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My Brother Knights and Sisters in Christ,

We began the New Year with a major change – the introduction of a new ceremonial, the Charity, Unity, Fraternity Degree. This new degree replaces the existing Admission, Formation and Knighthood degrees and teaches the principles of our Order in a concise manner. This new degree takes about 30 minutes. Among the changes incorporated into this degree is the elimination of secrecy. This degree is open to the public, which means our family may now attend the ceremony with us.

I have authorized councils to conduct this new degree, using the script provided by the Fraternal Mission Department. A new DVD will be available soon. Councils are permitted to continue the old Admission, if they so choose.

The reaction to the new degree has been extremely positive, especially from the spouses. I urge all our councils to use the new format so your candidates and First and Second Degree Members become fully qualified in the Third Degree. Regardless of which degree is conducted, District Deputies are to use the new Exemplification Report form 450.

Recently, I meet with a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Military Veterans Affairs. The department has asked the Knights to assist them in provide vital information to our veterans concerning their benefits and available programs. The department also would like to partner with us on some of our veteran programs. To facilitate this effort, I have appointed Brother Robert Hirsch as the new Deputy Community Director for Veterans Affairs. You will read more about this much needed outreach in the Keystone Knight and on the state website.

Some of you have received our email concerning PA Senate Bill 857 amending the regulations for telemedicine. While telemedicine has clear advantages, safeguards must be enacted to prevent it from being used to kill the unborn, and possibly the mother, by prescribing dangerous drugs to cause chemical abortions. Currently, over a third of the abortions in PA are chemical abortions. I urge you to contact your local representative and urge them to support passage of this amendment. Urge them to support Life.

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# STATE DEPUTY REPORT

## (CONTINUED)

State Warden Ron Butkera, our Life Directors, and I joined Brother Knights from around the jurisdiction and across the country at the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. In addition to marching with people from many of our councils, parishes, and Catholic Schools, I also walked with follow State Deputies and members of the Fraternal Mission Department. It is very encouraging to see so many young people witnessing to the truth about abortion and standing up for the Unborn.

As you read this message, we are close to being on track to meet our Membership Goal of 2,033 new members. We need only 988 men to join us to attain our goal. We need to bring in more young men to take our place in conducting faith programs, proving service to our parish and community, and helping to build up the Domestic Church. Help us maintain our legacy of Charity to the world. Invite a friend, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner, a relative to join us today.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Jago, FIC



State Deputy Mark Jago holding the PA banner with brother knights at the March.

**ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE February 2020 EDITION OF THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT ARE DUE FEBRUARY 19, 2020. SEND THEM TO: rickterroni@comcast.net LET’S SHOW EVERYONE WHAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ARE DOING! PLEASE TRY TO SEND A PICTURE WITH YOUR ARTICLE!**

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## STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

### Rev. (COL) Gregory J. D'Emma

#### ORDINARY TIME – ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

I thought that since we just recently moved into a new season in the church year, it would be worth it to say a few words about the season that is called Ordinary Time.

First let's take a quick look at the year we have just finished, the Advent and Christmas seasons. Together, they can last 44 days if the first Sunday of Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup> or 37 days if the first Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Otherwise, Advent and Christmas run 43 days. Advent runs from three weeks and two days to four weeks and one day. The Christmas season can run from 15-20 days.

The Epiphany in which through the visit of the Magi, Jesus is manifested to the world followed by the Baptism of the Lord which begins Jesus's public life and Ordinary Time. Ever wonder why there is no First Sunday of Ordinary Time? It is because the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the First Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Because the word "Ordinary" is often taken to denote something that is not of special importance, yet ordinary time makes up most of the Church Year, 33-34 Sundays. These are the Sundays, that are outside the time of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and thus the notion of unimportance is re-enforced.

This time is called "Ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. "Ordinal" is a Latin word that refers to numbers in a series. It stems from the Latin word "Ordo". So these weeks represent the ordered life of the Church in which we live our lives not fasting or sorrowing but in watchful preparation for the second coming of Christ. So it is fitting that this Sunday always features John pointing out the Lamb of God or the changing of water into wine at the Marriage Feast of Cana. This is the time when Jesus Christ walks among us and transforms our lives. Nothing "Ordinary about that, is there?"

