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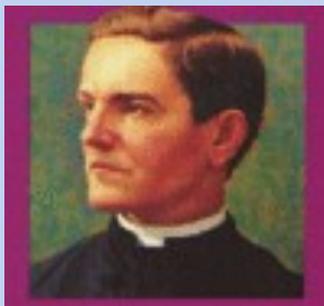
My Brother Knights:

The changing colors on the trees in my neighborhood are a reminder that fall is here and winter is not too far away. Just like the changing seasons, the Knights have their seasonal routines from year to year except this year when so much of what we do has been put on hold.

Although this year has been different from any other which we have experienced, we have adapted to bring the joy of Columbianism to over 300 new Brothers since July. Our Bishops have been visited and presented with checks for the retired religious and fresh money for the young seminarians. Councils are slowly beginning to meet, in person church attendance is on the rise, and many fall parish activities are being planned with Knights help to return to some type of normalcy.

October is also very special this year since so many milestones are happening in our great jurisdiction. On October 3rd, Fr. James Reid Council 2194 in Rochester celebrated its 100 Anniversary, and on the 24th Our Lady of the Lake Council 6191 in Edinboro will celebrate their 50th Anniversary. On October 18th our PSD and Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor will be invested into the Papal Order of Pope Saint Sylvester in Allentown, and on the 31st our beloved founder of the Knights of Columbus, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney will be Beatified at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT.

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**REMEMBER THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF THE
KEYSTONE KNIGHT WILL BE DEDICATED TO
BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

SEE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS!

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STATE DEPUTY REPORT

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Yes, this October will be a very special month, it will come around again next year just like the falling leaves, but not exactly the same as this one.

Venerable Fr. McGivney - Pray for Us
Saint John Paul - Hear our Prayers

BE NOT AFRAID

Ken Grugel
State Deputy



The picture to the left shows State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel, a former member of Council 7549 in Clarion, returns to visit council members and share one of their world famous sausage sandwiches during Autumn Leaf Festival. The council has been selling Italian sausage sandwiches for over 30 years at the local festival.

ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 EDITION ARTICLES FOR NEXT EDITON OF THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT ARE DUE NOVEMBER 9, 2020. SEND THEM TO: rickterroni@comcast.net LET'S SHOW EVERYONE WHAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF PA ARE DOING! PLEASE TRY TO SEND A PICTURE WITH YOUR ARTICLE!

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STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Rev. Pierre (BUD) Falkenhan

My Brother Knights,

In the month of October, our Holy Church has set aside the 31 days for the faithful to pray the Rosary. Now when you took your First Degree (for us old fellows) or attended your Exemplification (for the newer members) we were given a rosary and suggested that we pray the rosary often, if not daily.

Now personally, I have a great love of our Blessed Mother and respect for the Rosary, but it is not part of my personal devotions or prayer life. Maybe it's because of some youngsters who were "forced" to pray the Rosary with their family when it was broadcast over the radio in the late 50's or early 60's, or over some seminary comments like "Praying the Fast 53" or "Run a lap around the beads" which soured my outlook. But when I am asked to lead the Rosary in public, I do my best to slow down and mediate on the mysteries as the prayer is meant to be prayed.

Over my 40 years of Priesthood, I have come across two books, one entitled Scriptural Rosary and the other Our Lady gives the World the Rosary to the Unborn to Conquer Abortion and both add texts that help one to slow down and reflect on the prayer.

I don't know if you are having any problems like what I mentioned above and if you are not, God Bless you! But if needed, I offer you these thoughts in case when you pray the Rosary this month and you find yourself rushing things, you may take the time to slow down and make your prayer the most effective and receive all the blessings available from our Blessed Mothers and her son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Bud Falkenhan
State Chaplain





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

Brothers,

October is here and the leaves are changing color. There is a chill in the air as we head into fall. We have a lot to look forward to in October. We celebrate the namesake of our Order, Christopher Columbus and the Beatification of our founder Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. We are justly proud of both men and should make it our mission to carry on the work of our founder Fr. McGivney by spreading the good news of our Order to all men.

The Knights of Columbus can provide men with an opportunity to put their Faith into Action. We need to extend an invitation to all Catholic men to join our Order and help us to continue doing the good works that we are known for. The Supreme Council has extended the free online membership to December 31, 2020. That's right! If a new member joins online they get one year of free dues. This is a great opportunity for our councils to get members to join. Ask a man to join and use promo code: MCGIVNEY2020

When a man joins online it is not the end of the process. We must then get him into a council and have him attend a degree, whether virtual or in person. We are leaving to many men in our council prospect tab on officers online page of the supreme website. If you need help in finishing the process please contact your District Deputy or someone from the state membership team. We are here to help!

