



# Knights of Columbus

## George C. Shields Council 420

### Newsletter – February 2019



#### Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brothers,

It is an honor to be your Grand Knight. I want to extend my sincere thanks for all that you do for both the Council and the Parish. I am blessed to lead a very active Council that is a true brotherhood. The 2017/2018 fraternal year was a successful one for Council 420 with the Council winning the Community Award at the State Convention and the Columbian Award from Supreme. The Symonds Family also were named Family of the Year for the State of Massachusetts which was the perfect way to end the fraternal year. Special thanks go out to Chris Goldner our Immediate Past Grand Knight for his leadership, guidance, and friendship over the last couple years.



Over the next year you'll notice an increase in the number of social activities our Council hosts each year now that our District Deputy and Council Trustee Chuck McPherson has agreed to take on the position of Social Director for our Council. You'll also notice an increase in some of our Faith-Based programming (Icons Displays, Retreats, Novenas, Culture of Life Masses, etc.) with the launch of the new KofC Faith in Action Program.

Our Council provides a number of ways to get involved with the parish and we are always open for new activities that would further our core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. I would like to invite all of you (and your families) to participate in our many diverse programs to help keep our Council vibrant. I look forward to seeing you at our events in the future.

Vivat Jesus!  
Chris Herrick, GK

#### Grand Knight's Message on 2019 Membership Drive



One of the the Knights major focus this year has been Membership recruitment, lead by our Council's Membership Director Cameron Symonds. I am very proud of our Council's new first degree team which conducts degree ceremonies quarterly for our Council. I am also very impressed with the Supreme Office's launch online Membership which has already benefited our Council greatly. To-date I am happy to report we are on track to make our membership goal for this year and that we have the opportunity to earn the Star Council Award.

#### 2019 Council Meeting Dates:

All council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 7:00 PM in the Rose Garden. We hope to see you there!

- 11-Mar
- 8-Apr
- 13-May
- 10-Jun



#### Council Websites:

- Council 420: [www.kofc420.org](http://www.kofc420.org)
- Mass Council: [www.massachusettsstatekofc.org](http://www.massachusettsstatekofc.org)
- Supreme: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)
- St.Mary's: [www.stmarymans.org](http://www.stmarymans.org)

#### 2018/2019 Officer Contacts

Office	Officer
Grand Knight	Chris Herrick
Deputy Grand Knight	Cameron Symonds
Chancellor	Brian Healy
Recorder	Charlie Spath
Treasurer	Mike Heavey
Advocate	Glenn Loiselle
Warden	Tom Smith
Inside Guard	Mike Healey
Outside Guard	Owen Harren
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Chris Goldner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Chuck McPherson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Bob Kasiski
Financial Secretary	Bruce Gaumond
Lecturer	Jack O'Brien



## Knights of Columbus Programs

## Faith in Action

The Knights of Columbus has replaced their "Surge with Service" program structure with a new program known as "Faith in Action". Through this new program the Knights offer men a place to put their Faith into Action by participating in KofC structured programming focused on our Faith, Community, Family, and Building a Culture of Life.



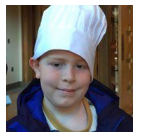
### Faith

#### A Message From Our Lecturer

Brothers — As members of a Catholic organization, our Faith is a central part of who we are as Knights and as Catholic Gentlemen. Throughout the year, your efforts contribute to so many important causes which promote our faith, including: supporting our Seminarians through the RSVP (and pancake breakfast) program, leading Stations of the Cross, distributing Rosaries to our Religious Ed students and many others. As we look ahead to planning our first Council formal 'Spiritual Reflection' Program, I encourage everyone to find time for prayer/reflection each and everyday. In our busy lives/world, there is often little time for silence. However, didn't even our Lord retreat to the mountains or other location to get away from the crowds and find silence? Our Lord knew the importance of a retreat and thus the Order appropriately reinforces this important spiritual practice. I look forward to helping the Grand Knight in planning this program and welcome input to help ensure we are providing a rewarding and enriching event. Fraternally, Jack O'Brien



**Pancake Breakfast-** We continue to get a great response from our parishioners with this fundraiser. Many thanks go out to Cameron and Chuck for heading this breakfast. Our latest breakfast raised around \$500. We voted to send our two seminarians, Thomas Palanza and John Garabedian, a check just before Christmas, and there continues to be sufficient funds in this account to support our seminarians. We also want to call out Cameron's son, Matthew, who works tirelessly next to his dad at each pancake breakfast.



### Family

## SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following families who were awarded KOC's Council #420 Family of The Month. The Council would also like to extend their congratulations and appreciation to the Gaumond and McPherson families for also being selected by the Supreme Office as winners of the Family of the Month for October 2018 and December 2018.

