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**Worthy Chapter Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights  
 And Friends of the Greensburg Chapter:**

**Chapter Meetings**

**At all meetings in person: Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:15pm, we will eat first.**

**Dress Code for all: Business Casual (Polo or Golf Shirt w/ Dress Slacks)**

**No shorts or jeans please!**

**December 16, 2024—Christmas Party to Benefit Clelian Heights**, hosted by Fr. Gilbert Straub  
 Council 8452 at Holy Cross Church Social Hall, 10 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Youngwood, PA 15697.  
 Social 6 p.m., followed by Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**2025**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>HOST COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
JANUARY	ST. JOHN PAUL II 18239	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH HALL-SCOTTDALE	WEATHER PERMITTING
FEBRUARY	KITTANNING 1011	ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADELUPE	WEATHER PERMITTING



## Ger Andrews—Chapter President

**Memorial Mass at Clelian Heights**—Thank you to all who attended and made our Memorial Mass a success. I think we had a record attendance. We were able to cut a check to “Clelian Heights” for \$400.00, thanks to your generous contribution to the offertory collection. We received a very nice “thank you” letter from Sister Benjamin. A special thank you to Bill Beno for constructing and taking care of the “Candle Memorial” as we read the names of our deceased Brothers.



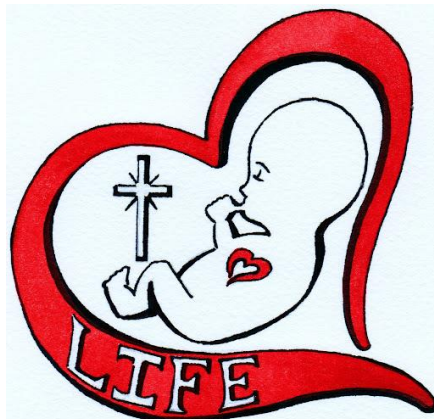
**Super Bowl Pool**—The sheets with your Council’s assigned squares were given out at the short meeting at Clelian Heights after our Memorial Mass. Please returned the assigned squares for your Councils to me by January 18, 2025 so I can assigned the scores and return the sheets back to you with the scores by quarter.

Checks for your squares should be made out to:

“Greensburg Chapter K of C”

and sent to our Treasurer:

**Ron Sherer, 2244 Robert Street, Irwin, PA 15642**



## **Jeff Peterinelli—Program Promotion West**

Greetings,

A few items from this past weekend's seminar

- 1) The St. Joseph icon is still available to any council or district that wants in simply by send me an email and let me know what dates you want it. This icon will remain available until I receive the new Icon from Supreme, which is The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, this will be sometime in middle to late January. Once the new icon arrives I will send an email and it will go out to the email responses I receive. There will be one for the Greensburg Diocese and one for the Pittsburgh Diocese
- 2) RSVP information should have been received from your district deputies if you have not received this information contact them an if you still don't get an answer email me
- 3) The Coats for kids program in the West had 206 cases of these approximately 75 were in the Greensburg Diocese. Statewide the total number of coat order was over 18,000 good job by all that do this worthy program
- 4) Now is the time to schedule your Councils Free Throw. Two important dates to remember are March 8<sup>th</sup> West Regional and March 22<sup>nd</sup> the State Free Throw Championship in Mechanicsburg. Don't delay also District Deputies you will need to schedule your District Free Throws
- 5) Supreme has come out with a spread sheet which is to be used if you want to place members on the affiliate list. If this form is not used the list will not be acted on.
- 6) Councils are reminded to support Special Olympics Both financially and helping out at events. Last year west region was the highest donating area in the state at \$33,310.51 The Greensburg Diocesan Council donated \$8,630 of that total. Only 7 councils donated to the cause last year, and one of our councils was the highest in the state. We are asking for councils to donate only \$400. So please consider donating. One of this year's events will be on Saturday February 22 at Accuisure Stadium, the Polar Plunge. So anyone wanting more info contact me and I can give you the information for a nice cold dip into one of the rivers.
- 7) There is recruitment Incentives for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter contact you District Deputy for more details.
- 8) Councils are reminded to fill out the EFF Coordinator form #EFF-C and send it to Supreme, and also the state EFF Director Nathan Sudie at [nathan.sudie@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.sudie@gmail.com)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jeff Peterinelli

PA West Program Promotion Chairman  
Greensburg Diocesan Marshall

**PROGRAMS DRIVE MEMBERSHIP!!!**

## **Pat Scanlon – Diocese Membership Chairman – Greensburg**

The Knights of Columbus offers several membership types, including Council Membership, Online Membership, and membership in Fourth Degree Assemblies. Membership benefits include access to faith formation resources, a subscription to Columbia magazine, access to the Knights of Columbus insurance program, opportunities for charity, and a sense of fraternity and faith.

Over the next few weeks many of you will be receiving your 2025 Fraternal Year Dues notice. By responding to this notice, without delay, assures your provision of the benefits listed above and affords your Councils and Assemblies with the ability to project what its financial resources will be in the future, making it possible to plan for long-range actions and charitable activities. Your dues payment will provide a level of independence from outside pressure by not having to constantly chase donations or conduct fund-raising activities, freeing members for the much-needed volunteer activities supporting our parishes and our communities.

