BULLETIN: NOVEMBER 2026 OUR LADY OF QUEENSHIP COUNCIL 4068

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

When you read this, I will be on my way home from a cruise to the Southern Caribbean. It's nice to get away and recharge. I was reflecting before leaving for the trip on what needed to be done for our Council. We are usually an active Council, but at this time of year we are especially busy with fund raising and Council activities such as helping the Columbiettes with Bingo and pitching in with the Oktoberfest. My reflections turned more to a giving of thanks for the great group of Brothers that we have. The activities that we do have leaders that know their job and get help as needed from the rest of the Brothers to get it done! I am very proud of the group effort on all that we do. My job is much easier due to such wonderful men in our Council. Bless you all!

St Martin's 4th Degree Assembly is planning on laying wreaths on the veteran's graves in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mechanicsburg and St. Patrick's Cemetery in Carlisle. It will be approximately 1,100 graves. They will be sending details regarding this effort in November for those who wish to assist in laying the wreaths. There will also be a short prayer service. This project is expected to be done in early December. I will pass on the information when I receive it.

My thanks to Brother Steve Vogt for stepping forward to take on the job of Chancellor. He will primarily be liaison to the seminarians. Other duties will be as I find jobs for him (big smile). One job that he already is doing in his role of Program Director is coordinating the Lourdeshouse support. He is always looking to someone that would like to take meals to them each month. If you would like to volunteer to help with this rewarding mission, please contact Steve.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Russ



• COATS FOR KIDS

Coats for Kids were collected in October. The Columbiettes will need help delivering to local schools and charity sources in the week of November 2. Contact Mary Brenner -717-991-4821 if you can help.



• VETERANS BREAKFAST

The Veteran's Breakfast for active-duty military and veterans and their families is Sunday November 8th @ 12:15.
We support this event and help is needed in the kitchen:

10:00--12:00 Prep
12:00--1:00 Serve
1:00-2:00 Cleanup

If you can assist, call Brother Tom Brenner 717-576-8139.

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• CHRISTMAS GREENS

K of C Christmas Greens Sale--Orders will be taken after Masses in Menniti Hall on October 31/November 1 and November 7/8. If you can help stop at the K of C table.

Delivery of greens on December 5 @ 3:00PM. Help needed to unload and organize from 3:00--4:00 in Menniti Hall.

Distribution will be after Masses on December 5/6. Help needed at the table.

• MOVIE NIGHTS

Movie nights are temporarily on hold until we can work out details on licensing of the screenings. We became aware that we were in violation of Federal Law by showing movies outside the privacy of our homes. Public showing like the movie nights are subject to the copyright laws and as such we cannot show movies without the proper licensing. Stay tuned for further info on this subject.

Pennsylvania State Council College & Vocational Scholarship

The PA State Council awards ten college scholarships each year, at the State Convention in May, to eligible sons and daughters of Pennsylvania brother Knights from the various dioceses of the jurisdiction. The $ 4,000.00 awards, payable in installments of $1,000.00 per year, help recipients attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Information about this Pennsylvania KofC program can be found on the PA State Council website at

https://kofcpennsylvania.org/scholarships

There is a link on the page to an application form, along with instructions regarding student eligibility and the parent's council participation in the COAL program. Applications for the 2027 PA college scholarships are due to me by December 31, 2026. Applicants are encouraged not to wait until the last minute, as obtaining the required signatures and certifications becomes more difficult over the Holidays at the end of December. ACT, SAT, or CLT test scores are accepted. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are encouraged to share this information with their council membership and to encourage any members with high school seniors graduating in 2027 to apply for a $ 4,000.00 PA State Scholarship.

We are also offering two (2) Vocational Scholarships totaling $2,000.00. The awards will be payable in installments of $1,000.00 per year.

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• OKTOBERFEST

Thanks to all who helped at the OctoberFest. It was great to see all the Knights working at this important parish event!



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 bout 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!

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• 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.



Fr. Persing and GK Fry will NEVER ask you do 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!

OCTOBER

- **Family of the Month** Mike and Kristine Creavey
- **Knight of the Month** Tom Brenner

NEW SEMINARIANS

Due to the Diocesan Vocations Office attempts to equalize the support for all Seminarians, we have been assigned two new Seminarians.
They are:

Benjamin Striggle
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evans Rd
Ambler, PA 19002

Vincent Checco
MSM Seminary
Attn: Development Office
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

You are invited to send cards and letters of support to them. They will be supported by the Council via RSVP.

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PA Knights website: kofcpennsylvania.org
Our Council Website: Knights4068.com

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.

Additionally, if you'd like to "shadow" someone to learn the process, please contact me. God Bless and please assist in this most important ministry. As you are aware, our Council reimburses up to $60.00 a month for a luncheon visit.

Wednesday November 11
Wednesday December 9
Wednesday January 13
Wednesday February 10
Wednesday March 10
Wednesday April 14
Wednesday May 12
Wednesday June 9

Steve Vogt 717-645-5214 OR email smv7579@yahoo.com. God Bless and please assist in this most important ministry.

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Financial Protection Survey

The annual Financial Protection Survey takes only a few minutes, but it's crucial in how we can provide our members and their families with the financial protection they need, just as Blessed Michael McGivney intended.

Here is the url for the survey: **https://survey.kofc.org/**

Every Knight who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win! **No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Only current members of Knights of Columbus who respond to the survey are eligible. KofC employees and agents will be excluded from the drawing. The cooler giveaway starts September 1st and ends December 11th, 2026. Winners are selected by random drawing. Odds of winning are approximately one in five thousand. Winners will be notified on December 16th, 2026. This giveaway is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by or associated with Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.*

Five Ways Life Insurance Can Help Guard Your Income

Following up on this month's webinar, here are five ways life insurance, and the coverage that complements it, can help you build an income replacement strategy that protects the people who matter most to you.