So what does all this mean regarding Ordinary Time? This is the time of year when Jesus encounters the Good, the Bad and everyone else. He heals the sick, raises the dead and teaches about the Kingdom of God. Through parables, he teaches His disciples, and all of us how we ought to live and work to bring about the final coming of the Kingdom of God. We do this by applying the teachings of Jesus to our Vocations. That's right, I said vocations. We all have a vocation not just priests and nuns. So here they are, Priesthood, Religious Life, Married Life, and Single Life. Within these vocations, there are any number of aspects, the jobs we do, the interplay we have with one another. In other words, Ordinary Time is the season in which we learn the ways of Jesus and learn to apply His teachings to our lives so that we may attain heaven – Nothing "Ordinary" about that, is there?

Enjoy Ordinary Time – and learn to live Extraordinary Lives.

God bless, Father Greg.



## A NEW YEAR

Brothers,

A New Year, a time for “RESOLUTIONS”. We all start off with a goal and I’m sure we mean to adhere to each one of them: lose weight, go to the gym more, eat less sugar, quit smoking, and on and on the list can grow. Perhaps OUR goals should be a bit loftier: being nicer to family and friends, kinder to strangers, more caring, growing in our Faith and on and on the list can grow.

But what of a Council’s resolutions: increase membership, develop and/or maintain good programs, complete forms, elect good leaders and on and on the list can grow. Perhaps our COUNCIL goals should be loftier as well: build the domestic Church, starting with your Parish and Priest, evangelize Our Faith, stand up for the least of God’s children, BE THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE CHURCH!

Take a hard look at yourself, is it time to resolve to:

**BE A BETTER MAN! BE A BETTER CATHOLIC! BE THE KNIGHT YOU PLEDGED TO BE!**

**IF you do, UNITY and FRATERNITY will assure your COUNCIL will follow.**

**CHARITY will keep Father Michael J. McGivney’s dream alive.**

**I know being a Knight made me a better man, a better Catholic...**

**MY goal is to offer the same opportunity to every man I meet.**

**Make the invitation more, make it an evangelization.**

**Perhaps two souls will benefit!**

Vivat Jesus!

*Mike*



**Deadlines approaching to SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS  
for consideration at the STATE CONVENTION IN MAY 2020**

It is also time to begin preparing your council resolutions for your State Officers and Resolutions Committee to consider for adoption at the annual meeting.

Information on the resolution process were published in the Keystone Knight and were sent to all council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in December. This information can be found on the PA State Council website under 'State Convention'.

The Grand Knight of each subordinate council submitting a resolution shall ensure that the resolution is passed at a regular business meeting of the council and is type written in proper format, signed by the Grand Knight and Recorder with the council seal affixed, and received by the State Secretary no later than March 1st. The State Secretary will forward all properly formatted resolutions to the State Advocate for review and distribution to all regions and subordinate councils by March 31st.

Generally, resolutions that:

- 1) concern monetary expenditures by the Supreme Council, such as grants to organizations;
- 2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance;
- 3) endorse or criticize other organizations;
- 4) have previously been rejected at the Supreme Convention; are discouraged.

**Submitted by Larry Barkowski, State Advocate**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN RON CUBBAGE, PSD, FM, SCC



President John F. Kennedy said “we choose to go to the moon not because it is easy but because it is hard” We who are in the twilight of our KofC careers ( that is a polite way of saying we old gizzers) have seen a lot of changes in the order and it is at times not easy to accept but we do and continue to carry out the mission of the knights of Columbus. We must share our knowledge, traditions, and experiences, we had with our younger knights and their families.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus has been a continual change and update over the past 15 or so years. The change in programs from surge with service to Faith in Action is a great example. In this new program we see more emphasis on parish life and the new evangelization of the church. We accept this because we are Catholic and need to bring our falling brother Catholics back to the church. Only about 33% of Catholics attend mass, we need to change that.

That brings me to the changes in our Ceremonials. Let me start with a little history (changes as I remember them). The first change in the First degree was giving the pin of the order to first degree knights. We use to have to take the first, second, and receive our pin at the third degree. I suggested at the time to have just one degree. Then the name was changed to admission degree although we still call it the first degree.

Second degree changes putting more emphasis on the crucifix and gives each brother their own to keep. Changing the name to formation degree.

Then the third-degree had major changes. We use to have third degree teams that would travel around the state an exemplify the degree., a dedicate group. In or about 2011 PSD Koch and I were invited to see a new third degree. We thought it was a beautiful presentation of the Eucharist. When we brought it back to the Jurisdiction there push back from old team members. They felt like they were discarded with nothing to do. Nothing could be further from the truth. I tried to keep as many as possible active in ceremonial work. Again, we were asked to accept this change and we did. Now we are asked to accept more change. You may have seen or will see the comments from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and a DVD of the new Degree. This degree will teach all three lessons charity, unity, fraternity in about 30 to 40 minutes and is open to spouses and family. Please keep an open mind.

