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Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

Later this month the sun shall reach its zenith and will experience the longest day of the year at the time of the Summer Solstice (Wed, Jun 21, 2023 10:57 AM). Just as the sun is heating the earth, the men of #8891 continue to put their Faith into Action. In May Council #8891 was well represented at the Pennsylvania State Convention. Over the three days many speakers took the stage to reflect on some of the highlights over the past 12 months, assess where we are now, and set a guiding path forward to continue the tremendous accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus.

Many thanks to Brother Dan B for serving as Chairman of the 125th PA State Convention. To Brother Barry P for putting together the 60 page PA State Convention guide. To Brother Rick C Past State Advocate, and along with GK Tim S this year's voting delegates from #8891. Very inspiring messages from Bishop Gainer, State Chaplain Anthony Rossi, and all the PA State officers.

Special shout out to our KofC Insurance Agent, Jon Deakin. Two years in a row Jon has been recognized as the Top Agent in the State of Pennsylvania, and one of the top performing agents worldwide!!! If you desire to protect your family financially Jon is your guy. The Knights offer a broad line of insurance and investment tools. Give Jon a call for a free, no obligation consult. He is waiting for your call. Jon Deakin 717-818-2858 or Jon.Deakin@KofC.org

With all the strife and turmoil in the world it is sometimes hard to see how each of us can make a difference and make the world a little more peaceful place. Blessed Michael McGivney's vision is live and prospering having a positive effect on the domestic church, community, state, nation and globally. As an example, locally Brother Bo once again lead #8891 efforts to support the Food for Families mission. In one day at the Shrewsbury Walmart #8891 collected 2,708lbs of food and \$1,226 all going to the Southern York County Pantry. That puts #8891 at over 3 tons of food collected for the year! On the state level Brother Tom R lead #8891 efforts combined with other councils across the state in collecting \$12,336 Coats for Kids, the Top in the Nation. On a global level, Brother Greg G lead #8891 efforts, combined with all the KofC affiliates across the world in raising nearly \$21 million to date in support of widows and orphans in Ukraine. This and so much more. It was all done one Knight at a time. Every Knight contributing makes a difference!

Each month the Knights of Columbus #8891 recognize the efforts of one family and one Brother Knight. This month we are pleased to recognize Richard & Diane Skirpan as Family of the Month, and Rick Corriveau as Knight of the Month. Thank you for giving of your time and talent, and putting your Faith into Action.

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Grand Knights Message (continued from page 1)

Yes, it is that time of the year. At the June Council meeting we will be voting in the slate of officers for the July 2023 – June 2024 term. Please come out and support your new officers. Finally, we are ramping up our recruiting initiative. We have several new men ready for initiation. We are looking to expand that number. It is the life blood of each council and the KofC worldwide. The most successful, #1 recruiting tool, is to simply ASK. Yes, each Brother Knight to ASK another man of the parish to join #8891 **THE COUNCIL THAT ROCKS!**

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 reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear....

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Schott – Grand Knight – timschott@hotmail.com

Deputy Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights of 8891, as I write this early morning on Memorial Day, I want to thank all those brothers who have served in the military. I need to go over to the kitchen this morning and take the coolers that have been drying down to the shed. I will also be taking a walk through the St. John's cemetery and visit the graves marked with a US Flag that our council



and the VFW laid down a few weeks ago. I have some well over due thank you's to give out. For those who showed up at the Wal-Mart food drive, Thank You! For the 8891 brothers that helped with the School Auction, THANK YOU! For those that also donated to the school either via the Auction or through Give Local York, THANK YOU!. As we just finished a very successful Saturday Memorial Day Rest Stop Event, Thank YOU brothers for coming out and supporting. It was a great showing of brother Knights and a busy day. Thank YOU! Thank You Mark Phipps for coordinating everything. I got a text from Mark saying we pulled in \$1,179.65 (not counting expenses yet, but we did have some donations from the school of left over snacks from their graduation event). I'm always amazed at folks traveling, who grab a hot dog, donut, and a drink and throw a 20 into our Free Will Donation Jar. The generosity amazes me!

As I look ahead, I know Joe Grohal has coordinated a fishing trip, and then there is the Golf Outing on June 16th that Greg Gering coordinates. It's one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. If you don't have your foursome yet, get registered, Greg said spots are going quick. If you want to come out and help at the event, please contact Greg.

On this fine Memorial Day morning, I am thinking about our troops and our brother Knights who served. Thank You All and all that you do for our Council..

Peace and All Good Things,

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

Community Report

- **1. The Lord's Lunch**: On May 20th the Knights participated in preparation for The Lord's Lunch at St. John's Lutheran Church. A big thanks goes out to Robert Banasiak, Dan Beck, Brian Noll, Bob Korotko and his wife Carol who helped prepare and serve the meals. Your help was greatly appreciated. We had a good time with plenty of laughter. The next Saturday for the Knights to help will be June 17th. Please consider helping us.
- 2. **The Shroud Presentation**: Randy will be getting back to me after he has a chance to ask Fr. Wilke if Bill Wingard's presentation on the shroud can be given on a Sunday afternoon in September. Bill's presentation gives a powerful scientific explanation of the suffering Jesus endured during his crucifixion. After Bill's presentation you will have a realization and a glimpse of how much God loves us and how much we should love each other.
- 3. **Prison Ministry**: A worthwhile community service for the Knights could be prison ministry. Randy informed me that to participate one must take a course and go through a background check. I would like to see this become another Knight activity. I am unable to take on any additional duties, but if someone would like to step up and lead this please let me know.

