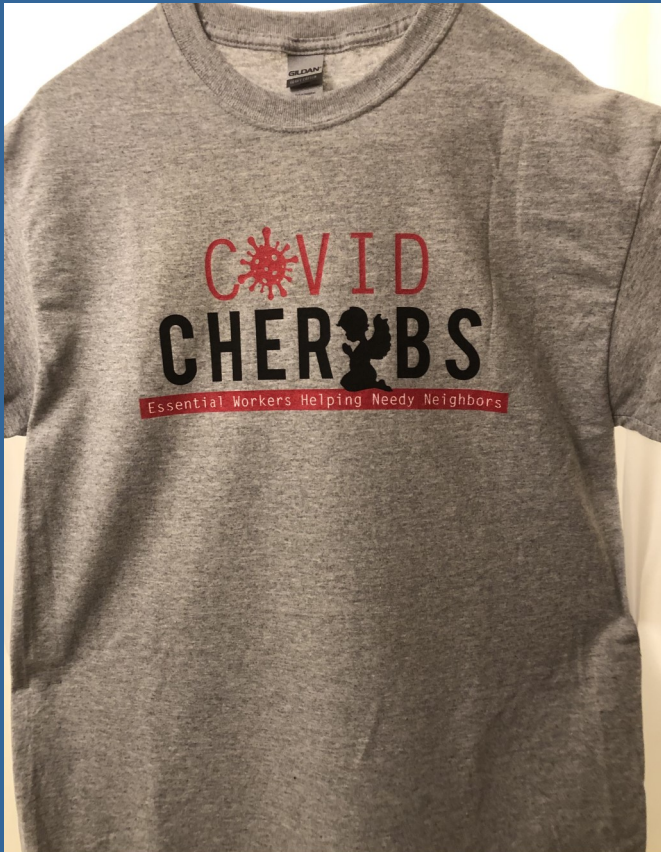
The Erie Diocese held its annual 22:32 Men's Conference on February 27th.

Over 300 men attended virtually in numerous locations throughout NW PA and NE Ohio.

State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel and State Online Membership Director Doug Fleming can be seen in the photos.



Covid Appreciation Shirts



No one could dispute that we all are living in epic times with this Covid Pandemic. Many “Essential Workers” (medical professionals and nurses, first responders, local food banks, grocery clerks, Big Box Store employees, etc.) have placed their own well-being secondary to their needy neighbors.

Holy Name Council #4602 of Emlenton, PA has created **Appreciation Shirts** that councils can purchase and give to those in their communities who illicit such heroic efforts. Your council’s name can be placed on the back of each shirt for recognition purposes. Two types of shirt messages are available: COVID CHRISTIANS or COVID CHERIBS. Four colors and four shirt sizes are available.

For more information,
contact

Grand Knight, Ken Maleski
(Council #4602)

at 814-758-5377 or

kmaleski54@gmail.com

to order your shirts!

Knights Of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council 3673 Provides a Holy Trinity Parish A Guide to Reconciliation and Celebrates its Star Council Award



Brother Knights hand out the KOC Guide to Reconciliation as Parishioners enter Mass.

KOC Guide to Reconciliation: We observed Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, which focuses our hearts on repentance and prayer. The Council, in coordination with our Chaplain and Parish Pastor Monsignor Eckert, seek to raise awareness and the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you participate in the Sacrament of Confession regularly, or have been away for a prolonged period of time, the Knights of Columbus are providing Parishioners information to assist with making a deeper, more meaningful Confession. There is no greater demonstration of our *Faith in Action*, than building up participation in the Sacrament within the Parish

On our [Council Web Page](#), we published a [letter from the Council](#) about the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Frequently Asked Questions about the Sacrament, a copy of the 10 Commandments to help guide Confession, and a listing of Confession times at Holy Trinity and other local parishes within the Diocese of Philadelphia and



Council Financial Secretary, Frank Powell, hands out the KOC Guide to Confession before Mass.

Trenton. Additionally, Brother Knights handed out a copy of the [Knights of Columbus Guide to Reconciliation Booklet](#) and addressed the congregation during each Mass. This booklet can be a guide for you to make an examination of conscience to help you through your Confession and bring you closer to God in preparation for Jesus' Resurrection at Easter. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this Sacrament during Lent. Clean your mind, heart, and soul. Vivat Jesus.



