



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAINT POLYCARP CHURCH
BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL 7517 NEWSLETTER
*January-February 2021***

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- Father James Hreha
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- Trustee-2 years
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- Trustee-1 year
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- Newsletter
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- Squires
- Richard DeZao
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- Columbiettes
- Beth Bishop
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- KofC Insurance
- Martin Reynolds
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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Here's hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wishing all my Brother Knights and their families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

This has been quite some year. We have struggled -- and still are -- through a global pandemic, racial injustice, political issues and natural disasters. During this time, not only have the Knights of Columbus survived but thrived and stepped up to help all those in need. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism have prevailed through all of these crises. I am so proud to say that I am a member of the Knights of Columbus. Let's start the New Year by not thinking back on what has been but looking forward to the good things that lie ahead.

Thanks again to the brothers and the parishioners who donated turkeys and hams for the needy during this Christmas season. Turkeys, hams and many gift cards were received which assisted St. Vincent DePaul to provide some joy during this holiday season. And a heartfelt thanks to Bill Czachorowski and staff at Zack's Excavating for allowing us to use their facility as our drop-off spot.

Our 2020 Survey of Fraternal Activity Form is due by the end of the month. Please make every effort to complete the form attached to this newsletter and get it back to me as quickly as you can -- email it, mail it or put it in the collection basket by January 25th so that the financial secretary can compile the results and send it to Supreme.

Also, please send your membership dues in as soon as possible. If you are having problems paying the dues please contact me or our Financial Secretary Jack Gordon. It is also important that we have everyone's current contact information.

If you know of a practical Catholic gentleman interested in doing charitable work, please ask them to join the Knights of Columbus.

And finally thank you to my officers and all Brother Vincent members that have hung in there this past year and have made every effort to attend our virtual meetings. Our next business meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 7th at 7 PM. Please add "attend a Knights of Columbus meeting" to your list of New Year's Resolutions.

V.J.
Tom O'Drain, GK

CELEBRATING FAR AND WIDE

**Father McGivney gives us a roadmap to holiness in the way he lived out
Christ's teachings**

The Mass of Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney took place in Hartford, Connecticut but the celebration extended throughout the world. From the weeks preceding the beatification to the weeks following, Knights of Columbus across the globe give joyful thanks to God as their humble founder is raised to the honors of the altar.

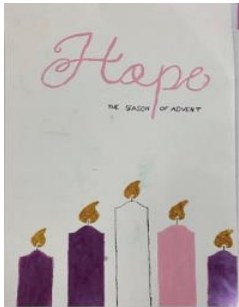
Please continue to pray the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.



ADVENT POSTER CONTEST

The St. Polycarp Parish PSR students reflect and remember what the season of Advent/Christmas represents by participating in the annual Advent Poster Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Brother Vincent Council 7517). The students were asked to draw and color pictures with a religious theme relating to Advent/Christmas. The posters are then judged by the judges selected by KofC. Here are this year’s winners:

First Place: Olivia Bruno, 7th Grade



Third Place: Jonah Taylor, 7th Grade



Second Place: Sophie Netz, 3rd Grade



Honorable Mention: Cole Netz, Kindergarten



Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for participating. And also thanks to our Director of Religious Education, our Treasurer and to the judges.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Brothers,

It is that time again -- DUES TIME. Your yearly membership dues are due. The dues are still \$30.00 a year. Some of you may not know that half of your dues go to the State and Supreme Councils, although the per capita dues was waived this year due to the pandemic, it is unknown if this will be done again this year. When you do not pay your dues we have to pay anyway. A dues notice has been sent and we ask that you please pay your dues promptly and save us the expense of a second notice and possible suspension notice. If you have a financial hardship please contact the Grand Knight or me and we will work it out. No one will be suspended because of a financial hardship.

V.J.

SK Gregory Haven, Treasurer



POLAR BEAR PLUNGE/SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Even the Polar Bears will be going virtual this year due to the ongoing pandemic. However, while no one, including the bears, will be dipping their toes into the frigid Atlantic, Special Olympics still needs our support. This year’s theme is “Bring the Beach to your Backyard.” So no matter how you Plunge, what’s most important is that you Plunge in support of 4,200 Special Olympics Delaware athletes. The Polar Bear Plunge/Special Olympics collection will take place at St. Polycarp on the weekend of January 30-31, 2021. Anyone wishing to donate to the Plunge/Special Olympics can mail a check to St. Polycarp Church, 55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna DE 19977. Checks should be made payable to KofC-Brother Vincent Council, and Rich DeZao our State Treasurer will make sure the checks get to the appropriate place. Please make all donations by Sunday, February 7th. Thank you for your support.