1. **Income Replacement** – If you die, your policy's death benefit can replace the income your family relies on. It's one of the most common reasons people buy life insurance, yet many families remain underinsured: 38% of U.S. adults say they need more coverage, according to the 2026 Insurance Barometer Study by LIMRA and Life Happens.

2. **Waiver of Premium Rider** – If a disability cuts off your paycheck, premiums can become hard to pay, and a lapsed policy leaves your family unprotected. A waiver of premium rider keeps your policy in force without further premium payments while you're disabled, typically after a waiting period.

3. **Disability Income Insurance** – Your ability to earn an income is one of your most valuable assets. The Knights of Columbus offers disability income insurance, a separate policy that pays you a monthly benefit if illness or injury keeps you from working. It pairs naturally with life insurance: one protects your family if you die, the other protects your paycheck if you can't work.

4. **Living Benefits** – Optional riders from the Knights of Columbus let you access part of your death benefit early if a doctor certifies that you have a qualifying chronic or terminal illness. That money can help cover care and living costs so you don't have to drain other assets, such as your retirement accounts. Any amount you receive early reduces the benefit paid to your beneficiaries.

5. **Cash Value** – Permanent life insurance builds cash value that you can borrow against or withdraw while you're alive. It can be a resource during a disability, an income gap or a market downturn in retirement. Loans and withdrawals that aren't repaid reduce the death benefit.

Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent today to review whether your current coverage still fits your family's needs.
This article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial planning, tax or legal advice. No purchase necessary.

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Calendar of Events

Oct 31/Nov 1	Sub pickup
Oct 31/Nov1	Greens Sales after Masses
Nov. 1	All Saints Day
	Council Memorial Mass
Nov. 7/8	Greens Sales after Masses
Nov. 3 7:00pm	Planning Meeting
Nov. 11	Lourdeshouse
Nov. 17 7:00pm	Business Meeting
Nov. 22	Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 29	Greens Pickup
(Dec. 1 7:00pm	Fourth Degree Meeting- Holy Rosary Association)
Dec. 1 7:00pm	Business Meeting
Dec. 5/6	Greens Pickup
Dec. 9	Lourdeshouse
Dec. 15 7:00pm	Christmas social

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





Bruce and Cindy Janasik, Family of the Month - September

Steve and Betty Vogt, Family of the Month – August



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Tom Brenner Knight of the Month – October

Please see the Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter
The official billing starts in December but here is the form for anyone that wants to avoid the billing process.

Columbiettes in Service

Some 39 ladies of our Church make up Our Lady of Queenship Auxiliary of Columbiettes. It's a small but mighty group. Among our activities…

- Bingo. We've just come off an extremely successful weekend of Bingo, where a group of 150 gathered for fun, fellowship, and prizes! Bingo is one of our larger fundraisers, enabling us to financially support local charities.
- Coats for a Cause. Our ladies collect new and gently used coats which are in the process of being sorted and distributed in the local area. Recipients include Head Start, Joshua House, and Lourdeshouse, among others.
- Advent Giving Tree. Again this year our Parish will provide gifts to make a meaningful Christmas for local families. This year's Advent Giving Tree begins early November, with gifts to be returned the first weekend of December. This ministry is eagerly awaited by our fellow parishioners each year, especially those who bring their children to teach the lesson of sharing with those who may not have as much.
- Feeding the Homeless in Harrisburg. Early November our ladies will be roasting 8 turkeys to provide a Thanksgiving meal for nearly 200 needy Harrisburg residents. This is one of our favorite ways to support parishioner Carolyn Holencik in her weekly Harrisburg ministry.

We're also holding our Butter Braids fundraiser with delivery set in time for Thanksgiving treats. Advent finds us pausing in our activities to rest and reflect in the Holy season, allowing us time to catch our breath before Spring activities kick off.

For more information on Columbiettes, contact President Roxanne Webster or District Deputy Cindy Janasik.

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2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

PARISH _____

PLEASE CIRCLE DEGREE:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Note: To remain 4th degree, 3rd degree dues must be paid!

If the following information has changed recently, please update!

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please circle the item(s) selected for payment

REGULAR MEMBER DUES	HONORARY MEMBER DUES	HONORARY LIFE SEMINARIAN ORDAINED DEACON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY	DONATION COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS	DONATION OTHER Specify _____	**TOTAL PAYMENT**
$30.00	$14.00	$0.00	$ _____	$ _____	**$** _____

Please print Patron information as you wish to be shown in the newsletters _____

Please submit your check (payable to K of C 4068) and this page to:

Stephen Tagg, FS
1210 McCormick Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Any questions please call
Stephen Tagg at 717-385-4717
or email stagg003@gmail.com

Ministries and Activities (circle those of interest)

Faith	**Community**	**Family**	**Life**
RSVP	Coats for Kids	Family Picnic	March for Life
Rosary Program	Pancake Breakfast	Family of the Month/Year	Mother's Day Carnation Sale
Sacramental Gifts	Sundry Collection	Consecration to the Holy Family	Special Olympics
Spiritual Reflection	Veteran's Brunch	Good Friday Family Promotion	Novena for Life
Holy Hour	Souper Sunday	Keep Christ in Christmas	Silver Rose
Quo Vadis	Helping Hands	Family Movie Night	Lourdeshouse Luncheons
	Basketball Free Throw		