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And Community

## THE JOURNAL

March – April 2019

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### **Philadelphia Chapter Mission Statement**

The object is to bring closer in spirit and fact the Councils of the Philadelphia area for the planning of unified action to promote the good of the order and uphold rightful civil power in the nation, state and community; and to also form a better understanding of the principles and practices of the Roman Catholic faith. This statement was taken from the Catholic Standard and Times dated Thursday, March 25, 1982.

### **The Philadelphia Chapter is comprised of the following Councils:**

Santa Maria #263	Charles Carroll #1364	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
San Salvador #283	Madonna #3932	Regina Coeli #4921
Desoto #315	Immaculata #3933	Rev. John McHugh #4935
Commodore Barry #578	St. Katherine Drexel #3938	Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036
Pizon #904	Regina Mundi #4052	San Rafael #7125
LaraBida #1191	Core Mariae #4100	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Holmesburg #1284	St. Jude #4273	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
St. Leo's #1294	St. Charles Borromeo #4279	Pokrova #12561
St. Helena's #15687		

*Editor's Note: if you have an email address, please share it. You'll receive and enhanced copy of the Journal much faster than you would going through the U.S.mail. Several hard copies are returned for inaccurate mailing addresses. It would also allow the Chapter to use the savings to promote our charitable work. If you have internet access, please contact me at [NickPGK61@yahoo.com](mailto:NickPGK61@yahoo.com) or call me at 267-315-2096. You'd be doing both yourself and the chapter a tremendous service. Thank You.*

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## Philadelphia Chapter Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at Roman Catholic High School unless otherwise indicated:

**Meeting Times: Trustees - 7:30 PM / Chapter Business – 8:00 PM**

Friday, September 28, 2018

Friday, February 22, 2019

Friday, October 26, 2018

Friday, March 22, 2019 (Regina Coeli Council)

Friday, November 16, 2018

Friday, April 26, 2019

December Trustees Dinner: (TBA)

Friday, May 24, 2019

Friday, January 25, 2019

June 2019, Elections, date and location TBA

**\* Please remember to bring a Brother Knight from your Council to a Chapter Meeting!**

### Chapter Officers 2018 – 2019

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Fred May

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Mike Selinski  
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### **President Dan Donovan**

Brothers all,

Hope this message finds you in good health. I'd like to thank all my fellow Knights who attended our Christmas visit to St. John's Hospice on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful turnout and, as always, the shelter residents and others we served were most appreciative.

We also had a good turnout for the trip to Washington on January 18<sup>th</sup> for the annual Pro-Life March. We had 35 knights and Parishioners from various churches ride down with us. Special Thanks to Past President Nick Marcantonio for all the work he did filling our bus. Also want to recognize Brother Ed Lawrence from Father Ryan Council who worked tirelessly on our behalf talking to area High Schools to recruit students to accompany us. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time to reach a satisfactory agreement with a local school. However, we thank him for his efforts and pledge to broach the subject with the Archdiocese earlier next year.

The Man Up Philly Conference is scheduled for Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Neumann University. The Chapter will have a table at the event and encourage fellow Knights to join us and experience a wonderful affair filled with great guest speakers and camaraderie.

Finally, as we celebrate this upcoming season of lent, please remember the spring "40 Days for Life campaign" begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Please make an effort to work with your Council Pro-Life Chairman to attend a scheduled day of prayer at one of the area Planned Parenthood centers.

### **Past President Nick Marcantonio**

Brothers – our Pro-Life bus trip was a success, I would like to thank all who came on our bus. We had 31 people. We also had some new people this year from St. Albert the Great Parish and St Cecilia's Parish. I would also like to send out a special thank you to Ed Lawrence for his help in trying to fill the bus with Catholic High School students and their chaperones. We will be starting earlier next year with the High Schools. Once again thanks Ed.