October 2018 – Gaumond Family  
November 2018 – Healy Family  
December 2018 – McPherson Family

January 2019 – Spath Family  
February 2019 – Heavey Family

**Knight of the Month** – congratulations to the following knights for being selected.

July 2018 – Charlie Spath  
August 2018 – Bob Kasiski  
September 2018 – Cameron Symonds  
October 2018 – Chuck McPherson

November 2018 – Brian Healy  
December 2018 – Jack O'Brien  
January 2019 – Tom Smith  
February 2019 – Mike Healey

Brian Healy was also Knight of the Year for 2017-2018 for our Council.

**Poster Contest** – Katelynn Herrick (age 6) won our Council's first ever Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest on December 2, 2018 with her beautiful Nativity Scene Poster. Special thanks to all the children that participated in the contest and to Steve Lyons who ran the event during our December Pancake Breakfast in the Rose Garden.



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We have an extremely active Council and there are multiple programs that we sponsor going on every month from Pies Sales at Thanksgiving, to Stations of the Cross at Lent, to BBQs and Movie Nights in the Summer, to Septemberfest in the Fall, and let's not forget our terrific quarterly Pancake Breakfasts. Special thanks go out to Brian Healy our Council's Program Director and his team of Program Chairmen on the great job they do coordinating all our Council's many programs.



### Community

**Coats for Kids-** Through the generosity of our Parish, this program raised over \$10,000 in its inaugural year, which purchased more than 900 winter coats with the Supreme Office matching donation. We were able to hand out more than 430 coats at Coyle and Cassidy High School.



We were blessed with our own Bishop Da Cunha helping with the distribution of these coats that day. The rest of the coats were given to Catholic Charities, who distributed these coats throughout the rest of the Diocese. This program was pushed by our own Brian Healy, who, with his family, worked tirelessly to make this a very successful Community event. Special thanks also goes out to Jack O'Brien. All who volunteered were emotionally touched, by seeing the need for these coats that day.

### Food Pantry Update



Through the weekly pick-ups of frozen meats, dry goods and produce at Shaw's Supermarket in Mansfield, we were able to deliver more than 33,000 pounds of food to the needy at our Daily Bread Food Pantry this past year. Many thanks to the members who volunteer each week to do this worthy work. Please sign up to volunteer for this by going to the attached sign-up list at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aada72fa7fc1-fresh>



### Free Throw Contest

We sponsored the KOC Council #420 Free Throw Contest on January 26, 2019 at St. Mary's School Gym. We had 12 participants. Many thanks to Bob Kasiski for heading up this event. We also held KOC Council #5876 from So. Attleboro and KOC Council #330 from North Attleboro at the same time. The District Championship was held the same night and nine year old Ava Aquino from Mansfield advanced to the Southern Regional Championship round. Congratulations and good luck to Ava. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help out.



### Blood Drive

Thank you to Charlie Spath who once again organized the Council's Annual Blood Drive which was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 people volunteered to donate and 53 were able to donate. This was one of most successful Blood Drive's to date. Thank you also to Brian Healy who continues to work with other KOC Councils to set up their own blood drives.





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### Pie Sales

We had our Second Annual Pie Sale. This year we sold 341 pies. Many thanks to St. Mary's parishoners for their participation. Nearly 40% of the pies were donated and were distributed to North Cottage in Norton.

Brian Healy once again organized and ran this event. He was able to get two additional KOC Councils to participate in this fundraiser for their towns. Thanks to Brian and all who volunteered to make this a successful community event.



**Soccer Challenge** – District Winners from Mansfield who advanced to Southern Regionals were:

Boys – Adam Johnson

Girls – Elizabeth Flaherty and Moria Cosgrove

Adam Johnson and Moria Cosgrove won in their age group at Regionals and advanced to the State Championship, and Moria Cosgrove won the State Championship. Thanks to all the children that participated in the soccer challenge and to Chris Goldner for running the program this year.

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – After masses on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> our Council was able to collect \$1,138.05 to help support children and young adults with special needs. Thanks to Chris Crowley for once again running our Tootsie Roll Drive.



### Building A Culture of Life

**Novena For Life** - Our Council participated in the 9 Days for Life Novena. The protection of life is a Sustained prayer intention of the Church, and the KOC remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being. Thank you to Tom Smith for getting this program out to all of us.



### Culture of Life Mass

Our Council will be participating in the Culture of Life Mass that is being held at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Fall River on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All Council members and their families are invited to attend, so please mark your calendars.

## Upcoming Events

**Pancake Breakfast** – March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

**Parish Social** – April 5, at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview Pavilion in Foxboro.

**Lantern Award** – April 15<sup>th</sup>

**State KofC Convention** – May 3-5<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Dues** should be in to the Financial Secretary, Bruce Gaumond. If you have not paid, please bring a check to the next meeting or send to Bruce.

**Annual Raffle** - Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus is holding their annual raffle. Tickets are available through Cameron Symonds.