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State Deputy Message—Stanley Glowaski



My personal thanks to all who were involved in the 2015 PA State Convention. From the comments I received, everyone enjoyed themselves and the local committee did an excellent job in making sure the convention went well. I congratulate all of the State Officers upon their reelection and look forward to a successful fraternal year.

We need to continue our efforts to recruit new members and their families into the order and develop programs which bring new and innovative ideas to the state. This year has been a successful year in membership recruitment, new council development and establishment of roundtables. Though we did not make the Circle of Honor, we moved that by working together as a jurisdiction much can be accomplished.

This year will be an exciting year in Pennsylvania. We are hosting the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia the first week of August. The committee headed up by three Past State Deputies and their team has been working tirelessly to make this a special event for all who attend. The World Meeting of Families is scheduled for the 4th week in September in Philadelphia and culminates with the visit of Pope Francis on the weekend of September 25 in Philadelphia. What a great honor to have the opportunity to host these events.

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The pictures below were taken at the 2015 PA KofC State Convention. Starting with the pictures in the upper left—State Deputy Stanley Glowaski opens the convention. The squires process in for the convention mass with the Fourth Degree Color Corps. Bishop Zubik celebrated and Archbishop Stefan Seroka concelebrated the convention mass along with our chaplain and former state chaplains. The bottom photos show our ladies at their luncheon.



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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our District Deputy Organizational Meeting is scheduled for July 10th through 12th at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College. All of the councils will be meeting with their District Deputies following this meeting and will receive information to assist them through the fraternal year.

The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary training sessions will continue throughout the state this year. This will give all the opportunity to become more acquainted with the programs and membership plans for the state. We welcome our new MPC David Tebo, PSD of Florida, and we look forward to working with him. My thanks to our previous MPC Eric Johnson for his tremendous help during the last fraternal year.

Finally, I hope that all have a wonderful summer and as Knights of Columbus, we continue to "make a difference in the lives of those whom we help."

Vivat Jesus,

Stan Glowaski State Deputy Pennsylvania

Highlights of this Issue Include:

- **State Deputy Report**
- **State Chaplain Report**
- **Supreme Membership Incentives**
- **State Scholarship Winners**
- **Pictures from the 2015 State Convention**
- **Reports on State Programs**
- **Winner of 2014 Knights of Columbus VAVS Male Volunteer of the Year**

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Please send your articles for publication no later than the 15th of the month prior to the publication edition month. All articles must be typewritten and sent to the editor by mail or be emailed. The State Council wants to know what is going on in our state!

The photos of the 2015 State Convention were taken by DD 101 Geoffrey Crowe . Many Thanks to Geoff!

STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE—FR. BUD FALKENHAN



Dear Brother Knights,

Now that you are reading this, we are in the summer months of the year and for a lot of us, that is vacation time away from our homes and parishes. It is good that we get away and recharge, but at the same time it doesn't mean that we can forget the foundation of our home lives as Catholic men/families. This begins when we might be enjoying a meal at a restaurant and with "strangers" around us we might be self conscious about saying Grace as we would do at our own homes. But it is important that we give thanks for what we are about to receive and in reality, people for the most part are minding their own business and pay no attention, but if they do notice, it might inspire them to do the same.

On a more important note, just because we are on vacation doesn't mean that we are free from our weekly obligation (better yet, our desire) of attending weekend Mass. To begin with, Catholic means Universal, thus it means that we can find a Catholic Church anywhere we go. Also if we are staying at a reputable Hotel/Motel, that establishment has that information readily available as a courtesy to their customers and thus it doesn't hurt to ask. And thinking of asking, if we may be staying with friends while away, we shouldn't be afraid to ask them where the nearest Catholic Church is? for a proper host/hostess would want to honor any reasonable request that their guest may make and who knows maybe they will even be willing to join you at Mass and that can lead to evangelization. Along with that when we are away, there is a desire to be comfortable and what better place to find comfort in an unfamiliar place, than around the altar of the Lord where the gifts of bread and wine and changed into the Body and Blood of Christ which we can receive at that same celebration. Finally it is good that we attend Mass when we are away because at the celebration we can thank God for our safe journey to vacation, pray for an enjoyable and restful vacation and then pray for a safe return home, all the things that make a vacation worth while. And thinking of fulfilling our desire to attend Mass while at home on the weekends in the busy summer months, one should keep in mind that we are not limited to a particular Catholic Parish, for any Catholic Parish can help us fulfill our spiritual needs and maybe they will have a more convenient time that better fits our schedule which means we can be with our God and still have fun on the links, lake or what ever we have in mind.

