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State Deputy—Mark L. Jago, FIC



My Brother Knights and Sisters in Christ,

My prayers and those of State Chaplain Father D'Emma are that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy, safe, and enduring the hardships imposed by the pandemic. A lot has changed and will continue to change, as we continue our journey toward some form of our prior way of life. Hopefully, some of the positive side effects of COVID-19 will remain a part of our 'New Normal'. Through our 'No Neighbor Left Behind' initiative, many councils have increased their charity, supplying food banks and families with much needed funds, food, and essential items. Leaders at all levels have resorted to making 'Health Checks' on their team members, relatives, friends, and neighbors. We have embraced technology and used social applications to perform our

jobs, the work of the Order, and connect with loved ones. The best part of the 'Stay at Home' directive is allowing us to slow our pace and to spend more time in the presence of our Lord. Many of us have found the time to deepen our faith through prayer, meditation, and taking advantage of religious materials and resources. Surely, it has reminded us of our dependency upon the will of God and His mercy and love in order to survive our earthly trials.

Due to the current crisis, we have made numerous operational changes. With the consent of the Finance Board, I have waived the Spring Per Capita Assessment. The Supreme Secretary has done the same. We were forced to terminate our hotel contract for our convention. We will now have an abbreviated, virtual convention on May 16th. Council delegates will participate by teleconference. I will conduct a Webinar to go over the business of the convention and introduce the State Officers-Elect. The date, time and link for this webinar will be posted on our website. As of this writing, the 138th Supreme Convention will still take place as scheduled. We are working on a backup plan.

The Fraternal Mission Department realizes how the pandemic has hindered our ability to grow our councils and to achieve some of the goals we established last July. Therefore, they have adjusted and lowered the requirements and quotas for the Supreme Awards. These new guidelines are included in this newsletter.

The biggest change has occurred with our ceremonials. Yes, we are still conducting exemplifications, but now they are performed in cyberspace through a Webinar Exemplification hosted by the Supreme Council. New Members are able to register online to join and take their Degree. First and Second Degree Members can also advance to the Third Degree by attending the same Webinar. To date, 145 new members have joined our Order. This is also an opportunity for veteran members to view a brief refresher of the beautiful lessons taught by our Order and allow your family to experience it with you and learn what we do and why.

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I join our State Chaplain in urging you to stay close to your family, to pray for those infected by this disease, and remember in prayer those who tend the sick and search for a cure. Please don’t forget all those are risk their well-being by performing essential services. Finally, pray for and do what you can to assist those who are struggling with economic hardships. In bad times such as these, Knights always step Into the Breach.

Oh, Blessed Mother, Health of the Sick, watch over Us.
 St. Raphael the Archangel, Medicine of God, heal Us.
 St. Michael the Archangel, Protect Us.

Mark L. Jago, FIC
 State Deputy

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STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Rev. (COL) Gregory J. D'Emma

I realize, as I write this report for the Keystone Knight, that this may be the last report I write, or at least one of the last. This possibly being my last one, there are some things I want to say.

I want to join Mark, our State Deputy, in prayer for your safety and that of your families, during this time of pandemic. Please remember to be close to your families and let them know that you love them every day. Remember too, all the hospital personnel and police, firefighters, and truck drivers who drive the trucks that deliver food and other needs.

There are some things I want to tell you about how I got the position as State Chaplain, a position I have come to enjoy very much. Mark invited me to dinner at his home one evening. He asked me if I would take the position as State Chaplain. After much discussion, I accepted, and I have enjoyed every moment I have held this position.

Mark and I have spent many hours together, in his car, driving all over the state. We had many long discussions. His dedication to the Knights and his concern to make our Order better was always foremost in his mind.

I have also seen parts of the state I would never have seen. I have met every bishop in our state and briefed them on our Faith In Action Programs. I have watched these programs grow and enhance our Order and our parishes.

I have enjoyed attending meetings and working with the rest of our devoted State Officers, the radio programs Mark and I did together, and the Christmas and Easter messages we put out.

