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Grand Knights Message

Brothers.

Happy New Year! I hope all are healthy and well! We are all hoping for a brand New Year with lots of possibilities and hopefulness. We want to forget about 2020, but we need to remember the hardships and lessons, so that we may build upon those things, events, and losses that may have not bode well for us. For our meetings, Supreme has revamped the methodology for council meetings, so that we do not drag the meetings out. The idea is to keep the meeting to about an hour, so that people will not get bored with the items that may not be necessary to discuss. I will be following a new meeting agenda starting in January 2021. Please try to attend a meeting or an event. We will hopefully get some additional events scheduled in the near future, with the covid virus hopefully "on the way outta here!" The December Knight of the Month was Greg

As usual, please keep checking with your neighbors, friends, and parishioners to become a brother of Council 8891. Gently remind them what a great, **rockin'** group of guys we have in council 8891! Also let me know if you need a 'Become a Knight' business card, in case you know someone who may be interested. There are always some in the K of C box in the Parish office, or we can mail some to you. Membership, membership! It's the lifeblood of all organizations!!

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Gering and the Family of the Month was Donald and Bridgit Weller.

Peace, Mark

Deputy Grand Knights Message

New Month, New Year, New Hope as we head into 2021!!! Thank you to all brother Knights who went above and beyond in 2020 living our values. So many have found a way to persevere, adjust, and overcome obstacles in support of our Domestic Church. The list of organizations we contributed to in 2020 was truly exceptional.



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Deputy Grand Knights Message (Continued from page 1)

A couple years ago the K of C reorganized all councils to refocus our efforts on the our domestic church under four pillars; Faith, Family, Community and Life. I would like to thank all brother Knights of 8891 that have volunteered their time and talent in support of our activities. You have made a significant difference in the lives of so many people.

Our council as well as all the councils around the world will continue to evolve in 2021. In late December Supreme rolled out new guidelines to streamline our meetings. In all 40 pages of guidelines have been promulgated. You will continue to see changes as we roll out the updated guidance. Some old sections of the General Meeting will be going away, others streamlined, with the goal of keeping the general meetings to one hour. Planning and longer discussion items will take place at the monthly Officer's Planning meeting. All brother Knights are welcome at both meetings. If you want to learn more, check out the K of C Supreme site under New Guidelines for Council Meetings.

In January 8891 continues to find a way for all Knights to participate given their particular situation. We continue to proceed with caution following the recommended guidance to minimize risk to brother Knights. Given your particular situation please choose an activity that is right for you.

FAITH Committee Director – Steve Udzinski

<u>KofC Holy Hour</u>. Brother Knights continue to meet the first Saturday of each month at 10:00AM inside or outside the Perpetual Adoration Chapel as safe conditions allow. This month we will be meeting on January 2nd. Thank you to Brother Rob Galante for leading this ministry.

Upcoming Seminarian Raffle will be early 2021. Watch for more information in upcoming church bulletin. Please do what you can to support our future priests.

FAMILY Committee Director – Dan Beck

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest where all are winners. Thank you to Brother Dennis Cooper for leading this activity.

Food For Families has collected over 780 pounds and \$1,760 to help feed those in need. Thank your to Brother Bo Gifford for his continued efforts that have really made a difference. In addition, Brother Sam B proposed a way all brother Knights can easily participate in Food For Families. When re-upping your annual membership you have the option of adding additional money to support those in need. Bo is seeking additional ideas since the traditional grocery store events have been cancelled. If you have an idea please contact a committee member.

COMMUNITY Committee Directors – Sam Bongiovano and David Taylor

The Soup & Sandwiches was so successful last month that Brother Jim Howell will again be leading a Soup & Sandwich carry-out only on January 9th and 10th. We continue to follow pandemic guidelines to minimize risk. If you can help, please sign-up on the SignupGenius Email or contact one of the committee members.

While the annual Polish Fest will be pushed off from its normal late winter date, Easter along with Lenten Fish Dinners will continue as scheduled. If you can help with the planning and execution of Lenten Fish Dinners please contact a committee member.

LIFE Committee Director – *Tom Evans*

The decision has been made to cancel our sponsored bus to the National Right to Life March this year. Father Bob and Brother Tom will be putting together a church based prayer service in support of life. Watch the Sunday bulletin for specifics.

Outdoor prayer on Beaver Street in York continues to make a difference saving the life of a number of unborn/now born children in York. If you can volunteer a couple hours I know Tom and Patty will provide a warm welcome. The biggest need is on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please contact Brother Tom if you can help.

