

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT POLYCARP CHURCH BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL 7517 NEWSLETTER

November-December 2020

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Well, another year is coming to an end -- and what a year it has been. The year started out great with lots of plans and hopes for activities and to grow the Council, but then things came to a screeching halt because of the pandemic. We were introduced to a whole new vocabulary of words -- face masks, isolation, quarantine, PPE, social distancing, virtual meetings and webinars. Our "normal lives" were not so normal any more. Even our prayer requests changed because now we pray for those who lost their lives due to COVID and to those who were, remain and may still be afflicted by this disease and those struggling economic loses. Hopefully the New Year will bring better times.

I would like to thank all the Brother Vincent members and especially the officers who have hung in there. Some times our Zoom/WebEx meetings were very difficult due to internet connections, but we still moved on, managed to accomplish many things and even achieved the Star Council Award. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Even though we are dealing with the "new normal" some things never change. All members will still need to fill out The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form. Start thinking about this past year and all the "good deeds" and especially how you helped your fellow parishioners and friends through the *Leave No Neighbor Behind Program*, even if it was just something small, like shopping for a neighbor, delivering news to those without the technology to stay connected or just giving a shout to check on members and their families. The survey form will be attached to the January newsletter.

Of course, one of the biggest events for the Knights this year was the beautification ceremonies for our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Let us continue to pray for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

And as this unforgettable year draws to a close, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Joyful New Year.

V.J. Tom O'Drain, GK *****



It seems hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner!

Due to the pandemic, online shopping will be bigger than ever and Brother Vincent Council has partnered with Rada Manufacturing to help everyone with their holiday gift giving.

Rada is more than just a knife company. You can make yummy cheesecakes, plus cheeseballs, dips, and soups with Rada's Quick Mixes. Shelf stable and great to have on hand. There are also cookbooks and inspirational books, *A Closer Walk with Thee* calendar and even an inspirational coloring book called *Colorful Blessings*. Shopping with Rada is easy. 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. To ensure delivery prior to Christmas, we suggest regular non-sorted orders arrive at Rada by December 18th.

Please support the Brother Vincent online fundraising campaign by sharing the above link with your family and friends. *THANK YOU* for supporting our fundraiser!

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4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

This is continuing to be a very challenging year for all of us due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and an inperson Exemplification of the Fourth Degree is also a victim. This year's Exemplification will be held virtually on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1 PM. Although many of us will miss getting together to celebrate our new Sir Knights, especially at the traditional banquet, it is very important to invite all qualified Third Degree Knights who may wish to take the Honors of the Fourth Degree. The candidate fee is \$50 this year and a Form 4 must be completed. Please see the attached 4th Degree tri-fold attached to this newsletter. Interested candidates should contact the Faithful Navigator Patrick Bowers at bowers.patrick@yahoo.com or 526-9097.

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

Dear Brother Knights,

From the Pacific to the Gulf Coasts, devastation, raging fires, and catastrophic flooding have disrupted the lives of countless individuals and families. The Knights of Columbus Charities have responded to the call for donations over the past few weeks as Knights assist those in need by preparing meals, cleaning up debris-ridden yards, and providing much needed supplies.

Our job is far from finished. There is still more to do. Our Council would like to help those who are picking up the pieces of their homes and communities and to help our brothers through difficult times. The only thing of importance right now is what donations we would like to make. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please send suggestions to me or the Grand Knight. Thank you.

V.J.

SK Gregory Haven, Treasurer



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THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

New Year's Eve

New Year's Day

PROPOSED CALENDAR -- BUT -- ONLY IF THE CORONAVIRUS BAND IS LIFTED

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11/1	All Saints Day
11/2	All Souls Day
11/3	Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
11/4	St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
11/5	Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM
11/11	Veterans Day; Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
11/12	State Informational Meeting TBD
11/14	4th Degree Virtual Exemplification, 1 PM
11/16	Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
11/18	Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx
11/25	Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
11/26	Thanksgiving
11/29	First Sunday of Advent
12/1	Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
12/2	St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM
12/3	Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM
12/6	Smyrna-Clayton Annual Christmas Parade, 5 PM, starting at Clayton Elementary School
12/7	Pearl Harbor Day
12/8	Immaculate Conception
12/9	Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM
12/10	Hanukkah Begins
12/10	Turkey Drop Off, 6-7:30 PM, Zack's Excavating Parking Lot; State Informational Meeting TBD
12/16	Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx
12/21	Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM
12/23	Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM
12/25	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas
12/26	Kwanzaa
12/27	Holy Family

