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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It is with sadness that I write this message. The loss of a Brother Knight is never a good time in life and this one hit a little harder than most. Sir Knight George Essip, was a good friend and a mentor to me in my first time as Grand Knight ten years ago. He will be missed.

His passing should serve to remind us of how important it is to all Knights to take care of the widow and orphans as the mission entrusted to us by Blessed Michael McGivney. He formed the Knights and started the insurance benefits enjoyed by many Knights by passing the hat at early meetings. Our Order is now working toward financial security by participating in a Faith-based mutual fund and all Field Agents will one day be Financial Advisors that have insurance training. The transition is already underway and financial reviews by trained advisors are available now.

We had a great summer and hopefully everyone is rested and ready to take on the busy agenda we have for the fall. Check out the calendar below and check your schedule to determine where you can help us out. There are plenty of opportunities to serve the Council, Parish and Community.

Vivat Jesu,

GK Russ

Taken from Supreme's webpage:

Do You Want to Align Your Financial Decisions With Your Faith?

Grounded in Catholic Faith, the Knights of Columbus offers access to financial products and services. When you insure your family, invest with integrity, and give generously with us, you work to ensure that your financial decisions protect human life, promote human dignity and enhance the common good.

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STUFF THE TRUCK

• August 15/16 our Council “Stuffed the Truck” for New Hope Ministries. We collected six pallets of food and sundry items weighing 2810 pounds. It was a very successful weekend. Thank you to all Brother Knights that helped in the effort. Here are some photos.



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• OFFICER INSTALLATION

August 9th was the installation of officers for the new Fraternal Year. The following are your officers:

Grand Knight - Russell Fry

Deputy Grand Knight - Richard Runyen

Chancellor - vacant

Chaplain - Fr. Charles Persing

Treasurer - Thomas Brenner

Financial Secretary - Stephen Tagg

Advocate - Thomas McGonigle

Warden - Rick Mowrey

I Inside Guard - Robert Gaumer

Outside Guard - Jim VasKorlis

Recorder - William Cormier

Lecturer - Pete Fludovich

Trustee 1 year - Dave Racculia

Trustee 2 year - Joe Nebistinsky

Trustee 3 year - Mark Burkhardt



• OKTOBERFEST

Oct 3rd is the Ocktoberfest at the Parish. Our Council will be providing the popcorn and operating the popcorn machine. Many of our Knights will be involved in various ways that day. If you are interested in helping out, contact Brother Pete Fludovich at redhorse50@aol.com.

• FOOKBALL SWEEPS



Football sweeps are here! We have 400 tickets to sell. Please see Jim VasKorlis for tickets to buy or to help sell. Contact Jim at jevaskorlis@gmail.com.

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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Prayer

God our Father, who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from Italy to serve the immigrants of America, by her example, teach us to have concern for the stranger, the sick, and all those in need, and by her prayers help us to see Christ in all the men and women we meet. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



USE THE COUNCIL WEBSITE: Knights4068.com

Please remember to use this important resource. If you any suggestions or questions about the site, please contact Br. Steve at smv7579@yahoo.com.

We are excited to announce that the new **Pennsylvania State Council Online Store** is now open! You will also find our official Pennsylvania State Shirt and a growing selection of promotional items that allow you to proudly represent the Pennsylvania State Council.

Visit the online store today at: KofCPA.org/store/

Take a look, find your favorites, and proudly show your Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus spirit!

• COUNCIL APPAREL

Please order K of C Council 4068 apparel at our website: Knights4068.com. Click on the Apparel Button at the top of the home page.



