



# The Knight's Newsletter

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF QUEENSHIP COUNCIL 4068  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish *In Service to One. In Service to All.*

Summer 2022  
<https://knights4068.com>

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

"In a world gone astray from God... Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Worthy brothers,

The past few years have been some of the most challenging that our Order, our Council, and indeed our nation has endured in many decades. As society emerged from lock down, our first priority was to restore as many of the Council's activities as possible. After a year and a half of inactivity, this proved quite challenging. I am so proud of the work we have done. During this past fraternal year, Council 4068 re-started many of our traditional activities including:

- Our popular chicken BBQ and pancake breakfast
- Souper Sunday
- Holiday Greens Sale
- Monthly Lourdes house luncheon deliveries
- Red Geranium Sunday
- Holy Family Consecration
- Family Movie Night
- Council and District Basketball Free throw competition
- Isaac's Fundraiser
- COAL ticket sales
- Football Sweeps
- A Eucharistic Miracles Poster Display
- Pro-life Solidarity day
- Supported the Holy Family Radio Dinner, and
- Provided Carnations for our Mothers on Mother's Day

These successful events represent hundreds of man hours of work and coordination by the men of our Council. I commend all who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to support these activities. They would be impossible without your hard work. In addition, I want to thank all our brothers who have prayed for the Council's success even if unable to participate physically. That task alone is supremely important for we cannot succeed without prayer.

I look forward to our continued success in these and other activities in the coming year. If you have suggestions or ideas to share please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Nebistinsky. We are always eager to hear new ideas, suggestions, and yes even constructive criticism to make our Council even more successful. And as always, if you are able, come and join us in these and other activities. Many hands make the burden lighter.

I want to express to you all how honored I am to serve as your Grand Knight. I have never known more humble, compassionate and holy men as I do in Our Lady of Queenship Council 4068. You are all true champions of the faith.

In closing, I am reminded of the words of our Worthy Chaplain and the Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Father Charles Persing. Father eloquently reminds us of our ultimate mission as Knights of Columbus and the challenge we face as Catholic Gentleman in a hostile world. He wrote: **“Some may not understand why we stand so firmly on the solid rock of our faith. People will laugh at us, persecute us, taunt us, tell us that we are old-fashioned, or outdated. Some will try to persuade us that we don't need religion or faith to get by in life or even that there is no God. But we choose to stand strong, with courage, with fidelity, with hope that the things we hold in faith are fulfilling and true.**

Vivat Jesus!  
David Racculia  
Grand Knight  
[daveracculia@gmail.com](mailto:daveracculia@gmail.com)

## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I am happy to be among you, to serve you, to pray with you, and to journey with you.  
I offer this prayer for all to have a safe, enjoyable summer!

**Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer.  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.  
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and  
for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for a more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Work and Counsel.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.**

In Christ,  
Fr. Charles L. Persing

## Holy Family Radio

Located in Shiremanstown, Holy Family Radio is the only Catholic radio in the Harrisburg Diocese area. What you may not have known is that the station produces our very own show for and about the Knights of Columbus! **KNIGHT TALK** is a 30 minutes program by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Harrisburg. The show is hosted by Station Manager Joe Nebistinsky, Joe Murphy and Mike Yakubick and spotlights information about the organization including fundraising, charitable and social efforts. In studio guests are featured on many of the shows. It airs Tuesdays at 12:00pm with an encore on Saturdays at 12:30 pm.

There are three ways to listen:

1. On air during daylight hours at AM 720
2. Streaming 24/7 at [www.720whyf.com](http://www.720whyf.com)
3. You can also use your mobile phone. Go to your App Store and search WHYF Holy Family Radio. Each show is also available as a podcast. Don't miss the next show!

