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My Brothers,



February is a wonderful month for so many reasons. The 2nd is Groundhog Day which those of us who live in the snow belt of western PA eagerly anticipate each year hoping for an early Spring. (Phil saw his shadow so 6 more weeks of winter.) The 14th is Valentine's Day which so many young and old share with that special one, and two of our greatest Presidents share the month with birthdays, the 12th being Lincoln's and the 22nd Washington's.

But the most important date is the 17th which is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season and our spiritual journey leading us to Easter Sunday on April 4th. After one full year of living under the haze of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we pray that Easter will bring us the hope and peace of the beginning of the end of this world-wide tragedy.

On February 5th the Supreme Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the 14th Supreme Knight of the Order to continue the mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity which was established by our Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago. Brother Kelly succeeds Carl. A. Anderson who served as Supreme Knight for more than 20 years.

The Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus wish Brother Kelly every success in his new position, and gratefully thank Brother Anderson for his years of dedicated service to our Order.

Yes Brothers, February is a wonderful month and through the Grace of God we will all get through together! BE NOT AFRAID to open the Door wide for Christ

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

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# PATRICK E. KELLY IS THE NEW SUPREME KNIGHT ELECT!

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on Feb. 5, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

### Statement by retiring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future."

For over a decade, Patrick Kelly has worked at a senior level on the frontlines of the Knights' work in charity, advocacy, and the management of the organization's multibillion-dollar insurance and investment operations. Mr. Kelly joined the Knights as a student at Marquette University in 1983 and later served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. He was named the Knights' Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in February 2017.



# STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT Rev. Pierre (BUD) Falkenhan

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time that you are reading this, we will be three days into the season of Lent. Now Lent is not the easiest season of the Church year, but it can be one of the most rewarding and that depends on how much one puts themselves into our acts of sacrifices. Now our Faith communities do their best to assist us with our sacrifices by offering us prayers and devotions on the parish level, however such unexpected and natural events like the Carona-19 pandemic can put a wrench into such plans. Last Lent the restrictions brought on by the pandemic ground to a halt all the best laid plans from our parishes and dioceses and this year with the same restrictions still in place (though somewhat loosened) we have to think about what we can do on our own.

Might I suggest that one give up on some personal vices (snacks or sweets) or cut down on television and use the time saved to pray more, do some spiritual reading or even exercise. Such things we can do on our own, thus giving us total control. Along with that, maybe with the extra free time we can become more involved say with the Knights of Columbus Leave No Neighbor behind program or some other act of charity. One final thought is this: what can I do if my plans fall short, knowing that we might be enthused with our Lenten plans in the beginning, but as the days grow longer we might find ourselves falling short of our original plans? When that happens to me, I usually make a monetary donation to a charity of my choice, say the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative or a parish activity or even a civil project and that way something positive can come from my let downs. These are just some suggestions that I personally have found helpful in my 40 years of priesthood and I offer them to you, my brother Knights hoping they might make your 2021 Lenten Season worthwhile.

One final thing beginning on St. Joseph's Feast Day myself and Wayne Freet will be conducting the Novena for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney via Zoom. This 1/2 hour prayer service will be a good way for us to make the most of our Lenten sacrifices and I will talk more about it in my March article.

In the mean time, I offer your my prayers for a blessed Lent. Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us.

Vivat Jesus.

Fr. Bud Falkenhan









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

Brothers,

We find ourselves in the cold days of February, but our hearts are warmed as we celebrate St. Valentine's day with the ones we love. We also begin our Lenten journey with Jesus as He walks towards His Passion, which will save mankind. The love we share with our family, friends and neighbors reflects the love that God has for all mankind. During Lent we embrace the principles of prayer, fasting and alms giving. These principles fall in line with our lives as Knights of Columbus.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to help our fellow man and what better way then as a Knight. From the time of our founding by Blessed Michael McGivney, Knights throughout the world have be living out their faith. Now is the time to help Catholic men live out their faith. Ask a Catholic man that you know to join our Order and put his Faith into Action.

We are starting to see some areas of the state opening as the COVID numbers go down and the vaccines become more readily available. Many councils have found ways to meet and do programs, thinking outside the box to develop new programs or modify existing ones. It is now that we must begin meeting again in person if possible or at least a hybrid of virtual and in person. Our parishes and communities need the Knights to help them get back to normal.

The State Council has issued a Lenten Challenge to all councils. If a council recruits 5 new members during Lent (2/17 to 4/1) they will receive \$250! There is a flyer in this issue that has all the details. I ask that all councils do their best to complete this challenge.

Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us.

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 FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>

ENDS ON HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1st

**HOW: RECRUIT 5 NEW MEMBERS\*** 

WHY: HELP MEN PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION

An existing prospect does not count as new member.

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

<sup>\*</sup>New member must join the Order during the time specified above.