This month the State Council will start conducting virtual degrees using several teams from throughout the state. The registration form will be on the State Council website and the schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 22nd, 2020, 7:00 PM (Greensburg Degree Team)

Thursday, October 29th, 2020, 7:00 PM (Pittsburgh Degree Team)

Thursday, November 5th, 2020, 7:00 PM (East Degree Team)

Let's make October a month to remember and bring in as many new brothers as we can. Let's do it for Fr. McGivney and make him proud of the Order he founded as we go forth proclaiming the good news of our Order and Christ our Savior.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Kish FSA

State Membership Director



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

My Brother Knights of Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania,

In this edition of the Keystone Knight, while the leaves are turning color in spectacular fashion across the Keystone State, our State Chairmen and Directors are providing timely updates on current events like the Soccer Challenge along with programs relevant to our Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative. Yes, my Brothers, let's focus on getting our Coats for Kids drives planned and scheduled, continue the great work we're doing across the State with Food for Families and support for our food banks, and meeting with your Pastors and church leaders to determine how each of our Councils can help the Domestic Church in Pennsylvania with our Faith in Action program

Our November edition of the Keystone Knight will place focus on the Beatification of our Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney taking place on October 31, 2020. Our State Deputy has delivered communication to all Archbishops and Bishops in Pennsylvania informing them ways they can spiritually and pastorally inform the faithful in their Dioceses of this great event and opportunities to commemorate and reflect on this Beatification in meaningful ways. With supplemental communications that have been delivered via our PA District Deputies, our hope is that all Councils across the state have opportunity to schedule events scheduled to honor our Founder with this Beatification while continuing to pray also for his Canonization.

Please know Brothers that a high priority remains for all Councils to remain active and operational. Toward doing so, while meeting in person remains ideal option, let's not preclude having your Councils meet online/virtual if your Councils is unable to meet in person. There are many convenient and affordable ways for Councils to meet virtually.....if interested or have questions on how this can be done, please feel free to contact your District Deputy or me directly using my contact information listed below.

Fraternally,

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**From the Desk of
BRIAN T. SMITH, PA STATE FAITH DIRECTOR**



The Rosary Program encourages devotion to Mary, the Patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in the community and as a family. No matter what limitations we must endure because of COVID-19, Knights can still serve through prayer and faith. Councils have found many ways to pray the Rosary in this time of social distancing. A few examples include virtual Rosary (daily or weekly) with your Council and inviting all parishioners of your Parish. Councils and parishioners have also met in their grottos at their Parish and Council homes, keeping social distance and even just sitting in their cars in the parking lot and praying together. As we read in Knightline, a UCLA College Council organized an international virtual rosary to pray for the end of the pandemic and civic unrest with members of the USA, Mexico, and France.

Now is the time to reach out to your Pastor and plan a Rosary Program with the Parish. A great start date for your program would be the weekend of October 31 - November 1st, meeting before all masses. This would be a great time to start to honor the Beatification of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, on Saturday, October 31st and in honor of All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st. So let's put our Faith into action and leave no neighbor behind by saying the Rosary today and starting your community's program.

Mary Mother of God, Pray for Us

Brian T. Smith

State Faith Director



**From the Desk of
JOHN COCCO, PA STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR**



Greetings my brother knights,

It's hard to believe that another month has passed us by and before we know it we'll be in a new year. However, before time passes us by there's much work to do. As the days get shorter we must continue to check on our brother knights, assist our pastors in reopening the church, assist those in need in our communities, feed the hungry and holding blood drives. But in the end we must leave no neighbor behind.

We are also in a time where many things are different we still need to find something familiar. That means that you should be meeting, whether that's in person as allowed by health code or virtually, but we must get back to business however that is.

Tuesday, November 3rd, is Election Day. Knights are urged to exercise their civil right and vote in national, state and local elections. This begins by confirming your voter registration and, if not registered, to register, AND to encourage eligible family members and friends to do the same. To assist members and their families, the Knights of Columbus maintains a dedicated webpage that contains resources to assist in confirming voter registration or to register to vote – kofc.org/vote.

