



Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Where did 2022 go? In the books. Put a bow on it. However you see the year, I am so pleased with what we have been able to accomplish in 2022 coming out of the pandemic. So much to reflect on. So much to be thankful for. A Huge Thank You to all the guys that made the Knights of Columbus #8891 Rock in 2022!



We closed out the year with a flurry of activity with events that ranged from support for the youth; scholarships, Keep Christ in Christmas, Breakfast with Santa, Coats for Kids, all LIFE events; to honoring our veterans Wreaths Across America, our warriors speaking to school children; to support for the parish family with Food for Families, Brighten Our Foundation gift, and Knights Rosary to name a few.

Speaking of LIFE we have an opportunity coming up January 20th to continue putting our faith into action by signing up for the National Right to Life March in Washington DC. The Dobbs Decision is a big first step not the end. Please contact Tom Evans for more information.

Every December is a special for 8891 where all the dedication and fundraising throughout the year culminates with tangible support distributed to ministries we support. This year was a banner year, in addition to several unbudgeted big ticket items including donations to Ultrasound Project and Brighten Our Foundation we were able to write checks at the December meeting to:

SJB Catholic Church
SJB Capitani Center
SJB Neumann Hall
SJB Youth Group
SJB Elementary School
New Life for Women
Sisters of Saint Joseph
Undeclared Courage

Rachel's Vineyard
Women's Care Center of York
Special Olympics
Holy Family Radio
SHS All Sports and Women's BB
Wreaths Across America
Seminarian Raffle support winners

Many thanks to all Brothers that Rocked-It in 2022. If you see something you want to support and have been on the sidelines or if you want to be apart of redirecting future support, this is your special invitation to come on out and help shape the future of your Knights of Columbus.

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Articles are due via e-mail to Barry Price bapent@comcast.net by the Sunday prior to the Business Meeting. I can accept MSWord, PDF, text, and articles included in an e-mail. I can also accept graphics and photos in a JPG, GIF, and PNG format.

Grand Knights Message (continued from page 1)

Every day Knights are doing extraordinary things to make a difference for our parish, community and beyond. This month the Knights of Columbus recognized Brian Thornton as Knight of the Month, and Bo & JoAnn Gifford as Family of the Month. Thanks for all you do giving of your time and talent in a making a difference for others. By putting your Faith into Action our parish and community are a better place..

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

Tim Schott – Grand Knight – timschott@hotmail.com

Deputy Grand Knights Message



Brother Knights of 8891: Thank You all for all your efforts in 2022. The last 2 events of the year, Breakfast with Santa and Wreaths Across America, had a very strong showing of Knights. Thank you, my brother Knights, who came out to support those events. We did have to cancel the Friday Dec 16th laying of Wreaths by the 5th and 6th graders due to the muddy conditions of the new cemetery; as Tom Evans found out on Saturday, when he took a spill and looked like he was in a mud wrestling contest. I was feeling bad about having to cancel it, but after seeing Tom on Saturday, I knew it was the right decision. Tom is perfectly ok by the way! One of my other fond memories of the year was at the Parish picnic, when Jim Howell asked me to put water in the KofC ice chest, and ice it down. So, I went over to the sink and added water, then proceeded to put ice in the chest. Then I realized he meant the “bottles” of water to be iced down. It’s moments like those that keep you laughing throughout the year. In 2023, I urge you to come out to an event and make a memory.

We added two new Knights in December: Joe Adamczyk and John (only known to me as Dan’s brother-in-law). Welcome aboard Gentlemen!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!..

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

Food for Families Report



The November donations of Food were 3,042.2 lbs. and \$1,600.

This brings our year to date donations to 3,504.2 lbs. of food and \$2,125.

Thank you, Council #8891!

Thanks for your food donations after the meetings. Keep It Coming! Please remember that it is extremely important that each of you donate at least one food item for each meeting that you attend! **Thank You!**

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

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

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

For Pantry assistance call 717-235-6370.

I hope that everyone has a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

*Thank you and God bless you!
Bowen Gifford, Food for Families Chair, PGK, & PFN - 717-424-4567 - boknows@nfdc.net*

Pro Life Report



Brothers,

You are invited to join us in our monthly (3rd Sunday of the month) Rosary, in Our Lady's Chapel after the 9:00 Mass. Next Rosary Sunday January 15.

You are also invited to join us on our annual bus trip to Washington D.C. for the National Right To Life March. March Day is Friday, January 20. Response to our invitations published in the Bulletin has been slow. If you know you are going, or are pretty sure you are going, please let me know.

We were contacted by the Diocese asking if our bus was open to Marchers who are not St. John the Baptist parishioners. Our reply was that in as much as our Council makes a generous financial contribution to the effort it is not now open to others. If we are not full by the first week of January, we may extend an invite to others. Please contact me as soon as possible. 717 235 8833 (home) or by email at tomevans54@comcast.net. We need names of all passengers and their cell phone numbers.

As we start a new year, brothers, I would ask that you think about what you did in 2022 along the lines of pro-life activities. That could be visiting the sick, bringing Communion to the home bound, joining a March to Harrisburg or D.C., joining in our monthly pro life Rosary, contributing to a pregnancy center, participating in our 40 Days for Life campaign, supporting Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, praying for life causes in our Adoration Chapel, making donations to virtual showers for moms who turned away from abortion, supporting programs for special need children and adults et al. Whether you were very active or not, think about what you did. Whatever you did, try to do that again AND just one more thing, perhaps something out of your comfort zone.

Hoping you have a Blessed Christmas and wishing you and your families all the best in 2023.