### From the Desk of James A. Maochi, State Program Director

### **Brother Knights of Pennsylvania,**

As our Councils and Members have managed through the many trials and challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the spirit of our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney has inspired us in many ways to advance our Faith in Action Program through these trials. Our upcoming State Convention in May presents a great opportunity for us to commemorate and acknowledge the efforts of our Councils through these trails and celebrate and reward our Members for these efforts!

Let's embrace this opportunity for your Councils and Members to be rewarded for your efforts with State Council Awards at our upcoming State Convention! Below explains the process for submitting entries for consideration.....let's not be shy in submitting these.....after all, these may inspire future Catholic Gentlemen to join our Order, taking into account our Founding Principle of Charity!

#### Below is the process to follow for submitting entries for 2020-2021 State Awards:

**Faith in Action Service Program Awards** 

Here is the link to the State Program Service Program Awards Program Entry Form Horizontal Cards (kofc.org)

#### Form to be returned to State Program Director by 4/15/21

Jim Maochi, State Program Director

642 Deer Watch Rd. Bridgeville, PA 15017

Email jmaochi@comcast.net

### **Family of Year State Award**

Here is the link to the Family of the Year Entry Form Horizontal Cards (kofc.org)

Form to be returned to State Deputy and/or State Program Director by 4/15/21

Jim Maochi, State Program Director

642 Deer Watch Rd. Bridgeville, PA 15017

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Thanks in advance to all of you Brother Knights - please submit your submissions to help highlight the great work we're doing in Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania during these challenging times at our 2021 State Convention!

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Maochi PA State Program Director



# From the Desk of RAY MCLAUGHLIN, STATE SECRETARY



My Brother Knights:

As we complete the sixth week of the second half of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year, we want to thank the 312 Councils that have paid their Per Capita Assessment. This is a busy time of the Fraternal Year because of the Per Capita, the preparation for the upcoming State Convention and collecting information for the Necrology report for the Memorial Mass at the convention.

Each Fraternal Year (January & July) the State Council sends out the assessments for the Per Capita. The Per Capita is the major revenue source for state operations each year. At last year's convention the delegates voted to approve a \$.66 increase per year in the Per Capita, which was the first time the PA Per Capita had been increased in many years. Also, at the direction of the State Officers in June 2020 the Per Capita Assessment was not collected, for the first half of the Fraternal Year due to the pandemic. So, for the Fraternal Year 2020-2021 the Per Capita assessment was \$2.33 per member (exclusive of Honorary Life and Inactive members). After February 15<sup>th,</sup> a Second Notice will be going out. We ask all Councils that have not paid their Per Capita Assessment to consider paying it As Soon As Possible. Failure to pay the Per Capita can affect your Council's participation in the State Convention in May at the Penn Stater Inn.

As of today, we are planning an in-person State Convention (based on the guidelines of the CDC, the State, and the Penn Stater), the biggest effect of the pandemic is the loss of the Fraternal aspect of our order. We are all looking forward to gathering in State College to meet with our brother Knights and their wives to renew our many friendships. Towards the end of January the Convention Call was sent to all active Councils in PA, included in the mailing was the Certification Form which designates the Council Delegates and Alternative Delegates to the State Convention. This form needs to be returned to the State Secretary by March 31, 2021. Along with the request for delegates, a request for Resolutions to the orders Constitution and By-Laws was included. These Resolutions must be submitted by March 1, 2021, with six (6) certified copies (Council Seal and appropriate signatures) for submission to the State Advocate. The Advocate and his committee will review the Resolutions and made recommendations to the delegates at the state convention.

Each year at the State Convention, on Friday evening, the Annual Memorial Mass is offered for our departed Brother Knights. It is requested that every Council in PA submit to the State Secretary a list of all departed Brother Knights. The submission should include the name, council, and month the deceased joined the Lord. We owe it to our Brother Knights to honor them at this Mass.

As your State Secretary I am looking forward to the State Convention and want to thank all my Brother Knights for their ongoing cooperation.

Vivat Jesus

Ray McLaughlin, State Secretary

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





My Brother Knights, As we enter this Lenten Season, we always learned we either had to give up something or pick a good deed to perform all of Lent. As we get older, as much of us have, we give up less and make more goals for ourselves to help others and to treat others better. One goal we all need to make is to pray more and start returning to mass as we feel healthier and safer. Praying is so easy when asking God to watch over us and our families, to bless those in need, and to keep our World healthy.

We all can make a goal to say the Rosary daily or to start off saying it just once a week. My Council, 17028 in Millersville, says a virtual Rosary every Tuesday night at 7:00PM over Zoom. You are all welcome to join us. Just shoot me an email at btspgkfdd@gmail.com and I will send you the link. Another way is to join us with our State Novena in March for Blessed Michael J. McGivney. The State Novena will run from March 19th - 28th.

