

# Keystone Knight

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## **State Deputy—Kenneth E. Grugel PhD**



My Brother Knights:

As I complete my first month in office as the 54<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of our jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, I am reminded of the struggles which our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney endured when he began the Order. He faced so many set backs as he attempted to find a suitable fraternal body where his new group could fit in. After being turned down by several existing men's societies, he decided that the best course would be to strike out on his own and start something new for the Catholic men in his parish. He struggled as we are now trying to find the best way to promote Columbianism and grow the Order.

Our great President John F. Kennedy once said that "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen". That is exactly what we are doing this past spring and summer as we find a new way of keeping Fr. McGivney's dream alive. The state is up and running as are most of our councils, either beginning to meet in person or in our new manner of online virtual meetings.

The Silver Rose will be traveling throughout our state in August, the COAL drawing was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in a virtual format, our state convention and organizational meetings were held online with large numbers in attendance. Even our Supreme Convention will be broadcast to state delegations virtually for the first time in the history of the Order.

All of these events and those to come this fall are happening because we have adapted as we as Knights always have; we see an obstacle not as a problem, but as an opportunity to complete our mission to Leave No Neighbor Behind and offer a Helping Hand when it is needed.

My patron Saint for this administration is John Paul II who challenged the Christian family to "become who you are." We are a family of Brothers who know who we are and what our mission is as we continue to move forward as the pandemic looms throughout the summer. The Pennsylvania Knights will continue to grow and do the good works which we are known for because we are a family and we are all in this together until we return to the "old normal" once again.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Grugel

**"BE NOT AFRAID"**

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The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, CT remains physically closed, but we are remaining virtually open to our visitors through our website ([kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org)) and social media (@KofCMuseum on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

On Sunday, April 27, the museum started a new social media series titled "Around the World with the Knights of Columbus Museum" featuring artifacts from our State Councils! Over the course of this series, visitors are discovering the global presence of the Knights through these artifacts donated over the years.

During this upcoming week, an artifact donated by your State Council will be highlighted in the series. We hope you can spread the news to members of your jurisdiction. We also appreciate if your State Council social media pages reshare our virtual journey!

**Erica Gabrielsen**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
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## STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

### Rev. Pierre (BUD) Falkenhan



My brother Knights on July 21st, our State Deputy, Ken Grugel asked me to speak to our state DD's on the Corona19 pandemic and I want to share my thoughts with all the Knights of Columbus in the State of Pennsylvania.

The first thought that I want to present was the fact that God did not cause our present crisis, but He allows it to happen maybe because of humankind's complacency/self satisfaction. When we realize our situation, we like King David can realize that we are in very serious difficulty, and then choose to fall by the hands of God for He is most merciful. As for us, we should pray daily that God will bring a swift conclusion to this pandemic, always keeping in mind St. Peter's prayer: "O Lord in your eyes, a day can be like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day."

In the mean time we need to stop taking things for granted and seek God's actions in our society. One of the big things that we have been hearing since March 16th deals with Hero's in our midst. These instruments in the hands of God come from all walks of life; of course we have Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Fire Fighters and Police who are in the front lines and it only makes sense that they should be considered heroes. But how about the cleaning people/janitors who are keeping the hospitals, churches and stores sanitized for our safety. Don't forget about the truck drivers who are bringing food to our stores, the stock people and cashiers who have the same food ready for us to take home so that we can be nourished and strengthened to maintain our health during this pandemic. Also keep in mind the research scientist who seem to be working around the clock to find the needed vaccines that will put Corona-19 in check. Finally, what about the Knights of Columbus "Leave no neighbor behind" program where our brother Knights offer their time, talent and treasure to help those in need.

Then there is the concept of taking a disadvantage and turning it into an advantage. During this crisis, you may be experiencing more quality family time as you share more meals with your wife and children. I heard recently on a morning radio show that because of the stay in place confinement, pregnant women are having less premature births since they are spending less time traveling to work and in turn getting more rest which in turn helps their unborn child. Yes I know that we are all tired of wearing face masks and social distancing, but because of this disadvantage, how many of us have avoided the cold and flu season? Along with that, have you noticed that with Zoom Meetings, how many more brother Knights are attending council meetings?

Granted, we have more free time because of the confinement, but what have you done with your free time? Have you helped clean your house within an inch of its life and now have everything in proper order? Since there is nothing but reruns on TV, have you done more leisure reading to improve your mind and soul? Have you taken more time to talk to God more? Are you confident the God wants to give good things to His beloved people and that He would ultimately deliver them, restore them to safety and bless them? That's a good perspective to take to prayer as we intercede for our families and friends. Knowing that however difficult things might seem, God still wants to bring us to a place of peace. These are just some of the ways to take a disadvantage and make it into an advantage.

In short Brother Knights, tough and frustrating as this pandemic has been and for a while, will continue to be, it's best that we leave things in the hand of God, who is all merciful and then patiently wait out our situation when things will get back to the "new" normal.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Bud Falkenhan  
State Chaplain



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME KNIGHT



**My Pennsylvania Brothers,**

**The following message from our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, provides a sound overview of where we as an Order stand on the current issues facing our country and our Catholic faith. Should you have any questions or concerns with interacting with the media, please contact the Supreme Council Corporate Communications department or me for guidance.**

**Fraternally, Ken Grugel, State Deputy**

Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith. In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Carl A. Anderson

*Supreme Knight*



**From the Desk of  
George E. Schneider Jr.  
State Advocate**

Safe Environment Program

Brother Knights it is that time of the year when we start our new Fraternal Year and clearances may need to be done. The Officers who need clearances for the Safe Environment Program must be compliant by October 1, 2020. On the State level the following Officers and Directors may need to complete the Program, they are the State Deputy, State Advocate, State Program Director, State Family Director, and State Community Director. On the Council level Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director. Information can be found on the Knights of Columbus websight on how to proceed to get your clearances.

