



Grand Knights Message

We are keeping busy this month, starting November with the Food for Families Walmart food drive, continuing with the Italian Dinner, with the Bazaar Breakfast and Lunch, and rounding things out with the Parish Breakfast; to name a few of our activities. We also focused our attention to family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, remembering our blessings. To wrap up the month we will host the St. Joseph icon from November 29 to December 5, let us pray the Patris Corde Prayer...



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

Holy Spirit Guide Us!
St. Joseph Pray for Us!

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Articles are due via e-mail to Barry Price bpent@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.

Deputy Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights of 8891,

I will start with a quote by the great Neil Young: "It's better to burn out than it is to rust".



Looking back, Don put on a very successful Italian Dinner on Oct 27. The Lords Lunch had a strong showing of Knights. The Walmart Food Drive did extremely well. Don headed up the kitchen again for the Bazaar folks. All the veteran graves were marked for the upcoming Wreaths Across America. Greg Gering is heading up the Parish Breakfast on Nov 26th. So, wow, many thanks to all those who are coming out and supporting these events. What an incredibly busy council we are.

As I look ahead to December, I am grateful that things will slow down for us. The Knights Holy Hour and Breakfast with Santa are on December 2. We still need some elves in the kitchen, so please see the sign up genius email that went out. Rumor has it, the Home School Association (aka PTA) will provide the meal at our January General Council Meeting as a thank you for the Breakfast with Santa event. Our very own Dennis Cooper will be Santa this year for the event as well as pay a visit to the school kids in December. Dennis also runs the Keep Christ in Christmas School contest. Brother Rob Bushman has secured the St. Joseph Icon to be displayed at church from Nov 29 to Dec 5. December 16th will be Wreaths Across America. This event starts at Veterans Park, 16700 Veterans Dr, New Freedom, PA, 17349 at 10:00 AM. Wreath placement will follow at our Cemetery (about 10:30/45 am). After that, we have a well needed break, unless someone jams another event at us. I just want to say Thank You for all you guys do and I hope you enjoy your Christmas with your family.

Peace and All Good Things,

Joe Mazziott – DGK - 717-858-6004 - themazz@verizon.net

Food for Families Report



Our donations to the SYC Food Pantry as of the end of this October, are 696.3 pounds of food, \$1,626 and 34.5-man hours.

The Nov.4th Food Drive was a success! We collected 1,749lbs of food and \$860 and we volunteered 47hrs of labor. This brings our total as of the end of October to 2,445.3 lbs. of food, \$2,486 and 81.5-man hrs. Great work gentlemen. Thank you for making this program a Success!

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!

Proverbs 22:9 "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

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.

Thank you and God Bless you!

Once again, Thank You for your support of the Food for Families program!!

Bowen Gifford, Food for Families Chair, PGK, & PFN - 717-424-4567 - boknows@nfdc.net

Pro Life Report



Brothers,

A reminder that on the 3rd Sunday, Dec 17, after the 9:00 Mass we will gather in Our Lady's Chapel to pray a Pro-Life Rosary, needed more now than ever. SEE BELOW

Ohio just passed Issue I which guarantees every person in Ohio the right "to own one's reproductive medical treatment, including, but not limited to abortion. Abortion advocates spent 10's of millions pushing this through.

Recall New York passed legislation 2 years ago that sanctioned abortion at any time, for any reason, with or without a doctor or midwife.

Nebraska is the next target. The ACLU and Planned Parenthood are gathering signatures in support of an initiative that will make it a fundamental right to abort up to 22-24 weeks.

In 2022, Kansas rejected a ballot measure that said the state constitution does not include the right to abort.

In 2022, California, Vermont, and Michigan codified abortions into their state constitutions.

Montana rejected a ballot measure that would have given rights to babies born alive in botched abortions.

The next targets for the abortion industry are Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and South Dakota. CAN PENNSYLVANIA BE FAR BEHIND?

On November 14, the Catholic Bishops met in Baltimore. At that meeting, they approved a voter's guide for all American Catholics that says opposing abortion is their preeminent political priority for them. The Bishops noted, "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than one million lives per year in our own country." (Approved by the bishops. 225 - 11 with 7 abstentions)

Pope Saint John Paul II labeled abortion an "intrinsic evil", Pope Benedict XVI wrote there is "no legitimate diversity of opinion" when it comes to abortion or euthanasia.