## Council Officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight

David Racculia

Deputy Grand Knight

Joseph Nebistisky

Chancellor

Russell Fry

Recorder

Dennis Rowe

Treasurer

Thomas Brenner

Advocate

Thomas McGonigle

Warden

Steve Tagg

Inside Guard

Scott Mull

Outside Guard

Carl Hocker

Trustee

Michael Rybacki

Trustee

Jack Galski

Trustee

Devin Flickinger





## COLUMBIETTE CORNER

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I'm happy to report that our small chapter is growing! We have welcomed four new members via the new Initiation Ceremony. This new structure has made it much easier to invite parishioners into our community.

In September we provided gift baskets for various local groups such as *Holy Family Radio* and the *Caregivers' Day of Caring*. October was the beginning of our *Annual Coats for Kids* campaign. This year we collected or purchased over 300 coats, including many for Afghan refugee families settling in the Harrisburg area.

With Covid on the rise last fall, we again went virtual. We sent out 75 *Veterans' Day* packages to our local Armed Forces members consisting of prayer card, thank you letter and a packet of Poppy seeds.

Our commitment to Life has led us to delivering a monthly lunch to the residents of *Lourdes House*, our Diocesan Pregnancy home for unwed mothers. One of our members attends each parish *Baptism* to present a rose and gift to the parents to show our support for their life-giving decision. We also present a gift bag to our *RCIA* candidates at the Easter Vigil, welcoming them into the church and our parish.

Now in our fifth year, we have chaired the *Parish Giving Tree* which supports various local charities such as: St. Francis Church, Bair Foundation, United Methodist Home for Children and New Hope Ministries.

We are thrilled that our Auxiliary has again been a recipient of the Margaret Mary J. Mangan Award. We strive to demonstrate the true meaning of the Columbiettes through Sisterhood, Spirituality and Service.

Our fourth annual *scholarship* for a high school Senior girl who has been an example of faith, service and scholarship will be awarded in May to a local graduate who plans to further her education.

We have worked with the *Knights of Columbus* in various capacities; including the revival of the parish *Fish Dinners*. We were able to support a former parochial vicar with funds raised at a chicken barbeque to help build a home for the death and dying in India. We hope to continue supporting Fr. Swamy in his new mission.

We resurrected our *Annual Baby Bottle Blessings* for Morning Star Pregnancy Center, collecting cash for the local organization. We also are continuing our "*Mother's Day Baby Shower*" to take up a collection of diapers, clothing and furniture for mother and infant needs at both *LourdesHouse* and *MorningStar*.

We're very excited to introduce a new event this year; our *Armed Forces Flag Sale*. We will be offering small flags as a memorial or honor for our local Service Personnel. Flags will be placed around the church from Armed Forces Day to D-Day. All the proceeds will benefit the construction of a new *Veterans' Village* in Harrisburg for homeless vets.

And finally, our parish is sponsoring its first *Annual Seton Spring Festival*. Our ladies will be chairing the book and media sale. We will also be hosting our second craft sale of the year. In the fall we had a bake sale with holiday-themed crafts. This time we will focus on summer-related items.

We are so proud of our local organization and the Spirit our women continually demonstrate to one another and their church. We look forward to more adventures together in service to God and our church family in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brenner, President  
Our Lady of Queenship Auxiliary



Recipients of the Columbiettes Lynn E. Racculia Memorial Scholarship are presented with their awards. Betty Vogt, Mary Brenner, Sophia Cirelli-Trinity (\$1000) Fr. Persing, Rebekah Wiley-Northern (\$500) and Joan Lewis.

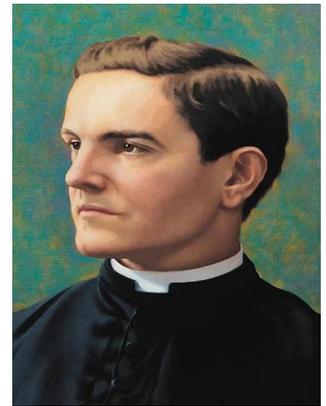


Columbiettes Installation 2022-2023 Ceremony: Fr. Persing, Mary LeClair (Treas.) Betty Vogt (Financial Secretary.), Mary Brenner (Past Pres.) Cindy Smith-Janasic (President) Laurie Rakocy (Sentinel) Absent from the photo are Patty Higgins (Secretary) and Jean Hileman (Vice President)