Ultimately Brothers, being Catholic should be in our hearts, minds and souls, not just during the summer months but all through out the year and I just want to remind you of that fact. So have a great summer and be assured of my prayers for God's blessings during this time when things slow down a little and more opportunities arise when we can enjoy our family and friends in a more relaxed way.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Pierre "Bud" Falkenhan, State Chaplain

JESUS—THE DIVINE MERCY FOUNDATION

After the banquet at the 2015 state convention, a presentation was given by the President and Vice President of the Divine Mercy Foundation located in Bentleyville, PA. The presentation focused on three significant programs. The first program was starting a FEHH (Family Eucharistic Holy Hours) in your parishes and schools. The second program is to donate a copy of the Divine Mercy Icon and Vessel of the Preborn Jesus to every ultrasound unit nationally provided by the Knights. The third program is to promote the Divine Mercy Foundation cookbook/prayer book. The cookbook is a way for Councils to fund raise and use the profits for more ultrasound machines. For more information—contact Bernadette Conklin at 724-991-1478.



MEMBERSHIP 365 – GROWING THE ORDER 24 X 365

Summer is here and hopefully Brother Knights are finding time to relax and enjoy the season with families and friends. And as our Members and Councils participate in traditional summer events like picnics, golf outings, and Parish Festivals, let's not lose sight of fact that all of these events present opportunities to welcome Catholic gentleman 18 and over to join our Order. Our theme for recruiting is Membership 365....each day represents a new opportunity to fulfill our Supreme Knight's directive that every eligible Catholic man be extended invitation to join the Knights of Columbus.

Our goal for Membership continues to be One Member per Council per Month. Just think, if every member of your Council asks one friend or family member to join our ranks, how EASY it becomes to meet and exceed this goal!

The real key to Membership 365 is frequent scheduling of First Degrees....an additional goal for Membership in Pennsylvania is One First Degree per District per Month. All District Deputies in Pennsylvania are striving to encourage Councils in their Districts to host First Degrees and ensure other Councils in their areas are notified once they're scheduled. Scheduled First Degrees in Pennsylvania are posted on our State website (www.pakofc.us) on the Membership/State Degree tabs - visit this site frequently to learn of scheduled First Degrees in your areas.

Ensure that your Council schedules Church Membership Drives in October and March (or any month and time that meets that approval of your Chaplains and Pastors). Conducting a Church Drive is easy and effective....guidelines for conducting these can be found at Supreme website at https://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/strategies/membership_bltz.html Service Programs are also key to Membership 365 – frequent and visible service programs conducted by our Councils highlight our Charitable works and provide visible signs to prospective members how they can make a difference through Faith in Action. Programs and Membership go hand-in-hand; our members join the Order driven by our founding Principle of Charity, and our Service Programs provide the opportunity to achieve this.