These clearances involve the Praesidium Armatus Training. Many of you if you are current officers you may already be compliant if you need your retraining you will be contacted.

Brother Knights for Councils to engage in activities involving your youth programs you must have people who have the clearances present at the event.

Also, these clearances are required for State Council to achieve Circle of Honor Councils to achieve Star Council. Please do not wait until it is to later too start worrying about this paperwork. I know there are some Councils that do not get involved in many youth programs, but it is still a requirement that must be met.

Questions regarding the Safe Environment Program compliance of State and local Knights of Columbus Councils may be directed to the Office of Youth Protection at

203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org



**From the Desk of**  
**Mark L. Jago, FIC**  
**Immediate Past State Deputy**  
**Director for Legislative Affairs**

My Brother Knights and Sisters in Christ,

Congratulations and thank you for making Fraternal Year 2019=2020 a tremendous success. The way that you embraced our 'Leave No Neighbor Behind' program was utterly amazing. As we continue to deal with this pandemic, we must continue to reach out to those in need and assist our pastors in restoring the spiritual life of our parishes. For those who did get a Catholic man to join our Order I want to relay the appreciation of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Membership in Our Order has surpassed Two Million Men and the jurisdiction achieved 103% of its goal, returning Pennsylvania into the Circle of Honor.

If you did not ask a man to join us in works of charity and service, I ask that you do so this month. Now, it is easier than ever before for men to become Knights. They can join and receive their degree online.

I restored the position of Director for Legislative Affairs and appointed Brother David Bloomer to fill that role. He did an outstanding job in keeping us informed of pending actions effecting dignity, Life, and religious freedom. Just last month, the Supreme Court decided in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor in their case against the Commonwealth stating, "A nonprofit religious employer who objects to providing contraceptive services may file an accommodation form requesting an exemption to the requirement, thereby avoiding paying for or otherwise participating in the provision of contraception to its employees."

In the weeks to come, I will be asking you to contact your legislators and our governor to demand that Catholic and non-public schools receive their fair share of the \$471 Million given to the PA Department of Education (PDE) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Wolf Administration is trying to exclude private schools from the benefits of the CARES Act by creating its own set of rules to distribute that money which blatantly ignores Federal guidance and reduces our share by two-thirds. As we all know, many of our parochial schools are serving vulnerable children in economically distressed communities throughout the Commonwealth. We must continue to fight for equality in this funding and to show our support for School Choice Legislation.

In future editions, I will also be providing you with information regarding the work of the PA Knights of Columbus Education Foundation and how to apply for scholarships for next year.

Fraternally,

Mark Jago, FIC, IPSD  
Director for Legislative Affairs



**From the Desk of  
Mark L. Jago, FIC**

**Immediate Past State Deputy**

**President PA State Council Knights of Columbus Education Foundation**

“ The PA State Council Knights of Columbus Education Foundation, Inc. held a virtual meeting on July 16, 2020. The following appointments were made by State Deputy Kenneth Grugel, Ph.D., FSA.

East Region - George Koch, PSD

Central East Region - Richard Corriveau, FST

Central West Region - George Beckes, FSW

The board then elected the following officers:

President	Mark	Jago	FIC, IPSD
Vice President	Shaun	Lally	FDD
Secretary / Grant Chairman	George	Beckes	FSW
Treasurer	George	Koch	PSD

President Mark Jago, IPSD, thanked former President Charles Vagnarelli, PSD and the Board for their work the past two years, especially for initiating the Scholarship Program for children of Brother Knights attending Catholic elementary and high schools. President Jago stated his primary objectives for the coming fraternal year will be to increase the awareness of the Board’s mission and activities and to grow its assets in order to provide addition scholarships.

Donations to the Education Foundation are eligible for Tax Deductions. Please contact Board Secretary George Beckes for more information.”

St. Michael Protect Us.

Fr. McGivney Pray for Us.

Fraternally,

Mark L. Jago, FIC, IPSD



**From the Desk of**  
**Michael J. Kish, FSA**  
**Pa State Membership Director**

Brothers,

I would like to start by congratulating our State Officers on their election to lead our state for the next two years. I am honored to be working with them on the State Council.

I also offer congratulations to our Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Jago and his administration on achieving the Circle of Honor. Mark and his team worked hard and now have set the bar for us to reach.

We made a great push at the end of the last fraternal year and now we need to keep it going in the new year. We are a little behind as I write this, but I know if we work together, we can make up the difference. If each district brought in two members a month, we would exceed our goal. Each council must strive for Star Council to help us reach our goal. As a thank you for bringing in a new brother from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, each proposer will receive a \$10 gift card from the State Council.

I have stated many times that asking men to join our Order is not about numbers, and I firmly believe this is true. Numbers are just a way to measure if we are being successful in our efforts to get men to join our Order.

Many men are struggling with their faith, work, marriage, and life in general. We as an Order can help them by giving them support and friendship, guidance and encouragement. We as brothers have learned that we can go to our brothers to talk about life's struggles. Our Order can help a man become a better Catholic, a better husband, a better father and a better man. This is what our Order can do.