Regrettably, not all citizens exercise this fundamental civil liberty, which so many have given so much to uphold throughout the history of our nation. Voter turnout rates have ranged from 50 to 60 percent in the past several years. In a year of uncertainty due to the pandemic, the turnout rate could be even lower. As patriotic Catholics, we are grateful to live in a country where we have the right to vote – and the freedom to encourage all those voters around us to vote as well. That is why the Knights of Columbus sponsors its “Nonpartisan National Get Out and Vote Program,” which aims to increase voter participation in the electoral process.

Through this program, brother Knights can assist eligible voters who may lack access to the critical information necessary to ensure all may freely cast their ballot by referring them to nonpartisan resources available at kofc.org/vote - whether voting by mail, absentee ballot or at a polling place. Working together, brother Knights can make history by improving voter participation in their communities because *Every. Vote. Matters.*

Learn more at kofc.org/vote.

**Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. kofc.org/vote contains links to nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy and that we will see each other soon. Please keep praying for that miracle that moves our founder to Sainthood.

Vivat Jesus and Be Not Afraid

John

John Cocco



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



STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE UPDATE

State Soccer Challenge Alternate Competition Guidelines

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

October 8, 2020

My Brothers All,

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the local restrictions related to the pandemic the State Council has developed an alternative method to conduct the State Soccer Challenge competition for 2020. The following guidelines are to be utilized to conduct the State Soccer Challenge for the year 2020.

- ◆ Local Councils and Regional District Deputies shall contact local authorities and regional authorities, including local and regional Department of Health, to see if this type of outside event can be conducted and what restrictions and/or requirements must be adhered to for the event to take place. Once permission is obtained.
- ◆ Local Councils and/or Regional DD's shall secure a location to conduct the respective local and/or regional events. Once a location has been selected Councils shall seek volunteers to conduct the event as well as any equipment necessary. NOTE: All Supreme Child Safety requirements must be met and adhered to prior to establishing a competition.
- ◆ Local Councils and/or Regional DD's shall announce and advertise to the Community that the Knights of Columbus are conducting this event and inform those who may be participating of any restrictions that are required by the local authorities as well as the location. The State Soccer Challenge is opened to boys and girls and a winner should be selected from each category at all levels of competition.
- ◆ Local Councils shall conduct a local competition for the Soccer Challenge as prescribed through the Supreme requirements outlined in the Faith in Action program and utilizing the Soccer Challenge Kit (SC-KIT) obtained through the Supreme Website.
- ◆ Upon completion of a Local Competition the winners shall be submitted to the Regional DD's who shall conduct a separate competition to select the Regional winner. In the event that there is no local competition, participants could enter at the Regional level and compete without local competition. This can only happen if there is no local competition being conducted. Councils are encouraged to combine local events if possible.

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From the Desk of
MICHAEL DELUCIA SR., DEPUTY STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
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- ◆ Regional Competition participants shall participate and compete for the regional competition winner. The results of both male and female as well as age categories shall then be sent to the State Deputy Community Director who with the Program Committee will determine the State winner based on the results of their performance at the Regional event.
- ◆ In the event of a potential tie at the State Competition the top two finalists from each region (winners of the regional competition) shall participate in a 10 shot “Kick Off”. The results of the “Kick Off” shall be sent to the State for consideration in the event of a tie based on the Regional competition results. The results from the “10 shot Kick Off” will only be used in the event that there is a tie between two or more regional competitors and to select the State Winner.

In order to conduct the State Competition and announce the State winner all local and regional events must be completed by **NO LATER than November 8, 2020. All regional winner score sheets must be postmarked by November 13th and mailed to:**

Mike DeLucia
Deputy Community Director
16 Wynmere Drive
Horsham, PA 19044

The State Champion will be announced on November 22, 2020. Announcements will be made to the Soccer Challenge Winner directly and the local Council Grand Knight and Regional District Deputy (who conducted the event). Trophies and Certificates will be sent to the Regional DD for awarding at an appropriate time and location as outlined by local restrictions. Ideally this should take place at a local Council meeting or at the winner’s parish church with permission from the pastor.





**From the Desk of
JOHN MEENAN, PA STATE LIFE DIRECTOR
THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!**

Brothers,

If you think we're going back to our old way of doing things in a few weeks, I'm afraid you better think again. If you want to get back to meeting in your parish hall, having spaghetti dinners and Night at the Races, you better start "thinking outside the box."