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• PA MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2026 Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on **Monday, September 21, 2026**, at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Event Schedule

- **10:00 AM:** Pre-Rally Praise & Worship (501 N 3rd St)
- **11:00 AM:** Rally on the State Capitol steps
- **12:00 PM:** March for Life
- **1:30 PM:** Closing Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick (*optional/additional*)

Key Details

- **Keynote Speaker:** Former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
- **Location:** Pennsylvania State Capitol, 501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120
- **Information:** [PA Family March Page](#)

• PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY INSTITUTE FAMILY BANQUET

A Celebration of Family

Saturday, October 10, 2026, Hershey, PA

For information and details visit: pafamily.org/banquet



Fr. Persing and GK Fry will NEVER ask you to do something via text or email.. Please don't fall for this scam! The attackers copy the email contacts and send supposedly URGENT emails requesting gift cards to be purchased and with instructions to forward the card numbers to the Grand Knight. WGK Russ will never make such a request. This type of email is a SCAM.

To detect this scam, move your mouse pointer over the FROM email address without clicking on it and it will reveal the true email address. As a reminder, WGK's email address is cvdad@comcast.net. We recommend that you immediately delete the email. If you need to verify if this email is legitimate, call or text the WGK at 717-460-3111. Do not forward the email in question. Stay Alert and Be Safe. We are getting reports of this happening almost weekly now!

This SCAM can also work as a TEXT, so be careful!

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• Family of the Month

July - Joe and Donna Nebistinsky

Joe and Donna are very active in their faith. Joe is the most recent Pastor Grand Knight and the Station Manager of Holy Family Radio, our Catholic radio station located in Camp Hill. Donna is the Pastoral Associate at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. They have two adult sons and a foster adult daughter. Joe and Donna are supporters of the Parish and can be counted on when help is needed for the various events of both Council and Parish.

August - Steve and Betty Vogt

Steve and Betty are true leaders in the Knights and Columbiettes respectively. Steve was the Financial Secretary for nine years and is now the Program Director for the Council and also liaison with the Catholic Charities Lourdeshouse, a home for unmarried mothers and mothers to be. Steve oversees and coordinates the monthly meals that are provided. Betty was also the Financial Secretary equivalent for the Columbiettes for several years and has moved up to Vice President this year. Both Steve and Betty are very active for the Knights and Columbiettes respectively.

• Knights of the Month

July - Gene Castle

August - Rick Mowrey

Knights of Columbus Site: www.kofc.org
PA Knights website: kofcpennsylvania.org

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LOURDESHOUSE LUNCHEON

Lourdeshouse is a safe haven for pregnant women in need of shelter and individualized maternity care. Through specialized treatment plans, residents are supported as they access medical care and community resources. The program is a communal living environment where residents work together to prepare meals for the house and have rotating chores or responsibilities. Staff are supporting the residents to gain self-sufficiency with their medical care, finding future housing and employment.

Our Ministry: For several years our council has undertaken the ministry to provide the residents and staff of the Lourdes house 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. As you are aware, our Council reimburses up to \$60.00 a month for a luncheon visit.

Brother Steven Vogt is the chair of this important ministry. Vogt 717-645-5214 OR email smv7579@yahoo.com. God Bless and please assist in this most important ministry.

UPCOMING

Sept. 1 7:00pm	Planning Meeting
Sept. 9	Lourdeshouse
Sept. 12/13	Football Sweeps Sales
Sept 13	Coffee and donuts
Sept. 15 7:00pm	Business Meeting
Sept. 17 6:30	Pa Prolife Federation Dinner- Hershey
Sept. 19/20	Football Sweeps Sales
Sept. 19/20	Lourdeshouse Sundry Collection
Sept 21 11:00 am	PA March for Life- Harrisburg

Please send any items for the October Bulletin to PGK Joe Nebistinsky at joeneb59@gmail.com by September 20th.

(Oct. 5 7:00pm	Fourth Degree Meeting- Holy Rosary Association)
Oct. 3	OctoberFest
Oct. 6 7:00pm	Planning Meeting
Oct. 14	Lourdeshouse
Oct. 20 7:00pm	Business Meeting
Oct. 17/18	Sub Sale orders
Oct. 24/25	Sub Sale orders
Oct. 24	Family Movie Night (1)
Oct 31/Nov 1	Sub pickup