MERGER UPDATE

The following excerpt taken from minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 9, 2020, was forwarded by Michael J. O'Connor, Supreme Secretary:

VOTED, upon request and approval of Delaware State Deputy Eugene M. Dzielak, to merge Our Lady of Guadalupe Council No. 12509, Marydel, and Brother Vincent

Council No. 7517, Smyrna, with the merged council to be known as Brother Vincent Council No. 7517.

Brother Vincent Council welcomes all Our Lady of Guadalupe members into our Council and we look forward to meeting all of you, in your joining our meetings and a long working relationship.

SQUIRE'S UPDATE

The Squires continue to do their monthly meetings virtual. Attendance has been at 90% + which I am very grateful for. Four Squires participated in the Father Michael McGivney report and were rewarded with a Wawa gift card:

Jonah Taylor Dylan Champlin Jackson Price Austin Yourek

The following month we discussed in detail the legacy Father McGivney left behind not only with the KofC but with the number of direct family members that have gone on to become priests since himself. One of which I had the privilege to be a parishioner under when I was a teenager but had no idea about his ties to Father McGivney until much later. Also is the fact that St. Polycarp has a Relic of Father McGivney's robe in our current altar.

Please continue to pray for our Squires as we pray for all of you.

God Bless, Rich DeZao Lead Counselor *******



NOTES FROM BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES

The Brother Vincent Columbiettes have resumed holding Board and General meetings utilizing Zoom. Although this is not the way we would like to meet we persevere.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our members, families and friends for supporting our fundraiser under the Boscov's "*Friends Helping Friends*" program. The results are not available at this time but every bit helps.

We are working to get the signed copies of the *Code of Conduct* from all our members so we can forward them to Supreme.

Our State Charitable Works Program this year will benefit the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware. As details become available we will let everyone know what we are going to do.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.



TURKEY ROUND-UP (and HAMS)

Once again this year, St. Vincent De Paul together with the Brother Vincent Council KofC will be conducting a Turkey Round Up. But even the turkeys have not escaped the pandemic as this year's drop off will be at Zack's Excavating on Route 13 in Smyrna. Zack's is located next to Willis Chevrolet and across the street from Pinnacle Rehabilitation Center. (There will be a large sign.) The drop off will take place on Thursday, December 10th from 6-7:30 PM (rain or shine).

Several markets are offering free turkeys/hams when you purchase a cumulative total on your receipts. You may want to consider shopping at one of these establishments and take advantage of any sales. Turkey sizes: 12-13 pounds (small); 15-17 pounds (medium); 18 pounds or larger (large). A 9 pound ham is considered a medium, and whole hams should be cut in half (the store will gladly do this for you). Food gift cards from Acme or Food Lion or Walmart (no larger than \$30 per card) will also help needy families. They can also be dropped into the poor box in Church during the months of November and December.

If you need any further information you can contact Chuck Miller or Ben Walters.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY -- PART 8

Since November is the month of the 4th Degree Exemplification, here is a little 4th Degree history.

From the earliest days of the Order, members wanted to create a form of hierarchy and recognition for senior members; this issue was discussed at the National Meeting of 1899. As early as 1886, Supreme Knight James T. Mullen had proposed a patriotic degree with its own symbolic dress. From these discussions, the Fourth Degree was created, joining the three previous degrees of charity, unity, and fraternity.

About 1,400 members attended the first exemplification of the Fourth Degree at the Lenox Lyceum in New York on February 22, 1900. The event was infused with Catholic and patriotic symbols, imagery that "celebrated American Catholic heritage." The two knights leading the ceremony, for example, were the Expositor of the Constitution and the Defender of the Faith. The ritual soon spread to other cities. The new Fourth Degree members returned to their councils, forming assemblies composed of members from several councils. Those assemblies chose the new members.

In 1903, the Board of Directors officially approved a new degree exemplifying patriotism Order-wide, using the New York City model. The Order had a "desire to receive within its ranks only the best" and intended the men should be practicing Catholics. As one measure, each candidate was required to submit a certificate from his parish priest attesting that he had received Holy Communion within the past two weeks.