At a meeting of the order’s ceremonial chairmen, a critique suggests that some changes may be made, to me this degree is a work in progress. Suggested Changes: have the spouse pin new brother knight, find a way to keep crucifix and medallion in the ceremonial and end with the Papal Blessing. The degree maybe too short.

As you see our order is moving more and more to the new evangelization, we have always accepted the mission of the order and I know you well continue to support this mission.

“Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future” Walt Disney



## WE NEED YOUR HELP – NOW!



My Brother Knights across Pennsylvania, The State Life Team needs your help Immediately.

The Supreme Council is allocating \$180,000 to the top producing States showing significant activity in support of Special Olympics. We need your help in demonstrating Pennsylvania's support, both on State, regional and local levels.

We need EVERY COUNCIL in the state to fill out Special Olympics Report 4584 as soon as possible, but absolutely by January 31. Please list what funds were raised and what activities were done to support Special Olympics. Even if your Council did nothing, please fill out the report and list nothing. Every Response from the 500+ Councils in the State counts toward the State's ability in getting a share of the money – 100 councils responding – little or no share – 525 Councils responding – a good share.

Again, the deadline is 1/31/2020, but sooner (now) is better. Please fill out the report (suggesting on-line pdf on Supremes Knights of Columbus website) and email to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org). I would also appreciate an email to [spacht1@yahoo.com](mailto:spacht1@yahoo.com). Copying your DD would also be a good idea.

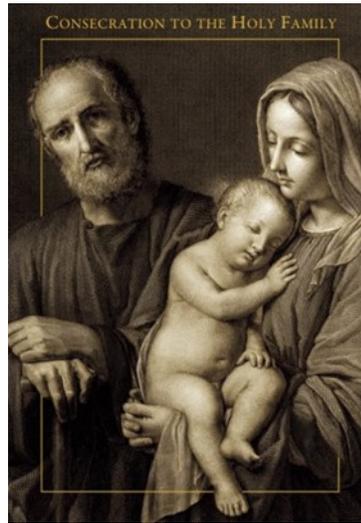
Support to Special Olympics on the local and regional levels has been good for the first 6 months of this year. However, support for Special Olympics on the State Level has been Negligent. We as the State Knights of Columbus's 500+ Councils want to raise and donate \$50,000 to help support the State Special Olympics and the 9 major State Level Special Olympics events that they put on for thousands of Athletes every year (The next one coming up is the Winter Olympics in Seven Springs on February 8 – 11). So far, we have raised \$4200 and nearly half of that came from Council 8613 in Conyngham (Thanks Conyngham!).

At the District Deputy Meeting a week ago, we challenged each of 93 District Deputies to identify their "Big Dog" Councils, the Councils that they could rely on to get the job done. We asked that the "Big Dog" Councils be tasked with raising \$2,000 each for STATE Special Olympics by March 31st. The other Councils in the Districts were to assist their DD's in also raising what they could to support their Districts efforts in total funds raised for STATE Special Olympics – also by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

So, my Brother Knights, do you belong to a "Big Dog" Council or are you one of the dogs on the porch? There will be a prize at the end of the year for the leading Council and for the leading District across the State for their monetary support of State Special Olympics from the 2019 State Convention to the 2020 State Convention. Plan and Conquer!

Submitted by David Spacht , Assistant Life Director

# Faith in Action – Family Programs



It is approximately halfway through the Fraternal Year; Councils should be reviewing their programs to gauge progress toward their goals for the year. At this point, your plan should be in place. Get engaged now!

## **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**

Please remember that District Winners should be submitted to me by January 31, 2020. Please include District and Council Numbers on all submissions. Please send to Fran O'Hara, FSW, 524 Lindsay Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078.

## **Family of the Month Program**

**Grand Knights are reminded of their responsibility to submit the Family of the Month form for their Council's January Family of the Month by February 15, 2020.** The Program honors a Council or Parish family that models Christian family values. Family of the Month can be any Family in the Parish. They do not need to have to be a Knight in the Family. **Any Family in the Council or Parish is eligible!**

The [Family of the Month Report Form \(#10668\)](#) must be completed and sent to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. Copies should be sent to [statedeputy@pakofc.us](mailto:statedeputy@pakofc.us) and [family@pakofc.us](mailto:family@pakofc.us). The Council will present the Family with a [Family of the Month Certificate \(#1843\)](#) at a Council or Church event. Supreme Council will also randomly pick winning families for a special Holy Family gift.