We are living in very difficult times. The coronavirus pandemic has changed our daily life in ways we could not have imagined. We had to forgo Mass for several months, many of our members could not go to the store. We could not meet in person. Our Order started the Leave No Neighbor Behind program and it has helped countless brothers and many more in our communities. Membership and programs go hand in hand. Many Knights have stepped into the breach but much still needs to be done. Ask someone you know to join our Order and help us with the work that lies ahead. Ask them if they are ready to put their Faith into Action

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Kish FSA

Pennsylvania State Membership Director



**From the Desk of  
James A. Maochi  
State Program Director**

**Brother Knights in Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania,**

**Be Not Afraid! Into the Breach!**

These phrases are the mantra and motto of Pennsylvania State Council for 2020 through 2022!

My name is Jim Maochi and our State Deputy Ken Grugel has appointed me to serve as State Program Director for Pennsylvania for his administration running now through June, 2022. I'm honored and grateful for this appointment, and so looking forward to working with you to serve our State Deputy and our great Jurisdiction to advance Programs and Faith in Action to our Councils and Parishes as we grow our Domestic Church.

In these initial months of the Fraternal Year, here are some suggested areas of focus relative to our Programs:

1. **Completion of Forms 185 (Report of New Officers) and 365 (Service Program Personnel)** – you may be thinking why such a mundane administrative task to be completed by our Financial Secretaries of our Councils is so important? These forms are very important, as they are the means to which Supreme and State Council know who your officers and Program Chairmen are so that all information coming from Supreme and State Council reach your Councils and all our Members. With so much news ranging from the operation of our Councils going forward due to the Pandemic to the glorious news of the Beatification of our Founder Fr. McGivney, the completion of these forms allows all this great information to be shared with all our members. So completion of these forms is very critical to our success growing and retaining our Members and sharing information to everyone regarding our Faith in Action Program
2. **Leave No Neighbor Behind** – this new Program was launched in conjunction with the Pandemic and remains a key area of focus as areas of our State remain impacted by COVID-19
3. While our churches, communities, and businesses have started the re-opening process. There is no question that our Members, Parishioners, and Neighbors remain implicated by restrictions on day-to-day activities like grocery shopping and getting medical supplies, loss of jobs, and risk to their health, particularly those most vulnerable to COVID-19. The Leave No Neighbor Behind Program provides practical and very useful guidance on how we as Knights can serve and help our Neighbors during this crisis – we must continue to focus efforts in this area. Here is link to Supreme website with details and background on what other Councils are doing <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind/index.html> , we can continue to Change Lives and Save Lives through this Program.

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**From the Desk of**

**James A. Maochi**

### **State Program Director Report (Continued)**

4. **Into the Breach** – I encourage all Members in Pennsylvania to go to Supreme website at this link <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> to view a great new video series that relates how we as Members of the Knights of Columbus are called to lead and evangelize the principles of our Faith in a society that is lacking fundamental family structure and addressing the physical and spiritual needs of our most vulnerable. The very good news here is that Supreme is making available this video series along with materials to schedule meetings with your Members and Parishioners to view, discuss, and act on the content of these videos. We will provide more information on this series as we continue into the Fraternal Year and additional ways to maximize participation.

Our State Program Team (list of members available at this link [http://www.pakofc.us/state/chairs\\_prog.html](http://www.pakofc.us/state/chairs_prog.html)) is prepared to work and partner with all our Councils and Members through the course of 2020-2022 to continue to apply light and focus on Faith in Action.

Remember – Membership and Programs go hand-in-hand to growing and retaining our Members....together we can continue to grow our Beloved Order in these challenging times. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Jim Maochi  
State Program Director  
Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania



**From the Desk of**  
**WAYNE S. FREET, PSD, FVSM**  
**Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman**

**Venerable Servant of God Fr. McGivney to be Beatified**

My Brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus established the Fr. McGivney Guild to promote the cause of canonization of our founder, Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. We can find information on his life and works by accessing the website at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org). We can also report any favors attributed to his intercession at [guild@kofc.org](mailto:guild@kofc.org). The Guild plays an important role in making Fr. McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

On, May 27, 2020 the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to our founder. Fr. McGivney will now be called Blessed. During the District Deputies Seminar on Tuesday July 21 our Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Conner announced the Beatification Mass will take place on Saturday October 31, 2020 in Connecticut. As of this writing the details for this event are still being planned and will be announced at a later date.

How fitting is it that the confirmed miracle dealt with an unborn child in the womb of its mother. The unborn son of Dan and Michelle Schachle were informed that he had fetal hydrops and had a zero chance of living more than a few days or weeks. They prayed to Fr. McGivney for a miracle and it indeed happened. But he also was diagnosed with Down syndrome. The family only asked for the cure of the hydrops issue. The Schachle's son is now five years old and lives with Down syndrome. His name is Mikey and Dan, is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Check it out at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) "The Schachle Story: Mikey's Miracle".

Our Order has already created two activities to help grow the Order. Supreme announced that new members are being offered FREE online membership for their first year starting July 29 through 11:59 pm on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer. I realize that by the time you receive this edition of the Keystone Knight, this offer will have expired.

Again, our Supreme Council has given us an opportunity to receive a Fr. McGivney commemorative coin celebrating the beatification of the Order's founder by signing up five new members during the 2020 -2021 fraternal year.

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**From the Desk of**  
**WAYNE S. FREET, PSD, FVSM**  
**Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman**

**Venerable Servant of God Fr. McGivney to be Beatified (Continued)**

Please keep yourselves informed of the activities that may be planned in the near future. Here is a list of resources for your review. You will always find information at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and in the “Columbia” magazine. We now have a weekly resource known as the “Knightline”. Our newest resource the “Fraternal Leader Advisory”. And finally, the “Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter”.

Your assistance is needed in not only growing the Order in Pennsylvania but growing the Fr. McGivney guild. The Guild has existed for the past twenty-two years and we in Pennsylvania have a total membership of 5,800 members. I ask that you try to increase this number by 1,500 members by the end of the fraternal year.

