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THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER**

**Meetings Held on the Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.**

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## Grand Knight's Message

Hello Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season, enjoying the time with both family and friends as much as we can. These past months and now spreading to years have taken a toll and made changes in all our lives somehow.

Looking forward to 2022, we all now have seen times change in ways none of us ever imagined. In many ways it has shown us that there are many people that could use a helping hand. As Knights we are seeing this need, and many of us have come together and given to the community. We have an ongoing food drive happening at St. Anthony's Church now. We now have a food basket at the back of the church and a monthly collection on Saturdays that will return in April.

I want to invite all members to please try and attend a council meeting in 2022. Remember, "Many hands make light work." Let us all work together to help the many in need. I look forward to seeing many returning members as we hopefully enter returning to normal this year. Hoping everyone has a blessed year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Anthony De Luca, Grand Knight



St. Pius X Officers 2021/2022

## What's Happening

The Mass and Installation of Officers for St. Pius X Council was held on Sunday, October 31, with Rev. Mark T. Wrightson presiding, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Congratulations to all of our officers and best of luck in 2022!

Top row from left to right: Eugene Dzielak, PSD, Trustee; Anthony De Luca, Grand Knight; Bill Buxton, State Faith Director. Bottom row from left to right: Andrew Cleaver, Chancellor; Daniel Baker, Deputy Grand Knight; Nicolas De Luca, Guard; Tyler Houle, Advocate; Felix Spittle, Trustee, PGK, PDD; Michael Keller, Lecturer; Michael Baker, Warden.

### Something New and Something Tried & True

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend our values. To better equip members to do that, we are excited to announce the launch of the Knights of Columbus Faithful Citizenship Program—an exclusive benefit of membership.

By signing up to join the Knights of Columbus Faithful Citizenship Program, members will receive a special e-newsletter that provides insight on various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues. While the Order occasionally asks all members and families to contact elected representatives on especially pressing issues, these newsletters will afford additional opportunities to speak out in support of policies that are important to faithful Knights and Catholics. Members can sign up for this program by visiting [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Once again this year at Thanksgiving the council has distributed dozens of brand new winter coats to needy children and their families throughout the parish of St. Anthony of Padua and The Cathedral of St. Joseph. This is one of the many charitable programs your council dues help to support throughout the year thanks to our members.

## Special Tribute to a Special Knight

The Jerry E. Dawson PSD Memorial 26th Annual Vocation Essay Contest for 2021-2022 for Catholic Elementary Schools is currently underway.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication over many years of the State Vocation Essay Chairman, Felix Spittle, this has been one of the State's most successful programs for the education of our Catholic school youth in Delaware.

Felix is also the Life Director for the State Council. He faithfully presides over the monthly vigils outside of the Wilmington Planned Parenthood facility on N. Shipley Street on the first Saturday of each month. He's a tireless warrior for the unborn. In addition to the monthly prayer vigils, Felix is the go-to guy for the 40 Days for Life Campaign, Bottles for Babies, Life Chains, and all pro-life activities in Delaware for the Knights.

But these are only two of the many programs Felix has spearheaded throughout his years as a Knight with St. Pius X Council. These are just the ones happening now. The list is long and his contributions are too many to enumerate and expound on in this short column.

The newsletter is proud to recognize Felix for all of his hard work, participation, and dedication as a member of our council.

### Upcoming State Activities

Jan. 8, 10:00am, DD Mid-Year Meeting, Christopher Council

Jan. 15, 10:00am, Mid-Year Meeting of Delegates, Holy Cross Parish Hall

Jan. 17, Annual Chaplains & Friars Recognition Dinner

Apr. 22-24, Annual Convention, Rehoboth Beach Sands

## January & February Birthdays

### JANUARY

John R. Lepore  
Matthew M. Hummel  
George E. Lanciault  
Rev. Mark J. Wrightson  
Michael J. Kelleher  
Michael T O'Rourke  
Ralph N. Siannii II  
Andrew B. Cleaver  
Edward J. Delacey  
Guy F. Perrotti

### FEBRUARY

Ken A. Panella  
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Domenic M. Verechia  
John Paul Carr  
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James A. Del Grosso, Jr.  
Richard A. Jolley  
Frank Panettieri  
Gerald C. Walsh  
Dennis M. Calvetti  
David R. De Joseph  
Michael G. Grossi  
Nicolas A. De Luca



**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

### **This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Knights Look To His Niece's Pro-Life Work**

Alveda King, niece of civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr., believes her uncle would be forefront in the pro-life cause. This MLK Day, January 17, 2022, take a moment to consider what King would say about abortion in today's world — a world which treats babies in the womb as slaves, treated as if they were not human.

"My uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once stirred the soul of our nation with a speech on the Lincoln Memorial...

My uncle had a dream. It is my dream today.

For today, there is an entire class of Americans who face discrimination under law, who are treated like property, and who are regarded by some as subhuman. They are held by our courts as unworthy of legal protection, just as our courts once held slaves. They are innocent of any wrong-doing, yet persecuted because of who they are.

My Dream, shared by millions, is that our nation will rise up and correct these great injustices — injustices against those living in the womb...

And so I ask, how can the dream survive if we murder the children?"

*How Can The Dream Survive If We Murder The Children* by Dr. Alveda King

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## U. S. Presidents and the Knights of Columbus *By Andrew Fowler, KofC*

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

In 1934, President Roosevelt created the first federal observance of Columbus Day after advocacy by the Knights of Columbus. Roosevelt had had experience with the Knights going back to World War I.

### **John F. Kennedy**

President Kennedy became the only Catholic ever elected to the office before Joe Biden. He was also a fourth degree Knight. Today almost 30 councils are named for him. "Hello chief" was the president's greeting as he began a meeting with Supreme Knight Luke Hart in the White House.

### **Donald J. Trump**

In Dec. 2018 in an Oval Office Ceremony that included Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, President Trump signed unanimously passed legislation to provide humanitarian relief for victims of genocide in Iraq and Syria, while holding ISIS perpetrators accountable. The Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act was strongly supported by the Knights of Columbus and was based on Congressional testimony by the Supreme Knight.



## Our Lady, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.

Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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