We just finished our annual Silver Rose journey and sorry to say, but Maryland and West Virginia opted out of the program because of the pandemic. But Pennsylvania stepped up to the plate. And in spite of the virus, we were able to carry the Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe over Two Thousand miles in all Eight Dioceses throughout the jurisdiction and gave more than 2,100 of the Faithful the opportunity to view and pray at Forty One services to Our Virgin Mother.

And all this was accomplished because Deputy Life Director Dave Spacht was "Thinking Outside the Box". Dave created an army of Brothers who formed a "bucket brigade" and passed the Rose from Region to Region and back again until every Pastor in Pennsylvania who wanted the Rose for his Parish had his wish granted.

Believe it or not, there are Councils who are meeting more often now and have higher attendance than they did before the pandemic! And this is because they are taking advantage of the technology and they are thinking "Outside the Box." I know of a Council in the Northeast that has started two new campaigns and an online fundraiser. And their Officers meet once a week to share ideas. How great is that?

We love to say that we're after new and younger Brothers. Well, name one of those young guys as "Director of Technology" and get him to teach the members how to email, facebook, internet, etc. so that the old boys can come up with ideas and begin to "Think Outside the Box."

The March for Life Season is coming soon and there's no way of knowing for sure whether the March in DC will happen. And March on Harrisburg is at best, iffy.

What does that mean? Do we say "Oh well, I guess we'll just have to let them keep killing babies this year until things get back to normal"? I sure hope not. Plan a local March – March around the Church – March around the block – March around your living room – BUT MARCH!

We're Mary's Warriors! We're God's Crusaders! We're Satan's Enemies!

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

And while you're at it, email me and let me know what you're thinking, so I can share it with others.

Fraternally,

Your Brother John

**From the Desk of
GEORGE L. BECKES FSW, EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SECRETARY**



The Educational Foundation has completed the 2019/2020 fifty student grant program for students attending a Catholic School of choice. We had two students that were not eligible to receive a \$1000 student grant last year. We took the next two students on our ten extra lists and awarded them the \$1000 grants.

We had a difficult time getting information from eleven families. Some of the schools personal were working from home and only worked short hours at the school. We would leave messages and that person would return our call when they received the message.

The new 2021/2022 application and rules are on the PA website. (www.pakofc.us). Please note that we want all students to use the NEW application. These applications are to be sent to the Educational Foundation Secretary and post marked between January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021.

There is no advantage for a student sending his or her application early in the month or at the end of the month. They just have to be postmarked between January 1, 2021 and January 31, 2021. The drawing for the 2021/2022 grant will be drawn on the second or third Saturday in February 2021, weather permitting.

Pass the word for catholic student's grade 1 through 12 planning on attending a catholic school of choice to send an application to the Educational Foundation secretary.

Sincerely,

George L. Beckes
Educational Foundation Secretary
10236 Sidehill Rd.
North East, PA 16428-4950



**IMPORTANT INFO ON
PA STATE COUNCIL
Grants**



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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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What a year this has been. Schools closing in March to mitigate a pandemic. Students learning from home. And now, school districts are weighing their options as far as how to open the schools. Are we going to have:

- Traditional in-school classes?
- Online learning (cyber school)?
- A hybrid of in-school classes and online learning?
- Will my child have a traditional graduation in 2021?
- Will my child be able to go to college next year?

If your son or daughter is entering their Senior year in High School, college preparation is probably one of the things on their mind. Now is the time to consider applying for a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Applications will be available on the State Council website. www.pakofc.us/scholarship

Ten scholarships of \$3000.00, paid in 4 annual installments of \$750.00 each will be awarded.

Completed applications must be submitted *no later than December 31, 2020*. I strongly urge applicants not to wait until late December to get the necessary signatures because people may not be available over the Christmas holiday season. Please refer to the flyer on the website for a summary list of conditions that must be met.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Scholarship program.

Fraternally,
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CHANGES TO THE 2020-2021 COAL PROGRAM



COAL is going to be hot this year! We have made changes that we hope will make the 2021 Program better than ever! The future will be good.

The biggest change will be the ticket format. Individual tickets will be sold at \$5.00 per ticket which should make it easier to sell and track. Councils had been selling books from \$5.00 to \$8.00 each and some Councils sold individual tickets. The format and cost of the individual ticket was determined from a statewide survey of Grand Knights.

The cost to the Council was determined by determining how much was needed to fund the scholarships and trying to keep the Council profit percentage close to the same.