As Brother Knights we are all called to defend our faith, 1Peter3:15... Always be ready to give a 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 DGK, timschott@hotmail.com

Pro Life Report

Brothers,

2020 has been one heck of a year. It's one I'll always remember, but not one I want to repeat. Herewith, a few end-of-year notes related to PRO-LIFE.



- Thank you, Brothers, for your continued support of Pro-Life activities. 8891 really does "ROCK" in this arena. Your spiritual, moral, and financial support of all things Pro-Life is second to none.
- The National Right to Life March is still scheduled to go on, but we have opted not to hire a bus to Washington this year. It just seemed the prudent thing to do. Some might go down on their own. My sense is that, I personally, won't make that decision until we get closer to January 29.
- Closer to home, Planned Parenthood is still up and running. It was never shut down, maybe because it was considered by our government to be a "life sustaining" enterprise. We will continue to have an all-day presence in front of PP on the Wednesday and Friday, abortion days. Additionally, there will be prayer warriors there for much of the day on Tuesdays. Stop by. We'll get you a cup of coffee and some munchies.

On Dec 23, a group of about 25 sang Christmas carols across the street from Planned Parenthood/York. One man brought his portable keyboard, and another his accordion. We had cookies, hot chocolate, and warm apple cider. It went well and was well received by everyone within ear shot.

Additionally, the Pope on Dec 27 announced an upcoming "Year of the Family" to begin on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19. Additional information on this topic will be provided in next month's KE.

Happy New Year, Brothers!

Tom Evans - tomevans54@comcast.net - 717 235 8833

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Food for Families Report As expected, food collection drives at Walmart have been placed on hold. They said that

as long as the COVID 19 standards are in place they could not could not allow it.

During this terrible pandemic that is continuously get worse, we need to discuss what options we may have for executing a successful food drive or collection event. If anyone has any reasonable ideas please bring them up at the next meeting. Hopefully we will not need to wait until we get the green light.

To date Council 8891 has donated **780.8 lbs**. of food and \$1,860. Thank you for your very generous efforts!

Remember that donations can be taken directly to the pantry Monday-Saturday 9:00am - 11:30am. Let the pantry know that your donation is from the Knight of Columbus so that our efforts will be recorded. If you cannot get to the pantry, please contact me @ (717-424-4567) and we will work out a way to get your donation there.

No food items or financial donations will be refused. Plastic/Cans/Boxed products preferred. For Pantry assistance call 717-235-6370.

Thank You, God Bless You, and Have a Happy New Year!
Let's pray that 2021 will not be as challenging and stressful as 2020 was.
Stay Healthy, Safe, and Warm.... and Think Spring!
Bowen Gifford PGK, PFN, Food for Families Chair - 717-424-4567 - boknows@nfdc.net

PVK College Scholarship Information

The 2021 PVK Memorial Scholarship competition is under way. The council will award one \$1,000 scholarship to be used at any accredited college. Applications can be obtained from PVK Chairman Richard Corriveau at 717-227-2728 or rickkorivo@verizon.net.



Due to COVID, there will be no applications available in the Parish Office or from school guidance counselors. All graduating seniors in the Class of 2021 are eligible along with their home-schooled equivalents. Applicants need not be related to a KofC member, but must be a registered member of St. John the Baptist Parish in New Freedom. The most important part of the application is the essay contest, in addition to involvement in school, community, and parish activities. Applications must be received no later than January 31, 2020.

Rick Corriveau, PVK Chairman

Feeding the Hungry

As you are obviously aware, 2020 has been a very tough year for everyone, especially for those in need. With the pandemic still in full swing the need to feed the hungry in our community is greater than ever. The SYC Pantry has continued to feed the community but is struggling to meet those needs. Bo Gifford, our Food for Families chairman has done a tremendous job in assisting the council that ROCKS in gathering food and money donations for the Pantry. However, our efforts have been thwarted by the pandemic as we have been unable to hold food drives at Walmart the entire year and for the foreseeable future. As Community chairperson and Past Grand Knight, I am asking the council that rocks to join with me, Bo Gifford, Grand Knight Mark Phipps, and the entire officer team in raising much needed additional funds for the SYC Pantry. Soon you will be receiving your 2021 council dues statement. In addition to the dues of \$28, the \$2 for PVK & the \$2 for the Fr. Theisz Scholarship fund (both voluntary) there will be an additional line requesting a donation to the SYC Pantry. Any monies above the maximum of \$32 donated through this drive will be given solely to the SYC Pantry. Please consider this worthy endeavor, and having been with this council since 1999, I know you will. Council 8891 has always risen to the challenge!! Thank you in advance.