In this new Fraternal Year, seek opportunities each day to invite a Catholic man to join our ranks and further achieve the vision of our Founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney - **LET'S MAKE MEMBERSHIP 365 A REALITY!**

Submitted by Jim Maochi, State Membership Director



COUNCIL 1064 DONATES A PAPAL FLAG

The Knights of Columbus of Frank Servidea Council #1064 recently used part of the proceeds from a chicken bar-b-q to purchase and donate a Papal flag to their parish, St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Ridgway, PA. Shown in the picture is Deacon Larry Caggese, John Viola, Pat Eckert, Ron Viglione, Sam Markert, Greg Petrosky, presenting the flag to Fr. Brian Vossler. The picture was taken by Gary Leithner.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVOCATE



My Brothers,

I do hope that everyone is enjoying a warm and pleasant summer and you have many activities planned for your KofC family. I recently moved to Erie to enjoy the lake, Seawolf baseball, and all that the region has to offer. After 40 years of mowing grass in the summer and shoveling snow in the winter, I purchased a condo with a pool and NO yard work! I really am looking forward to this new way of living..

It has been a good year for our Order but problems still crop up from time to time in our jurisdiction. Several Home Corporations are experiencing problems with signage issues or disagreements among the membership and a few Brothers are still getting into heated arguments with their fellow Brothers. We ALL need to live in harmony and treat our Brothers with respect and dignity. Isn't that what our Brotherhood is all about?

Another major issue is the interpretation of Pennsylvania's new Child Protective Services Law which came into effect on July 1st. At first it was extremely stringent in who had to undergo background checks to work with youth, but in recent weeks the House Children and Youth Committee has been working to develop a better system to identify who must undergo these checks. Keep in mind that the KofC has a required Safe Environment training program for certain members who interact with youth, and several of our Dioceses have their own requirements. It may be necessary for a KofC volunteer to undertake more than one training program to meet the Supreme, State, and Diocesan requirements.

We are in a new fraternal year with a clean slate so we can correct any problems in our councils which occurred last year and have the best year ever as Pennsylvania Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Grugel
State Advocate



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FATHER LUAWIG OSA COUNCIL 4609 VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY RAISES FUNDS FOR THE HANDICAP

Father Luawig OSA Council 4609 participated in the LEVEL event held at Villanova. This event raises funds to support handicapped members of the Villanova community - everything from transportation to social activities. Lots of things. Their Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Mostardi directs the food preparation for the event and the Knights handle the set up, serving, and clean up efforts. Over 800 tickets for the event went out in advance sales and more students show up at the door. It was a huge success.

The photograph above shows Grand Knight Joseph McCabe on the far right along with a few other knights. Around 20 - 25 Knights turned out to help. Father Mostardi obtained over 60 lbs each of cold cuts and ground beef to make some of the food that was served. It was an incredible evening.

BROTHER JOE MACK TURNS 100 and IS 70 YEARS a KNIGHT!



On January 25, 2015 Council 4068 honored Brother Knight Joseph Mack, on his 100th birthday and his 70th year as a Knight of Columbus with a breakfast at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Mechanicsburg, PA. The first photograph is of Grand Knight Essip presenting a certificate to Brother Joseph Mack. The second photograph is of Brother Joseph Mack and his wife Leona.

Brother Joseph J. Mack was born on January 28, 1915. He married Lee on October 5, 1940. They will be married for 75 years this year! They have 3 children—Joseph, Mary, and Thomas. Joseph Jr. Is a member of Council 9030 in Shallotte, North Carolina. They have 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Brother Joseph joined the Knights of Columbus on November 11, 1944 and he took all 3 degrees the same day.

COAL - Chance of a Lifetime



The 2015 COAL program is getting ready to start. Chance books will be mailed to the Councils at the end of the June. They will be sent to those Councils who participated last year and/or ordered books this year. If you have any questions please contact Joe Caromano 610-449-4778 or Dan Eury 610-355-0225.

It is important to maximize your profit. Books paid for by October 13th cost \$3.25 each, by November 2nd the cost is \$3.50 each and after November 2nd the cost is \$3.75 each. Sold book stubs returned to the

COAL committee by December 1st entitle the Council to an early delivery bonus of \$.25 per book. Pay for your books as early as possible and return the ticket stubs by December 1st. Councils who participated last year earned a collective total of \$250,000.

