



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAINT POLYCARP CHURCH
BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL 7517 NEWSLETTER
March-April 2021**

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We are now well into 2021. I think we can all agree that we are happy to put 2020 behind us and hopefully we have come away with a new appreciation for our health, our families and our ability to adapt to change.

The Council and Assembly have been greatly saddened this month by the passing of Brother Jim Ward. He held many offices over the years, including Grand Knight, Treasurer and Faithful Navigator. He was a die-hard Eagles and Phillies fan and enjoyed attending the Dover Symphony -- and had a great love for dogs. Brother Jim's friendly face and smile will be missed. The Knights loss is heaven's gain. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers, as well as all the other brother knights that have recently passed on due to medical reasons or COVID, including Msgr. Ralph Martin. And thank you to those members who came out for the viewing/Mass to pay tribute to Brother Jim. And continue those prayers for the speedy recovery of Bishop Malooly.

As to Council activities, they remain limited due to the continuing pandemic, although we are planning a virtual Easter Egg Hunt event for our parish children. And we have already completed our rock for the parish *Stones Faith Garden*.

Our nominating committee (Walters, Resto, Whitlock) is presently searching for candidates for officer positions for the 2021-22 Columbian Year. If you are interested in holding an officer position or know of someone who would make a good officer (make sure you ask them first), please submit your/their name to one of the members on the committee. The slate of officers will be presented at the next business meeting.

March is here, daylight savings time is just around the corner, and Spring is not far behind. Sure we are all looking forward to longer daylight hours, warmer weather and hopefully being able to once again return to church, activities and sharing time with others.

Easter is a time when the Lord showers his endless blessings to the faithful. Keep the faith and rejoice in the name of the Lord. Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter.

V.J.
Tom O'Drain, GK



**BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL
EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT**

Due to the ongoing pandemic the Brother Vincent Council Easter Egg Hunt for parish children will be a virtual event again this year.

The Easter Bunny is very sad that he will not be coming to St. Polycarp but remains in quarantine, is practicing social distancing and wearing a face mask.

However, he wants to make sure that the children are not forgotten and will still have some fun and has planned a special word scramble Easter game with some very nice Easter prizes. All the children are encouraged to participate.

Everyone is being wished a very Happy Easter and hopefully next year we can hold a safe SUPER Easter Egg Hunt.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones during this holy season of Lent!

Throughout the Pandemic, the changing of the seasons continues to remind us that time marches on. Whether it is the transition to winter weather, or the stark reminder that Lent brings, we know that there is stability in these cycles. These rhythms of our lives provide us with confidence that our roots run much deeper than the surface. We know at the core of our being that the cycle of the Paschal Mystery of suffering and death always leads to new life. This reality is what provides us hope in every situation.

While how we have conducted business has transitioned to a virtual world, the cycle of what we do has remained firm throughout the pandemic. Our Council has practiced Unity, Charity, and Fraternity. Yet, this has been in ever more personal ways. While tempted to think of our own challenges, our members have continually chosen to think of one another. Countless sacrifices have been made in the honorable tradition of our Order.

As we journey forward, one of the rhythms of our Council is the preparation to welcome new folks to help lead us. Annually, a slate of officers is prepared for election. Yet, as with everything in our COVID world, this will also be different. Due to the social distancing necessary to keep our members safe, our practice of brotherhood has had reduced opportunities. Therefore, we must think in new ways!

Instead, of waiting for a brother knight to tap us on the shoulder (or even twist our arm) each member should spend some time in prayer listening to God. He is the source of every gift that we have. Our challenge is to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. In this, we have a responsibility to return some of these gifts back to God. One of these opportunities is to serve as an officer of the Brother Vincent Council.

I urge every Knight to reflect on how God may be calling him to use the gifts entrusted to his care. I especially encourage our newest members, who have recently transferred into our Council, to consider the ministry of leadership. The wisdom of Our Lady of Guadalupe will certainly be a blessing to Brother Vincent!