I pray that this Lent, you can put yourself fully into your Faith and Prayer. God is always there for us and ready to listen.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us

Brian T. Smith

State Faith Director

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PA STATE COUNCIL VIRTUAL DEGREE DATES ARE SCHEDULED FOR:

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 AT 1 PM
FEBRUARY 26, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
SIGN UP ON THE PA STATE
WEBSITE AT PAKOFC.US



# From the Desk of JOHN COCCO, PA STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR





My Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe that we have been in a Pandemic for a year now. But what is amazing to me is that despite all of the challenges that we have been faced with, our Councils continue to do amazing things for our Parishes and Communities.

From holding virtual programs to in person socially distant ones, we as a jurisdiction continues to shine. This Pandemic has certainly presented obstacles that none of us have ever experienced. Through it all the efforts that you are doing is making a difference in the lives of others.

As we prepare to enter the next part of the year, our work isn't done. We must continue to meet, regardless of virtual or in person. The key to your success is to engage with your members, Parish, and Community. The Leave No Neighbor Behind Program is one that we in Pennsylvania continue to succeed with. The Food Drives that you are doing and the free meals that you are providing at no charge to the community follows the motto of, "Everyone Welcome Everything Free", and it truly is Leaving No Neighbor Behind. Please don't forget about our Priests and Deacons. These men need our prayers and assistance to not only keep the parish running, but they need our support and friendship.

As we move forward, please continue to report the programs that you are conducting. As we prepare for our State Convention in whatever format it turns out to be in, submit the award forms for those successful programs and earn the recognition your members deserve. I hope that we can hold an in person convention and look forward to seeing you there.

We continue to press forward with a virtual state free throw, and Deputy Community Director Michael DeLucia has done an excellent job in providing the guidelines. While, yes this isn't our preferred format, it is what we as a State Council feels is best to protect everyone involved and still recognize the talents of the kids.

I would also like to congratulate Lauren Hayden our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winner from Saint Jude Council#6440 in Mountain Top. This was our only entrant for the Essay Contest this year, and has been submitted to Supreme for the International Level Contest. Congratulations and good luck to Lauren and Saint Jude Council for their efforts.

Fraternally John



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



### **Free Throw Competition**

Previously, we discussed how the impact of COVID 19 has impacted our ability to conduct our usual Knights of Columbus Youth events, such as the Free Throw Championship. This year we are seeing a dramatic decrease in the number of Councils, Districts, and Regions being able to conduct this event. Indoor Gyms are closed, Outside Courts are snow covered and there are many questions about how we can conduct this event using a virtual or video means to conduct the competition.

Supreme has expressed the ability to conduct the Free Throw Championship virtually and we here in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania are looking forward to doing the best we can in this difficult year. We are quickly closing in on the deadlines to conduct all levels of this event. The deadline to submit the completed scoresheets for any levels of competition is March 20, 2021. The final score sheets including the State scoring should be sent to the following:

Mike DeLucia
Deputy Community Director
16 Wynmere Drive
Horsham, PA 19044

Please check the January issue of the Keystone Knight for details on conducting the competition. I want to remind everyone; each level will need to have the contestant scored on Form # 1598 and winner score sheets sent to the next level. The tallying of the scoresheets from a video should be conducted by the Council, and District Deputies and the Regional Program Directors or their representatives should tally the Regional and State competitors scores prior to sending to the State Deputy Community Director.

I apologize for the some of the confusion regarding the Free Throw Championship however, we have never faced these types of challenges and are working to do all that we can to continue our mission of Charity, through service and youth-oriented events. Thank you for your dedication and patience as we work through these challenges.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Mike





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





Hello, My Brothers;

Well, we did it!

In spite of all the obstacles created by the pandemic as well as the political environment, the Right to Life March was held virtually and successfully.

In addition, I was surprised and encouraged by the number of Councils in the jurisdiction who chose to hold local Marches and rallies throughout March for Life week. Rick Terroni, our Keystone Knight editor has posted some pictures in this month's edition.

We have received another check from Supreme and Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144 will be donating an ultrasound machine to the Women's Care Center in Erie. Great job, Brothers!

We are doing a tremendous job in raising funds and donating Ultrasound machines to pregnancy centers and saving lives by urging women to shun abortion and give birth to their babies. One of the Faith in Action Programs that we might give a little more thought to is "Pregnancy Center Support."

Think about it: - We march to end abortion. We urge young women not to have abortions. We raise funds to donate ultrasound machines that will assist in sending the message to end abortions. And then, frankly Brothers, we puff out our chests, put smiles on our faces and bask in the pride of having saved another life.

But what about the tens of thousands of young, single Mothers who are now raising those children, in many cases by themselves, as a result of having made the right decision? They need diapers; they need blankets; they need cribs; they need coaches and strollers; THEY NEED OUR HELP!

We shouldn't, and we mustn't abandon those young women (and couples) who are now facing the daunting task of parenthood with, in some cases, little or no assistance.