Fourth Degree members belong to one of 3,109 assemblies, including 75 created in 2012. The first assembly in Europe was established in 2012, and in 2013 a new assembly for Boston-area college councils was created at Harvard University. Today there are more than 250,000 Fourth Degree members in over 2,200 Fourth Degree Assemblies.

Assemblies may form color guards, which are often the most visible arm of the Knights. They often attend important civic and church events. The first Fourth Degree uniform, adopted in 1900, consisted of white ties, top hats and tails. In 1940, the uniform was changed to a plumed chapeau, a tuxedo, a cape and a ceremonial sword. With the 1940 uniform, the Supreme Master wore a dark blue cape and chapeau, a vice supreme master wore a light blue cape and chapeau, a master wore a gold cape and chapeau, a district marshal wore a green cape and chapeau, a faithful navigator wore a white cape and chapeau, an assembly commander wore a purple cape and chapeau, and color corps members wore red capes and white chapeaus.

In 2017, the uniform was modernized to consist of a blue blazer, an official Knights of Columbus tie, and a beret, all of which are embossed with the Fourth Degree emblem. Members also wear a white shirt and dark gray slacks. The ceremonial sword was retained.



ARK ENCOUNTER

Usually we do not promote many outside activities, but we are making an exception for the Bon Ayre Community which is planning a trip with a biblical overtone.

Have you ever wondered: How big was Noah's Ark? How did Noah fit all the animals? How did Noah feed and care for all the animals? How did Noah build the Ark?

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington.

The trip offers much more than just the Ark Encounter, including first time exclusive event of the World's Largest Christian Music Festival -- 40 days & 40 nights of Gospel Music at the Ark.

A flyer with the dates, times, pricing and other event activities is attached to this newsletter.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -- JANUARY-FEBRUARY

December 30

Distributed at Business Meeting on 1/7/21

AWAY IN A MANGER



The list below is a group of related words in code, where one letter stands for another. Within the same list, the code will stay the same. For example KDBBDF could be LETTER. When you have identified a word in the list, use the solved letters to help decode other words in the same list. All of the entries in the list are from the book of Luke. To get started one has been completed--NO ROOM IN THE INN.

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STAR COUNCIL PLAQUE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

The Star Council Plaque was presented by District Deputy Robert Watras at a Grand Knight/Membership Director meeting on Thursday, October 30th in Dover. Individual pins are included for the GK, Program Director and Membership Director.

It is awesome!

Again, Congratulations to all Brother Vincent Officers and Members. Job well done.

BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY BEATIFIED

The founder of the Knights of Columbus was officially declared "blessed" in a Mass celebrated on October 31, 2020 in New Haven, Connecticut. The weekend long ceremonies were absolutely inspiring for all Knights of Columbus members. Hopefully you took advantage of watching all these events.

BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY PRAY FOR US.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE -- Y O UR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Soon you will be receiving (or maybe you already have received) your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can -- in turn -- advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefit to members like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a Brother Knight Field Agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it is to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you would like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So hopefully as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I will be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation -- virtual or otherwise -- so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

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/

Answers: BETHLEHEM, ANGELS, SWADDLING CLOTHES, NO ROOM IN THE INN, JOSEPH, SHEPHERDS, NIGHT, BABY, MARY, PEACE ON EARTH.



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION TRI-FOLD

Fourth Degree Assemblies Delaware District

Archbishop Fitzmaurice Assembly #148

Wilmington, DE

FN: SK Edward Russ, Jr., PGK (610) 745-9780 email: edruss3@comcast.net Councils: 195, 2856, 2867, 2872, 6854, 7608, 7990, 11540, 12374, 15082, 15723, 15436

Bishop Hubert J. Cartwright Assembly #149

Camden, DE

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Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #150

Newark, DE

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Bishop Thomas Mardaga Assembly #2014

Claymont, DE

FN: SK Frank Panettieri, FDD (917) 821-1268 email: frank19806@gmail.com Councils: 3182, 4425, 12190

Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly #2413 Georgetown, DE

Georgeto III, DE

FN: SK James R. Blake (302) 945-8527 email: jblake113@verizon.net Councils: 4075, 7297, 11285, 13348, 16771

Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly #3038

Smyrna, DE

FN: SK Patrick A. Bowers (302) 526-9097 email: eileenbowers58@yahoo.com Councils: 6543, 7517

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Knights of Columbus



48th EXEMPLIFICATION of the Fourth Degree - Delaware District

Honoring

Calvert Province



Immediate Former Master,
Sir Knight Louis H. Anderson,
FDD, and Lady Dede

Virtual Exemplification Saturday, November 14, 2020

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Members are committed to the preservation our Church, our Order, and our Country. We strive to serve as examples of Christ's presence in the world. Fourth Degree Knights are dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

- 1. Be over 18 years of age.
- 2. Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your Council.
- 3. Be a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates......12:00 PM Exemplification Start Time.....1:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Initiation Fee - (includes lapel pin, social baldric, and processing fees)

Lay Candidates, Deacons and Seminarians.....\$50.00

Priests.....\$25.00

Make checks payable to the Fourth Degree Assembly you will be joining.

DEADLINE

Applications Friday, November 6, 2020

Payment must accompany all reservations.

FOR QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

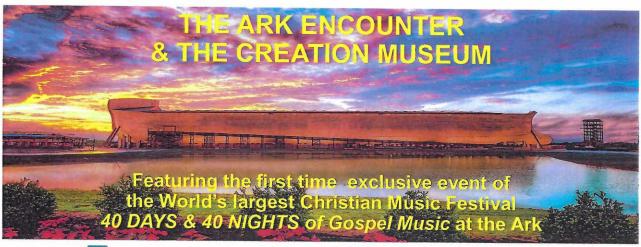
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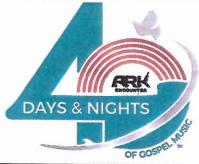
ASSEMBLIES SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS AND PAYMENTS TO:

Deacon SK Sherman Mitchell, PSD District Secretary 101 Downes Drive Hartly, DE 19953

CANDIDATE INSTRUCTIONS

- One week prior to the Exemplification, phone the Assembly's Faithful Navigator and make sure he has completed the Form 4 and forwarded the Form 4 to the District Secretary.
- Candidate must download the "GoToMeeting" app (The app is free) to his computer, IPad, or laptop. The Exemplification will include the normal slides and the audio presentation from the exemplification team. NOTE: Phones may be too small and may not be adequate for this purpose.
- Candidate should prepare to participate in the Exemplification in a quiet room where he can have privacy and be engaged in the Exemplification without distractions. The Exemplification will last 90-120 minutes, so be prepared to be in his private location for that length of time without a break.
- When candidate logs into the GoToMeeting site on the day of the Exemplification, opt for the AUDIO Only, do not turn on the video portion of the link.
- The District Master will send the invitation and link to the Virtual Exemplification at least 3-4 days in advance, candidate should make sure they have received the invitation and link.
- Candidates should log into the Exemplification at least 30 minutes prior to ensure they are included in the roster for the Exemplification.
- A report will be generated at the end of the Exemplification with the names and duration of each person on the call. So, candidate must remain on the call until the end to be counted.
- The District Master would like to Knight the New Sir Knights and present their Certificates, baldric, and lapel pin (PG-113) at an Assembly meeting or Installation. However, the Faithful Navigator, with the District Master's permission, may Knight the new Sir Knight and present him with his Certificate, Social baldric, and lapel pin (PG-113).





INCLUDING 3 LIVE CONCERTS

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS AUGUST 12 - 16, 2021

\$699.00 Per Person

Double Occupancy
Deposit of \$50 due by January 1st; Balance due July 1st
(Payable monthly plan is acceptable)



- * 4 Nights Lodging, including Overnights
- * 4 Breakfasts
- * 2 Dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise & Dinner at the Ark Encounter Emzara's Kitchen
- * Admission to the Creation Museum
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 Music" Featuring 3 Live Concerts in the Ark Encounter's
 2,500 seat Answers Center Theatre
- * Guided Tour of Cincinnati
- * Souvenir Gift
- * Luggage Handling in Kentucky
- * Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- * Motorcoach Transportation

Cancellation insurance available; see reverse side for details



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