There is no doubt in my mind that God has given our Council all of the gifts that He needs to use us as His instruments in the coming year. Likewise, there is no doubt in my mind that good Knights will step forward to serve our Council. The reason for my certitude is my experience with the men of our Council over the last five years. Further, this proud heritage has been the history of Brother Vincent since its founding.

May God continue to bless us and strengthen us in His service!

Fraternally,



Rev. James D. Hreha,
Pastor



Are you struggling with planning that Friday Lenten dinner? The Knights of Columbus are here to help. Every Friday in Lent from 4-7 PM the Knights of Columbus, Dover Council will offer Lenten dinners. All meals will be take-out and can be picked up at the Columbian Home, 219 Vepco Boulevard, Dover.

You can call ahead to place your order for pick-up: Don Ryan 302-233-5251 (c) or Frank Castiglione 302-363-1258. Desserts compliments of Dover Columbiettes Auxiliary. Net proceeds to benefit Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes.

The menu (subject to change) for the month of March is as follows:

- 3/5 three pieces of cod, French fries, coleslaw -- \$10.
- 3/12 six large shrimp, tater tots, coleslaw -- \$10.
- 3/19 two crab cakes on hamburger bun, mac 'n cheese, coleslaw -- \$10.
- 3/26 shrimp or cod, mac 'n cheese or tater tots, coleslaw -- \$10.

Make your Lenten meal planning easier and support the Knights of Columbus.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MAY-JUNE -- April 27 .



SQUIRE'S UPDATE

We pray and hope all families are doing well and are healthy and safe.

The Squires continue to do their monthly meetings virtually. Attendance continues to be at 90% + which I am very grateful for.

The Squires agenda is very quiet as you can imagine. We are currently discussing the picture we will want to put on our rock for the St. Polycarp Lenten rock project. Also this month we will discuss the past year since this pandemic started and how we cannot take our Sacraments such as Reconciliation and receiving Holy Eucharist for granted, especially while preparing for Easter and reminding ourselves what Easter is truly all about.

Also in the next couple of months we will have our officer's selection process for the upcoming Columbian year. Please continue to pray for our Squires as we pray for all of you.

God Bless,

Rich DeZao, Lead Counselor



COMING SOON!

EXCLUSIVE WEBCAST SERIES FOR MEMBERS

The KofC is launching a monthly webcast series to promote personal development and faith formation. This webcast series is an exclusive benefit tailored especially for members. Unlike traditional KofC webinars focused on officer training, these webcasts will focus on the spiritual and personal needs of members. More information and the link to register will be provided as soon as it is available.



THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

PROPOSED CALENDAR. DUE TO CORONAVIRUS MOST MEETINGS REMAIN VIRTUAL.

- 3/2 Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting
- 3/3 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
- 3/4 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, via WebEx
- 3/5 Dover Council Lenten Dinner (take-out only), 4-7 PM
- 3/10 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
- 3/12 Dover Council Lenten Dinner (take-out only), 4-7 PM
- 3/14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/15 Combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, Dover Council, 7 PM
- 3/17 **St. Patrick's Day**/Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx
- 3/19 St. Joseph's Day
- 3/19 Dover Council Lenten Dinner (take-out only), 4-7 PM
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/22 Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 3/24 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 3/25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 3/26 Dover Council Lenten Dinner (take-out only), 4-7 PM
- 3/28 Palm Sunday/Passover Begins
- 3/29 Holy Week Begins
- 3/30 Fraternal Benefits Night, 6:30 PM
- 4/1 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, via WebEx
- 4/2 Good Friday
- 4/4 Easter
- 4/6 Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting
- 4/7 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
- 4/14 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
- 4/19 Combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, Dover Council, 7 PM
- 4/21 Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx
- 4/26 Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 4/28 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 4/29 Fraternal Benefits Night, 6:30 PM



DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Last year due to the pandemic the football fundraiser to support the Catholic Elementary School Scholarship Fund could not be conducted. However, the Delaware State KofC will be having their 27th five-week fundraiser to benefit the Scholarship Program. All the funds raised from the five week club are used to provide scholarships to Catholic Elementary Schools in Delaware. And especially this year, families are struggling to send their children for a good Catholic education.