Our mission as Knights of Columbus is to engage in charitable works, to serve the Church, to support our brother Knights, and to give aid to those in need. We are men of Faith. We are men of Action.

So, as you respond to that dues notice, know how important your contribution is to your Council and Assembly. In addition, please prayerfully consider how you might become more involved with the volunteer opportunities that make the Knights of Columbus a visible example of charitable work.

May the celebration of Christ's birth fill your hearts with peace and joy! And may you and your families have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus

# **RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT**

Pro-Life  
From: Life Choices

*3rd Annual*

**CONNECTIONS**

**for** *Life*

*Connecting community residents, professionals  
and leaders with resources and services that  
support families and the sanctity of life.*

**WHEN:**

**January 30, 2025**

**5:00 - 7:30**

**WHERE:**

**Greensburg Garden**

**Civic Center**

*This event is open to the public. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served*

Please contact Jolene Naugle for more information:

[jolene@yourlifechoicesinfo.com](mailto:jolene@yourlifechoicesinfo.com) / 724-689-3308

## Fr. Francis Hertzog Council 1381—New Kensington

### Mike Collett—Grand Knight

Attached is a photo of DGK Jim Ferguson, FS Tim Shields and me delivering 6 cases of coats from Council 1381 to the Community Clothes Closet in New Kensington on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## St. Jude Council 9019—Irwin/N. Huntingdon

Here is our activity report for December from 9019 Irwin. I'm sending 3 pictures that can be used for the newsletter.

- Put up KCIC banners at all of our churches and Queen of Angels School.
- Participated in the St Ann Christmas Wish program and purchased 10 gifts for residents.
- Purchased 10 Wreaths from the Wreaths Across America Program of North Huntingdon and will decorate IC and Union Cemeteries.



## Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452—Youngwood

Gave Christmas gifts to: Our Pastor-Fr. Rod, Our Chaplain-Fr. Lawrence, Brother Knight-Deacon John Zombar and our Sacristan-Eleanor Hamrock.

### Hosted Breakfast with Santa-Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

With the help of the Holy Cross Youth Group our Council hosted the Annual Breakfast with Santa.



## Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452—Youngwood cont'

District Deputy 217, Bill Beno presented the Council with their "Star Council" award



DD217-Bill Beno, PGK-Tim Johnston, GK-Ed Lucas



## Kittanning Council 1011--Kittanning

- At our December meeting, we completed mass intention request forms for 2025. Masses are now scheduled for living and deceased members of Council 1011 at both St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Mary, Mother of God parishes.
- Our regional Director of Faith Formation & Discipleship requested assistance to purchase furniture for the Juan Diego room in our parish hall. Council donated \$500 to help purchase a couch which will be used by our youth group at meetings.
- Several of our Knights volunteered to take on parish maintenance duties while our facilities supervisor is recovering from surgery.
- Council is once again paying for two "Keep Christ in Christmas" electronic billboards and signs. They will be displayed in the surrounding communities from November 25 through December 31. See photo.





## **Daniel P. Nolan Council 940—Latrobe**

The Council has purchased new “Keep Christ in Christmas” banners and erected them at our served parishes for the holiday season.

We've supported St. Anne's Home by helping to sell their annual lottery calendar and distributed 8 boxes of coats to local elementary schools via the Coats-for-Kids program.

Council members, coordinated by Brother Dom Camarote continued a nearly 50 year tradition by erecting the Nativity set in downtown Latrobe's James Rogers Park. Brothers Ed Stynchula and Bob Maher "restored" some of the pieces to near original condition.



The council (Bill Fromme pictured) also rang The Salvation Army's bell at the Latrobe Shop 'n Save.



We also increased our donations to two local food banks (thanks Brother Tony Dominick), and donated \$500 to Clelian Heights.

Council 940 wishes all Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

## **District Deputy Reports**

### **William Beno—DD217**

- 1) Participated in the annual Memorial Mass at Clelian Heights this past November
- 2) Presented Council 8452 (Youngwood) and Council 9019 (Irwin) with their Star Council Awards for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. Congratulations Brothers. Well done and may you repeat this milestone again this year. Hard work is certainly recognized.
- 3) Christmas holidays are finding most councils holding their holiday parties and final events of the year in lieu of their regular meetings.
- 4) Attended a very successful and information-packed District Deputy Seminar at State College. Councils will be receiving various information over the course of the next few months to help them plan out the remaining half of this Fraternal year. Not a time to let up on holding new events for the year and planning a major push for recruitment of new members. Membership drives are the key to our future members. In the words of our State Motto by St, Catherine Drexel..."Press Forward.... and Fear Nothing"
- 5) Have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you and your families.

### **Donald Granata—DD219**

- This past weekend I attended the Midyear DD Meeting in State College. It was three days of learning and development of best practices for leadership, Membership & Council Responsibility.
- The best part was an actional COR meeting. Nathan Sudie, State EFF Director- ,( Evangelization & Faith Formation). I will be sharing my notes with my District and anyone interested.