I have also enjoyed our conventions and conferences. We have introduced the Rosary, led by couples. We have had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Eastern Rite Masses. What I have enjoyed more as a priest is celebrating Mass with you and preaching the Gospel to you. I hope you have gained as much as I did. I have grown much as a priest over these two years and I thank you for all of it.

Finally, I want to remind you of the first principle of our Order – Charity (Love). You have heard me define Love as, “*The desire, the will, and the ability to promote the good of another person.*” This says everything about what you are going to *give* and nothing about what you are going to *get*. This is what our Order was founded to do.

Please, keep on living the spirit of our Order, love your family, stay safe. I will pray for all of you. I ask for your prayers.

God Bless,

Fr. Greg

PA State Council Chaplain



From the Desk of

CARL A. ANDERSON, SUPREME KNIGHT

Dear Brother Knight,

As the world reels from the coronavirus crisis, the Knights of Columbus continues to serve: providing the charitable, spiritual and financial resources relied on by so many.

Early action at the Supreme Council headquarters meant that we began working remotely in mid-March, ensuring the health and safety of our workforce, and the continuity of our business operations with minimal disruption. Our employees are putting the “home” in “home office,” as they continue their work with the utmost commitment and excellence. The Order’s agency force has also embraced working virtually. Agents continue to meet and advise members about their insurance and financial needs, but now they do so online through secure Skype appointments. The financial services and products we offer are important in normal circumstances; they are vital during this pandemic.

The Knights of Columbus remains financially strong. On April 6, Standard and Poor’s ranked life insurers on their ability to weather the coronavirus storm. Of hundreds of life insurers in North America, the Knights of Columbus was one of only six to earn the top ranking. Responding to the pandemic, in March we launched a new initiative — “Leave No Neighbor Behind” — and councils worldwide are already implementing it, providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes, donating blood, and ensuring that no one is forgotten. The Supreme Council has also launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada, and we are providing a financial lifeline for dioceses as well.

These efforts complement the countless ways that brother Knights are helping the sick, the hungry and others in need. Our charitable work in North America is so significant that the White House has asked for regular updates on our relief efforts. During this pandemic we have also adapted from in-person meetings to having councils conduct essential business remotely. The Supreme Council has also provided a platform to allow every jurisdiction to hold a virtual state convention. The means of connecting has changed, but our proud tradition of faith in action has not. Our actions have been a powerful witness, and a recent degree ceremony, held online, produced the largest number of new members from a single event in our Order’s history. The Supreme Council is hosting our new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity online every Thursday. In addition, our eMembership option continues to provide a quick and easy way for men to join our brotherhood. The Knights of Columbus has risen to meet every challenge we have faced since 1882. In fact, COVID-19 is the third pandemic in our Order’s history. As we have always done before, we will prevail and do immense good during this time. Not only will the Order come through this crisis; we will make a decisive difference in ensuring that our parishes, communities and countries do the same.

May Venerable Father Michael McGivney and Our Lady of Guadalupe guide and guard you in the days ahead.



From the Desk of

Mark Jago, State Deputy

Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Chairman,

This past Tuesday evening, Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly informed me that our #1 Priority now is the Online Exemplification. The Webinar on April 16th was a tremendous success. Over 13,000 men attended this virtual degree during which more than 2,100 new members joined our Order.

Not only was this virtual ceremony historic, it was also Providential. Six months ago, we would not have been able to provide Catholic men with a means for membership under the current pandemic restrictions and limitations. Fortunately, we completed the Charity, Unity, Fraternity Video Degree and began its use in January of this year.

We need 535 more New Members to make our goal. We still have 249 councils that haven't added one new member. I'd like you to conduct a **Three-Part Growth Campaign** these last two months; our Last Hurrah to get us over the finish line and into the Circle of Honor.

Part One – A Proud Legacy: I have 40 copies of the book 'The Knights of Columbus; An Illustrated History' (a \$40 value). I'll give a book to the top recruiters in each diocese for each quarter. Any District Deputy who brings in a new member in May will receive a 2020 Convention Glass. The First 150 Council Membership Chairmen to bring in a new member in June will receive a 2020 Convention Glass.