In 2020, many Councils sold books for \$6.00. If a Council sold 84 books at \$6.00, they would gross \$ 504 and pay State Council Charities \$ 394 and keep a profit of \$ 210. In 2021, the same Council will need to sell 100 tickets to gross the same \$500. They would pay \$ 300 to State Council Charities and realize a profit of \$200. The \$5.00 tickets will be easier to sell so Councils should be able to increase sales.

Another major change is that there will be all cash prizes. Most winners have been taking the Cash Equivalent for years. It would have been difficult to arrange the trips this year if they were selected because the virus through the travel industry into disarray.

The Drawing Date will be April 30, 2021; the same date we planned in 2020. We are simplifying the process for submitting tickets and payments. Councils are encouraged to send tickets and payments together. To do this, we have one discount date, April 1, 2021. This is a month after the Discount Date from the 2020 Drawing and will allow Councils to take full advantage of the discount.

As many of you know or have probably wondered, we lost money during the 2020 Program. Thanks to the foresight of Joe and the previous Chairmen, we had an investment fund and can meet our commitments. Many Councils were not able to sell nearly as many tickets as in past years and we do not have a good base to offer a sales bonus in 2021. We will look at 2021 sales and determine how to proceed in the future.

We were unable to collect orders at the convention so we are sending an online form to Councils so they can order their tickets. Please look for the form in your email. You may also use the enclosed form on the next page if you prefer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fran O'Hara, FSW, COAL Chairman
610-733-1812
coal@pakofc.us



2020 - 2021 C.O.A.L. PROGRAM

ORDER FORM

Please Print Legible

Date _____

Council # _____ Council Name _____ District # _____

Number of Tickets Requested _____

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Name _____

Ship to

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Financial Secretary Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Grand Knights Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Requested by _____ Title _____

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

PAVILION IS BLESSED AT COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION



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The photographs above show Father Rich Toohy blessing the completed pavilion at Our Lady Of Peace Parish pavilion built by members of Council 11454 in Erie as part of their Columbus Day celebration.

ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6440 HOSTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Jude Council 6440, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, hosted its 1st Golf Tournament on Oct 4, 2020 at Sand Spring Country Club. The fund-raiser was held to support our Coats for Kids initiative, our RSVP program and more. Ninety-Eight golfers were welcomed to this event and enjoyed a day of golf, food and fraternity.

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Tournament chairs include Jerry Nash, Alan Guitson and Steve Muntzenberger (pictured below left) GK Bob Murphy (pictured middle bottom) and DD Jason Kowalski (pictured below right) were among the golfers participating.

Submitted by Dave Jaques



Knights Of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council 3673 Continues to Support the Holy Trinity Community During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Knights of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 continue to support Holy Trinity Parish through *Faith in Action* and Community programs during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Standing Guard for the Safe Celebration of Mass and Sacramentals: The Knights of Columbus Father Joseph D. Gallagher Council #3673 continues to provide support to Holy Trinity Parish during the COVID-19 pandemic. The council has continued to serve as greeters, ushers, and sanitizers of the Church during Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses. In addition to these Masses, the Knights of Columbus have also served this role for Parish Sacramentals. The Knights were on hand to greet, usher, and sanitize the Church for the [PREP](#) and [Holy Trinity School](#) students receiving their First Holy Communion in October. The Knights also facilitated family pictures in front of the altar, allowing families to have a memory of the day with their children in a safe and socially distant manner.



Brother Knights Usher Parishioners to Communion.



A Surprise Donut Breakfast for Parishioners.

Thank You Breakfast To Go: Since the start of the pandemic, the council has been unable to host its regular Sunday breakfast for parishioners. Since we are unable to gather in large groups, the Council [brought breakfast to the Parishioners](#). Over Columbus Day weekend, the Council purchased donuts and mini bottles of water for the Parishioners after our three Sunday Masses. The Council took this as an opportunity to say thank you to our Parishioners for their continued support of the Council and the Parish. The donuts were individually wrapped for a safe grab and go breakfast. It was a great way for the Council to continue outreach to the Parish during these times

8th Grade Bible Presentation: With COVID-19 changing the landscape of traditional events and programs, the Council adapted our [Student Faith Leader Recognition Celebration](#). The Council honors the 8th grade students at Holy Trinity School as the new faith leaders of the school by purchasing each student a Bible for them to take through the end of their 8th grade year and on through high school. Traditionally, the Bibles were blessed and presented to the students and their families as part of the Council’s fall breakfast on Catechetical Sunday. This year, being unable to host a breakfast, we held this ceremony at the 9:30 am Mass on Columbus Day weekend. Students and their families were invited to Mass, and Monsignor Eckert blessed the Bibles and the students. The Bibles were handed out by Grand Knight Joe Pargola and Deputy Grand Knight Jim King. The students were encouraged to keep this Bible, and the Lord, close to their hearts.