## Join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

Brother Knights and Men and Women of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish this is your invitation to join the Father Michael J. MCGivney Guild, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

The membership is free, you will receive a monthly newsletter with updated articles and information regarding Father McGivney's status towards sainthood. A mass will also be said in behalf of all guild members. Our Lady of Queenship Council 4068 encourages you to join. Simply log on to: [guild@kofc.org](mailto:guild@kofc.org)



## **Supporting the Lourdeshouse**

For several years our council has undertaken the ministry to provide the residents and staff of the Lourdeshouse maternity services with a nourishing lunch. We do this monthly, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact me if you desire any additional information or wish to sign up for one of the open months listed below. God Bless and please assist in this most important ministry.

[GESSIP@verizon.net](mailto:GESSIP@verizon.net) or 717-796-1949

Wed. Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Russ & Lynn Fry

Wed. Sept 14<sup>th</sup> OPEN

Wed. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> OPEN

Wed. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> OPEN

Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Jack and Betty Galski

## Prayer to Saint Gertrude the Great for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for the sinners in the universal church, the sinners everywhere, for the sinners in my home and in my family. Amen

### Council Activities and Events

\*\*\* All Meetings held at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish\*\*\*

Members may attend Officer's Meetings

Aug 12/13	Sub Orders after masses
Aug 16	Business Meeting 7pm
Aug 20/21	Sub Orders after masses
Aug 27/28	Sub Delivery after masses
Sept 5	<b>Labor Day</b>
Sept 6	Officers Meeting 7pm
Sept 20	Business Meeting 7pm
Sept 27	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm
Oct 4	Officers Meeting 7pm ---Coats for Kids startup
Oct 10	<b>Columbus Day</b>
Oct 18	Business Meeting 7pm
Oct 22	Family Movie Night 5:30 pm
Oct 25	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm
Nov 1	Officers Meeting 7 pm ---- <b>All Saints Day</b>
Nov 2	<b>All Souls Day</b>
Nov 11	<b>Veteran's Day</b>
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting 7pm
TBD	Soccer Shootout, Pancake Breakfast, Football Sweeps Distribution, Issac's Fundraiser

### An Invitation

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all Catholic men of this parish to join Council 4068 and become a knight in God's Service by participating in various activities that lead with faith, defend Christian values, protect families and serve others. For further information please contact DGK David Racculia, Membership Chairman at 717-737-4137 or [Daveracculia@comcast.net](mailto:Daveracculia@comcast.net)

Applications for membership may also be picked up at the Knights of Columbus display located in the Connections Corner or by joining online at [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)

### **We Remember and Honor Our Deceased Brothers Who Died this Fraternal Year**

John F. Flavin	06/17/21
James L. Stank	06/20/21
Mario E. Marchi	06/21/21
Robert J. Matkovich	08/04/21
Joseph P. Creavey	09/05/21
Aldo B. Camacci	10/06/21
Andrew D. Caporale	10/24/21
Joseph A. Byrne, Jr.	10/26/21
Carl A. Galasso	10/28/21
John E. Mustard	02/26/22
Lytle G. Horting	06/02/22





# *Annual Family Picnic*

*For all Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Auxiliary families*



**On Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

At Lower Allen Community Park, 4075 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

The **Upper Pavilion** has been reserved for the outing.

The Council will provide sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, drinks, and paper products. We are asking each family to bring a dish to share (suggestions, but not limited to potato salad, pasta salad, beans, taco salad, chips/dip, cookies, and brownies).

**RSVP to Rich or Tracy Kovaleski no later than  
Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 717-756-4803,  
[kovaleski97@yahoo.com](mailto:kovaleski97@yahoo.com) or [kovaleski@verizon.net](mailto:kovaleski@verizon.net),  
please provide a head count and the dish you will be sharing.**