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

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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings, Brother Knights,

I hope that everyone is doing well. As we fall into a new season in 2021, if anything has changed in recent times, it seems now everyone has a new appreciation for our health, our family, and our ability to adapt to change.

Many things are also changing for St. Pius X Council. We are slowly returning to a more in-person feel, slowly increasing activities and events that we are having with St. Anthony's and other councils. I am happy to say, even in these trying times, St. Pius X Council was able to grow and add a new Columbiettes auxiliary to work with and support our council. If anyone has a wife or family member who would like to join, reach out to me and I can get you additional information on joining St. Pius X Columbiettes. We also started our own Facebook page at Knights of Columbus #4424 St. Pius X. If anyone would like to join, look for us on Facebook.

As we move closer to the end of the year and the holidays coming up, we should all look at the changes that we endured in these difficult times. As Knights of Columbus, we all have seen that strong faith can help everyone in difficult times. Also, as Knights we know how to help others at the same time who need our extra support, as we have seen with our monthly food drives. Our food drive occurs every second Saturday of the month at St. Anthony's Church. Please come out and help our community. We are looking forward to seeing members return to support our community.

Many things have changed recently, and St. Pius X has overcome and is adapting to these changes. We are stronger in our faith. God bless everyone and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Anthony De Luca, Grand Knight



October Food Drive

Call for Prayers

Our District Deputy and Past Grand Knight, Bill Giles, is in need of the council's thoughts and prayers and best wishes this day.

Bill's brother passed away on October 10. If that wasn't enough, he spent four days in the hospital days after his brother's death with his own medical issues while at the same time hearing of his son Tyler's cancer diagnosis.

Tyler, you'll remember from the July/August newsletter, is the Wilmington police officer who was shot in the line of duty on June 3rd of this year.

Please keep Bill and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

What's Happening

The St. Pius X Food Drive is turning out to be a huge success thanks to the help of volunteer members and the hard work of Grand Knight Anthony De Luca for getting the word out through various outlets. Since the inception of the drive by PGK Bill Giles and current GK Anthony De Luca last spring, the council has collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items for St. Patrick's Center in Wilmington for their food pantry in their efforts to feed the needy.

October's drive was no exception, collecting over 200 pounds of food. A big thanks to those who volunteered: from left to right, Trustee Felix Spittle, Warden Michael Baker, Financial Secretary Christopher Girardi, and Grand Knight Anthony De Luca. Also, thank you to Sr. Knight Michael Kelleher, head of maintenance at St. Anthony's, for providing the sign!

As Grand Knight De Luca said in his message, the council is working hard to do everything it can to get back to our charitable roots and helping the community. The St. Pius X Food Drive is just one of the ways your council is continuing that tradition. If you can't volunteer for an hour or so, please drop off a few pounds!

What's on the Horizon

On October 31, 2021, the council will install its 2021/2022 officers with a Mass at St. Anthony's beginning at 1 p.m. On November 9 and December 14 is our regular council business meeting at Gallucio's Restaurant in Wilmington at 7:30 p.m. On November 13 and December 11 is the St. Pius X Food Drive.

Every year around this time the council participates in the Coats For Kids program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Dozens of new winter coats will be given to needy children at Cathedral of St. Peter parish before Thanksgiving.

The 50th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Delaware District Calvert Province, will be held on Saturday, November 13th, virtually. For information on becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, contact Sr. Knight Frank Panettieri FN at frank19806@gmail.com.

Upcoming Delaware State Council Activities

Nov. 5-7, Supreme Mid-Year Meeting for State Deputies

Nov. 13, 7:30pm, State Informational Meeting, St. John the Beloved

Dec. 18, State Christmas Party following 5:00pm Mass at St. Helena's, Bellefonte

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

November & December Birthdays

NOVEMBER

John A. Cuocolo
Louis A. Petrucci, Jr.
Mark J. Pugliese
Frederick G. Santow, Jr.
Anthony J. Albence
Lawrence J. Appiott
Michael M. Fierro

DECEMBER

John P. Daley
Michael Greco
Michael Cautillo
Joseph M. Cuocolo, Jr.
Robert A. Piane, Jr.
Ryan N. Kilmon



The First Thanksgiving St. Augustine Florida

On September 8, 1565, Spanish explorer Don Pedro Menendez came ashore the Florida coast and named the area after St. Augustine because land was sighted on the saint's feast, August 28. The native Timucua tribe peacefully greeted Menendez and 800 or so Catholic colonists.

That very day, in thanksgiving for a safe journey, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales offered the first Mass ever celebrated on what is now U.S. soil. Afterward, according to the priest's memoirs, colonist and natives shared a celebratory meal. In his 1965 book *The Cross in the Sand*, historian Michael Gannon called the day's festivities "the first community act of religion and thanksgiving in the first permanent settlement in the land." To this day, the city of St. Augustine is recognized as the first permanent U.S. settlement.

As Catholics, however, let's remember one thing: the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." Thus, in the most profound and sacred sense, the Mass celebrated by Father Lopez on the land named St. Augustine in 1565 constitutes the real first Thanksgiving in what would one day become the United States of America.

Excerpt from *The First Real Thanksgiving* by Gerald Korson, a veteran Catholic journalist and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana.

Merry Christmas: The Spirit of the Season

In November of 2017 a study was undertaken by the Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion located at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. One simple question was asked of 1,074 participants: In December, do you think you should wish people Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays? Six out of ten respondents said Merry Christmas. Although more than half, if the same poll was conducted today, just four short years later, I'd dare say that number would be even lower.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

The staff at the newsletter, on behalf of the officers of St. Pius X Council, would like to extend a healthy, happy, and blessed MERRY CHRISTMAS to all of its council members and their families and loved ones.

Congratulations! to our new Honorary Life Members Ernest J.

Camoirano and David R. DeJoseph and also to our new Honorary Members Gerald E. McGrory and Dennis M. Calvetti

In Memorandum

Rev. Gerald J. Mahoney, OSFS, October 2; Rev. Monsignor Joseph Francis Rebman, October 3



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 appreci-

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