I invite you to join the Guild as soon as possible. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Fr. McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through his intercession. Not only do we need miracles, but we also need witnesses to the power of the servant of God’s prayers before the throne of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Wayne S. Freet, PSD, FVSM  
 Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

**Supreme Council Training Session**

**Council Growth Training**

Description: Understanding why councils must grow is important to our mission as Knights  
 Target Audience: All Council Officers and Membership Directors, or anyone interested  
 Forum: GoToMeeting  
 Avail Dates August 17; 7:00 – 8:00 PM & August 22; 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
 Registration Opens August 12, 2020

**ANY QUESTIONS—CONTACT— [steve.cohen@kofc.org](mailto:steve.cohen@kofc.org)**



**From the Desk of**  
**John N. Cocco**  
**State Community Director**

While we are certainly in new times for our generation, our order is no stranger to responding to the needs of our brothers and neighbors. This is when we are needed most, by checking on our brothers and assisting our neighbors. The Supreme Council has created the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program to guide us in helping those in this time of need. But no less important is to be the go to guys to help the pastor. Now is the time for you to meet with your pastor and see how you can help him with reopening the church and welcoming parishioners back. Is there a local food pantry that you can support? Perhaps you can get a few brothers with pickup trucks and your council banner, work with a local store and have a Pop Up food drive. Be sure to consult the Leave No Neighbor Behind guide on the Supreme Council website for guidance in supporting your brother knights, parish, community, feeding the hungry, and participating in blood drives.

During this pandemic take inventory of your council resources and your members. Reach out to your members and let them know you're there for them. Do you have adequate resources to help someone in need? Do you have a plan to assist with a disaster? Has your council established a helping hands committee? Now is as good of time as any to start these programs and be prepared to help in times of need, of just with money but with labor too. Consider establishing an emergency preparedness committee and work with local emergency service providers to establish an emergency preparedness kit for distribution.

Most importantly during this time keep yourself and your family safe and healthy and check on your brothers and offer them assistance. They might have a need that they are not sure how to ask for help.



**From the Desk of**  
**MICHAEL DELUCIA SR., DEPUTY STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR**



**STATE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SUMMARY FOR 2018-2020**

My Brothers all, these times of uncertainty created by the COVID 19 pandemic has provided challenges to all of us as Knights of Columbus. We continue to try and think beyond the normal an use innovation to continue our support of the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity that each of us are committed to as Brother Knights.

I have received many numerous inquiries about the upcoming Community events that we conduct each year. The most difficulty we have is trying to understand how we can conduct these events while keeping everyone safe and to minimize the potential risk from the COVID 19 virus. We have been discussing our ability to conduct the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Event and Catholic Citizenship Essay events while working within the mandates and restrictions put forth based on State, Regional and Local mandates on public gatherings. The State Community Committee, along with our State Program Director and State Deputy have been working with Supreme for guidance on conducting these events.

I am pleased to report that we have received the indication that we can conduct these Public events as long as we adhere to our state, county and local restrictions and mandates regarding holding these types of events. Therefore, I want to provide all of you with the current dates and locations of the State events. I would ask that through the leadership and direction of the regions District Deputies that arrangements be made to confirm the ability to conduct such events as directed by local authorities and then to establish locations and Brothers to conduct regional and local competitions. The information and direction to conduct these events is located at the Supreme Website located under Officer's On Line.

The following are the dates and information of the State Final Competitions:

**State Soccer Challenge:**

Date: November 15, 2020  
 Time: 12:00 Registration; 1:00 Competition  
 Location: St Patrick's Church  
 87 Marsh Road  
 Carlisle, PA 17015

**Free Throw Competition**

Date: March 20, 2020  
 Time: 11:00 Registration; 12:00 Competition  
 Location: Trinity High School  
 3601 Simpson Ferry Road  
 Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Catholic Citizenship Essay:**

Topic: In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

For additional information on the essay please consult the Supreme Website/Officers Online

Submission Date: December 15, 2020

We need to begin to plan for these events. I would ask that you begin to establish locations and sites to conduct these events as well as getting any permissions necessary to have such events at the selected locations. In addition, now is the time to plan for the event, obtain all of the resources necessary and establish the man power necessary.

We will be sending out additional information through the District Deputies in the future. Once again thank you Brothers for your support and all of your charitable efforts in support of those who need us more than ever.



**From the Desk of  
JOHN MEENAN, PA STATE LIFE DIRECTOR**

Brother Knights,

Through the Silver Rose program, we ask the Blessed Mother to guide us as we step into the breach and fight against the culture of death that grips our society. Each year, silver roses journey along routes across North America including Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Along the way, the roses are handed off from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and council to council. See the current schedule below. With these silver roses, we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and affirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life.



The rose used in the service was blessed by Pope Francis in commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program during a February 2020 meeting between the Holy Father, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori at the Vatican.

There was a virtual event that opened the silver rose arriving in Pennsylvania on July 29, 2020. The silver rose was exhibited at St. Mary's in Lackawaxen, Good Shepherd in Blooming Grove, St. Ann's in Shohola, and St. John Neumann in Lords Valley.

