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

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Council Officers

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Eugene M. Dzielak, PSD

Felix M. Spittle, PGK, PDD

Grand Knight's Message

Greetings, Brother Knights,

July is the beginning of a new Columbian year. With it comes the installation of new council officers, preceded by the election at our June council meeting of a new slate of officers that were nominated, voted on, and elected. The officers' names listed to the left are your new council officers for the 2021/2022 Columbian year. In addition to the election of officers at the council level, the Delaware State Council officers are also newly elected and begin serving in July. Their names and offices they hold can be found on the State website. A link to that website can be found at www.kofc4425.com.

For the past two Columbian years, our own Eugene Dzielak has served as Delaware's State Deputy. Little did Gene know, or anyone else for that matter, the difficulties that would lie ahead and what he would be taking on when he was elected State Deputy for the 2019/2020 Columbian year in June of 2019. Throughout 2020, with all the mounting challenges and obstacles because of the pandemic, Gene's strong leadership had guided us through an unprecedented year. Not only was he up for the task at hand in leading Delaware Knights through the worst pandemic in decades, but he stayed on as our State Deputy and served an additional year amidst everything that was happening. It would have been easy for him to have just finished out his term in June 2020 and let the newly elected State Deputy take over in the middle of the pandemic. He didn't. That's character! That's leadership!

On behalf of St. Pius X Council, we'd like to say thank you and extend our deep gratitude to Gene and Jane Dzielak for all they've done for Delaware's Knights of Columbus these past two years and the many years they've been involved in The Order before Gene was elected State Deputy. You've both made our council proud.

To the council officers who have served under my term as Grand Knight, I'd also like to say thank you. Thank you for your dedication, help, guidance, and encouragement throughout my three years as Grand Knight, without which we would not have come as far as we have today. Our council is healthy and in good standing because of its dedicated officers and members.

As this new Columbian year begins with a bright outlook to the future, I wish the new Grand Knight, Anthony De Luca, and the newly elected officers all the support and good fortune that I received during my tenure as Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Bill Giles, Past Grand Knight



What's Happening

Hoagies for Heroes, an annual council event occurring in September, which was conceived and brought to life by our own Gene Dzielak to recognize and honor our local brave men and women of the Wilmington Fire Department after 9/11, morphed into a May appreciation luncheon for the Wilmington Police Department this year. A tradition continues!

On May 11th and 12th Grand Knight Bill Giles and Deputy Grand Knight Tony DeLuca, members of the council, and the St. Pius X chapter of the Columbiettes served lunch to approximately 120 officers courtesy of Gallucio's Restaurant and Dr. Herb Casalena. Needless to say, all were appreciative of the council's recognition and the tasty Gallucio's cuisine. Get ready, Wilmington Fire Department, we'll be heading your way in September!

In other goings-on, the council, as of February, spearhead by the tireless efforts of Felix Spittle, has collected over 2,100 pounds of nonperishable food items from parishioners at St. Anthony's in its ongoing Sunday Mass food collection and is looking to exceed its 3,000-pound collection of last year. The new collection on the second Saturday of each month should put us well on that path.

The Mother's Day rose sale netted \$543 for Delaware Right to Life. Speaking of roses, The Silver Rose comes to Delaware this year from October 12 through October 31.

Graduation awards of \$100 each were sent to Padua, Salesianum, and Archmere schools from the council.

Best wishes and a quick recovery to Pastor Mark Wrightson of St. Anthony's after his recent surgery. An Edible Arrangements gift basket was sent to Fr. Mark on behalf of the council.

What's on the Horizon

The annual Retired Nuns Picnic, a St. Pius X original, will be Wednesday, July 28 at St. Mary Magdalen Church on Sharpley Road in Wilmington. If you've never participated, this is one of the best picnics you'll ever attend, guaranteed! A great one to volunteer for. We'd love to see you there!

Injured in the Line of Duty

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the three Wilmington police officers who were shot on Wednesday, June 3 after responding to a domestic violence 911 call on North Market Street in the city of Wilmington.

As the three officers entered a fourth-floor apartment in the 2400 block, they were met with gunfire from a suspect who was fighting with his girlfriend.

One officer was shot in the hand, one in the leg, and the son of our Grand Knight, Bill Giles, was shot in the arm. Thankfully, all are expected to make a full recovery.

The police have an incredibly difficult job. When one of our own is affected, it brings home how difficult and dangerous that job really is.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect us and keep us safe. They don't get the support they deserve.

Thank you, Tyler Giles, along with your fellow officers, for your bravery and service to our community, and prayers for a quick recovery from your injuries.

St. Pius X Monthly Food Drive

On the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the council will be collecting non-perishable canned goods in the parking lot on Ninth Street across from St. Anthony's Grade School. Please consider stopping by and volunteering and/or contributing items to assist those in need in our community. The next drive will be held on Saturday, July 11.