Donation for each ticket is \$10. Prizes for weeks one through four will be \$75, \$50 and \$25 and the drawings are held weekly starting on March 5th. The fifth and final drawing will be held on April 9, 2021 with prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50. Each ticket gives you fifteen chances to win.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Manuel A. Velez, PSD, (302) 478-6126 or velezma21@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration in contributing to this great statewide Knights of Columbus Program. PSD Velez would appreciate hearing from you and would be happy to provide you with as many tickets as you need.



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EASTER is a
 CHRISTIAN festival
 that CELEBRATES
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 of JESUS.
 THERE are
 many DIFFERENT
 Easter SYMBOLS.

The CROSS
 REPRESENTS the
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 EGGS represent
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 Many CHILDREN
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 CHRIST'S sacrifice.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY -- PART 10

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

(Some excerpts from the *Columbia Magazine* and *Fraternal Advisor*)

The Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus (simply referred to as the Supreme Knight) is the title of the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Knights of Columbus.

Since its founding in 1882, there have been thirteen Supreme Knights. A chapter in Knights of Columbus will soon come to a close with the retirement of the 13th Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who has held that position since October 1, 2000. Reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70 for Supreme Officers, he will retire at the end of February 2021.

Supreme Knight Anderson has brought a wealth of gifts and perspective to his leadership of the Order. Carl Anderson joined the leadership of the Knights of Columbus after a distinguished career as a public servant and educator. He served as vice president for public policy and supreme secretary before taking office as the 13th Supreme Knight. Under his leadership, the Order surpassed two million members and \$100 billion of life insurance in force, and expended internationally for the first time in a century. His signature initiatives have included the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, the Ultrasound Initiative, Building the Domestic Church, and a landmark campaign in support of persecuted Christians.

Supreme Knight Anderson has led the Knights of Columbus to new heights of charity, membership and insurance growth to further the Order’s founding mission and legacy of servants to Catholic families, the church and society.

The Supreme Directors met virtually and announced that Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelley was elected to succeed Supreme Knight Anderson as the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and will assume leadership of the Order as of March 1st. Supreme Knight Anderson offered the following comments on his successor: *“We will be truly blessed to have Patrick Kelly assume leadership of the Order. His knowledge, experience and devotion to the faith make him exceedingly well-suited to continue our mission in these challenging times. I could not be more enthusiastic about transferring my duties to Brother Kelly.”*

On January 29, 2021 Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored with the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award during the 39th annual March for Life Rose Dinner, which was held virtually this year. The award recognizes the Supreme Knight’s lifetime of leadership in defense of the unborn.

For the past two decades, Supreme Knight Anderson has been an ardent and articulate advocate for religious freedom, both nationally and internationally and has authored a book entitled *These Liberties We Hold Sacred: Essays on Faith and Citizenship in the 21st Century*, which is a collection of his most compelling speeches, essays and articles in defense of this “first freedom” and about the role of faith in public life. The book is available at knightsgear.com.

Our appreciation and best wishes to Supreme Knight Anderson for a happy, healthy retirement, and congratulations and best wishes to the new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

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

Brothers,

Thank you to all the members that have mailed in their yearly dues or found other creative ways to pay dues this year. About forty members have not paid dues yet, and dues are considered overdue if not paid by February 28th. Any member who cannot pay due to financial hardship should inform me and the dues will be waived for this year. Any student member can have dues waived if they commit to participating to at least one fundraiser this year (assuming we have one).

V.J.

SK Gregory Haven, Treasurer



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Even though we have not been able to sell Tootsie Rolls at various locations due to the pandemic, the Tootsie Roll project still rolls along. Hopefully through donations we will be able to make a fairly decent contribution this year to the charities that the Tootsie Roll drive supports.