Fraternally,  
*David Spacht*  
Silver Rose Chairman

*John Meenan*  
Life Director



The photograph above to the left shows brother knights that attended the first silver rose program that had 72 participants in attendance. From left to right is CW Regional Program Chairman Lew Nordin, Deputy Life Director and Silver Rose chairman, David Spacht, DD 94 Mike Case, State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel. The next picture shows the silver rose on display with brother knight Paul Vallimont with Daughter Amy and wife Joyce

# Chance Of A Lifetime

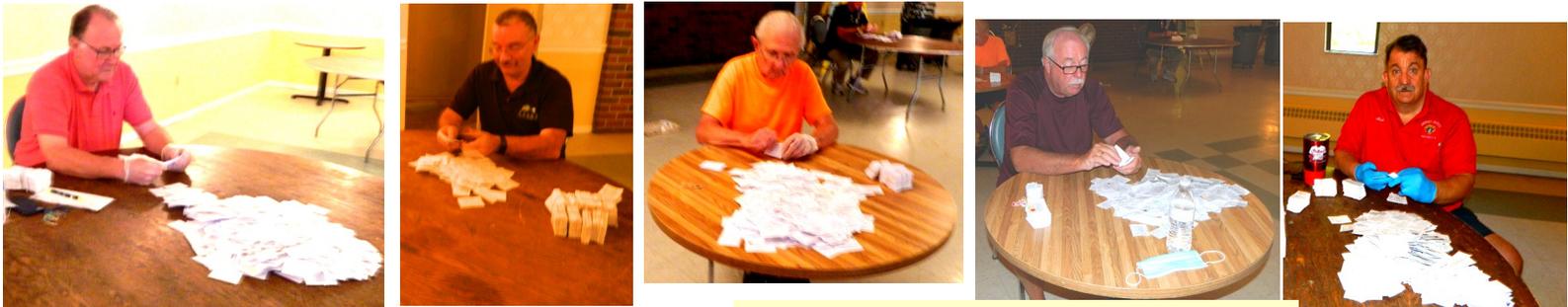
The COAL Drawing was held on July 23, 2020 as rescheduled! There were 16 happy Pennsylvania residents who were glad they participated. For the rest of you who sold or purchased tickets, THANK YOU. Things were a little different this year. We limited attendance to Committee and State Council members, but we were able to complete the drawing. ZOOM even helped many people watch. The winners are listed on the next page.

I would like to thank Joe Caromano for guiding me through the Program. We are reconciling the books and after a short rest, we will start the 2021 COAL Program. The drawing is scheduled for April 30, 2021 at Mater Dei; we hope to keep the date this time.

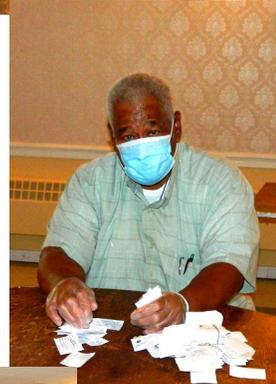
**2021 will be different!** Over 75% of the Councils that responded to our recent survey were in favor of moving from books of eight (8) tickets to individual tickets. The suggested price was \$5.00 per ticket. We have heard and will implement the changes. Details will be available by the next issue of the Keystone Knight and on the State Council website, [pakofc.us](http://pakofc.us).

Fran O'Hara, 610 733 1812, [fran@ridleyppa.us](mailto:fran@ridleyppa.us) Joe Caromano, 610 449 4778, [joecaromano@verizon.net](mailto:joecaromano@verizon.net)

## PICTURES BELOW AND ON THE NEXT PAGE SHOW WORK DONE BY THE COMMITTEE IN ADVANCE AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE DRAWING



These photographs show members of the COAL committee taking apart the ticket stubs for the drawing. Shown above from left to right is Jack Cruice DD, Joe Paoletti FST, Earl Johnson, Tom Begley DD, Nick Marcantonio Jr DD. The next row is Mike Keller FDD, Dan Eury FST and Don Wells FDD.



The picture to the right shows members of the committee that are on state council listening to the virtual DD seminar. The next two pictures show on the evening at the drawing at the Mater Dei Council 's "Camelot Ballroom" all the ticket stubs are put in the "Drum" and the "Drum" is turn many times! This is done before the drawing begins!



# Chance Of A Lifetime



Shown in the photographs above left to right are: Joe Caromano FST logging in the winners as they are called, Fran O'Hara FSW calling out the winning names using ZOOM, Ray Mclaughlin ST opening the drawing with a prayer, Sean Connelly Master of the Calvert Province reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joe Paoletti FST picking all the winners with Nick Marcantonio Jr DD and John Gordon.



<u>Prize No</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
1	2019 Chevrolet Spark	467600	Council 5947	5947
2	Pair of Honda Metropolitan Scooters	773254	A Di Angelantoni	4068
3	Ireland Vacation	608052	Matt Bocchi	11388
4	Historic Train Journey	724791	David Ceraul	3862
5	California Coast & Wine Country	66152	Council 2277	2277
6	Alaskan Cruise from Seattle - 7 days	609940	Brian Elmer	6145
7	National Parks 8 days	378101	Theodore Miller	12532
8	Canada / New England Cruise	324378	Joe Fagnani	3885
9	Cash - \$2,000	247732	Angela Loreto	2294
10	Nashville Opryland Vacation - 7 days	807919	Glenn Trevellini	5501
11	Kalahari Family Vacation - 5 Nights	64252	Dorothy Kasunich	2005
12	Las Vegas Trip - 4 days + \$300	1020647	Bill & Mary Hoydt	528
13	Cancun Vacation 6 nights	687552	Carol Duffy	14090
14	Cash - \$1000.00	712177	Phillip Trippodi	12114
15	60" HD SmartTV	40555	Carol Seese	17417
16	256 GB Ipad Pro w/wifi	19304	Richard Boyer	14035

## Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council Scholarship Program



**TEN SCHOLARSHIPS, each totaling \$3,000.00, payable in four installments of \$750.00 per year,**

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For Knights, sons and daughters of Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus, and Columbian Squires

***Each candidate must be at least one of the following:***

- A currently paid up member of a Knights of Columbus Council in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.]
- A child or stepchild of a currently paid up member of a Knights of Columbus Council in Pennsylvania. (NOTE *Grandchildren are not eligible unless the grandfather is the legal guardian of the applicant.*)
- A child or stepchild of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus in a Pennsylvania council who was not in arrears at the time of his death.
- A qualified Columbian Squire or Squire Rose.

