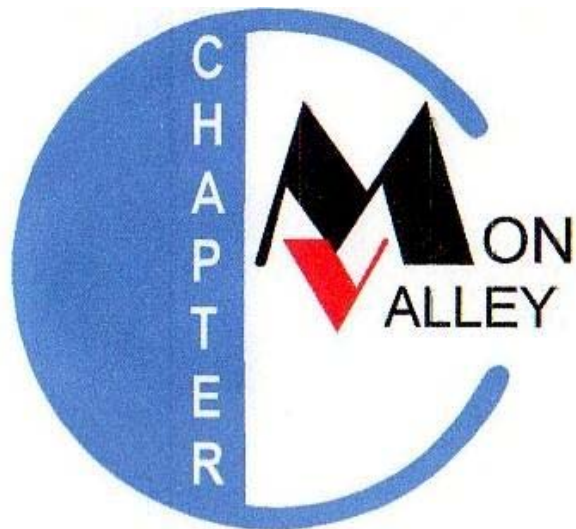


Knights of Columbus

Mon-Valley Chapter 2016 Annual Report



President's Message

The Mon-Valley Chapter is part of the Western Section along with the Beaver, Greensburg, and Pittsburgh Chapters. As a proud member of the Western Section, we are honored to participate in all of the Knights of Columbus projects that make our order so necessary. On behalf of the Mon Valley Chapter, I want to thank our State Deputy Stan Glowaski, and all of the state officers for doing a great job. Stan is a Past President of our chapter. His leadership along with many others make our chapter strong. I would also like to express our appreciation to all of the state chairmen and directors. Thank them all for their hard work to keep the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania of the Knights of Columbus moving forward. A chapter is only as strong and active as its councils. That said, the Mon Valley chapter is as strong as any in our state. In the Fraternal Year of 2014-2015 of the 16 councils within the chapter. 11 of those earned an award from Supreme; We had a double Star, 5 councils earned Star, 5 earned the Columbian award; with one of those 5 also earning the Founders award. Later in this report you will read some of the activities and achievements of the individual councils. It is under the leadership of our Chapter officers and three dedicated District Deputies; that the chapter continues to move forward on Our journey to Columbiansism. We would also like to thank our Chaplain Father Pierre "Bud" Falkenhan for spiritual guidance. I would like to extend our best wishes to all of the councils and their delegates for a successful convention and a blessed and prosperous fraternal year to come. In closing, the Mon Valley chapter is committed to carrying on the tradition of Columbiansism inherited from past leadership. May Father Michael J. McGivney guide Us in all that we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Ken Santoro

President Mon Valley Chapter

Chapter Officers

Chaplain.....Father Pierre “Bud” Falkenhan

President..... Ken Santoro

Vice President..... David A. Roessler II

Secretary..... Archie Trader

Treasurer.....Frank Kovscek

District Deputies and their councils:

District 109 Bob Gorman

** 3291 Canonsburg

C 5826 Bentleyville (Home council to State Deputy)

3440 Burgettstown

C/F 13421 Holy Rosary, Muse

District 110 Frank Kovscek

* 954 Monessen

C 956 Fr. William D. Fries, Charleroi

C 1941 Archbishop Elko, Donora (Home council to State Chaplain)

* 2600 St. Damien of Molokai

C 3026 Belle Vernon

* 13832 St. John Paul the Great, Finleyville

District 111 David A. Roessler II

* 1083 Washington

3461 Holy Innocents, Brownsville

3569 John F. Kennedy, Carmichaels

4261 Masontown (Greensburg Ch.)

* 12703 St Ann’s, Waynesburg

13767 St. Thomas, Clarksville

** = Double STAR * = STAR C = Columbian F = Founders

Past Presidents of the Mon Valley Chapter

SK Stan Glowaski 1992-1995

SK John A. Dudas 1995- 1997

SK Frank Lukas 1997-1999

SK John J.Petritis Jr. 1999-2001

SK William E. Jobes 2001-2003

SK Robert H. Clark 2003-2005

SK Joseph Greco 2005-2007

SK Archie Trader 2007-2009

SK Gary Damich 2009-2011

SK Jack Rosati 2011-2013

SK Larry Pettit 2013-2015

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Mon Valley Chapter's primary charity continues to be our annual presentation of a scholarship to seminarian. This \$1,000.00 scholarship is presented at the Western Section Columbus Day dinner. This past year we also sponsored another seminarian for \$500.00.