Part Two – Hispanic Heritage This coming Sunday is Cinco de Mayo. On May 13th and 17th, the Fraternal Mission Department will conduct Webinar Exemplifications in Spanish. Please utilize the Mexican Martyrs materials we have as part of this campaign. The Hispanic NCD Team will contact the parishes they are working and focus on their prospects. Our membership team and District Deputies will also be publicizing these two degrees.

Part Three - 'May is State Chaplain, Father D'Emma Month' Father D'Emma's Birthday is the beginning of May (9th). The Golden Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood is the end of May (31st). He will turn 76 years old and have been a Priest for 50 years. He has also been a Knight for 43 years and a Military Chaplain for 40 years. I am asking every council to recruit one new member and have them receive their virtual degree in Honor of Father D'Emma, during the month of May. Please read the attached letter.

Process your new members Webinar Exemplification Members by going to the 'Candidate' Tab in Member Management and complete the information. DO NOT snail mail any forms; scan and Email them.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Jago, FIC, State Deputy



From the Desk of
MICHAEL N. YAKUBICK
State Program Director



Brothers,

The Fraternal Year is coming to an end. May is the month of looking at what you have accomplished: the feeding of the less fortunate, the clothing of the young, visiting those imprisoned. Today the “imprisoned” might be your Brother or neighbor. I feel so proud when I read what so many Councils in our state have done. Thinking both outside the box and holding faith with those before us, Councils have shown Charity, Unity, Fraternity.

Those thoughts prompt this article. I have the privilege of reviewing the documentation for State, Supreme Awards and input from Councils on what they do every day for their Parish and community. Accomplishment is its own reward, in that regard, our Councils are truly rewarded. Recognition allows others to see why we exist and why the growth of Our Order is so important.

Now to the RECOGNITION, with the loosening of the requirements for STAR COUNCIL, Councils which have done so much in the past but have fallen short due to membership and insurance quotas not being met have an opportunity to shine.

Membership requirements are decreased by 40% and Our Order’s benefit plan may be presented to our members electronically, allowing access to field agents where not possible before. On the program side, 10 total activities are required with only 2 activities in each category with NO required activity.

100 STAR COUNCILS ARE POSSIBLE!

CIRCLE of HONOR is in sight, only 1 NEW member per Council in May & June!

PRAY! STAY SAFE! PRAY!

Vivat Jesus! Mike



From the Desk of
DAVID J. BLOOMER
Director for Legislative Affairs



Telemedicine Bill Passes General Assembly; is Vetoed by the Governor

In the past few months, the Pennsylvania General Assembly had been considering the **Telemedicine bill (Senate Bill 857)**, sponsored by Senator Elder Vogel), which would create video-conferencing capabilities for certain doctor visits. The program is quite popular, especially in rural areas, where access to a primary physician may be limited.

While the bill enjoyed wide support, certain groups pushed to include the dispensation of medical abortions (utilizing dangerous drugs such as *Mifeprex*, which is strictly regulated by the FDA REMS list, a drug safety protocol). This provision was successfully removed during the legislative process.

The bill as improved passed a concurrence vote in the Senate on April 21, largely along party lines. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, Governor Wolf vetoed the bill on April 29.

Thank you to everyone who became involved and contacted their legislator to share their views on the bill. Your support is a testament to the strength and passion of the Knights of Columbus here in Pennsylvania.

Vivat Jesus!

David J. Bloomer



From the Desk of
JOHN MEENAN, PA STATE LIFE DIRECTOR

My Brothers All,

Everything in God's creation has a beginning and an end.

The mountains, the trees, a song, buildings skyscrapers, animals and plants.

Even from the lowliest of God's creatures to his most magnificent – from a bumblebee to a great Blue Whale; they all came into being at one time or another, and eventually their existence as we know it, will cease.

And of course, even the great, momentous occasions; wars, hurricanes, wildfires and yes, worldwide pandemics, all eventually come to an end.

But these things all come to an end as a result of God's all-encompassing plan. And the most important of these is Mankind. God's eternal plan, from Adam and Eve to the newest child on the planet was that man would be born and live in this world until his natural death and return to his Heavenly Father.