Councils who exceed 2014 sales, or 2013 sales if they did not participate in 2014 sales, will receive \$1.00 for each book sold in excess of the previous sales. For councils who did not participate in either of these years the qualifying base amount is 50 books. Make this year a success for both your Councils treasure and the Scholarships program we provide for our children. These are the two areas that benefit from the sales of COAL chances. In order to participate in the Scholarship program your Council must sell a minimum of 50 books.

Joe Caromano, FST

COAL Chairman



MUSEUM DEDICATION—FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

On April 17th I was honored to represent the State Council at the dedication of the Museum Chapel at Ft. Indiantown Gap on behalf of State Deputy Stan Glowaski and the PA Knights. The chapel started as a one-room schoolhouse in 1891 in what was then known as Boston District #7, Rankstown. According to local legend, Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Fort in the 1930s and suggested that the then-abandoned schoolhouse be converted to use as a chapel for the military since there was no place for worship on post. This building was known as the *109th Infantry Regimental Chapel* and as the *Our Lady of Victory Chapel*. During that conversion process a steeple and stained glass windows were added using donations from the Dioceses of Harrisburg and Scranton, soldiers of the 109th Regiment, and other sources --one of which was the PA Knights of Columbus. The PA Knights donated funds for a window in the chapel. (The specific date of the conversion is not known but is thought to be around 1935.) The chapel served the post's Catholics for several decades.

After sitting in disuse for a number of years, the chapel was moved to the Pennsylvania National Guard Museum complex for restoration. Our State Council provided funds in 2014 to assist in the renovation of the Knights of Columbus window as part of the chapel restoration. Our window is in the back of the church to your right as you enter. I encourage brother Knights to stop by and visit the chapel if in the area as a reminder that our Order's support to our military is a vital part of our purpose.

Rick Corriveau
State Treasurer

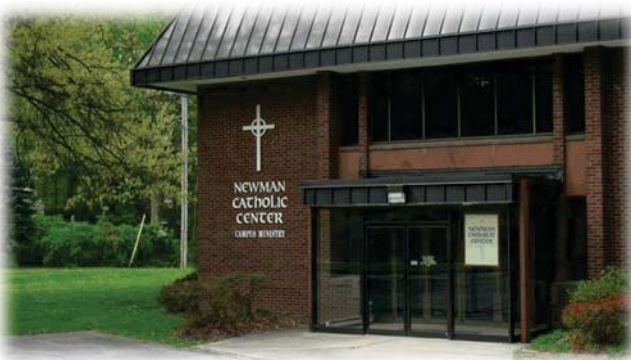
The Keystone Knight is your Newsletter. Your Council, Assembly or District information could be here! Please think of any information that you would like to share on how the Knights of Columbus are involved —like fundraisers, community involvement, parish events involving the Knights, etc. Send all written articles and digitized photographs to rickterroni@comcast.net Note—Deadline for next edition is September 15, 2015.

THE NEWMAN CENTER AT WEST CHESTER STATE UNIVERSITY IS ASKING FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

This is an invitation to all those interested in attending the 2nd annual Friends of Newman Center Dinner. I am trying to get the word out to any brother knight, his spouse, children, or grandchildren that attended West Chester University and went to the Newman Center. The proceeds from this event will help the Newman Center carry out its mission of bringing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the campus of West Chester University. The event will be held at the West Chester Newman Center on Friday evening

October 16, 2015 and will begin at 6 PM with a cocktail hour and dinner following for only \$ 35.00 per person. Besides helping students keep their faith and spirituality—the Newman Center has been responsible for friendships that last for life. Also many students meet their future spouse through the Newman Center. I was one of them. Please help advertise this event and consider coming. You can contact me at 610-717-7554 or <https://sites.google.com/site/ncfallevent/>.