Pope Francis rhetorically asks, "Is it right to eliminate a human life to resolve a problem?" He answers his question this way. "Is it right to hire a hit man to resolve a problem?"

And what does our own Catholic Catechism say? It says:

"Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law. (No. 2271)

This is an uphill battle brothers. Know this, though. You can always defend doing the right thing.

Merry Christmas,

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Dues Message from the Financial Secretary

Brothers,

For your 2023 council dues, you should have received a dues statement by email in January to the e-mail address on file and/or a paper copy in the mail. If you did not receive an e-mail or paper copy of your dues invoice, please contact me.



Shortly, you will be receiving a 2024 dues statement by email to the e-mail address on file or a paper copy in the mail if we do not have your e-mail address.

Note that any extra you include in your check will be going to the Southern York County Food Pantry. 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 on the table in front of the parish office in the church. My home address is: **95 Smokebox Circle, Stewartstown, PA 17363**. If you have any questions, please email me at kocgering@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Gering - Financial Secretary - kocgering@yahoo.com

PVK, Supreme, & State Scholarships + Grant Information



Just a short reminder to our brother Knights that have high school senior children heading off to college, that Supreme, State, and council 8891 offer scholarship opportunities to the children of brothers in good standing, or children of deceased members who were in good standing at their death. A list of those opportunities follows:

1. Supreme offers scholarships to qualifying entering freshmen who will be attending Catholic colleges and universities in the U.S. Applications will be available around March 1, 2024, and must be submitted no later than April 28, 2024. The applicant must be a member or the son or daughter of a member in good standing. Visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html> for more information.

2. PA State Council will award one scholarship to a student in the Harrisburg Diocese who is a member or whose father is a member in good standing. This is a 4-year award amounting to \$1,000 per year. The deadline for application is December 31, 2023. Applications can be found on the state website <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/scholarships>

3. Council 8891 will award the annual PVK scholarship to a graduating senior from St. John the Baptist parish. Applications will be available from the parish office or school guidance offices no later than December 1, 2023, and must be submitted by January 31, 2024. For this award, the recipient need not be the child of a council member, but the parents must be registered parishioners.

4. State Grants - The PA State Education Foundation will award a minimum of 50 grants to the children of members in good standing. The grants are to help offset tuition and **attendance at a Catholic elementary or high school**. Applications will be posted on the state website on or shortly after October 1st and must be postmarked no earlier than January 1, 2024, or after January 31, 2024. The grants will be for the 2024-2025 school year. (NOTE: Last year there were about 350 applicants, of whom 100 received a grant...pretty good odds.) Visit <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/catholic-school-grant> for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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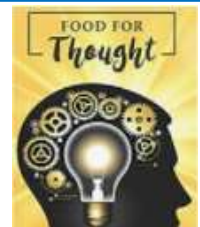
Food for Thought

Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept His power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power open the boundaries of states, economic, and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows what is in man. He alone knows it. So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life upon this earth. He is assailed by doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has the words of life, yes, of eternal life.

(Pope St. John Paul II, inaugural homily)

It is so very easy to treat suffering as if were something to be avoided at all costs. Our society encourages this kind of thinking all the time. There is always a pill, or a workout, or a therapy, to deal with whatever is bothering us. And there are very good ways we can make use of these remedies. Yet suffering is inevitable for all of us, and the way we deal with suffering will largely shape the kind of people we become. When we embrace our crosses, united with Jesus, we become more like Him. We allow God to shape us so that we become more and more like Jesus every day. In a powerful and mysterious passage, St. Paul writes, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the church" (Col 1:24) Paul knew that the only thing "lacking in the afflictions of Christ" was our share in them. Jesus's sufferings were enough to save an entire world of people, but every person who wishes to be saved needs to run to the cross, not away from it.

(Fr. Charles Fox, Catholic World Report, 29 June 2023)



St. John's Talent Show - April 20, 2024



Brothers, family members, and the community, St. John the Baptist Council #8891 will host a Talent Show in the Capitani Social Hall on April 20, 2024.

Performances can be any wholesome talent such as comedy, singing, musical instruments, dancing, magic, ventriloquism, a small choir/group, or other talent. Additional details are included in the registration form.

All Auditions will be reviewed and candidates will be notified if they are one of the 18 performances selected.

Audition videos can be posted on YouTube, a GoogleDrive, or provided on a USB-Drive, SD-card, or CD/DVD. Audition videos provided on a physical USB/CD/DVD/SD media will not be returned.