### **Chapter Charity BY-Laws**

Brothers, the Chapter Charity By- Laws were unanimously approved on February 22, 2019 at the monthly Chapter meeting. Copies will be available at the March meeting

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## Past President Nick Marcantonio-Legacy of Life

Brothers,

As was stated at our last business meeting, our Worthy President Dan Donovan and I when to the Legacy of Life located in Yardley Pa. We met with Peter Bernetsky who is the Development Coordinator. Peter is also a former Seminarian and a Knight. We were given a tour of the facility and told that their Ultra Sound machine was donated by the Philadelphia Chapter.

During our tour we were shown the many ways which they help mothers who have decided to keep their babies. The mothers can earn stars for each program they attend. They can use these stars to purchase various baby items that they need. It also makes them feel like they are not getting charity. We are partnering with them hoping to get donations from our Councils for what they need. They are looking for **Diapers** sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull ups. In **clothing**, Baby Girl clothes sizes 0-3 and newborn boy sizes 18 months, 2T, and 3T. **Formula and Similac**, all kinds. Also large shopping bags as they give out in bundles to every woman. All clothing items **must be new**, that is a state law. Perhaps spread the word at your next Council meeting for your fellow brothers to provide donations. So please bring an item and any other donations to our next meeting. We will bring what we collect right to them.

## Rich Konstance 2019 Charity Drive

I am pleased to report that the response to our annual Chapter Charity Drive has been good. We are only one month into the drive and over 250 Knights have responded. Sounds good...right? It is good, but keep in mind we have over 4000 Chapter members, so it could be better.

There is a tendency to see a big spike in the beginning such as this. From members who say "let me take care of this right now, **SO I DON'T FORGET**" we receive their contribution, Unfortunately, as human as we all are, if we don't send the donation in right away, **WE FORGET**. So part of my job is to keep reminding you so that sometime during this year, you'll find the time to respond.

Remember Charity is the First Principle of our Order. Your generosity, as an individual or through your Council, will provide us with the resources we need to continue ( or even expand) our charitable efforts. A small contribution of \$10 per member will do magic for us. Please remember though, No amount is too small, Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated by many. Please help us if you can. Checks should be made payable to "**Philadelphia Chapter**" Send contributions to: **Rich Konstance, PGK, FDD, Charity Drive Chairman, 3412 Amity Road Phila, PA 19154**

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### Treasurer Jack Stanczak

Brothers,

As we look forward to the changes that 2019 will bring our Scholastic Aid program will also be undergoing a few new changes. Please note in 2019 the applications for Scholastic Aid will only be distributed **Only at Philadelphia Chapter Meeting's**. \* Applications will be given at these meetings directly to those requesting aid. Applications **Will No Longer be given through a second person.**

Scholastic Aid forms can be obtained starting in **February 2019**. Applications will be accepted until **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019**. No application will be accepted after that date. **No exceptions will be made.** Aid distributions will take place the first week of **August 2019**. It is very important that you make note of these changes and dates.

### Vice-President Richard Delp

Brothers, as you heard at the last Chapter meeting the “40 Days for Life” Campaign starts on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We had been asked to go to Planned Parenthood on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am -5pm at 1144 Locust St. We have also been asked to go to the Planned Parenthood at 2751 Comly Road on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm. After discussing this at our last Board meeting we agreed that it would be a good idea if Councils in District 1 cover the Locust Street location and Councils in the Northeast and Feasterville area cover Comly Road. This is a subject I care deeply about, so let's go out there and **Save Babies!!**

### Mickey Kelly- Pro-Life

Brothers, we are encouraged to take part in Pro-Life vigils in the Philadelphia area. In recent weeks abortion has been in the news quite a bit with recent legislation, with both good news and unfortunately some very disturbing news. If you are outraged by the disturbing news you can attend any pray vigils near you. Please visit [ProLifeunion.org](http://ProLifeunion.org) for more information.

The 40 Days for Life Campaign starts on Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> and goes to Palm Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can please consider participating it will be a rewarding experience. Please visit [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com) to sign up for your hours.

On Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> a movie called “Unplanned” will be released nationwide in theaters. Please go and see this movie, which is based on a best selling novel written by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood employee.

Let's March for Life every day with prayer, fasting and service.

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### Mike Ciampoli-Seminarian in Need

Brothers Seminarian Jamey-Francis Moses is in desperate need of some financial support due to a massive auto repair Bill. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### Chapter Sick List

Brother's please Pray for our sick Brothers and their family members who are not well.

Dan Sipps

Bill Wixted

Tom Stewart

Rosemarie Finnegan

Querubina Giron

Bob Watson

John Carroll

George "Bud" Sander

Angelina Marcantonio

Doris Wurtenberg

Marie Bell

Fred May

### Chapter News

- † Regina Mundi Council #4052 will be holding their annual St Patrick's Day party on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Assumption BVM Church Hall 1900 Meadowbrook Rd. The cost is \$35 per person. Menu includes ham and cabbage, roast beef and free beer. There will also be door prizes and a \$1000 Jackpot drawing. Get your tickets early contact Steve Clark at 267-241-9427.
- † Holmesburg Council #1294 will be holding a Fish Fry on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm. Tickets are \$12 per person \$20 per couple.
- † The former Holy Child Parish, now known as Our Lady of Hope located at 5200 N. Broad St. is attempting to contact former parishioners for another reunion in November. Contact the parish at 215-329-8100 or 215-329-8164. We are anxious to meet and greet old friends.
- † Regina Coeli #4921 will be holding a Formation Degree on March 14<sup>th</sup> and a Knighthood Degree on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Candidates should report by 7:15pm For more information contact Mike Ciampoli at 215-605-2857.
- † Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, the basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul will host a Holy Hour for life from 7:30pm-8:30pm. This is being sponsored by La Rabida Council #1191. For more information contact Mickey Kelly at 267-872-4111 or at [mickeykelly96@gmail.com](mailto:mickeykelly96@gmail.com).

### PA State Council Prayer St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Rebuke him, O God, we humbly beseech thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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### Philadelphia Chapter Councils Offer Affordable Facilities for That Special Event

The Councils listed offer a variety of professional services and accessible location for your special events:

- \* **Fr. John McHugh Council # 4935**, 5323 Oxford Avenue, Phila. PA 19124 Phone: 215-535-0849  
- special packages for large and small events, catering and self-catering options available
- \* **Lady of Lourdes Council # 4546**, 3401-07 Welsh Road, Phila. PA 19136; Phone: 215-331-2577  
- large banquet hall available for all types of occasions, catering and full beverages services also available
- \* **Regina Coeli # 4921**, 9617 James Street, Phila. PA 19135 Phone: 215-332-2517  
- flexible hall for large and small events, catering services and full-service bar options available
- \* **St. Charles Borromeo Council # 4279**, 1193 Gravel Pike, Bensalem PA 19020; Phone: 215-638-2202; offer ample parking and a variety of food and beverage packages to fit any occasion
- \* **St. Katharine Drexel Council # 3968**, 15000 Bustleton Avenue, Phila. PA 19116;  
Phone: 215-969-4470; banquet hall available for shower, birthdays and other events, catering and beverage services available
- \* **Twining Hall (M.E.I. Caterers)** 4900 East Street Road, Treose PA Phone: 215-364-2130 - Knigh owned business, available for large and small events, several caterings and beverage packages available
- \* **Holmesburg Council #1284** 3300 Knorr St Hall available for rentals. Contact Tim Thomson Hall manager at 215-331-4570(Hall) or 215-514-0962

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you're a Knights of Columbus member when you call. If I missed your Council, please email me your information and I'll include it in next publication. If you have a Knight's related function occurring before the release of the next Journal, feel free to forward the information to me. I'd be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

**The Journal is published bi-monthly. If your Council has an article to submit, please forward it to my attention by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month.**

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