Yes, my Brothers – the job is far from done. Now that we've helped bring these young lives into the world, it's time to help them become the miracle that God intended them to be. And when there's an important job to be done, it's the Knights of Columbus who step up and "Git 'er Done."

So please, get your Council involved in Pregnancy Center Support. Assist your local Center with funding and with materials (diapers, etc.) to assist them in assisting the new young Mothers and Fathers.

As Jesus said, "Bring the Little Children unto Me."

Fraternally,

**Brother John** 

John Meenan, PA State Life Director



#### From the Desk of

# MARK JAGO FIC, IPSD, STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN Celebrating Catholic Education and Protecting our Religious Liberty



This month we celebrate Catholic Schools Month. Throughout the jurisdiction, Catholic Schools Week, usually the first week of February, is marked with an open house, tours, and special programs at our Catholic Elementary and High Schools.

Our Catholic Schools enjoy an outstanding reputation for superior academic and athletic achievement, citizenship, and discipline. All this is made possible by the dedicated professional educators and staff who not only teach our children, but also provide excellent role models to their students. In addition to the normal curriculum, Catholic Schools also provide religious education and many service programs for students to gain hands-on experience in some of the various aspects of Catholic Social Teaching.

Unfortunately, many of our Catholic institutions of higher learning have lost their identity and are indistinguishable from their secular counterparts. Most of the so-called Catholic Colleges have rejected Pope St. John Paul II's *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and are now fundamentally 'Progressive'. However, there are still some genuine Catholic colleges and universities within the jurisdiction.

Requiring a high standard of conduct for those entrusted with instructing our children, especially on the subject of faith and morals, has caused created legal problems for some schools across the country and within Pennsylvania. In the past few years, three of our dioceses have been sued by former employees who were terminated for violating their teaching contracts.

Fortunately, the Supreme Court recently (July 2020) upheld the doctrine known as 'ministerial exception', (first outlined by the Fourth Circuit in 1985 and reaffirmed in *Hosanna-Tabor v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, 2012), which exempts religious groups from federal anti-discrimination laws when making hiring and firing decisions. While Justice Samuel Alito's opinion states that educating students about the faith is at the core of why religious schools of all denominations exist and that courts should not get involved in deciding who is best suited to provide that education, it did not lay-out a firm test for courts to follow when deciding exactly who falls under the ministerial exception. This means we can expect to see continued challenges to further define exactly who is covered under federal anti-discrimination laws.

While we continue to recognize the value of Catholic Education and to support our schools and students financially, we must continue to be on guard against attacks on our institutions based on our Catholic principles. Our support of the sanctity of Life, Marriage and the Family has made us a major target of the Forces of Darkness. Our Religious Liberty is being threatened, as we have seen recently in *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Pennsylvania*. In closing, I will leave you with this quote from Eric Rassbach, vice president and senior counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, "The last thing government officials should do is decide who is authorized to teach Catholicism to Catholics." Viewing recent changes in public school curriculum, I would add, "The last thing government should do is teach morality to our children."

Fraternally,

Mark L Jago, IPSD Director for Legislative Affairs



### **2020-2021 COAL PROGRAM**



COAL is heating up! Returns are starting to come in and early indications are encouraging. Many Councils continued to serve the Catholic Church and their Communities during the pandemic, but fundraising was a challenge. COAL offers Councils a way to meet that challenge. It is a risk-free way to raise money for the Council

Treasury.

It is not too late! Councils are finding success in the new single ticket format with cash prizes. Many are ordering additional tickets. Councils that have made decisions scale down participation in the Program because of the pandemic have time to reconsider. 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 it 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!** 

Individual tickets will be sold at \$5.00 per ticket which should make it easier to sell and track. Councils will make \$2.00 per ticket sold and delivered by April 1, 2021 and \$1.75 for tickets returned after April 1, 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.



<u>Councils are encouraged to send tickets and payments together. To accomplish this, we have one discount date, April 1, 2021.</u>

We are already starting to plan for next year. Please send any suggestions to me at <a href="mailto:coalchairman@gmail.com">coalchairman@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your continued support.

Fran O'Hara, FSW

**COAL Chairman** 

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What a year 2020 was. School closings. Hybrid / virtual classes. A number of school events have either been changed, cancelled or banned due to the pandemic. Proms and Homecomings cancelled. Spectators banned from sporting events. Even college entrance exams have been cancelled due to the corona virus.

And now that we are in 2021, it looks like we can expect more of the same.

Looking ahead, and planning for the graduating class of 2022, if your son or daughter is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, now is a good time for him/her to consider taking a college entrance exam such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT), opportunity permitting.

NOTE---Be sure to have your son or daughter list the "Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program" on the appropriate line of their test application as one of the "colleges" to receive their test score. Tentative test dates are listed below.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Test Dates:

March 13, 2021

May 8, 2021

June 5, 2021

Our 'school code number' for the College Entrance Examination Board is SAT 0167.