Send your audition video link to e-mail kofc8891.talentshow@gmail.com with the completed Registration Form and Release Waver, or by USPS Mail to St. John the Baptist Church K of C, 315 N. Constitution Ave, New freedom, PA 13349.

The Registration Form, Release Waver, and a copy of the talent show flier are available on our council website <https://www.kofc8891.com/> at the 2024 TALENT SHOW link. The Registration Form is a PDF form that can be completed electronically; however, the Release Waver needs to be printed and signed.

Please limit Audition Videos to between 3 to 5 minutes, and your audition video must be the same type performance as performed at the Talent Show. Additional details are on the registration form.

The last day to submit Auditions videos is January 13, 2024.

If your audition video is selected, you will be notified by February 25, 2024 at the contact information on your Registration Form.

A copy of the Talent Show flier is included as the last page of this Knight Edition.

K of C Council 8891 Talent Show Committee

St. John's Parish Job Opportunity



Job Opportunity - Parish Manager - St. John the Baptist Parish has an opening for a Parish Manager. Visit <https://www.sjbnf.org/jobs> for a full job description. All employees are required to have/obtain clearances as required by the State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Harrisburg prior to the start of employment. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Randy at rmentzell@sjbnf.org.

This is a great opportunity for a retired parishioner.

Wishing Everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!



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 
Vosnick & Saidek Family
Alan & Sandra Stegmayer
Steve & Lillian Onifer
Joanne Polash
Steve & Carol Rickrode
Bill McDaniel

Dan & Wilasinee Beck
John & Dee Nycz
Schwarzman Family
Bill & Diane Lynch
Weida Stocker
Bo & Joann Gifford
Jim (Bob) Hintenach
Don Christensen
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The Unborn 
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Ukraine war victims 
Maui fire victims 
Libya flood victims 
Morocco quake victims 

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St. John the Baptist Council 8891
 Recognizes

Rob & Marlene Galante
 as the November 2023
FAMILY OF THE MONTH



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To be announced
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knights of Columbus Council #8891 December 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 </p> <p>Don't forget to attend Mass & Rosary after the 9am Mass & Pancake Breakfast After 9am & 11am <i>Knights are Cooking</i></p>	<p>27 November</p> <p>CYBER MONDAY</p> 	<p>28 November</p> <p>FC Meeting</p>	<p>29 November</p>	<p>30 November</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Breakfast with Santa 9am, 10am, & 11am & Knights Rosary 10AM Perpetual Adoration Chapel</p>
<p>3 </p> <p>Don't forget to attend Mass</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 </p> <p>Don't forget to attend Mass</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Council Meeting Rosary 7:40pm Meeting 8pm Neumann Hall</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Lord's Lunch St. John's Lutheran & Wreaths Across America</p>
<p>17 </p> <p>Don't forget to attend Mass & Pro-Life Rosary after the 9am Mass</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 4th Degree Meeting Abbottstown IMH Council 13692 Meeting 8:00pm Rosary 7:45pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 January 2024 Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net</p>
<p>24 </p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> 	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Officer Planning Meeting (OPM) 7:30pm Neumann Hall</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 </p> <p>Don't forget to attend Mass & NEW YEARS EVE</p> 	<p>1 January</p> <p>NEW YEARS DAY 2024</p> 	<p>2 January</p>	<p>3 January</p>	<p>4 January</p>	<p>5 January</p>	<p>6 January</p>

2024 **COAL** (Chance Of A Lifetime) campaign will kick off in January 2024 and the tickets will be included in a paper USPS mailing of the January Knight Edition

St. John's Has Talent

April 20, 2024

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Food Available

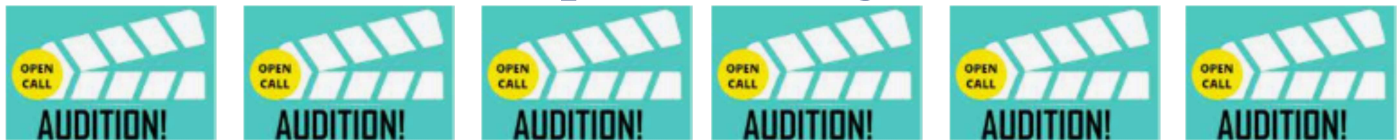
18 Performances

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Cash Prizes



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