HTS 8th Grade Students after receiving their Bibles with Grand Knight Joe Pargola and Brother Knights Msgr. John Eckert and Deacon Warren Leonard.



Each student received a personalized Youth Bible. Inside each Bible is a message to the students that reads: “As a student faith leader in the Holy Trinity School Community, you are a representative of Jesus to everyone you encounter in your daily lives. May this Bible serve a constant reminder that you are called to imitate Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served. Know that you are in the prayers of the Knights of Columbus and that we ask you to pray for us. Vivat Jesus”



HISPANIC MEMBERSHIP TEAM DISCUSSES STARTING A COUNCIL IN ERIE



On Sunday October 12th, 2 members of the Hispanic Membership Team traveled to St. Stephen's Church in Erie to discuss starting Knights of Columbus council at the church.

Pictured are Arturo Fuentes Hispanic Coordinator, Dr. Ken Grugel State Deputy, and DD 81 and Team member Manuel Jiminez.

PA HAS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER WINNER

On October 1st, Chester Young presented William Scott with his International Soccer Challenge Trophy. With Chester (left to right) are Ron Dell, Council 12532 soccer chair; Dick Reeling, DD; and John Radicone, Grand Knight, Council 12532.





STATE TREASURER MIKE LYNCH PRESENTS AWARDS TO HOMESTEAD COUNCIL #2201



I was honored on Sunday, September 27th, to present several awards to Homestead Council #2201 during Mass at St. Therese worship site of St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Munhall. The council received the Cardinal Wright Award from the K of C Bishop of Pittsburgh Diocese Project. They also won the Community Award and the Family Award for their division from the State Council. They also qualified for the Columbian Award, although they have not received it yet from Supreme. Pictured above is State Treasurer Mike Lynch and the Council members in the picture below!

Michael Lynch State Treasurer





STATE TREASURER MIKE LYNCH PRESENTS CHECKS TO BISHOP ZUBIK



I was pleased to present two checks from the State Council to the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, on Monday, September 28th. One check was for the support of Vocations in the Pittsburgh Diocese. The second check was for the Retired Religious fund in the Diocese. I was accompanied by our State Chaplain, Fr. Pierre Falkenhan, and our State Program Director, James Maochi. In addition to the presentation of the checks, we also updated Bishop Zubik on several of the programs currently undertaken by the Knights. We also discussed the efforts of our councils in the Diocese to help their parishes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you.

Michael Lynch
State Treasurer

THE INVESTITURE OF SUPREME SECRETARY MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR AS A KNIGHT OF THE PONTIFICAL ORDER OF POPE SAINT SYLVESTER

The pontifical Order of Pope Saint Sylvester is one of five pontifical knightly orders which was founded by Pope Gregory the XVI in 1841. Those named to this order are actively involved in the everyday activities of the Church. Membership signifies recognition from the Holy Father himself for Exemplary Service Rendered to the Church. On Sunday, October 18, 2020 this honor was bestowed on our Past State Deputy and current Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor at a mass celebrated by the Most Rev Alfred A. Schlert with other bishops and priests at the Cathedral Church of Saint Catharine of Sienna in Allentown, PA. The below—top row—shows our State Deputy Dr Ken Grugel and other color corps members. The next is the color corps leading the procession into mass. The next ones show in the procession were Rev. (Col..) Gregory D'Emma, Second Row FSC Lawrence Sherdel, Most Rev John J. McNyre Aux Bishop of Phila. The next is the Investiture by the Most Rev Alfred A. Schlert Bishop of Allentown, Bottom left is Pat and Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor leaving mass and Supreme Secretary O'Connor showing the declaration from the Holy Father and wearing his medal. There were representatives from Supreme Council in attendance as well as many knights!