American College Test (ACT) Test Dates:

April 17, 2021

June 12, 2021

July 17, 2021

Our 'school code number" for the American College Testing Program is ACT 3667.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Scholarship program.

Fraternally,

Alton B. Wise

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## Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council



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# 2021 PA State Convention May 20-23, 2021 The Penn Stater Hotel, State College, PA

Worthy State Officers, Chairmen and Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, Alternates and Guests,

On behalf of all Brother Knights in the Central West Region, we would like to invite you to attend the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus. The Convention will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel, 215 Innovation Blvd, State College, PA 16803 starting Friday, May 20 and ending with the final business session on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

At this time, it is our intention to hold this conference in-person pending guidance from the CDC and Pennsylvania. We will keep you informed as guidance is issued.

Important information about the convention that needs to be completed is on the PA State Council webpage. Below is a list: Conference Registration Form (Includes cost for meals

Advertising & Sponsor Form Tentative Schedule of Events

<u>All attendees</u>, including District Deputies, must complete the registration document, pay all associated costs. and contact the Penn Stater to make your room reservation (see below for more information).

State Officers, Chairmen and Directors must complete the registration form and the State will send you information regarding attendance and payment.

District Deputies – State Council will contact you regarding reimbursements.

We are looking for each Council to donate a raffle basket or a \$50 donation (we'll do the shopping for you!). Please email Mike Goodemote (<u>mikedar5@verizon.net</u>) to confirm that you will donate a basket and, if possible, the theme of the basket. Contact Mike at 814-651-1077 with questions.

#### Please note that hotel reservations must be made directly with the Penn Stater Hotel

https://thepennstaterhotel.psu.edu/

Reservation Phone: 800-233-7505 Conference Code: KNIG21A Room Rate: \$139 + tax/fees per night (~\$150.82)

Please pay close attention to submission deadlines and instructions as they may vary. Please also note that credentials information will be coming separately. The committee is planning activities for all to enjoy. We want this to be a fun and memorable weekend for all. We look forward to hosting you in State College. Note that conference gifts are only guaranteed with a conference registration.

Fraternally,

Carl Antonucci and Mike Goodemote (Convention Co-Chairmen)

# Council 15590 and Assembly 1680 Form a Procession For Archbishop Nelson Perez





The pictures above were taken at an event held at OUR LADY of GUADALUPE in which Archbishop Nelson Perez was the celebrant and Monsignor Joseph Gentili was co-celebrant. The Knights of Columbus Council 15590 led by Grand Knight Geroge Jackson helped celebrate the Knights Mass and were assisted by Color Corps Members of the Archbishop Wood Assembly 1680.

Submitted by Mark Dusing FC Archbishop Wood Assembly 1680

# Now more than ever is the time to place a Knights of Columbus recruitment ad in your church bulletin. Hitting the front page is even better! -**Submitted by Dr. Ken Grugel, State Deputy**

# Our Lady of Peace

2021 Erie Night to Shine will be held Friday, February 12, 2021

"Shine-Thru" Celebration held at:

**Our Lady of Peace** 2401 West 38th Street 3:00 - 6:00PM

If you would like to be part of this movement of acceptance and love for NIGHTero hine people with special needs and have our life changed while changing the ives of others, please contact us to ind ways that you can support this incredible cause! Contact: inda Hennigan, Phone - 814-504-0581

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"Sew What?" is a group of volunteers who make pillowcases, blankets, quilts and stuffed animals for the less fortunate. They have delivered over 2,50 pillowcases, 200+ quilts and more than 150 animals to community service agencies in the Erie area.

"Sew What?" relies on donations to perform its work. Cotton, flannel and fleece material is needed. If you would like to donate fabric or would like to join the group or have any questions, contact Kathy at jdoegswa@outlook.com or 814-882-6641. pickup for donations is available. sewing sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 1:00PM.

#### A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are often confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon and tell Jesus about it "immediately."

### Special Masses This Week:

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin (19th century slave in the Sudan who eventually joined the consecrated life in Italy) Wednesday, February 10th - St. Scholastica, virgin (6th century twin sister of St. Benedict who started the women's Benedictine order)

Thursday, February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes (appeared to St. Bernadette in France in 1858) Friday, February 12th - Purple Mass In Time of