Submitted by Rick Terroni, FSS



Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus

2015 Scholarship Winners

by diocese

Allentown

Charlotte N. Brochu

daughter of Philip Brochu

St. Thomas More Council #4397

Erie

Maria H. Komorowski

daughter of Paul Komorowski

St. Alphonsus Ligouri Council #4262

Harrisburg

Alexander T. Mangus

son of Marlo W. Mangus

Our Lady of Queenship Council #4068

Philadelphia

Joseph O. Hessler

son of Robert Hessler

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #p4160

Adam R. Carcella

son of Richard Carcella

Rev. William J. Fenerty Council #7208

Benedetti/Redding Scholarship

Joseph O. Hessler, son of Robert Hessler, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #4160

Altoona/Johnstown

Mark A. Coll

son of John A. Coll

Bellfonte Council #1314

Greensburg

Ellen C. Gray

daughter of William J. Gray

Manordale Valley Council #4226

Scranton

Caelin A. Docalovich

daughter of John Docalovich

Sacred Heart Council #7622

Pittsburgh

Meredith V. Walker

daughter of Gregory E. Walker

Our Lady of Olives Council #3907

Brianna M. Crawford

daughter of Robert Crawford

Beaver Valley Council #604



FATHER STEPHEN GITONGA PARTICIPATES IN THE BROAD STREET RUN

The picture to the left is Ray Hill District Deputy 7 and Father Stephen Gitonga from Kenya prior to his running in the Broad St Run. Father Gitonga also became a Fourth Degree Knight for Archbishop Ryan Assembly.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Recruiter’s Award—1st Quarter 2015-2016



In honor of Pope Francis’ visit to the United States in September, 2015—Supreme Council is offering this incentive—Between July 1, 2015-and September 30, 2015—all recruiters will receive a medallion similar to the one shown above for the first new or former member recruited. Each recruiter will also receive 2,000 VIP points for each member or former member recruited.

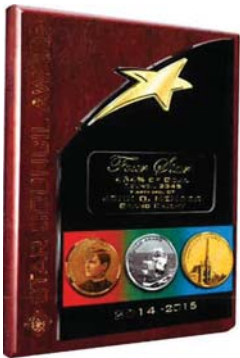
2015 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—COUNCIL BATTING CHALLENGE

Councils that recruit 5 new or former members between July 1 and September 30, 2015 and the Council will win a Miniature Louisville Slugger Bat. Councils that recruit 10 members in this time period will win a full size personalized Louisville Slugger Bat. As an added bonus—For each new or former member that a Council recruits within this time period will receive 1,000 points per member recruited.



DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARD—IN HONOR OF POPE FRANCIS

Conduct one first Degree in your district per month from July 1—September 30, 2015 and receive 15,000 VIP points.
 Conduct one first Degree in your district in 2 out of the 3 months in the above time period and receive 10,000 VIP points.
 Conduct one first Degree in your district in 1 out of the 3 months in the above time period and receive 5,000 VIP points .
 Note: All forms 450 must be submitted by October 15, 2015 to receive credit for each degree. Also each degree must have at least 2 new members!



STAR COUNCIL AWARDS INCENTIVES

2015-2016

- Newly designed plaque with Council’s net membership goal attained—See sample to the left.
- Star Council lapel pins for Grand Knight, Membership Director and Program Director. See samples to the left.
- 10,000 VIP points per Star attained—up to 5 Stars

20 percent bonus on VIP points for those Councils who earned Star Council last fraternal year and earned the same level or higher status this fraternal year

****** Councils should contact their District Deputies for more information on the above incentives******



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Youth Organization.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHIEF SQUIRE SPEAKS AT THE STATE CONVENTION



One highlight on Saturday of the state convention was the report of Pennsylvania State Chief Squire Robert Bratina. Robert is a 2015 graduate of Central Dauphin High School and graduated in the top 16% of his class. In the fall, Robert will attend Lebanon Valley College as a Music Education Major. Robert joined the Squires at age 10. He progressed through the ranks to become the State Chief Squire. At his local Circle #5350, he led a fundraising program for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, where he helped raise \$10,000.00 in four years. Robert reported on programs from other Circles and recognized all in the chamber that were associated with the Squires. Robert is now a First Degree Knight of Columbus, and he reminded all present that today's Squire is tomorrow's Knight. He also challenged all Councils to

sponsor a Squire's Circle. The Order is in good hand with young men like Robert Bratina involved.



ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12788 INSTALLS NEW LIGHTING AND CEILING TILES

St. Joseph Council 12788 in Mechanicsburg PA came up with a community project to upgrade the lighting and replace the ceiling tile in the broadcast booth of the Holy Family Catholic radio station WHYF 720am in Shiremanstown PA. Holy Family Radio station serves the Catholic community of the Diocese of Harrisburg. The project, with 5 knights took approximately 5 hours to accomplish with material costs of \$500.00. In the picture to the left is the council's insurance rep Patrick Dougherty removing the old track lighting before installing a new LED light assembly above the main broadcast console.



WELCOME ST. RICHARD COUNCIL 15912

In 2014, St. Richard's Council 15912 was started. On March 14, 2015, the officers of Council 15912 were officially installed, and the Charter was presented to the Council. Also participating in this event were Fr. Thomas Sparacino and Deacon Don Bender, along with District Deputy Dan Terek and District Marshal Andy Rodgers. Members of the Color Corps were also present at this event.

SIR KNIGHT JACK CRUICE, JR

2014 KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS VAVS MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Pictured in the above left photograph is Sir Knight Jack Cruce with his award. The picture—above right— shows Jack being congratulated by the Vice Supreme Master Richard Head.

Congratulations to Sir Knight Jack Cruce, Jr for being the 2014 Knights of Columbus VAVS Male Volunteer of the Year! Jack is the VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services) Representative at the Philadelphia VAMC (PVAMC) for the past 4 years. He has had a very strong impact on the service to veterans at the VAMC with his steadily increasing involvement. Since 2012, he has served on the VAVS Executive Committee and in 2013 Jack was additionally appointed the center's Veterans Advancing Board. Recently he was nominated to serve on the Quality Executive Board chaired by the center's Quality Control Office, charged with looking into all aspects of quality management within the hospital.

Jack makes frequent visits to the PVAMC Community Living Center (CLC), staying for pizza parties, bringing coffee, and a bit of cheer to perk up the 120 veteran residents. Jack never misses an opportunity even rushing over to the PVAMC in a tuxedo after a Knights event or dressing as Santa to bring happiness and joy to each veteran that he comes in contact with. His sincere, compassionate and welcoming nature is obvious to all and his willingness to help whenever is exemplary. Of particular note this past August 2014, Jack was instrumental in promoting the 34th National Wheelchair Games which was co presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America with 600 athletes in attendance, supported by 2,253 volunteers serving almost 22,000 hours. For his part, Jack reached out to local vendors to design a "challenge coin" to be given to all athletes, coaches, VIPs, etc. The coin was a first for many of the athletes and definitely something to remember Philadelphia. With members of the VAVS Executive Committee, Jack manned a table at the EXPO to distribute the coins. He even chased down some of the athletes to ensure they would not go home without their coin.

There are many VAVS representatives. Each Master can submit one candidate then the Vice Supreme Masters reviews those applicants and submits one to Supreme. The Supreme awards one as VAVS Knight of the Year and submits that name to the National VAVS Committee. The National award includes all Organizations who has VAVS reps in the VA Hospitals. The Pennsylvania State Council congratulates Jack for his accomplishments. Jack is a highly motivated, efficient, and fully dedicated volunteer. He has shown us what it means to "Serve those who Serve".



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Below starting from top left is a picture of the FAMILY of the YEAR—Edward and Marilyn Thomas with Family Director John Cocco, Supreme Treasurer Michael O’Connor, State Deputy Stanley Glowaski and Program Director Gary Damish. Next is a picture of Bishop Zubik blessing a Mobile Ultrasound Machine Unit funded by the Western Region. Below are pictures of Council award winners followed by a picture of the State Chaplain.—Father Bob. All pictures were taken at the State Convention held May 15-17, 2015 in the Western Region.