Brother Knight Brad Stanton Addresses the congregation about the importance of the Sacrament

Triple Star Council Award: The Fr. Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 at Holy Trinity Parish was awarded the Columbian, Father McGivney, and Founder's Awards for the [2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year](#) for their work in the Holy Trinity and Morrisville communities. The Council was also awarded a Triple Star, based on membership performance. This is only the second time in the Council's 67-year history that the Council was recognized as a Star Council, and the first time ever being recognized as a Multi-Star Council. The Council has worked to provide programming and events to continue the mission of the Knights of Columbus and provide the Catholic Gentlemen of Holy Trinity Parish an opportunity to continue to demonstrate their *Faith in Action*. Council #3673 is one of a very small percentage of Councils that attained this recognition from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.



District Deputy (16) Stephen Beltle (Back) presents the Fr. McGivney, Founders, and Columbian Award Plaque and the Triple Star Council Award to (L to R) Deputy Grand Knight James J. King, Chaplain Monsignor John C. Eckert, and Grand Knight Joseph D. Pargola.



STATE TREASURER MIKE LYNCH PRESENTS TROPHIES TO THE WEST REGIONAL SOCCER CHALLENGE WINNERS

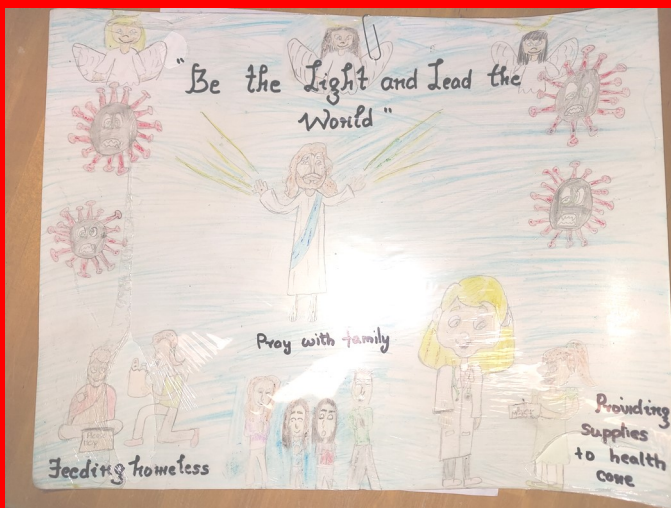
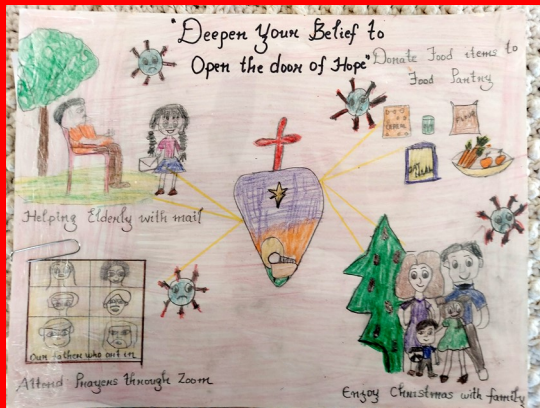


At the invitation of District Deputy Timothy Richards, I was honored on Thursday, February 18th, to present awards to five of the winners from the West Regional Soccer Challenge. The presentation occurred during a social meeting of McKeesport Council 955 in St. Patrick Church hall of Mary, Mother of God Parish in McKeesport, PA (Masks were worn, and social distancing was maintained.). I was assisted by the District Deputy and by Grand Knight Daniel Opferman. The winning athletes were: Tyler Graham (Boys age 9), Milena Poziviak (Girls age 11), Bethany Pasternak (Girls age 12), Abigail Opferman (Girls age 13) and Lilli Opferman (Girls age 14).

Thank you.

Michael Lynch
State Treasurer

REGINA MUNDI COUNCIL #4502 SPONSORED A KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST



Regina Mundi Council #4502 sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. They received 33 entries in all, with contestants entering from their parish prep program and local Catholic elementary schools, as well as the Indian Catholic Community which shares their parish. Participation certificates were given to each of our entries, and prizes and winners certificates were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the three age groups. Shown are some of the winning entries.

Submitted by Richard Spencer, PGK, Trustee Regina Mundi Council #4052 Feasterville, PA

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He is Risen

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

FROM THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT AND PA STATE COUNCIL