Saturday, February 13th - Blessed Virgin Mary, Image and Mother of the Church

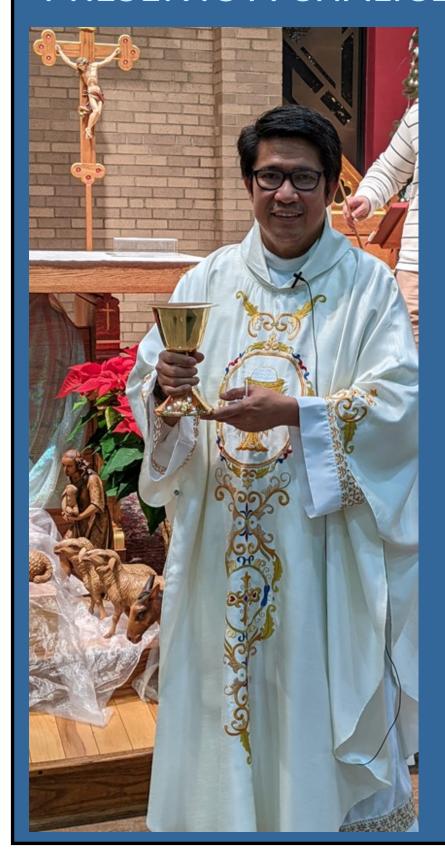
### Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our Catholic values in a changing world. Our Lady of Peace Council is seeking new members. You will find that membership in the Knights of Columbus brings many fraternal benefits. If you are a man over the age of 18 and would like to join, simply go to KofC.org/join and enter our council #11454. Join today through June 30th and receive FREE membership for a year (\$30 value) by using discount code MCGIVNEY2020 (all caps) due to the Beatification of our Founder, Blessed Father Michael

Please prayerfully consider joining the Knights.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# BISHOP O'CONNOR ASSEMBLY PRESENTS A CHALICE TO REV. MEJIA



Brother Knight, Rev. Rodolfo Mejia (St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, PA) was surprised recently to receive a chalice for Christmas that was presented to him by Sir Knight James Adamcheck who was representing the Bishop O'Connor 4th Degree Assembly #921 of Connellsville. The chalice had been donated by the family of a recently-deceased 4th degree Knight. The thoroughly-surprised and greatly-pleased Fr. Rody remarked that he, "...Will one day take the chalice back hóme with him when he returns to the Philippines." But everyone at St. John the Baptist certainly hopes that won't be happening very soon as he has been a beloved priest as well as Chaplain for 'Council #4427, often leading the local Knights in the Rosary prior to meetings. Fr. Rody is the third consecutive priest from the Philippines to be stationed at St. John's over the last several years and all three men have been devout, humble and most-dedicated 'Servants of the Church' while at the same time being greatly supportive of the Knights of Columbus. God Bless this hard-working brother Knight!

### District 16 Hosts In-Person Exemplification Degree Ceremony

District 16 held an in-person Exemplification Degree Ceremony on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Parish in Morrisville. The District has moved over the past several months to identify Brother Knights to be part of a District Degree team. The team led by Ken Harkanson, FDD, PGK worked with the Grand Knights at Holy Trinity (#3673) and St. Joseph the Worker (#4215) to assemble a Degree Team and host the event. The Degree Ceremony followed all of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and restrictions for indoor gatherings to ensure a safe celebration of the Exemplification Degree.



Candidates Under the Exemplification Degree

Members of the Holy Trinity and St Joseph the Worker Councils who comprised the District Degree team were:

Stephen Beltle, DD16, PGK #3673 Kenneth Harkanson, FDD. PGK #4215 James Price, Financial Secretary, FDD, PGK #4215 Joseph Pargola, Grand Knight #3673 James King, Deputy Grand Knight #3673 Richard Preston, Warden #3673 Frank Powell, Financial Secretary #3673, and Monsignor John Eckert, Chaplain #3673.



Family, friends, and Brother Knights were invited to the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, celebrated by Holy Trinity Council Chaplain Monsignor Eckert and Brother Knight Deacon Warren Leonard. After Mass, family, friends, and Brother Knights were invited to observe the Exemplification Degree Ceremony. The evening saw a total of six (6) newly Knighted Brothers in the third degree and an additional three (3) Brother Knights advance from second degree to full Knighthood of their third degree. Congratulations to the following Brother Knights who advanced from candidates to Knights of Columbus during this District Degree Ceremony. Vivat Jesus!

Current 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights who advanced to full Knighthood under the Exemplification Degree:

Mark Dowdell (#3673) Jeffrey Garcia (#3673) Christopher Monachello (#3673) Candidates who entered Knighthood under the Exemplification Degree:

Nicholas Lapolla (#3673)

David MacKinnon (#3673)

Thomas Szablewski (#3673)

Brian Bajor (#3673)

Craig Jackson (#3673)

Alan Giannone (#4215)









Photos from the in-person Exemplification Degree Ceremony for District 16.

# WOMEN'S CARE CENTER IN ERIE WILL GET A NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE!

A new Ultrasound will soon be delivered to the Women's Care Center Main Office in Erie Pa thanks to the leadership of 2 Erie area Knights and a supporting cast of Knights from several Northwest Pa Councils. The 2 current Ultrasounds will be refurbished and moved to Women's Care Center Satellite Offices in downtown Erie and Warren, bringing the total to 3 operating Ultrasounds in one of the finest Women's Care Centers in the United States.