The Chapter also participates in the Western Section's Bishop Project which supports two regional schools for exceptional children in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Those schools are St. Anthony School and the McGuire Home. Since the program started in 1959, this project has raised over 5.8 million dollars in support of these two institutions. For our Greensburg Diocese councils, the chapter annually contributes to Clelian Heights, another school for exceptional children.

While our chapter meets on the last Tuesday of every month, we annually hold a rosary recitation at the Tomb of the Unborn in lieu of our July meeting. This ceremony commemorates the anniversary of when we erected the Tomb at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Monongahela, Pa in 1997.

The Mon-Valley Chapter has donated funds for the Western Section Ultra-Sound project. The project raises money to purchase Ultra-Sound machines for care giving facilities that advocate "LIFE" instead of abortions. With matching funds from Supreme the project has been able to place 7 machines located in South Western PA. in the first 4 years.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Burgettstown 3440- Holds a Band Festival for the youth in the area; admission is canned goods that are donated to the food bank, Have a chicken Roast with money raised going to Wounded Warriors.

Canonsburg 3291- Holds a “Mother’s in need program” for Washington Catholic Charities, This council also runs a Support the troop’s campaign where they collect items for soldiers overseas and mail them to the soldiers, This past year participated in 40 cans for 40 days of Lent.

Fr William D. Fries 956- Participates in Blood Drives for the American Red Cross, The council had a sweater drive, Collected sweaters were given to the Washington City Mission, Awarded two \$500.00 scholarships to high school graduates, Sponsor a Seminarian and Participate in the Western Section Ultrasound Project.

Archbishop Elko 1941- Participates in RSVP, This past year updated the parish rectory interior, During Advent and Lent provide a daily meditation booklet to parishioners, Have 5th Sunday corporate communion.

John F. Kennedy 3569- Participates in the Bishop Project, Supports a Seminarian through RSVP, Participates in the Arc Campaign, Host a Super bowl party and the council has a steak fry.

St. Ann 12703- Main fundraisers are Lenten Fish Fry. Work the County Fair concession stand and have many breakfasts and dinners that support the students of Waynesburg University, Donate yearly to the Bishops Project, Have a Baby Bottle Campaign where money goes to the Western Section Ultra-Sound Project.

St. Damien of Molokai 2600- This council hosted the annual Rosary for the unborn at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Sponsor a Seminarian, Donated money to the Ultrasound Project, Marched in Veterans Day Parade.

Bentleyville 5826- Participate in RSVP, Support families during Christmas, Donate to the Bishops Project, Display Pro Life crosses, Have a sweater drive, Memorial Mass for deceased members, Wreaths across America, Supported Special Olympics (golf outing), They also support women in need program.

Holy Rosary 13421- Involved in Keep Christ in Christmas, Sponsors a men's retreat and a seven church bus tour on Holy Thursday, They were the lead council for Wreaths across America for the Mon Valley Chapter; which was able to place 973 wreaths this past December.

St. John Paul the Great 13832- RSVP for 3 Seminarians, Discover Christ program and provided the meals and financial support for the 150 attendees, Made donation to Ultra sound Project, Conducts a Parish Picnic, Working Bingo for with money going to the local fire company, Bishops Project, Journey to Jerusalem all the apostles were played by Knights of the council.

Monessen 954- RSVP to a Seminarian from the Greensburg Diocese, Give \$1,000.00 scholarship each year to a graduating senior from the area, Two spaghetti dinners in conjunction with the Belle Vernon/ Monessen Rotary money helps the library and the historical society, Donate to the local food bank, Donated to City of Monessen police department for surveillance cameras.

Belle Vernon 3026- RSVP, Keep Christ in Christmas, Blood drive, donated to the Wheelchair mission, have dinners throughout the year, have a Mass for the Unborn, Wife's Appreciation dinner, Service with the "Holy Family Icon".

Holy Innocents 3461- participated in "The Holy Family Icon" program, Participated in the wooden crosses for the Christian refugee fund from Supreme.

Washington 1083- RSVP, Work John F. Kennedy family festival, Work concession stand at the PONY(Protecting Our Nations Youth) World Series, Present rosaries to 1st communion classes, donated to Toys for Tots. Keep Christ in Christmas, The money raised from the Christmas cards purchased winter coats , Had a thank you breakfast for the CCD teachers ,Had walk in my shoes where men wore women's and women wore men's shoes to bring awareness to domestic violence, Sold COAL and football tickets(#2in PA).



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