Vi vat Jesus Sam Bongiovano, PGK Community Chairperson

December 12th & 13th Soup & Sandwich Wrap-Up

Another sell out on the Soup and Sandwich, 12-13 Dec 2020!! We sold 120 Mild Italian Sausages and 60 containers of Homemade Chili.



We brought in \$950.04, after expenses we cleared \$678.45.

This could not have been possible, without the help of the following brothers: Bo Gifford, Ray Pesta, Bob Karotko, Barry Price, Greg Gering, Dan Beck, Joe Mazziott, Tom Rodowsky, Tim Schott, Rob Galante, and Ken Scheper.



From prepping the meals, to kitchen help, and selling, THANK YOU for a very successful event!! Remember, this Charity work provides great food to our parishioners and the proceeds help many charitable organizations, including Pro-life.

Thank you again, and our next Soup and Sandwich event will be Jan 9th and 10th. See below.

January 9th & 10th Soup & Sandwich

Our next Soup & Sandwich sale will be after the 5pm Saturday January 9th mass and then after the Sunday January 10th 9:00am and 11:00am Masses outside the front entrances of the church.

The Soup will be Homemade Tortellini with Parmesan Cheese on the side (if desired), and the Sandwich will be a Hot Ham and Bacon on a Kaiser Roll with your choice of Cheddar, Mozzarella, or Provolone Cheese, and mustard or mayo on the side (if desired). As we get closer to the event date, a SignUpGenius e-mail will be sent out to all Knights with e-mail addresses to sign up to help with the preparation and/or selling at the event..



Thank You for supporting this Event, either as a helper and/or customer & Merry Christmas! Jim Howell jim.howell75@yahoo.com - 717-817-9634

2021 Dues Notice from the Financial Secretary

Your 2021 dues statement is included in this paper-mailing of the Knight Edition to save the mailing postage of a separate mailing. If anything is incorrect on the notice, please contact Greg at (717) 552-8173 or via email at kocgering@yahoo.com. Please make dues checks payable to



"K of C #8891" Dues payments can be mailed back to the Financial Secretary in the pre-addressed envelope included in this KE, or to the address to the right, or can be dropped off in the locked box on the table outside the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Gregory J Gering FS 95 Smokbox Circle Stewartstown PA 17363-8784

Greg Gering Financial Secretary

Chance Of A Lifetime Raffle (C.O.A.L)

Brother Knights and friends of Council #8891,

The time of year is here again for our Council to start its Chance Of A Lifetime (C.O.A.L.) raffle fundraiser. This very important fundraiser funds the State Council Scholarship Program, in addition to being a very important fundraiser for our Council's charitable projects. Additionally, you have the chance to win 16 Cash Prizes from \$1,000 to \$15,000. This year's program is a little different from the prior years because there are individual tickets for \$5 each and not the books of 8 tickets for \$8, not to mention all the prizes are Cash \$\$\$\$

Similar but a little different to the previous years, we are distributing five (5) COAL raffle tickets to each member and/or friend of Council #8891. We are asking that you sell these tickets to family, friends, co-workers, and others, or buy them yourself. It is not mandatory that you purchase and/or sell the tickets, but this is a very easy way for you to support your council and add money to our coffers so we can continue to provide charitable support to the Church, Youth, and Community..... not to mention, you could also win \$1,000, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, \$7,500, \$10,000, or \$15,000.

The cost of an individual ticket is \$5.00 per ticket, or you can purchase 4 tickets for \$19.00 (a \$1.00 savings) or purchase all 5 tickets for \$23.00 (a \$2.00 savings). Remember to fill out your name as the seller of the ticket and list our Council number (8891) on the stub.

Ticket stubs of all sold books and money from the sale (and any unsold tickets) should be returned in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope or can be dropped off in the locked box on the table outside the Parish Office. Extra books are also available by request. Just let me know how many additional tickets you would like and I will send them to you. When turning in the sold tickets, the ticket stubs should be returned in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope, or can also be dropped off in our K of C mailbox in the Parish Office; however, due to COVID there may be limited access to the Parish Office so mailing them in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope is recommended. Similar to the dues payments, COAL ticket stubs with payment can also be dropped off in the locked box on the table outside the Parish Office. Checks for both the Dues and COAL tickets can be made out to "K of C Council #8891".