Phil Legler, Life Director for Council 11144 spearheaded the effort to bring the new Unit to Erie with outstanding help, coaching and leadership from Doug Fleming, eMembership Director for Pa, who oversaw the installation of the first 2 Ultrasounds for the Women's Care Center several years ago while Grand Knight for Council 11454.

Over the past Year donations have been solicited from Councils 425 in Corry, 13427 St Boniface in Erie, 11144 Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek and 4262 in North East. In addition to the new Ultrasound arriving in Erie in a few weeks, the Erie Area Knights are now almost 1/3 of the way to funding a fourth Ultrasound.

Pictured in the check presentation below are (left to right) Phil Legler, Council 11144, Randy Newport, Executive Director of the Women's Care Center, Doug Fleming, Emembership Director of Pa, Council 11454, Tim Fuhrman, Council 11144, William Aulenbacher, former District Deputy, Council 4262, Vince Ragosta, Grand Knight of Council 4262, Pa State Deputy Ken Grugel, Council 11454, Tom Palisin, Deputy Grand Knight Council 11144 and Dave Spacht, Deputy Life Director of Pa Council 4262.

Viva Guadaloupe! David Spacht Deputy Life Director

This new machine will be the 54th Ultrasound machine which the PA Knights have donated since the matching funds program began. PA is 6th in the Order in donating Ultrasound machines to womens pregnancy agencies!



# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH PARTICIPATES IN MARCH FOR LIFE



Members of Council 12043
collaborated with members of the
Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh's Corpus
Christi Parish, and with parishioners
from Holy Child Church in Bridgeville,
and St. Barbara Church in Collier
Township and St. Mary in Cecil
Township conduct a March for Life!



Starting with a 12 p.m. Mass on Jan. 29 at Holy Child, more than 300 people participated in the local march, winding two miles through the streets of Bridgeville.



Despite the colder weather, the sun shone on the marchers, who were met with support from drivers and passersby. That evening, a Festival of Praise was held with the debut of a song that encapsulates the day's theme, "Every Life is Precious."

Note in the first photograph the Gentleman with the bull horn is our State Program Director Jim Maochi!



# STATE TREASURER MIKE LYNCH PRESENTS OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TO BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK





At the instruction of our State Deputy, I was pleased to present a framed image of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians to the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, on Friday, February 5th. His Holiness Pope Francis cordially imparted his Apostolic Blessing on the image from the Vatican on May 21, 2018, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

During the visit, I updated Bishop Zubik on several of the programs currently undertaken by the Knights. We also discussed the efforts of our councils in the Diocese to help their parishes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michael Lynch State Treasurer

# STATE TREASURER MIKE LYNCH PRESENTS DOUBLE STAR AWARD TO COUNCIL 12043



At the invitation of District Deputy Gary Williard, I was honored on Wednesday, February 3rd, to present a Double Star Award to Holy Child Council #12043. The award was presented to Grand Knight Kenneth Masztak. The presentation occurred during their general membership meeting in St. Barbara's Church hall of Corpus Christi Parish in Bridgeville (Masks were worn, and social distancing was maintained.). To achieve the Double Star Award for the 2019-2020 fraternal year, the Council met the requirements of the Father McGivney Award, the Founder's Award and the Columbian Award, while achieving 200% of their membership goal.

Mike Lynch, State Treasurer



# CALVERY COUNCIL #528 DONATES MONEY IN MEMORY OF A DECEASED MEMBER







On Saturday, September 19, 2020, Calvary Council 528 in Allentown Pennsylvania held their annual Golf Tournament at Shepherd Hills Golf Club. This year's event was held in honor of Brother Michael Toner. Brother Toner was a faithful Knight who passed away earlier in 2020 and he was a supporter of Mercy School for Special Learning in Allentown, PA. On December 23, 2020, Council 528 was able to make a donation to the School in Brother Toner's name from the proceeds of the tournament. The Council also made a donation to it's nine supporting parishes to use in their Food for Families food pantries.

Picture Upper Left - Joe\_DanaSten\_12232020 - Grand Knight Joseph Samanka and Mercy School for Special Learning Business Manager Dana Sten

Picture Upper Right- Joe\_FrP\_12232020 - Grand Knight Joseph Samanka and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Pastor Fr. John Pendzick

# GRAND KNIGHT OF COUNCIL 7141 MAKES DONATION TO TWO LOCAL CHARITIES



The picture to the left is of Grand Knight Leo Weir of The Msgr. HcHugh Council#7141 in Brodheadsville, Pa. presenting coats for the Coats for Kids Program to the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network .Council #7141 participates in this program every year.

The bottom picture is of GK Leo Weir and Community Director John Blundetto of Council #7141 presenting a check for \$1000 to Mr. Jeff Snyder of the Burnley Workshop of the Poconos.