SQUIRE'S UPDATE

First of all the St. Polycarp Squires would like to wish all our Knights a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year!! The Squires continue to do their monthly meetings virtually. Attendance continues to be at 90% + for which I am very grateful.

The Squires participated in the church clean up in November assisting with raking leaves and any other tasks. In addition the Squires once again took part in the SVDP Christmas turkey drive. A gift card from Walmart was donated. A parishioner insisted on giving money toward the annual K9 fundraiser even though the Squires could not do their usual Lock-In. She asked if she gave a donation could we make sure it got to the K9 Unit. Because of this the Squires also contributed a donation to make a total check presentation of \$100 to the K9 unit. An email was sent to them to give them a heads up it was coming along with a note of explanation that because of the pandemic our usual generous donation would not be possible. We continued to praise the State Police and their K9 partners in all they do and reinforced our commitment to them and that our prayers will be with them. A response of sincere gratification was sent back to the Squires with an open invitation to do a demonstration whenever we get back to normal.

We did not have a December meeting since everything was quiet. Our next meeting will be in January. Please continue to pray for our Squires as we pray for all of you.

God Bless,
Rich DeZao, Lead Counselor



THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

PROPOSED CALENDAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS. MOSTLY MEETING REMAIN VIRTUAL.

- 1/1 Happy New Year/Solemnity of Mary
- 1/5 Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting
- 1/6 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
- 1/7 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, via WebEx
- 1/9 State Mid-Year Meeting, 9 AM
- 1/10 Baptism of the Lord
- 1/13 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Day/Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 1/20 Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx
- 1/25 Fraternal Benefits Night, 6:30 PM
- 1/27 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 1/30-31 Polar Bear Plunge Collection
- 2/1 Groundhog Day/Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting
- 2/3 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
- 2/4 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, via WebEx
- 2/10 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/15 President's Day
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday/Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM (TBD)
- 2/21 First Sunday of Lent
- 2/22 Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 2/24 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 2/25 Fraternal Benefits Day, 11 AM

NEWSLETTERS

Time is a very precious thing. Hopefully, the following schedule will at least give you some idea of the timing for future newsletters.

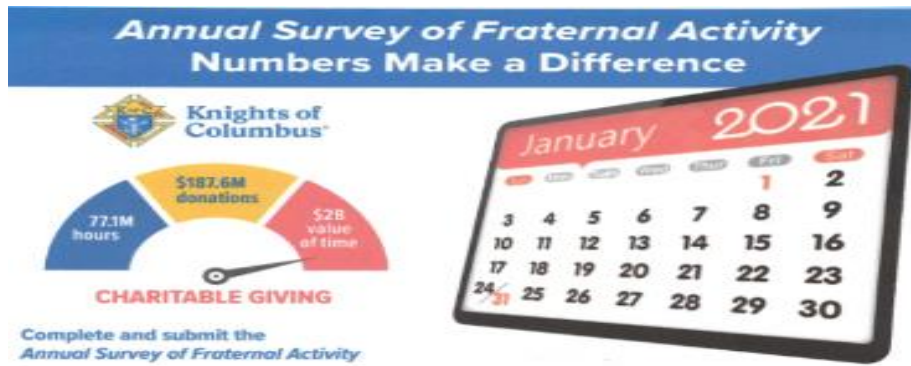
MARCH-APRIL -- February 23

MAY-JUNE -- April 27

JULY-AUGUST -- June 24

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER -- August 27

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER -- October 26



Each year the council is required to submit the Annual Survey Form 1728 to the Supreme Council by January 31. This survey lists the council's service hours for the previous calendar year in the Faith in Action categories of Family, Faith, Community or Life. The combined submission of these service hours provides the most accurate portrait of the charitable activity in our council. When calculating service hours, remember that family members and volunteers assisting the Knights can be counted towards your totals.

The Individual Member Worksheet is attached to this newsletter and every member should submit this form to either the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary by January 25th so that all totals can be provided to Supreme. Email, collection at church, black box under the portico, mail -- they all work.



Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

As you complete the word search, pause a few seconds at each word and reflect on its meaning.