If your Council is not participating in the Program, you should ask your Grand Knight to start. It is the right thing to do and it is easy.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. JOSEPH D. GALLAGHER COUNCIL #3673 LIVES OUT THE CALL OF "FAITH IN ACTION"

Over the first half of the 2019-2020 Council Year, Council #3673 has renewed their focus on faith-based activities. The council has undertaken several initiatives to allow all of their Brother Knights, their families, and the entire Holy Trinity parish community to embody "Faith In Action." In September, the Council hosted its first annual 8th grade "Student Faith Leader" recognition ceremony. The ceremony highlights the important role the parish 8th grade students have as faith leaders within the school community. As a reminder of their responsibility to be a constant witness to the Gospel, the Knights presented each student with their own personalized Youth Study Bible. Prior to the ceremony, Rev. Msgr. John Eckert, Pastor and Council Chaplain, blessed the bibles during the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Following Mass, the students and their families were invited to attend the Knights Fall Pancake Breakfast for the presentation ceremony. During the ceremony, the students were greeted and presented their bibles by our Worthy District Deputy, Stephen Beltle, Grand Knight, Joseph Pargola, and Deputy Grand Knight, James King. Additionally, as part of continued efforts to grow in the virtues of charity and faith, the Council addressed a critical need of Holy Trinity school. Alerted by the school administration that the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes were in need of new study bibles, the Council provided \$1000 in funding for the purchase of new bibles. The bibles arrived just in time for the beginning of the new academic year.



Above—Knights, School Administrators and Students after receiving their teen bibles at the K of C Fall Breakfast



Above -Brother Knights gather outside of Holy Trinity church after the Deceased Members Mass.

In November, the Council hosted its annual Deceased Members Mass. The Council processes in with Msgr. Eckert and the Mass intentions are for all the deceased members of the Council. This annual tradition allows us to celebrate Mass together as a Council.



Above—Some of the nearly 20 families who attended our Council's first Family Mass. We had over 50 people, Knights, prospective Knights, and their families, attend Mass then celebrate at the Family Christmas Party.

Finally, our Council created a new tradition to spread fraternity and unity amongst Brother Knights and their families. The Council hosted the first Knights of Columbus Family Mass in December. The Knights participated as Lectors, gift bearers, and children of Knights were the Altar Servers. Following Mass, the Council hosted the annual Family Christmas Party. These "Faith In Action" events have helped strengthen the Council, more importantly, one could presume these faith activities have led the council to welcome seven (7) newly degreed Knights, and deepen the bond between the Brothers and their families.

# Chance of A Lifetime

16 Great Prizes - \$ 65,000

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> 2020 Chevrolet Spark	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> Pair of Honda Scooters	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b> Irish Vacation	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> Historic Train Ride 9 Days
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize California Coast and Wine Country	6 <sup>th</sup> Prize Alaska Cruise 7 Days	7 <sup>th</sup> Prize National Parks 8 Days	8 <sup>th</sup> Prize New England / Canada Cruise
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 2000 Cash	10 <sup>th</sup> Prize Opryland Vacation 7 Days	11 <sup>th</sup> Prize Kalahari Vacation 5 Nights	12 <sup>th</sup> Prize Las Vegas 4 Days + \$ 300
13 <sup>th</sup> Prize Cancun Vacation 6 Nights	14 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 1000 Cash	15 <sup>th</sup> Prize Smart TV 60 Inch	16 <sup>th</sup> Prize iPad Pro 256 GB w/ Wi-Fi

Cash Equivalent Offered for All Prizes - Game of Chance License # 1762

**COAL books have been shipped! Several have been returned because of bad addresses. Please contact me if you have not received your books. It's still not too late to order. Contact Fran O'Hara at [fran@ridley.pa.us](mailto:fran@ridley.pa.us) or 610 733 1812**

## Payment Dates (Based on Postmarks) and Bonuses

March 1, 2020 - \$3.25 for each book paid (\$.50 per book discount)

April 1, 2020 - \$3.50 for each book paid (\$.25 per book discount)

All books paid for after April 1, 2020 cost \$3.75 per book

April 15, 2020 - \$.25 rebate for each book of stubs received

April 30, 2020 - \$1.00 per book bonus rebated for all books sold over the 2018

Checks must accompany all books or stubs not paid for in advance. Checks must be postmarked on or before the Bonus Date to qualify.