***Other conditions that must be met:***

- The candidate must be a candidate for graduation in a recognized 4-year high school, or its home schooling equivalent, during the term ending June 2021 (or January 2021 for early graduates).
- The candidate must submit a properly completed application form -- with all the appropriate signatures as required on the application -- to the Scholarship Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, **no later than December 31, 2020.**
- The council of the applicant must have completed and submitted Form # 185 (Report of Officers Chosen for Term)
- The sponsoring council must sell the required number of Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) chances for the 2020-21 campaign by April 15, 2021. Tickets are distributed by the State Council Charities Committee.
- Each candidate must be accepted and enrolled at either a college/university or a School of Nursing connected with a hospital prior to payment of the scholarship. Such college or school may be under Catholic or non-Catholic auspices, subject to approval by the committee.

***In order to compete for a Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Scholarship you must:***

Complete the application and mail it no later than December 31, 2020 to:

Alton Wise  
State Scholarships Chairman  
334 West Riverview Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202-3414

If you haven't already done so, register and take either the *American College Test (ACT)* or *Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)* to be given in Pennsylvania on any of the following dates:

A.C.T. – September 12, October 24, and December 12, 2020

S.A.T. – October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2020

A copy of your test results *must be received* by December 31, 2020.

**Applications can be printed from the Pennsylvania State Council Web site at [www.pakofc.us/scholarship](http://www.pakofc.us/scholarship)**

There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the above requirements.



# JON A. DEAKIN

## PA TOP INSURANCE AGENT FOR 2019 FIELD AGENT OF THE YEAR



Field Agent Jon A. Deakin, FICF of the M. Stice Agency has been awarded as the 2019 Field Agent of the Year in the state of Pennsylvania. This comes as no surprise considering Jon has held this position 3 times in the last 7 years. In those 7 years Jon has also made Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) every year, even achieving Court of the Table one of those years. MDRT puts you in the top one percent of all financial professionals world wide and to achieve Court of the Table (COT) you have to double the standard MDRT production based requirements. Jon has already made MDRT this year, his 8<sup>th</sup> year, and is on track to make COT this year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

We, at the M.Stice Agency, are very proud to have Jon on our team and look forward to what the future holds. Please congratulate Jon, with us, on this outstanding achievement.

Submitted by Mark A. Stice, FIC



# ST HELENA'S COUNCIL HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE



American Red Cross

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**March is Red Cross Month**  
When someone needs lifesaving blood or a helping hand, the American Red Cross is there.

**ST HELENA'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
American Red Cross Blood Drive  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> / 9 AM ~ 2 PM / CAFETERIA**  
Appointments are preferred. For an appointment please call:  
**Jeremy 610-937-4302** Or sign up online at  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Enter sponsor code: **0221628**

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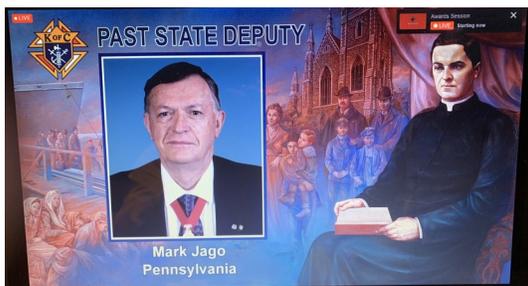


St. Helena's Council in the Eastern Region was one of the winners in the Leave No Neighbor Behind contest. They ran a very successful blood drive!

# MEMBERS OF PA STATE COUNCIL ATTEND 138th SUPREME CONVENTION VIRTUALLY



The Supreme Convention was held on Tuesday August 4, 2020 to Wednesday August 5, 2020. The convention could not be held in Washington, DC as scheduled but was held virtually in New Haven. Delegates and members of the state family attended together at the Penn Stater in State College, PA and practiced social distancing. The convention mass was held at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven followed by reports and other business. Knights in attendance in the picture above were from Left to Right: Eric Johnson (Supreme Regional Growth Director), Mark Kochanowsky (Delegate), Arthur Bobbouine (Delegate), Andy Smith (Delegate), Mike Lynch (State Treasurer), George Schneider Jr (State Advocate), John Drzik (Delegate), Ken Grugel (State Deputy), Gary Damich (Administrative Assistant), Jeffrey Peterinelli (Delegate), Nicholas Marcantonio JR (Delegate), James Maochi (State Program Director), Jim Bahm (Delegate), Brian Hallock (Delegate), Fr Pierre "Bud" Falkenhan (State Chaplain), Mark Jago FIC (Immediate Past State Deputy), and Raymond McLaughlin (State Secretary).



The picture to the far left shows a picture of IPSD Mark Jago on the virtual screen announcing PA made the Circle of Honor! The picture to the left shows our State Deputy with the ladies in attendance. The picture to the bottom far left shows attendees at the state dinner. The picture below shows attendees at the virtual convention.