Thanks to Pat Bowers, Tootsie Roll Chair, for a job well done. He has faithfully emptied all the donation cans and made sure our supporters always have a supply of Tootsie Rolls.



NOTES FROM BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES

Members of Brother Vincent Columbiettes participated in the First Virtual Delaware Institution Ceremony held February 8, 2021. Three members were witnesses to the ceremony while the President, Vice President and Secretary became familiar with the newly revised ceremony.

Brother Vincent Columbiettes continue to meet monthly by Zoom and have averaged 17 to 20 participants at each meeting. We held our semi-annual audit in January and are pleased to report there were no errors, omissions or discrepancies. Our records are in complete compliance with our Financial Secretary records, our Treasurer's records and bank balances.

Currently the Columbiettes are working two fundraisers: The Columbiettes are selling masks crafted by our own sister Columbiettes Darlene Sanphy, Deanna Lail, Linda Montuori and Angela Gibson. Masks come in two different styles and several sizes to ensure a comfortable fit, made from two layers of 100% cotton material. There are over 200 patterns to pick from including St. Patrick's, Easter, local sports teams, Disney and many more. Custom designs available upon request. If you mention Brother Vincent Columbiettes the Columbiettes will get 20% of the total sale. Not in need of a facemask at this time? Check out the other products available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wevegoyoucovered2020/> or email Darpete87@comcast.net, Deannasanphy@yahoo.com, or starrinhaven@yahoo.com for more information.

Our second fundraising effort is the Brother Vincent Columbiettes Sweepstakes with a chance to win a \$75. prize in July and help the auxiliary raise funds to help others at the same time. It is a COVID-19 safe sweepstakes, and anyone can enter. It runs from February 2021 to June 2021. Every \$10. that you contribute to the sweepstakes earns you one chance for the winning drawing in July. The sweepstakes runs till June 30th, and all contributions received by that date will qualify for the winning drawing. It is easy to enter the sweepstakes, just make a check payable to Brother Vincent Columbiettes and mail to our Financial Secretary, Rosemary Battistoni at 1515 Bon Ayre Circle, Smyrna, DE 19977. Please make sure your phone number is on your check. All contributions will be tallied as they are received. The winner will be notified in July. Questions? Contact Anna Skinner, Treasurer at 302-508-5369 or anna.skinz@gmail.com. Thank you and good luck.

Beth Bishop, President
Brother Vincent Columbiettes #7517

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Father McGivney Prayer for Canonization has been updated since the Beatification. Supreme in the new resource booklet *Guidelines for Council Meetings* recommends this prayer be used as the closing prayer at all KofC meetings.

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/>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE -- YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home -- maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. When this began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I have found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. You simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. We have had our e-Application process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign up electronically when we meet virtually.

It's been a very different year: we missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we did not get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we have come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families. I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!
Martin Reynolds, Field Agent
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(Editor's Note: And congratulations to Agent Martin Reynolds who achieved the PRESTIGIOUS LEVEL of Million Dollar Round Table. Only 2% of Fiduciary Agents in the world achieve this level, and to achieve this level during a pandemic is an incredible accomplishment. Great job Martin!!!)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

In [Matthew 18:18-20](#), Jesus tells us about the power of prayer when he said, *“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

In late fall of 2020, one of our Brother Vincent officers fell victim to an accident which resulted in serious life-changing medical problems. Special prayers were requested from all Brother Knights and his name was placed on our Prayer Chain. Progress has been slow, but we are happy to report he is able to get around in the house between the wheelchair and a walker. His spirits are good and his outlook is positive and he is planning how to do the farming this year. Keep those prayers coming.

The power of prayer should not be underestimated. It is a blessing that God allows us the privilege to communicate directly with Him through prayer anytime 24/7 with no appointment necessary. What an amazing gift!