## Special Instructions

Checks should be drawn to **"State Council Charities"** and sent to one of the addresses below;

Fran O'Hara, 524 Lindsay Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078

Joe Caromano, 1906 Robinson Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083

Postage must be prepaid, Collect shipments will not be accepted. Sold books can also be delivered in person to Mater Dei Council Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073 between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM on Mondays through Thursdays between April 20, 2020 to April 29, 2020 or on April 30, 2020 between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Drawing April 30, 2020 – 8:00 PM at Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, (Route 252)Newtown Square, PA

For questions or special delivery times, contact; Fran O'Hara 610 733 1812 / [fran@ridley.pa.us](mailto:fran@ridley.pa.us) or Joe Caromano 610 449 4778 / [joecaromano@verizon.net](mailto:joecaromano@verizon.net).

# DISTRICT DEPUTY SEMINAR—STATE COLLEGE, PA



The District Deputy Organizational Meeting was held January 3, 2020 to January 5, 2020 at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA. It was a busy weekend for all that attended. The Friday and Sunday sessions were open for the ladies to attend. At the opening session on Friday evening—Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed the audience via a video. In the video he addressed issues that are affecting the church and thus the Knights of Columbus. This led into the reasons for the changes of the present Charity, Unity and Fraternity degrees.

After the Supreme Knight's presentation—a video of the new degree was shown to the audience. After the video all the members of the audience were divided into small groups to participate in completing a survey giving their reactions to the new degree. This information was going to be sent to Supreme. The photographs above show the video by the Supreme Knight and the audience completing the survey in small groups.

The recitation of the rosary was done by several couples in attendance at the opening sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning. A relic of Father McGivney was donated by the Conklin Agency for the weekend. Saturday's session began with a teleconference call with the Supreme Knight. He explained some of the changes that are happening in our order—the reshaping of the website and a new branding campaign and the degree changes.

Our Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor explained that Pennsylvania is on track for getting the Circle of Honor Award. Pennsylvania can come through because it is a second half state! It is very important for the District Deputies to assist with recruiting!



# DISTRICT DEPUTY SEMINAR—(CONTINUED)



John Meenan was the weekend's motivator and MC!

Eric Johnson MPC, PSD explains the steps for Council growth!



Regional Growth Director Eric Johnson from Supreme Council explained that District Deputies need to do the following for their Councils!

1. Inspire by explaining the Why
2. Inform by demonstrating the How.
3. Inquire by talking about it regularly.

Eric also gave the 10 steps for Council Growth! They focused on establishing goals, selecting a membership director and team, working with the field agent and pastor, and conducting a church drive. Also membership should be promote at every Council event.

Community Director Ken Grugel gave the date for the State Free Throw which will be at Trinity High School. Registration is at 11 am. It begins promptly at noon!

Faith Director Don Granata suggesting a Good Friday Family promotion.

Family Director Fran O'Hara said that the State Winners for the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest will be announced after January 31, 2020.

Lunch began working breakout sessions. There were four of them. They dealt with navigating the state website, E-membership and the electronic prospect page. There was a session on what to do for a Council merger. See pictures below:



# DISTRICT DEPUTY SEMINAR—(CONTINUED)

The Smith family was in attendance.



Mass was celebrated by our state chaplain Father D'Emma. Father is blessing the jewels for the newly installed district deputies.

State Deputy Mark Jago puts the jewel on District Deputy.



State Deputy Mark Jago puts the jewel on the District Deputies.

State Deputy Mark Jago presents Star District Awards.



State Membership Jack Rosati presents membership awards.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY SEMINAR—(CONTINUED)

The previous pages shows pictures that were taken of the installation of new district deputies at the mass on Saturday evening. After mass star district and special membership award were presented at the banquet. Eric Failing—Executive Director of the PA Catholic Conference was the guest speaker. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania. Eric reviewed some of the activities that the Catholic Conference does. There will be a PA March for Life kick off on the capital steps on May 18, 2020.

*Eric Failing from the PA Catholic Conference speaking at the banquet.*



*Pictured above are the representatives from state and supreme council for the Spanish Councils.*

Sunday morning began with Gen Agent Michael F. Burkitt who introduced knights who are working with Spanish Councils. He also explained how the Agency Department can work with Councils assisting with membership and programs. He gave a presentation for doing a delta church drive leading to taking a degree.