CURRENT AND PAST STATE DEPUTIES OF PA



The above photograph was taken at the reception following the Investiture of Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor as a Knight of the Pontifical Order of Pope Saint Sylvester. Shown from L to R: PSD Eric C. Johnson MPC, PSD Wayne S. Freet FVSM, IPSD Mark L. Jago FIC, PSD Michael J. O'Connor Supreme Secretary, SD Kenneth E. Grugel PhD, PSD George R. Koch FM, PSD Aaron F. Cubbage FM, PSD Charles J. Vagnarelli



2020 PA STATE COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR MATTHEW & KELLY REAGON



The winner of the 2020 Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council Family of the Year is the Reagon Family. Pictured above from Left to Right: Fran O'Hara FSW, Coal Chairman (Previous State Family Director), Joe Paoletti FST Master of the Calvert Province, Ray McLaughlin State Secretary, Matthew & Kelly Reagan, John Cocco State Community Director, Rev. Philip Rodgers Former State Chaplain, DD#36 Tom Rochowicz



EAST REGION PRESENTS ICON/CHECK TO ARCHBISHOP GUDZIAK



On Thursday, September 17, 2020 Fran O'Hara, George Koch, Raymond McLaughlin and Nicholas J Marcantonio, Jr. from the Knights of Columbus met with Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak and Bishop Andriy Rabyi at the Chancery Office in Philadelphia. The main reason the Knights asked for a meeting was to present two gifts, an Icon "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians" to the Metropolitan and a check for \$6,269.65 to support vocations.

Archbishop Gudziak began the meeting by thanking the Knights of Columbus for who they are and what they do. Archbishop spoke about how he appreciated the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Minnesota in August 2019, which he attended shortly after his enthronement. The metropolitan was impressed with the service and mission spirit that the Knights of Columbus bring to the Church and society. Archbishop also mentioned how the Knights of Columbus are continuing to grow in Ukraine. He encouraged the Knights to continue to be radical in what they do.

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**EAST REGION
PRESENTS ICON/CHECK TO
ARCHBISHOP GUDZIAK
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Among the discussion points during the meeting was the presently inactive chapter in the Knights of Columbus at the Cathedral parish. The Knights hope the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia can once again be an active chapter.

The Knights of Columbus then presented Metropolitan Gudziak with an Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians and a check for vocation support. They explained how two Icons of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians travelled around the Philadelphia area where there were prayer services in churches in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Knights presented one of those two Icons of Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians to the Metropolitan.

The Icon “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” is an icon commissioned by the Knights from Italian artist Fabrizio Diomedi and was presented first at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Depicted in the Icon gathered under the mantle of the Mother of God are men, women and children who died as martyrs in recent times.

Also, at the meeting the Knights presented Metropolitan Gudziak with a generous check to help foster future priests for the Archeparchy. Fran O’Hara helps the Knights raise funds to help seminarians. Metropolitan Gudziak was very appreciative of the two very generous gifts to the Archeparchy.

Metropolitan Borys explained that we have three seminarians and a deacon in the seminary. There are two registered seminarians in Washington, DC and there is a seminarian and a deacon doing a short term of studies at St. Charles Borromeo in Pennsylvania.

Archbishop also spoke of how he is hoping to invite a number of priests from Ukraine to come to our Archeparchy. He explained how there has been a large wave of immigrants in recent years and how we have 63 parishes in the Archeparchy but only 42 active priests for those parishes. Archbishop Gudziak explained that none of our priests in the Philadelphia Archeparchy are under the age of 40. The group of six candidates from Ukraine are undergoing a weekly preparation for service in the US along with their wives. It is hoped that they will arrive in the first part of 2021.

The meeting concluded with a group photo and a discussion with Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields reminiscing about the Knights of Columbus.

Photo (l to r): Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields, Bishop Andriy Rabyi, Nicholas J Marcantonio, Jr., Raymond McLaughlin, Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Fran O’Hara and George Koch pose by the Icon “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” that was donated by the Knights of Columbus to Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

REMEMBERING PAST STATE DEPUTY WILLIAM J. CONNELLY 1926-2020



Brother Knights All,

We said goodbye to our dear friend, Brother Sir Knight, and Past State Deputy William J. Connelly today. We are reminded of and are grateful for all that he did to make the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania an even better place to be a Knight of Columbus.

Fifteen Color Corps members turned out today from all areas of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania to honor PSD Bill Connelly; I was proud to be among them to show our final respects for such a great man. See photograph below.

Please continue to pray for PSD Bill's family. We pray that God has mercy on his soul and grant him eternal peace!