Unfortunately, there are some people today who believe they are more knowledgeable than the Creator. They believe they can better decide who lives and who dies; who begins and who ends.

And one of those people, sad to say, is the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Governor Thomas Wolf as you may know, has just vetoed the telemedicine bill that was placed on his desk by the Pennsylvania legislature. Despite hospitals pleading for the bill; despite it being in line with FDA regulations; despite the majority of Pennsylvanians supporting it, he has once again showed his disdain for Life, his encouragement of abortion and his support of Planned Parenthood.

The Governor has continued to veto abortion regulations including the Down Syndrome Protection Act which would have protected unborn children from abortion solely based on a diagnosis of Down Syndrome as well as legislation that would have ended late-term abortions that occur after 20 weeks pregnancy.

In response to Covid-19, he cancelled all elective surgery, including cancer surgeries and screenings and allowed abortion clinics performing elective abortions to stay open.

I urge you as Knights of Columbus; as Catholic men and as moral human beings to bombard the Governor's office with letters, phone calls and emails at an unprecedented rate to let the Governor know that the Knights of Columbus will no longer allow these disgusting and repellant decisions to go unchallenged.

This continued Culture of Death and Killing of Babies has got to stop!



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AGENT OF THE MONTH

JIM NARDELLI



Our Agent of the Month is Jim Nardelli.

Jim is a member of Council 1439 in Bedford. He services Councils in Bedford, Central City, Huntingdon and all the way up to Houtzdale. He has been an Agent for almost three years, and he loves helping families to protect their financial health and well-being.

Jim and his wife, Bonnie, have three grown children. Jim is a graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle HS in Altoona and Penn State. Their two sons are Knights and their daughter is studying to be a teacher. After over thirty years as a bank auditor, Jim decided to find a career where nobody would merge his department out of work.

Jim is smart, caring and very diligent. He works hard to make sure that he gives each family the best advice for their situation. Jim has also helped many Members and their families escape losses the last few months by helping them transfer IRAs and 401K's to the Knights of Columbus guaranteed annuities.

Both Jim and Mike McAndrew split a huge area. The Agency appreciates their hard work. We are actively looking for honest, energetic and hard-working Catholic men to help them. If you can recommend someone, please call General Agent Steve Hutek at 717-701-8194



From the Desk of
JOHN HOOLICK
HOOLICK AGENCY



AGENT OF THE MONTH

STEVE SOFRANKO



The Hoolick agency proudly serves brother Knights in Northeastern PA and Western New York. We'd like to recognize one of our senior agents, Steve Sofranko, who has been with KofC since 2010. Steve is married to his wife Karen, and has two children (Madelyn and Matthew) and serves members in the Lehigh, PA area. Steve is a perennial incentive trip qualifier and passionate about serving his members. Coming from a career on Wall Street, Steve wasn't originally sold on a career as a Field Agent, but after some good discussions with now General Agent John Hoolick, Steve was convinced. 10 years later, Steve couldn't imagine any other career. He's also embraced the new technology to serve, learning our Skype systems.

The Hoolick agency is always looking for good men to serve our membership. Contact John today at 570-654-3390 or John.Hoolick@KofC.org.

Chance Of A Lifetime



2020 COAL Drawing Fact Sheet

16 Great Prizes - \$65,000

Cash Equivalent Offered for All Prizes

Updated May 3, 2020



April 30, 2020 passed without a drawing but the COAL Committee is working hard to ensure there will be a successful drawing on July 23, 2020. Returns are coming in steadily but not at the pace we need. Many planned public sales were closed due to the pandemic but we can still sell tickets to Council Members, Friends and Family. Hopefully, there will be some time to sell some tickets when the risk has passed.

Prizes will be awarded. The presentation will be made to the State Council to support the scholarships!

Payment Dates (Based on Postmarks) and Bonuses

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

All books paid for after May 1, 2020 cost \$3.50 per book (\$.25 discount)

June 1, 2020 - \$.25 rebate for each book of stubs received

July 23, 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 on dates to be announced

For questions or special delivery times, contact Fran O’Hara 610 733 1812 / fran@ridley.pa.us or Joe Caromano 610 449 4778 / joecaromano@verizon.net.