Rodowsky at trodowsky@hotmail.com

Pro Life Report

Brothers.

Please join us in a Pro-Life Rosary in Our Lady's Chapel, after the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, June 18th.



Recently, there has been an uptick in the news regarding the RU-486 abortion pill. Some states want the courts to block its use. Others want to make it more easily accessible. One fact agreed to by both sides is that abortions through the use of THE PILL ("medical abortions") now outnumber surgical abortions.

The Federal government and some states have made it easy to get RU-486. Telemedicine and mail order pills make it difficult to accurately gage how many abortions are taking place in the US.

A doctor in York told me last year that over-the-counter access to RU-486 was not far off. I believe it now. New York State recently passed legislation that calls for every state university in the SUNY system (State University of New York) and every college in the CUNY system (City University of New York) be equipped to directly support the distribution of THE PILL or else have a contractor capable of doing same. All have to be prepared by August 1, 2023 to start dispensing abortion pills. Look for others states to follow suit.

Why should we care? Why should we speak up? Why should we work to thwart the killing of innocents? John Donne, 600 years ago, told us why:

No man is an island, entire unto itself.

Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

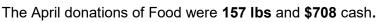
Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls.

It tolls for thee.

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

Food for Families Report





The April 29th Food Drive at Walmart was a tremendous success! We collected **2,708 lbs** of food and **\$1,226** cash. I applaud every one of you who showed up to help with this event. It would not have happened without your help. **8891 Does Rock!!**

Our year-to-date tally of donations is **6,973 lbs** of food, **\$4,059** cash and **\$65** in gift cards. **Great job gentlemen!**

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 9:00-11:30 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.

Spring has Sprung, Enjoy! Thank you and God bless you!

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

Dues Message from the Financial Secretary

Brothers,

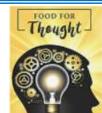
For your 2023 council dues, you should have received a dues statement by email in January to the e-mail address on file. The e-mail came from Supreme, (Knights of Columbus Email no-reply@kofc.org with subject Dues Notice for Council 8891) so check your junk email box if you don't see it. I also included a paper invoice in the February's paper newsletter that was mailed to all members via the USPS. For members that do not have an email address on file, the February Knight Edition included a paper copy of your dues invoice. If you did not receive an e-mail or paper copy of your dues invoice, please contact me.

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 in the Fr Capitani Social Hall. My home address is: **95 Smokebox Circle, Stewartstown, PA 17363**. Some of you will have last year's dues included in the amount you owe this year if you did not pay last year's dues. 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

We must put aside all judgment of our own and keep the mind ever ready and prompt to obey in all things, the true spouse of Christ our Lord, our holy mother, the hierarchical Church. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)



One can easily see that modern thinkers prefer first and foremost, and without hesitation, ten errors coming from man to one truth coming from God.

(Jacques Maritain, Adventures in Grace, 1944)

A person just needs three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for.

(Attributed to either Alexander Chalmers or Tom Bodett; cited in National Review, 5 May 2023).

TIME TO SIGN UP

2023 Council #8891 GOLF OUTING FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH – 12:30 PM START HICKORY HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE, SPRING GROVE, PA. "Best Ball Play"



Last call to sign up for our Annual Golf Outing – the most fun event of the year!

Just like in years' past – it includes a round of golf, cart, beverages, lunch, steak dinner and more! **The steaks** are the BEST you will ever eat! Plenty of hole–in-one and other contests. Even if you are not a good player, you KNOW that this is such a FUN event to play in! The cost of the event is now \$75!!!

We can use everyone's help on **getting Sponsors (\$40/hole)** and also getting prizes for the players/winners. Ask what your employer can donate as a prize!

Register your foursome now! Need to know by June 9th!

Email to kocgering@yahoo.com for information or to register!

Attached to the end of this Knight Edition is a copy of the Golf Outing flier with registration form, a copy of the Golf Outing Hole Sponsor form, and a copy of Golf Outing Sponsor letter.

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 **Annie Bongiovano & Family** Michael Wengryn & Family

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St. John the Baptist Council 8891 Recognizes

Richard & Diane Skirpan

as the May 2023

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



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Rick Corriveau

as the May 2023

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knights of Columbus June 2023 Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	_	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Pentecost Greek for "50th day" Don't forget to attend Mass	Memorial Day	May	May	1	2	3			
4 the Don't forget to attend Mass	5	6	7	Rosary 7:40pm Meeting 8pm Neumann Hall	Last day to register for the Golf Outing	10			
11 the Don't forget to attend Mass	12	13	14	15 4 th Degree Meeting Meeting 8:00pm Rosary 7:45pm	June 16 th 2023 Golf Outing 12:30 Shotgun Start	17 Lord's Lunch St. John's Lutheran & July 2023 Knight Edition Articles Due bapent@comcast.net			
Don't forget to attend Mass & Pro-Life Rosary in Our Lady's Chapel, after the 9am Mass	19	20	Summer Solstice 10:57 am First Day of Summer & Longest Day of the Year	Officer Planning Meeting (OPM) 7:30pm Neumann Hall	23	24			
25 Tr Don't forget to attend Mass	26	27	28	29	30	June 83 I-83 Rest Stop 7am – 3pm WE NEED HELP			