**Knights Of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673**

**Helps Open Holy Trinity Parish for In-Person Masses During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 began planning to help continue the vital operations of Holy Trinity Parish. The council created a Contactless Collection program where Brother Knights would stand guard for the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist during open Church hours when no public Masses were permitted to take place in Pennsylvania. Included in the Contactless Collection program, Brother Knights prayed during open Church hours, collected canned goods and non-perishable food items to support the Holy Trinity Food Pantry, and solicited donations to continue the vital operations of Holy Trinity Parish. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus live-streamed a Holy Hour on Facebook live where Parishioners and friends were invited to say a rosary to support life activities. For 11 weeks, from March through May, the Knights of Columbus were a weekly fixture helping to lead the Parish through these uncharted times.



Knights stand guard during the reopening of in-person Masses.



In late May, the State of Pennsylvania announced that Bucks County would move into the yellow phase, allowing for the resumption of in-person Masses. The Council immediately helped plan for the Parish reopening. The Council, in consultation with the Parish Pastor and Council Chaplain Monsignor John C. Eckert, began to review the Archdiocese of Philadelphia guidelines for the safe reopening of Parishes for in-person Masses. The Council prepared a set of guidelines consistent with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, and provided the guidelines to Parishioners through the Parish email system and social media. The council created a set of Frequently Asked Questions to better assist Parishioners in preparation for returning to in-person Masses.

In addition to helping to create the guidelines, the Knights of Columbus were charged with implementing the guidelines at all Masses. Brother Knights have volunteered their time since the first weekend in June, at all four (4) weekend Masses offered by the Parish to greet Parishioners, provide a headcount as to not exceed capacity, to ensure appropriate social distancing within all of the pews, to facilitate the lines to receive Holy Communion, and to usher Parishioners to use appropriate exits while maintaining safe social distancing. Once the Church is empty following Mass, the Knights of Columbus sanitize the Church.



Knights with Bishop McIntyre.

In mid-June, the State of Pennsylvania moved Bucks County into the green phase, which modified some of the State implemented restrictions, while at the same time Monsignor Eckert had successful knee replacement surgery. The Knights of Columbus participated in Archdiocesan conference calls to review the guidelines for in-person Masses during the green phase in Pennsylvania. While visiting priests filled in for a recovering Monsignor Eckert, including Bishop John J. McIntyre, the Knights of Columbus continue to stand guard and implement the Parish guidelines to ensure a safe in-person Mass.

During these times of great uncertainty, the one constant through the Parish has been the presence of the Knights of Columbus. Through mid-July, Council #3673 has volunteered in excess of 250 hours standing guard in Church during the Contactless Collection program and for the resumption of in-person Masses. Through the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, there has been a steady increase in Parishioner attendance over the weeks during the resumption of in-person Masses.

The Knights of Columbus stand symbolically during Mass as a beacon of light to guide the Parish through the dark times our world currently faces. The Knights of Columbus continue to review and implement the Parish guidelines to ensure all Parishioners are safe during the celebration of in-person Mass. Council #3673 will continue to be present during Masses and ensure all Parishioners and visitors are safe at Holy Trinity Parish.



Parishioners return for in-person Masses at Holy Trinity.



# MARION ICON IS PRESENTED TO BISHOP BAMBERA



Above is the photo of the presentation of the Marian Icon to Bishop Bambara on July 26th, 2020. Bishop Bambara asked that we present the Icon to him very privately so that it would not instill a crowd or get people congregating during COVID-19. Bishop is very committed to showing a good example during COVID-19.

Former RPC Jim Szoszorek and I presented it to him in a very private setting, after the close of the Solemn Novena to St. Ann at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton PA.

Bishop Bambara was very glad to receive this gift as he relayed to Jim and I. He said that "This icon of Persecuted Christians Is very powerful." He was happy to know of the many Councils, Districts, and churches throughout the Diocese that the icon had visited.

Bishop wanted me to let my brother knights know how grateful he is to the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Council, State Council, and the many Local Councils in the Scranton Diocese for this powerful gift. Bishop urges us to continue the work we do in the faith, and in the Knights of Columbus, especially during this challenging time of Pandemic.

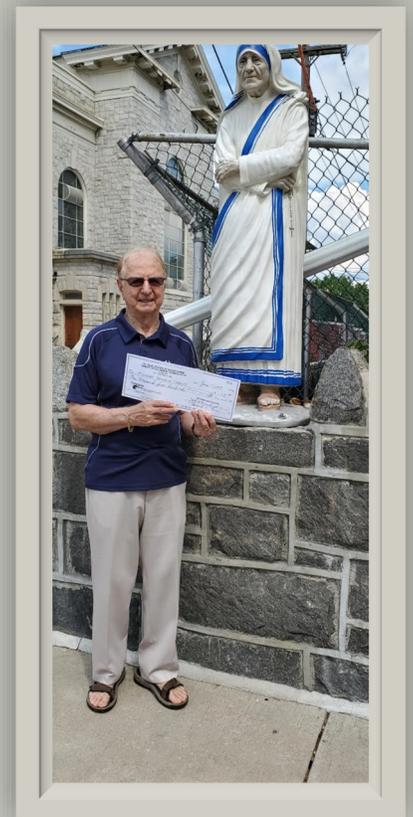
Gratefully & Fraternaly,

Brian Hallock

District Deputy District 49

# ST. ISSAC JOCQUES COUNCIL 13716 ASSISTS THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Council #13716 members Mike DiNatale, Bill Ristey and Jack Marchiano answered the call to put faith into action and to *Leave No Neighbor Behind*. In cooperation with Father Stephen A. Moerman and the generous parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues in Wayne, PA, the Council raised \$3000 to help those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The money raised was donated to Surrey Services in Devon, PA and the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Norristown, PA. Surrey Services provides support for local area seniors including Grab and Go lunches, Meals on Wheels and many other important programs. The Missionary Sisters of Charity work tirelessly to feed hungry people. They also maintain a shelter for the abused and homeless. The Knights are inspired by the example of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta who through her actions showed us that God lives in each person and what we do for His people, we do for Him. Frank Yanni, Grand Knight stated, "This continues the tradition of the works of charity done by the Knights of Columbus as envisioned by Father McGivney." For more information contact [council13716@gmail.com](mailto:council13716@gmail.com).