Drawing **July 23, 2020 – 8:00 PM**

Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road,(Route 252)

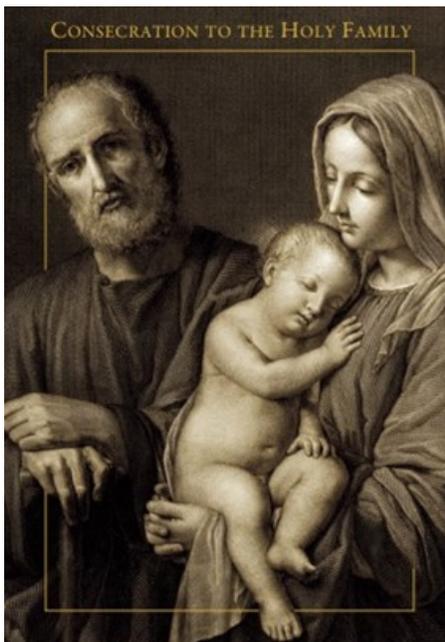
Newtown Square, PA

TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

Game of Chance License # 1762

Faith in Action – Family Programs



The annual awards have been decided and the end of the Fraternal Year is coming but it is not time to rest especially in these troubling times. We must keep Faith and do the best we can for our Families, Brother Knights and the Parish Community. Honoring a Catholic Family as Family of the Month is more important now than ever. Look at a Parish Family that is enduring some hard times or helping others and honor them. 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 by the 15th day of the following month. Copies should be sent to statedeputy@pakofc.us and 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. **Family of the Month is a 12 Month Program!**

Fran O'Hara, FSW
Family Director
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FROM THE DESK OF KEN GRUGEL, FSA STATE DEPUTY NOMINEE

I am saddened to inform all of our District Deputies, Chairmen and Directors that the June 26-28 DD Seminar that was to be held at the Penn Stater has been cancelled.

Although Centre County, where Penn State is located, has moved into the Governor's Yellow Phase, social gatherings are limited to 25 or less.

At this time your new State Officers in conjunction with Supreme are working on details for regionally held meetings or virtual meetings.

Information on these events will be forthcoming. In the meantime be safe and follow the guidelines which have been established by the Commonwealth and our Supreme Council.

Brother Knights,

John Meenan, PA Life Director, found the following you tube video. Click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/j9K4Z3LU1AQ> It shows what Saint Francis DeSales parish in West Philadelphia is doing to bring Jesus to the Parishioners.

State Deputy Mark Jago will be hosting a special webinar on Sunday May 17, 2020 at 2 pm. It will be Live Streamed on the State Facebook Page. Newly elected State officers will give their acceptance speeches as well as a review of what happened at the Virtual State Convention.

There will also be a "BRIDGE" number for people to dial-in to listen to the convention on Saturday, May 16, 2020. See the State website for more information!



WEST REGION ELECTS MICHAEL LYNCH, FM AS THEIR NOMINEE FOR STATE TREASURER

The West Region held their Caucus virtually on Sunday, April 5th, and elected Michael Lynch as their nominee for State Treasurer.

Michael joined the order in his hometown of East Palestine, Ohio, in 1974. He took his Fourth Degree in 1976. He is a Past Grand Knight of the Penn Allegheny Council 4242, and subsequently served as Treasurer for twelve years and as Financial Secretary for the past eight years. He served as District Deputy for District 82 and District 104 for a total of five years. He is a Past Faithful Navigator of the Father T. W. Rosensteel Assembly 945. Michael is a Former President of the Western Pennsylvania Board of District Deputies and, a former President of the Pittsburgh Chapter. He is a former Chairman of the Knights of Columbus Bishop of Pittsburgh Diocese Project and, continues to serve as the Awards Committee Chairman for the Project. He also served as Co-Chairman of the 2005 and 2015 State Conventions.