If you do not plan to sell or purchase the tickets, we request that you please return the COAL raffle tickets in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope so we can provide those tickets to other Knights that need additional tickets to sell. Or you can also drop them off in the locked box on the table outside the Parish Office

The raffle drawing will be held on Friday, April 30th, 2021. The last day to return the sold tickets is Sunday, April 18th so I have ample time to package and mail the ticket stubs and payment to COAL headquarters. However, any sold ticket stubs returned to COAL headquarters prior to April 1st will receive an additional \$0.25 bonus per ticket, so please try to get your sold ticket stubs to me before March 29th so I can send them to COAL HQ with a postmark date prior to April 1st.

If you have any questions or need additional books, please contact me by e-mail bapent@comcast.net or cell 717.793.0217.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Council with this important fund raising project. With your help, this will be a very successful fundraiser for our Council, especially since COVID has put a damper on many of our normal fund-raising events/projects.

Thank You and Vivat Jesus, Barry A Price, Council #8891 – 2021 C.O.A.L. Campaign Chairman



COAL SWEEPSTAKES 16 SMA



National March for Life in DC Friday January 29th

Do you know what it means to be Alive??

If you have stopped to ponder, wonder, or just reflect upon all that has happened in 2020, then you know what it means to be alive.

If you hear a crystal clear morning broken with the cooing of a dove; if you watch the sun set into its crimson sea, or walked through the woods under a bright full moon while the heavens greeted you with a starry night, then you know what it means to be alive.

If you hiked or walked a trail and noticed the colors of the rainbow where the same colors of the wildflowers at your feet, and if your heart sang a song with every beat, then you know what it means to be alive.

If you ever locked eyes with an infant, while in your arms, and both of you smiled at each other simultaneously, and you realize the importance of living every moment as if you just arrived, then you know what it means to be alive.

377 was a number that jumped out at me one day last spring and I still reflect on it today. That number equaled the total deaths throughout our nation at that point in time. 377 then, now it's well over 330,000 and increasing every day. Pause and think about that number and then you know what it means to be alive.

Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it will be open to you... When was the last time you asked, sought, or knocked? Don't pass up the opportunity – it is the Holy Spirit's way of engaging you. Engaging you with your family, your community, your church, your council! And when you engage, it inspires and brightens your day and you know what it means to be alive.

As we complete a very difficult year, what is on your horizon for 2021? Where will you engage, make friends along the way, and what will make your soul take flight? Reflect on your family, your community, your church, and your council – how might you engage? Who will you ask; what might you seek; and what door you will knock upon? Your 'resolution' is to **Do It** this year – when you do, you will hear the choir singing in your soul and you will know what it means to be alive. Let's all work to be alive throughout 2021...

And yes we can! Anonymous



FTGOTO: Please keep the following in your prayers:

Our Religious The Catholic Church Fr. Capitani **Our Troops** Law Enforcement Fire Fighters

President & Legislators Colamarino Family Schwarzman Family **Farrell Family**

Powers & Price Family Mike & Joanne Polash Angela Casiero Joe Zito **Beck Family** Leslie Corriveau Steve Rickrode Katie Stenauer

Bill McDaniel **Edward Graziul & Family** Frank Bodani & Family **Those with COVIID Our First Responders** Our Health Care Workers **Mary Grant** Bo & Joann Gifford Mike Wengryn **Charles Lombardo** Fr. Brommer Family

Dee & John Nycz Don & Kathy Christensen Gene & Alvena Kornak Dennis & Linda Cooper Will & Maureen Abbott

Card Social & Luncheon



Postponed until after COVID-19



Games would normally start at 1:00 in the Parish Center

Benefits St. John the Baptist K of C Council #8891 Building Fund

Contact John 235-3721 or Barry 428-0365 for info.

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St. John the Baptist Council 8891 Recognizes

Donald & Bridgit Weller

as the December 2020 FAMILY OF THE MONTH



St. John the Baptist Council 8891 Recognizes

Greg Gering

as the December 2020 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Council No. 8891 & Fr. Cyril J. Allwein Assembly #944 315 N. Constitution Avenue New Freedom, PA 17349

NOTE: This Knight Edition contains both the 2021 Dues mailing and also the 2021 COAL Raffle mailing.

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Knights of Columbus January 2021 Calendar

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| 10 Baptism Soup & Sandwich After 9am & 11am Masses | 11 | 12 | 13 | General Meeting FrCC 8:15pm | 15 | 16 |
| February Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net | 18 | 19 | 20 | 4 th Degree Meeting 8:00pm Zoom | Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn | 23 |
| 24 Don't forget to attend video or mass in person | 25 | 26 | 27 | Business Meeting 8:00pm Zoom | 29 National March for Life in DC | 30 |

January Soup & Sandwich - Saturday 1/9 and Sunday 1/10 after all masses