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

Dues Message from the Financial Secretary



Brothers,

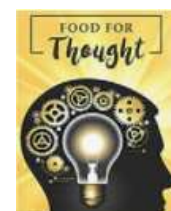
For 2023 council dues, I will be emailing your dues statement in early January. Please be on the lookout for it - it will be coming from Supreme, so check your junk email box if you don't see it. I will also be including a paper invoice in February's newsletter that will be mailed to all members.

Note we will have the COAL tickets in this newsletter, too. Also, note that any extra you include in your check will be going to the Southern York County Food Pantry (which late winter is the time they need funds the most). Please make your checks out to '**Knights of Columbus Council #8891**' and mail them to my home address or place them in the K of C cedar box outside of the church office. My home address is: 95 Smokebox Circle, Stewartstown, PA 17363. Some of you will have last year's dues included in the amount if you did not pay. If you have any questions, please email me at kocgering@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Gering - Financial Secretary - kocgering@yahoo.com

Food For Thought



The richness of the thing is unique, nothing comparable has ever been brought up by men, let alone realized And this richness is marvelously multiform. If we wanted to explore every aspect of it there would be no end to the business. But let us look for a moment at the whole great panorama of the twenty centuries. It begins in the wounded side of Christ on Calvary, goes through the "tempering" of the Pentecostal fire and comes onward like a burning flood to pass through each one of us in turn, so that fresh, living water springs up in us and new flames are lit. By virtue of the divine power received from her Founder, the Church is an institution which passed on. She sets the seal of unity on all the children of whom she gathers together.

Henri de Lubac, The Splendor of the Church

PVK College Scholarship, State Scholarship, & Grant Information



The annual **PVK Scholarship** season has arrived. The council will select one graduating senior or home school equivalent who is a parishioner at St. John the Baptist parish for this year's award. Applications will be available beginning Sunday, December 4th and must be received **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 31st**. The winner will be announced at a later date.

The **Pennsylvania State Council Scholarship** will award one \$4,000 college scholarship, payable over 4 years, to the son or daughter of a Knight in good standing in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Application forms and rules are on the state website. **Deadline for application is December 31, 2022**, and includes signatures of council officers, so do not wait until the last minute. Last year's Harrisburg winner was Matt Grohal from our own council.

The **State Council's Education Foundation** will award at least 50 grants of \$1,000 each to students attending Catholic schools in grades 1-12 for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applicants must be the son or daughter of a Knight in good standing who is a member of a Pennsylvania council. You may nominate more than one child, but each application must be in a separate envelope because of the processing and recording requirements. Applications and full rules are on the state website. Important!!! Applications must be postmarked **no earlier than Jan. 1, 2023, and no later than Jan. 31, 2023.**

Rick Corriveau, PVK Chairman

Community Report

Coats for Kids: Four boxes of coats (48 coats) were delivered to the clothing bank, four boxes less one coat (47 coats) were delivered the York Central School district office, one coat was delivered to St. John's Lutheran Church. All were very gracious for the coats that were received.



Knights In the Community: Following up on Bob Korotko's suggestion for the Knights to get out into the communities more, I visited with Maria Zanella at St. John's Lutheran Church asking if she could use help from the Knights of Columbus with their Lords's Lunch. She said that she could use the Knights' help. It would involve working with their personnel preparing and packing warm lunches. Most lunches would be delivered to a local assisted living home while a few people come in to be served. The hours would be 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. I would be looking for a few members of the Knights to help one Saturday each month. At our next general meeting I will ask if you would like to proceed with this, and if so, who would be willing to participate. If you would be interested in helping you can send an email to me at trodowsky@hotmail.com or you can call me at (410) 322-0072. If I don't answer please leave a message and I will return your call.



Wreaths Across America: On Friday December 16th the Knights will help the children of St. John the Baptist School lay the wreaths on the veterans' graves in the new part of the St. John the Baptist Cemetery. On Saturday December 17th the Knights will lay wreaths on the veterans' graves in the old part of St. John the Baptist Cemetery.



Talent Show Postponement: Because of the church refurbishing the talent show for April of 2022 is postponed until 2023.



Tom Rodowsky- trodowsky@hotmail.com or (410) 322-0072

FTGOTO: Please keep the following in your prayers:

Our Religious
The Catholic Church

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Fire Fighters & First Responders

President, Legislators, & Our Country

Health Care Workers

John Schleicher & Family

Will Smith & Family

John Bach & Family

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Rich Sayers & Family

Michael Wengryn

Don Vosnick

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Bo & JoAnn Gifford

as the December 2022

FAMILY OF THE MONTH




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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knights of Columbus January 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Don't forget to attend Mass	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 ✝ Don't forget to attend Mass	9	10	11	12 Council Meeting Rosary 7:40pm NH 8:00pm	13	14
15 ✝ Don't forget to attend Mass & Pro-Life Rosary in Our Lady's Chapel, after the 9:00 Mass	16	17	18	19 4 th Degree Meeting 8:00pm 7:45pm Rosary	20 D.C. National Right to Life March Bus leaving St Johns	21 February 2023 Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net
22 ✝ Don't forget to attend Mass	23	24	25	26 Officer Planning Meeting (OPM) NH 7:30pm	27	28
29 ✝ Don't forget to attend Mass	30	31 PVK Scholarship & State Council's Education Foundation Grants DUE DATE	1 February	2 February	3 February	4 February

February 22nd – Ash WednesdayMarch 3rd – Friday Lenten DinnerMarch 17th – Friday Lenten DinnerMarch 31st – Friday Lenten DinnerApril 7th – Good FridayApril 9th - Easter