Michael is currently completing his fourth year as Master of the Pennsylvania West District. He previously served on the Master's Staff as District Secretary for four years. He also served the Pennsylvania State Council as the Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman for one year, and as the Vocations Chairman for two years. He served as Co-Chairman of the Western Section Ultrasound Project for two years. He served as Treasurer of the Western Section for two years and is in his second year as Secretary of the Section. He has been serving the Order as the Vocations Support Coordinator for the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the past six years.

Michael graduated from Kent State University in 1978 with a BBA in Marketing. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1989 with an MBA in International Studies. He retired from Westinghouse Electric Co. in 2017, after almost 38 years in the Nuclear Power Industry. This included a three-year assignment in Shanghai, China.

He married the former Ann Semes on St. Patrick's Day in 1979. They have one daughter, Kate, and two grandchildren, Addison and Aedan. He is an active member of St. Ferdinand Parish in Cranberry Township and serves as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Michael is honored to be the nominee for State Treasurer. He looks forward to assuming the office and working with his friends (old & new) from throughout the jurisdiction.



NORTH EAST REGION ELECTS GEORGE E. SCHNEIDER AS THEIR NOMINEE FOR STATE ADVOCATE

On Sunday April 19, 2020 the North East Region held their Caucus and electe George E. Schneider, Jr. as their nominee for State Advocate. He is a member of North Pocono Council 6050 of Moscow, Pa since 1981 he served as Grand Knight 3 times and holder of various other offices as well and is the current treasurer. George is also a 4th Degree Knight of the Father Joseph G. Barrett Assembly 1859. He is a Past Faithful Navigator and has serviced as the Faithful Comptroller since 1992. He also services as the Color Corp Commander for the Assembly.

George is a member of St. John Neumann Parish in Scranton. He has served as an Eucharistic Minister in the Scranton Diocese for over 33 years. He currently services on the Parish Council and has served as a co-chairmen of the annual Parish Festival the last 2 years.

George E. Schneider for the last 2 years has served under the administration of State Deputy Mark Jago as Assistant Family Director from the Northeast as Chairman of The Keep Christ in Christmas program. He has previously served as State Community Director under Immediate Past State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli. In previous years he has served as a District Deputy under the Administrations of Past State Deputies Stan Glowaski, Eric Johnson, George Koch, and Wayne Freet. He has also served 1 term as Chairman of the Northeast Board of District Deputies as well as a term as Treasurer.

George is married to his lovely wife JoAnn for almost 14 years. His civic responsibilities Include serving as a Judge of Elections since 1974. George is a retired school teacher with 33 years of service. He was also a Junior High School Basketball Coach for both Boys and Girls teams for 22 years. He is also a member of the Chaplain of the Four Chaplains.



CENTRAL EAST REGION ELECTS ANTHONY J. REAM^R AS THEIR NOMINEE FOR STATE WARDEN

On Sunday April 26, 2020 the Central East Region held their Caucus and elected Anthony J. Ream as their nominee for State Warden. Anthony joined the Knights of Columbus in February, 1997 joining Marion Council #3780 in Selinsgrove, PA. He served as Chairman of many Committees, became Deputy Grand Knight and then Grand Knight.

He made his fourth degree in May 1998 and joined Bishop L. F. Schott Assembly #959. He then became a charter member of Saint Catherine Drexel Assembly #2641. Anthony transferred to Msgr. James Fitzgibbon Council #8244 in Johnstown, PA serving as Grand Knight for 3 years. He also transferred to All Saints Assembly #954 in Johnstown, PA. He went up the chairs in the All Saints Assembly eventually serving as Faithful Navigator and Color Corps Commander. Anthony transferred to St. Andrew Council #11308 and has served 3 terms as Deputy Grand Knight. He is a Charter member of the Laurel Highlands Chapter in the Altoona Johnstown Diocese. Tony is a member of the Altoona Johnstown Diocese 3rd Degree Team.

Anthony served 3 years as District Warden for District 70 and served for two years as District Deputy for District 70. Currently Anthony is the Central East Regional Program Promotions Chairman for the PA State Council.