Fraternally,
Brian Hallock, Deputy Director of Technology Services



YORK COUNCIL #1530 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

York Council #1530 in Dallastown installed their officers for the Fraternal Year 2020-2021 FY on Tuesday evening. District Deputy #87 Pat Workinger conducted the installation in the parish social hall. St. Joseph Pastor and Council Chaplain Rev. Mark E. Weiss assisted in the ceremony.

Following the installation, Grand Knight Ed Lane conducted a brief business meeting. After the Report of the District Deputy, Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Jago presented their Star Council Award for the 2019-2020 FY and congratulated the members for their outstanding achievement.

IPSD Mark Jago also acknowledged the contribution of Field Agent Jon Deakin, who was unable to attend the meeting. Field Agents are responsible for helping councils qualify for the Founder's Award, one of the major requirements for attaining Star Council.

The evening concluded with refreshments and fellowship.

District Deputy Pat Workinger achieved Star District this year. Through his leadership two of his councils earned Star Council, York # 1530 and St. Joseph Council # 6353 in East York. See photographs below:

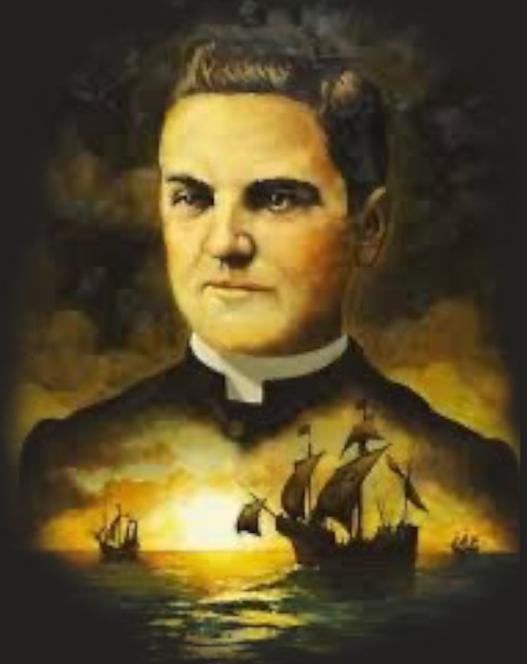


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CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO HONOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

In honor of Fr. McGivney's

IN HONOR OF THE BEATIFICATION OF OUR FOUNDER FATHER MICHAEL J MCGIVNEY ON OCTOBER 31, 2020, THE PA STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS OFFERING FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 6—DECEMBER 31, 2020.



www.kofc.org/join

Promo Code: MCGIVNEY2020

Brother Knights:

In honor of the Beautification of Father Michael J. McGivney—PA State Council along with Suprem Council is offering free membership for 1 year for any candidate making their degree in the interval of the dates listed above! This is a great opportunity to push online membership! There are Orderwide Exemplification Days on the following Dates listed below: Have the degree honor our founder and send pictures to the Keystone Knight! Note one of the dates is November 1st—Have a degree for ALL SAINTS DAY!

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 1, 2020	3PM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 7, 2020	3 PM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 21, 2020	3 PM
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 27, 2020	3 PM

For more information - contact Doug Fleming, Online Membership Director at douglasfleming@roadrunner.com.

KEYSTONE KNIGHT SCHEDULE – 2020-2021

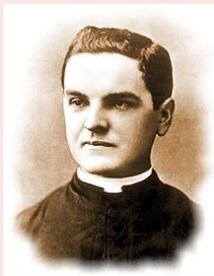
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Note: Articles for November 2020 should Honor the Beautification of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney!

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**THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF
KEYSTONE KNIGHT
HONORS THE BEATIFICATION OF
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

In honor of the Beautification of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney, our State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel has asked that the November edition of the Keystone Knight feature articles pertaining to the soon to be Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. This edition will be published November 19, 2020.

The articles can show what Councils, Districts, Chapters and Assemblies have done to carry out his mission. Try to tie programs to this. Virtually in some way all of our programs tie into his vision!

In November many of our brother knights hold masses and prayer services for our deceased members and their families. Make the beautification of Father Michael J. McGivney part of these events! You can hold degrees in honor of our founder!

We hope to see a lot of submissions that show State Council's support of this wonderful event! Any articles that contains date sensitive information for the November edition will be put in. Note any holiday articles will be put in the January edition of the Keystone Knight!

Thanking all of you in advance for your support!

Rick Terroni FSS, Keystone Knight Editor