Submitted by: Ralph Manento, Publicity Director Council #7141



# JACK TERZIAN IS A NEW CATHOLIC ARTIST WHO MERGES THE SACRED AND THE SECULAR



The article below was taken from Catholic Philly by Gina Christian and was posted 1/22/2021. A local singer-songwriter is using his gifts to let others know it's a "beautiful day" to just "be you" – and, in the process, glorify God. Jack Terzian, who grew up in St. Katharine of Siena Parish in Wayne, describes his acoustic-rap style as one that "speaks to the truth of human existence" while showing he "(believes) in Jesus." Yet 23-year-old Terzian said he doesn't label himself as a specifically Catholic or even Christian artist.

"Anyone in the secular market could hear my music and think, 'What is that guy doing, what's going on in his life?" he said. "Hopefully you can see the origin and source of that living water that flows through me." That source is Christ alone, said Terzian, who will perform two sets of music at the Independence Mall rally following the Jan. 23 Philadelphia March for Life. With his new single "Beautiful Day" (featuring rapper MOO\$H) on YouTube and SoundCloud, Terzian's blend of chilled-out energy, set against a relaxed groove and sparse piano riffs, is infectious.

Filmed in the city's Grays Ferry neighborhood, where Terzian now lives, the video features exterior shots of St. Gabriel's Parish as well as neighborhood kids and young adults, many of whom the artist has served as a youth minister. Coming to understand who he was in relation to God marked "a big point of conversion" in his life, said Terzian.

You can read the full article by accessing the following link: <a href="https://catholicphilly.com/2021/01/news/profile/be-cool-be-you-and-glorify-god-says-local-musician/">https://catholicphilly.com/2021/01/news/profile/be-cool-be-you-and-glorify-god-says-local-musician/</a>

You can also access the following link: <a href="https://aleteia.org/2021/01/26/new-catholic-artist-seemlessly-merges-the-sacred-and-secular/">https://aleteia.org/2021/01/26/new-catholic-artist-seemlessly-merges-the-sacred-and-secular/</a> which is an article on Jack in Aleteia.

Submitted by Jack's proud father, Raffi Terzian who is a brother knight in St. Katherine of Siena Council 15982 in Wayne, PA.

# SAINT PATRICK COUNCIL 13490 LEAVES NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND





Frank Keegan PGK is pushing forward with the Council's Diaper Drive. His original goal was to collect 100K diapers in 5 years. Well, after 3 years the Council is already at 70,900! They had over 23K last year, even with COVID! The pictures above show what was collected at their recent drive.



The picture to the left is a photo of a nativity scene that St. Patrick's Council 13490 purchased for the St Patrick Malvern Parish.

## Knights Of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council 3673 Hosts Events and Continues to Support the Holy Trinity Community During COVID-19 Pandemic



The Council provides a weekly livestream of Mass for the

Continued Service to Parish: The Council continues to work with the Parish to ensure a safe celebration of Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Knights continue to volunteer time every weekend covering all four (4) Masses to greet Parishioners, usher for communion and dismissal, sanitize the church, and ensure social distancing and facial coverings are in place for a safe celebration of Mass. The

Council also hosts a livestream of the 9:30 am mass every Sunday on the Council YouTube Channel

Free Throw Championship: The Council worked to host the annual Council Free Throw Championships outdoors in the Holy Trinity Schoolyard on a cold Saturday in January. Nearly 20 competitors across all age groups participated in the annual event. The Council ensured social distancing while outdoors and provided an opportunity for the students to compete and for parents and families to safely observe. The Council was able to provide a morning of normal activity during the pandemic. Our congratulations go out to all the participants who braved the near freezing temperatures to participate in the Free Throw Championships. During the event, the Council collected canned goods and nonperishable food items from participants and their families to support the Holy Trinity Food Pantry.



Msgr. Eckert started the Free Throw Championship with a socially distant opening prayer.









Students had an opportunity to compete outside in the Council Free Throw Championship.

March for Life: On Saturday January 30, the Council hosted its first ever March for Life on the Parish grounds. The Council, in coordination with Pastor Monsignor Eckert, arranged for the 9:00 am Saturday Mass to be said for the intention of the preservation of life. A portion of the homily and the intentions surrounded respect for life. The Council sponsored a livestream of the Mass for Life for Parishioners who were unable to attend in person. Immediately following the Mass, nearly 40 Knights of Columbus, Parishioners, family, and friends marched in below freezing temperatures around the Parish grounds. The march began outside of church with a moment of silence as the group passed by the memorial garden and the Knights of Columbus respect life memorial stone. The group continued and prayed one (1) decade of the Rosary as we marched around the Parish grounds. The morning came to a conclusion with a prayer service inside of church. Both the March for Life and prayer service were livestreamed through the council Facebook page.











Knights, Parishioners, Family, and Friends participate in a Mass and March for Life at Holy Trinity.



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