Anthony married his wife Patricia on May 18, 1974. They have two sons—Anthony and Christopher. They have 3 grandchildren—Eva 7, Ansel 4, and Anthony 8 months.

Anthony went to Richland Township High School and St. Francis University graduating with a B.A. in Education. Anthony worked for 34 years with the PA Department of Human Services and retired in 2003 after 34 years. He worked until 2013 as a full time tutor in student learning supportive services at the Commonwealth Technology Institute at Hiram G. Andrews Center.

Anthony was an Assistant Coach for the Arbutus Little League for 3 years. He was a coach for the Middlecreek Township Little League for 2 years. He was on the Troop Committee for the Middleburg Cub Scout Troop 1415—Susquehanna Council. He was a Scoutmaster for 5 years for the Middleburg Scout Troop 415.

PEACE COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN BIGGEST FOOD DRIVE EVER!



Participating Knights in the picture to the left are from left to right: Fran O'Hara FSW, Grand Knight Pat French, Joe Chiaravalloti, Ken Harper, Jerry DeMartini, and John Rush. The picture above shows the knights and a handful of other ladies who could not be identified because they were wearing masks. The Ancient Order of Hibernians guys were also wearing masks but believe me, they were the good guys!

Submitted by:

Fran O'Hara

Former State Advocate, Family Director

Peace Council and Saint Madeline Parish Community Outreach Group held a Food Drive on Saturday May 2, 2020 in the Saint Madeline Church Parking lot. The drive started fast with many parish members and brother Knights generously dropping off large quantities of food. A steady stream of cars kept pulling through the parking lot in a display of Community involvement. About halfway through the event, a handful of cars pulled in and a group of men wearing green shirts got out. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Blackjack Kehoe group had arrived with several vehicles loaded with food.

Candy Shreiber who coordinates the Food Cupboard at Saint Madeline Parish called it the "Biggest Food Drive Ever." The Food Cupboard at Saint Madeline Parish is full and there is extra food to donate to some other local parishes.

Thanks to Father John Flanagan for letting us make a difference. NO FAMILY LEFT BEHIND!

DURING COVID-19 CRISIS—COUNCIL 5826 ASSISTS THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR





**REGINA MUNDIL COUNCIL #4052
IN THE EAST DID THEIR
ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM
DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS
OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING**



On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Regina Mundi Council # 4052 participated in the Adopt - A - Highway program, cleaning litter from a stretch of Bristol Rd. in lower Bucks County. Fourteen brother knights, along with the two teenage sons of our community director, worked collecting approximately 20 bags of litter from the road. This is the council's tenth year of twice yearly participation. For that service, the Council was recently informed by PennDOT, that they would be acknowledged for their service with the installation of signs naming the council as the areas Adopt - A - highway sponsor.

Submitted by Grand Knight Richard Spencer

FATHER JAMES McCAFFREY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES HEALTH CARE WORKERS



On Tuesday, April 14th, Fr. James J. McCafferty Council, 11013 in Yardley, PA, along with St. Ignatius Social Action Committee was able to recognize the healthcare workers at St. Mary's Medical Center. Working with Verrelli's Yardley Pizza, salads and hoagies were offered to 125 staffers. We are so grateful for all medical personnel throughout the country. May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!

Pictured with the healthcare workers is Brother Knight John Celentano.

ROBERT BURNS COUNCIL #13126 CONDUCTS A SUCCESS FOOD DRIVE

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On Saturday April 25, 2020, Robert Burns Council #13126 in Montgomery Township conducted a successful food drive. They collected 8 full carloads of items which we delivered to St. Helena's food bank at around 2 PM. In addition, they collected \$525.00 in checks or cash. They not count or attempt to value the items, but would estimate there was \$2000 to \$3000 worth of supplies.

Grand Knight Joseph J. Joyce wanted to sincerely express his **DEEP GRATITUDE** to all the Knights who stepped up to help either by making donations, helping to collect items at the school, and/or driving to St. Helena's to drop the items off.