Mike Kish, FSA gave a presentation on New Council Development. PSD Wayne Freet gave an update on the Father McGivney Guild. There are 5673 members in the guild from PA. We need to work harder to get the remainder of the 63,000 members of our order in PA in the guild. Wayne asked the District Deputies to work with Councils to do this. There are currently 48 ultrasound machines in PA with 3 more in the works.

Andrew Smith noted that the football sweeps were up 4,000 tickets. Andrew presented \$ 2,000.00 to Council charities and \$ 10,000.00 to each of the 5 regions based on percentage of football sweeps sold in their region. Fran O’Hara, FSW gave an update on COAL. April 30, 2020 is the drawing at Mater Dei Council hall.

Master Mike Lynch explained how to order the new Patriotic degree regalia.

At the conclusion of the meeting State Deputy Mark Jago told the audience that he was willing to give at least 100 percent of himself to grow our order in PA and he asked each District Deputy to show that he will do the same by coming up and putting this pledge in a shake.

Pictures courtesy of Thomas Stephan Photography.

# Philadelphia Chapter Deacon Appreciation Day



The above picture shows Chapter President Daniel Donovan and Chapter Secretary/Immediate Past President Nick Marcantonio pose with ten (10) of the eighteen (18) Permanent Deacons who attended the Philadelphia Chapter's inaugural Mass and Brunch. The event was held on November 16<sup>th</sup> to recognize the contributions of these men in our Council affiliated Parishes. In total, over sixty (60) Knights, family members and parishioners of Assumption BVM Church in Feasterville were in attendance.

The Chapter also presented Deacon Michael Pascarella, the Archdiocesan Associate to the Vicar for Clergy, with a donation to the **Permanent Diaconate Vocations and Ministry Program Fund**.

Discussions are already underway for our 2020 celebration.



## FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE

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January 29, 2020

Mr. Rick Terroni, FFS  
Keystone Knight Newsletter

RE: Recognition of Knights

Dear Rick,

The Knights of Columbus in and around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, have been very generous in contributing to the funding of houses for the poorest of the poor living in the highlands of Nicaragua and the coastal areas of Haiti.

Over the past 12 years Knights' donations have exceeded \$112,000 from councils, assemblies, the Delaware Valley Board of District Deputies and individual Knights familiar with our charity. I thoroughly enjoy reading my husband's Newsletter and decided that this was the perfect place to honor the Knights who have been so generous to the poor.

Shacks with dirt floors made of scrap wood and plastic are replaced by a 20'x20' house with a concrete floor, walls with windows, doors that lock, a main room, two bedrooms, furniture, chickens with coop, fruit trees, gardening tools, schools, community centers, workshops for learning skills and sustainability projects. Potable water is supplied by pump to each home and individual sanitary facilities are built. In Haiti deep sea fishing boats and safety equipment are also given. In addition, several chapels and a rectory have been built in Nicaragua.

I would greatly appreciate your printing the following in a future Newsletter. Thank you!

### **International Mission Outreach**

Knights in Pennsylvania East Region have donated over \$112,000 to fund the building of safe secure houses, schools and community centers, for the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Haiti through *Father Chuck's Challenge*. Thank you to the following Councils: Holy Family #3327 in Bridgeport, Our Lady of Consolation #9727 in Parkesburg, Fr. John Doyle #9715 in Lansdale, Our Lady of Lourdes #4500 in Springfield, Pope John Paul I #7565 in Norristown, Rev. Robert D. Burns #13126 in North Wales, Fr. James J. McCafferty #11013 in Yardley, St. John the Evangelist #7515 in Morrisville, Philadelphia #196 in Philadelphia, Chester County Assembly #1873 in West Chester, The Delaware Valley Board of District Deputies, and to the many Knights who donate individually.

Be blessed!

Theresa Gilmore

Operations Officer

**"WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS, YOU DO FOR ME." Matt 25:40**

# MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 24, 2020 WASHINGTON, DC



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Pictured above is State Deputy Mark Jago holding the PA Knights banner with other knights at the March for Life.

To the right is a picture of the PA state banner in front of the capital building. To the right of the banner picture is a picture of Carlos Medina (Hispanic/Ethnic Assistant Coordinator with his wife Jeannette and members of his Council—Mother of Divine Providence.

Pictures are courtesy of Carlos Medina. The picture to the far right shows all the people and banners at the march!



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