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THE GIFT OF LOVE AND CARING

The blood supply is at a critical low. Donations are 40-50% lower than this time last year. Your help is desperately needed. You can donate whole blood and red blood cells, as well as platelets and plasma just by calling the Blood Bank at (888) 825-6638. Everyone needs to fill out a Hero card in order for the Knights to get credit for each donation.

The Blood Bank goes by CDC requirements for safety purposes. Your donation could save a life!! What better way to show the Knights commitment to the community than to donate blood.

If you need any further information please contact Joe Stackler at (443) 553-7863, or online at pjblair1976@gmail.com. Thank you for giving serious consideration to donating.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY -- PART 9



THE SQUIRES

The Squires are a Catholic young men's group, ages 10-18, otherwise known as a Circle, and are associated with the Knights of Columbus. The Squires were founded in 1925 and created to offer teenage boys leadership training and moral guidance that would serve them for a lifetime.

In the Squires the young men will not only participate in a variety of activities, but also help plan them and learn to be leaders. Programs encompass four different directions:

Circle Activities - Sporting and social events.

Service Activities - Volunteer programs around the parish and the local community to give back to those less fortunate.

Spiritual Activities - Programs and activities that strengthen faith and further develop strong Christian character.

Membership Activities - Programs and activities that maintain and encourage membership.

We here at St. Polycarp Parish are so fortunate in having a Squire Circle, thanks to the leadership and dedication of Lead Counselor Rich DeZao.

As you can see from this and prior newsletters the Squires are very active in the parish, assisting whenever and wherever they are needed.

We hope that the young men of the Circle will follow the path and journey into joining the Knights of Columbus.



THANK YOU for supporting our fundraiser!

Due to the pandemic, online shopping was bigger than ever and Brother Vincent Council partnered with Rada Manufacturing to help everyone with their holiday gift giving. We made a modest profit and thank those who supported this fundraiser, and hope you are enjoying your purchases.

As a reminder, this is an open-end fundraiser, so you can continue to order through July 2021. So if you need a birthday present, a wedding gift or house warming present, use our personal online group store link:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4603664.8a65ed>

to browse the online catalog, and then place your order just as you would when shopping with any retail outlet. Orders are shipped directly to the customer by Rada.

BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please click on this following link to like AND follow the Brother Vincent KofC Facebook page:

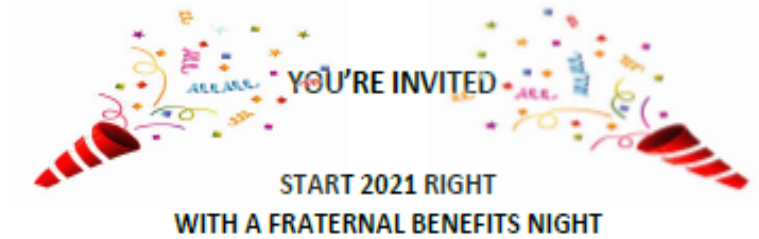
<https://www.facebook.com/KofC7517/>

LEAVE IT TO THE KIDS!

One Sunday morning, I was standing in the back of the church with the priest when a family came in with two small boys. The younger one could not take his eyes off the priest's collar. The priest reached up and pulled the white plastic collar out of the front of his shirt and asked the boy, "Do you know what this is?" Without hesitation, the boy said, "My puppy has one too -- kills fleas for up to two months."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE -- YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



Exciting News! Starting in January 2021 we will be hosting monthly Fraternal Benefits Nights for your councils. Forget 2020 with its pandemic, riots, and chaotic election cycle, and start 2021 right with a Fraternal Benefits night!

SAVE THE DATES!!!



- Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 11:00
- Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30
- Thursday, April 29 at 6:30
- Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00
- Wednesday, June 30 at 6:30



**Hosted by Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agents:
Martin Reynolds and Paul Albanese**

Learn about Knight of Columbus Insurance and Annuity products, get the latest information from the experts, and find out how you can save money and plan for your family's future at one of our Fraternal Insurance Benefit seminars.

Vivat Jesus!
Martin Reynolds, Field Agent
750-8021/368-9753 -- martin.reynolds@kofc.org

THE PRAYER 

Several of our Brothers have been experiencing some serious medical problems and several have undergone surgeries, so some very special prayers are needed for our ill Brothers and their family members. A speedy recovery to them all. And also please remember in your prayers all the Brothers that we have lost this past year.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

20__ INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) HOURS OF SERVICE

a. RSVP Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:

Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	

TOTAL 0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) HOURS OF SERVICE

a. RSVP Program	
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