Knights Of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 Helps Maintain Parish Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic

As the world begins to adjust to the changes with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 has taken steps to ensure Parishioners at Holy Trinity Parish have the opportunity to continue their devotion to the Lord and help to maintain vital operations within the Parish. The Council continues to demonstrate *Faith in Action* during this global pandemic.

Contactless Collections: The Council created a Contactless Collection program where Parishioners are able to come into Church during normal Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass times for individual prayer. The Knights of Columbus have stood guard during these open Church times as a sign of hope and stability for the Parish. During these times, the Council has invited Parishioners to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry and donations to continue the vital operations of Holy Trinity Parish. The work of the Council was highlighted in two stories by the Bucks County Courier Times ([Following faith in time of trouble](#) and [Knights of Columbus collecting donations for Holy Trinity parishioners](#)). In addition to these activities, Brother Knights also stand guard during these open Church hours, including the Easter Triduum, for the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.



Above—Knights stand guard during open church hours and the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.



Above—Knights assist in delivering Easter Food Baskets with the food pantry. Below shows food donations collected from Parishioners



Food Pantry Easter Baskets: The Council continued our collaboration with the Holy Trinity Food Pantry by providing a contactless pick up for Parishioners in need. The Council provided the volunteers for the Food Pantry coordinator to greet 50 Parishioners and families to provide them food for Easter and beyond. Volunteer Brother Knights helped to load cars with much-needed supplies from the Food Pantry.

Online Resources: Our Council has also taken an active virtual role through the Council [Facebook page](#) to provide much-needed comfort and resources to the Parish. The Council has provided updates on the needs of the Food Pantry and our weekly Contactless Collections at the Church. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus put together a [resource guide](#) for families of Holy Trinity School and the Parish with simple ways to continue to support the Parish by utilizing already existing online programs that help subsidize the school. This document was also shared by school administrators to all of the school families through the school’s email alert system. Additionally, we have provided photos of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during open Church hours along with Padre Pio’s prayer for Spiritual Communion. The Council Facebook page has also provided the Knights of Columbus prayer card with Pope Francis’ Prayer During Times of Pandemic, and the Council incorporated the prayer into materials and resources for the Parish. Lastly, through our conversations with our Pastor and Council Chaplain, we were able to ensure Easter Sunday Mass was celebrated virtually with Monsignor Eckert and available to all Parishioners for Easter Sunday. A Parishioner was able to donate time to record and upload Easter Sunday Mass through [YouTube](#)



During these dark times, the Brother Knights have ensured that the Knights of Columbus shine as a beacon of light and hope within our Parish. We have worked to exemplify the virtues that the Knights of Columbus are built upon. We will continue to provide moral, spiritual, and financial support to the Parish during this pandemic.



HOLY CROSS COUNCIL #15482 THANKS HEALTH CARE WORKERS



Holy Cross Council #15482 Knights of Columbus along with Westbrook Market provided Hoagies, chips, tasty cakes and beverages for EMT's, Paramedics, Paratransit, dispatchers and office staff of Keystone Quality Transport Ambulance company. Attending were Joe Smith George Rossi, Reno Desiderio, Mike O Shea, Tom Begley, Jack Sullivan and Rob Day.



MAY CROWNING AND HYMN

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring flowers of the fairest,
 From garden and woodland and hillside and vale.
 Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling,
 The praise of the loveliest rose of the dale.

(Reverently placing a crown made of fresh flowers upon Our Lady's statue):

(Chorus) O Mary, we crown Thee with blossoms today,
 Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. *(repeat)*

Our voices ascending in harmony blending,
 O thus may our hearts turn dear Mother to Thee.
 O thus shall we prove Thee how truly we love Thee.
 How dark without Mary life's journey would be! **(Chorus)**

O Virgin most tender, our homage we render,
 Thy love and protection, sweet Mother to win;
 In danger defend us, in sorrow befriend us.
 And shield our fond hearts from contagion of sin. **(Chorus)**

Of Mothers the dearest, oh, wilt Thou be nearest,
 When life with temptation is darkly replete?
 Forsake us, oh never! Our hearts be they ever
 As pure as the flowers we lay at Thy feet! **(Chorus)**