## MAURA O'NEILL IS THE 2020 RECIPIENT OF THE K of C JOHN W. McDEVITT AWARD



Maura O'Neill, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer O'Neill of Canonsburg, PA, is the recipient of the 2020 National Knights of Columbus John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship. Mr. O'Neill is a member of Bishop Hugh C Boyle #922 Assembly and Canonsburg, PA Council #3291.

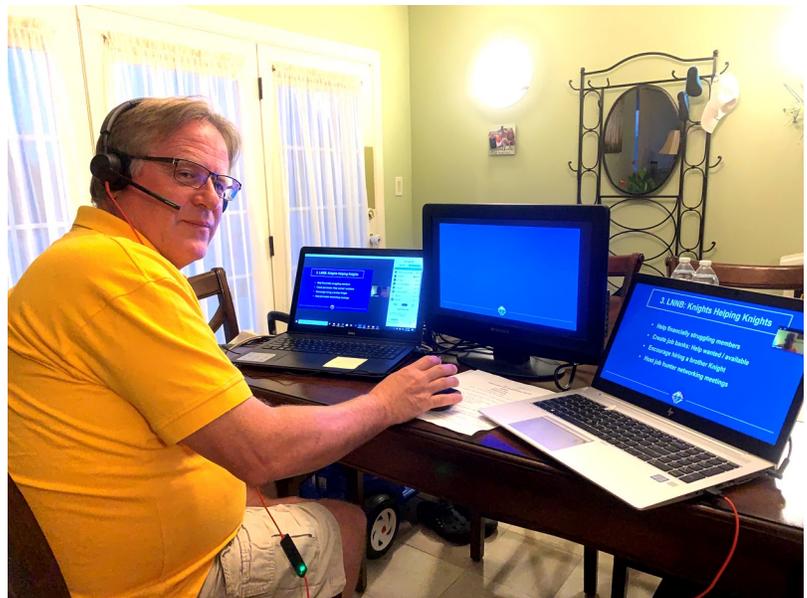
The John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship Fund was established in tribute to the 11th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, John W. McDevitt, a distinguished educator during his career prior to becoming Deputy Supreme Knight and then Supreme Knight in 1964. The undergraduate scholarship award is \$6,000.

Maura graduated with distinguished honors from Canon-McMillian High School in Canonsburg, PA. She will be attending Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA this coming fall to earn a BSN in nursing.

The O'Neill family are members of St Oscar Romero Parish in Canonsburg, P.A.

## DD TURNOVER MEETING

The summer DD Turnover Meeting was replaced this year with a State Organization Meeting which was held in the evening of July 21 and 22. The Producer of the virtual event was our Administrative Assistant Gary Damish shown to the right. The event was attended by State Officers, Directors, Chairman and District Deputies. Presentations were given by representatives from Supreme and State Council.



# COUNCIL 11454 PRACTICES LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND



The top left photograph shows members of Council 11454 in Erie doing some landscaping at the Diocese of Erie retirement home. Our State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel is shown holding the wheel barrel to the left!

The top right photograph to the right shows the members of Council 11454 relaxing and having lunch with Father Cass, a resident of the Diocese of Erie retirement home.

The photograph to the right shows members of Council 11454 attending their June 2020 Council meeting practicing social distancing and wearing masks!



# DUBOIS COUNCIL 519 SPONSORS SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

The DuBois Knights of Columbus Council 519 sponsored a Silver Rose prayer service at Saint Michaels Roman Catholic Church in DuBois, Pa on August 5, 2020. Pictured with the Silver Rose from the left is: Dave Straub, Grand Knight Pete Brown, P.G.K. Bob Boland, P.G.K. Gene Grzeda, Byzantine Deacon Paul Boboige, P.G.K. Jerry McIntosh, D.D. David Johnston, and Central West Coordinator David Spacht.



## OUR LADY OF GRACE COUNCIL #17417 FOOD DRIVE AND PARISHIONER OUTREACH

On May 2 and June 6, newly formed Our Lady of Grace Council #17417 in Penndel, Bucks County held two extraordinarily successful food drives. Over 5500 pounds of food and almost \$2,000 in monetary donations were collected to support Mary's Cupboard, a food pantry on the Levittown Parkway. Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Food Drives will continue.

Also, during May and June, the Council made phone calls to over 400 of Our Lady of Grace Parishioners who are 75 and older. They were successful in reaching 85% and found that they were well, in good spirits despite the lock down and were grateful for the Live Streaming of Mass. **R**

Our Lady of Grace Pastor and Council Chaplain Monsignor Joseph Prior expressed his deep gratitude to all the Knights who helped with the Food Drive and Parishioner Outreach. Both were an extremely rewarding and uplifting experiences to all involved.



# **KEYSTONE KNIGHT SCHEDULE – 2020-2021**

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**APRIL 19, 2021**

**MAY 31, 2021**

**JUNE 12, 2021**



# **PA STATE COUNCIL OFFICERS 2020-2022**



Pictured above are the current state officers of the PA State Council of the Knights of Columbus. From left to right: State Secretary Ray McLaughlin, State Chaplain Rev. Pierre “Bud” Falkenhan, State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel, State Treasurer Mike Lynch, State Warden Tony Ream and State Advocate George Schneider Jr.