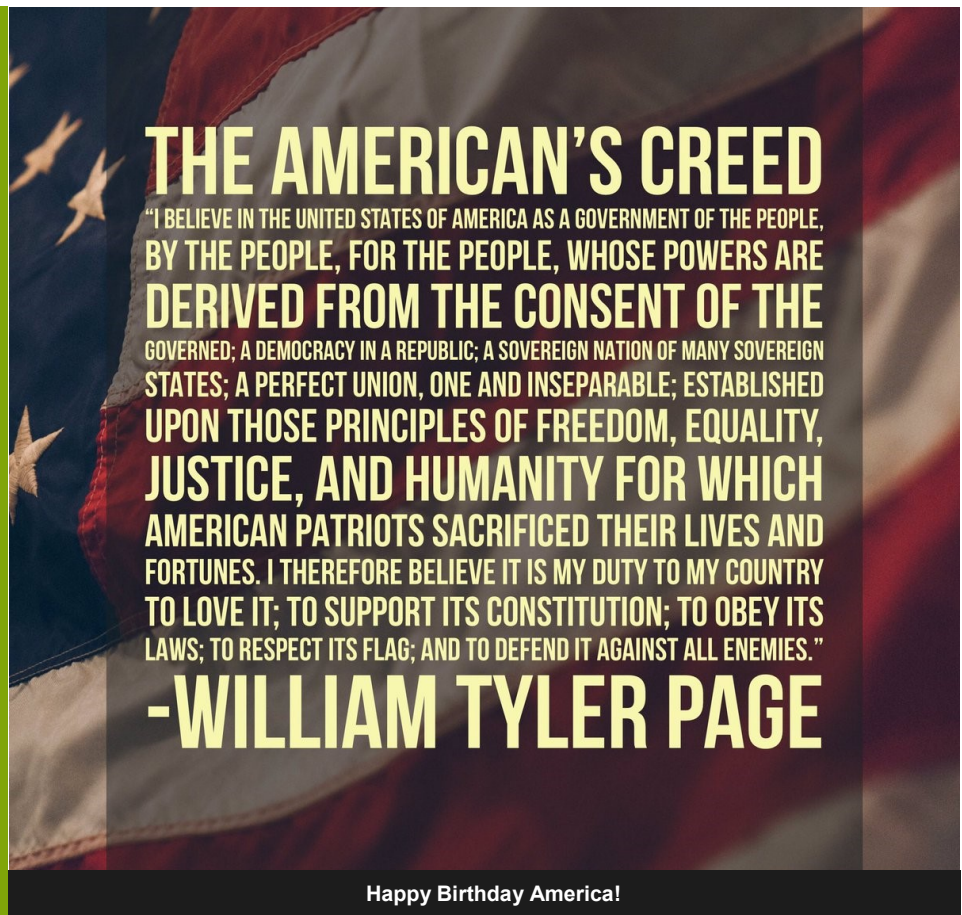
July & August Birthdays

JULY

Gabriel Gigliotti
Raffaele C. Rappucci
Joseph E. Roach, Jr.
Eugene M. Dzielak
Sergio Pellegrino
Edward N. Baldwin, Jr.
Peter J. McCarthy
Vernon A. Taylor

AUGUST

Frank J. Serio, Jr.
Anthony T. Gentile
Anthony M. Medori
Barry Yerger
Michael Gallo
David D. Wood
Anthony Episcopo, Jr.
Cesidio Pellegrini
Joseph M. Chimenti
Dominick J. Pileggi
Dulio F. Vitale
John J. Coen
Robert J. Julian
Frank J. Frabizzio
Raymond E. Ianni



Happy Birthday USA!

William Tyler Page, a descendent of the 10th US president, John Tyler, penned the above "The American's Creed" at the age of 49. He was motivated by the Apostles' Creed while on his way home from church one day in the year 1917. "The American's Creed" was the winning entry to a patriotic contest as America entered WWI. He drew his inspiration from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Gettysburg Address, and Edward Everett Hale's 1863 short story "The Man Without a Country." Happy Birthday America!

And from St. Pius X Council, happy birthday to our members who are celebrating their special day in July and August.

Also, congratulations to our new Honorary member Gerald E. McGrory and our new Honorary Life member Felix M. Spittle. Thank you both for your many years of service to the Knights.

In Memorandum

Robert E. Marengo, April 20, 2021

Colomba Cafini, wife of the late Mario Cafini, member of St. Pius X Council, passed away on June 6, 2021. Mario and Colomba were frequent volunteers at Pasta Sundays at the old council hall and St. Anthony's Italian Festival.

A Tribute

Thank you to Rock Peters for his moving tribute to retiring Monsignor Joseph Rebman, ordained in 1960 and pastor at St. Joseph on the Brandywine in Greenville for over twenty years. Email Rock at rock-peters@aol.com. He has also written a book, "The Greatest Love of All." His book site is www.greatestloveofallbyrockpeters.com. His website is www.GodsSaveUSA.com. Below is Rock's tribute to Monsignor Joseph Rebman.

Our beloved Monsignor Rebman, a servant of the Lord, you've had such a marvelous and incredible career, always so optimistic, bringing us good cheer. Born to Joseph & Isabelle Rebman on December 6th, the "Feast of St. Nicholas," you became a Christmas gift from God to us. "For those whom God foreknew, He also did predestine." Romans 8:29.

You were preordained to be ordained. You submitted yourself to God's will for you and never once complained. You were one of those exceptional vocations called when you were just a boy. You played Catholic priest with your little sister, Isabelle, instead of guns and toys. Isabelle was your altar server, "Necco candy" was your pretend host. Even as a kid you were preparing to serve the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost,

Sixty-one years you have been a priest, ordained on December 18, 1960 by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, and you've been the pastor at "Joseph's on the Brandywine" for twenty-one years. And having you as the pastor has been our honor. Eight popes have led the church in your lifetime, and you have consecrated the Eucharist twenty thousand times during your vocation. Now as you retire, for your incredible service, we will have a celebration!

Though the years, you have assisted your parishioners during their darkest hours as they cry and grieve from the loss of a loved one. You have helped so many to continue to hope and believe. You've also been there to share our joy, baptizing our babies and giving our children their First Holy Communion, marrying men and women and blessing their union. There are not words to express how grateful we all are. We all love you, and with all our heart we thank you. You're a beautiful shining Heavenly star!



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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