



Knights of Columbus George C. Shields Council 420 Newsletter – Summer 2019



Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brothers,

As we start a new fraternal year, I want to extend my sincere thanks for all that you (and your families) do for both the Council and the parish. I am blessed to lead a very active Council that is a true brotherhood, and I look forward towards my second term as your Grand Knight.



This past year we exceeded our membership and insurance goals set by the Supreme Council and sponsored a large variety of programs that benefited our church and community. Highlights included our Council Blood Drives, the Summer Movie and BBQ night, the Keep Mansfield Beautiful clean up; and of course, our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, weekly Fresh Rescue Program at Shaws (and now at Stop and Shop), and the Coats for Kids Program. As such, we are in a position to receive the Star Council Award this year, thanks to all the good work each one of you brother knights (and your families) did throughout the year.

Our Council provides a number of ways to get involved with the parish and community and we are always open to new ideas and activities that would further our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I would like to invite all of you (especially our new members) to participate in these activities and keep our Council strong and vibrant. I look forward to seeing you all at our many scheduled meetings and events this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!
Chris Herrick, GK

Chuck McPherson Passes the Hat to Charlie Spath



At the 2019 KofC State Convention in Bedford, MA along with his fellow 3rd year District Deputies (DD), our PGK and now Former District Deputy **Chuck McPherson** was elected to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Supreme KofC Convention in Minneapolis, MN in August. In the photo is Chuck and fellow DD **Charlie Spath** relaxing in Chuck's "Kentucky Derby" (hence all the hats) Hospitality Room at the State Convention on May 4th and 5th. Charlie has replaced Chuck as our Council's DD as of July 1, 2019. Many thanks go out to Chuck for all his support over the last 3 years as our Council's DD.



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2019 Council Meeting Dates:

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

- August 5th
- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 11th



Council Websites:

- Council 420: www.kofc420.org
- Mass Council: www.massachusettsstatekofc.org
- Supreme: www.kofc.org
- St.Mary's: www.stmarymans.org

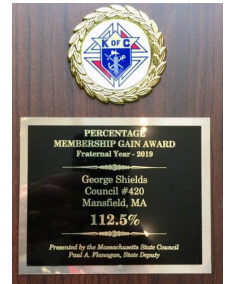


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Membership Update

One of the Knights' focuses this year has been on membership recruitment. We are pleased to report that we brought in 12 new members this year, greatly exceeding our target set by the Supreme Council. That brings our total membership now to 131 members. We also satisfied our insurance quota for the year, and are in a position to win the Star Council Award for the Fraternal Year ending on June 30, 2019. Many thanks to all the Knights who helped us recruit new Members and promote insurance this year.



New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Dave Nelson, Frank DiTaranto, Chris Lindstrom, Rick Cooper, and Jack Cooney.**



Degree Advancement

Congratulations to **Scot Handren, Dave Hunter, and Erik Pasakarnis** on becoming Fully Knighted and making their Third Degrees.



Congratulations to **Robert Cappelletti** on making his Fourth Degree and joining the Brother Robert Nichols 4th Degree Assembly.

Shining Knights Award

On May 13th just before our Monthly Council Meeting, the State Advocate Bob Schwarz came to St. Mary's in Mansfield to award **Dan Dulaski** and **Scott Handren** the prestigious Shining Knight Award because they completed the five tasks needed as new KofC members to achieve this award. Congratulations, Dan and Scott and thank you State Advocate Bob Schwarz for presenting them this award.



Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfasts – September 22nd
December 8th
March 1st

Movie And Barbecue Night – August 6th at the Parish Center

SEPTEMBERFEST – September 8th

Coats For Kids – starts in September

Annual Pie Sales – planning will begin in October



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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. Please keep our two Seminarians in your prayers as they continue on their vocational path.

Pancake Breakfast- We continue to get a great response from our parishioners with this fundraiser. Because of the great participation we received from the Parishioners, we were able to approve a check of \$500 for each of our two seminarians, **Thomas Palanza** and **John Garabedian**.



Volunteer Hours — Brian Healy recently totaled the hours that all members volunteered for the fiscal year, and it amounted to 5,126 hours. We also raised a total of \$16,946 for the year.

Spiritual Reflection Program — Because of illness, we were not able to visit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent. We hope to re-schedule this visit for next year. However, many of our Knights took part in the Parish Mission and also attended the Fall River Men's and Women's Conference held in Stonehill College.



Family

SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following families who were awarded KOC's Council #420 Family of The Month.

March 2019 – Smith Family

May 2019 – Healey Family

April 2019 – Symonds Family

June 2019 – Kasiski Family

July 2019 – Pasakarnis Family

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

March 2019 – Steve Lyons

May 2019 – Robert Cappelletti

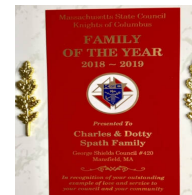
April 2019 – Glen Loiselle

June 2019 – Bob Kasiski

July 2019 – Chuck McPerson.

Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Family of the Year

On May 13th just before our Monthly Council Meeting, The George C. Shields Council #420 awarded the Spath Family the Council Family of the Year Award and recognized them for winning the Massachusetts State KofC Family of the Year Award. In the photo below, from left to right is PGK Charlie Spath, his daughter Kristin Spath and her fiancé Craig Gordon. In the other photo, from L to R is: State Deputy Paul Flanagan, DD Charlie Spath, Kristin Spath, Graig Gordon and GK Chris Herrick.





Community

Council #420 Scholarship Awards – Many thanks to **Glenn Loiselle** for again, heading up the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship applications were mailed to 5 different schools. We are pleased to announce that Grace Dizon from Bishop Feehan High School and Margaret Danehy from Mansfield High School each received \$500 each.



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 40,000 pounds of food to the needy at our Daily Bread Food Pantry this past year. **Owen Harren** recently started picking up food from the Mansfield Stop & Shop and has totaled 900 pounds to date. 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

Congratulations to **Ava Aquino** from Mansfield, MA who became the Massachusetts State Champion for 9 year old girls at the Massachusetts State KofC Basketball Free Throw Contest held at the Conte Forum at Boston College in April. **Way to go Ava!!!** Below are a couple of photos from the contest. One showing Ava accepting her first place trophy from the Massachusetts KofC State Deputy Paul Flanagan. The other photo is of all the participants sitting in front of the Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Officers.



Congratulations also go out to all the other boys and girls who participated in the Free Throw at the Council and District levels back in March. Special thanks also go out to Council Free Throw Chairman, **Bob Kasiski**, and his Committee for making this program such a success this year.

Blood Drive

Thanks to **Charlie Spath** who continues to organize our Council's Blood Drive. Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for July 20th at St. Mary's from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Keep Mansfield Beautiful Spring Clean-up

Many thanks to everyone who came to this year's Keep Mansfield Beautiful Town Clean-up. We were able to pick up the trash on a large portion of Route 106 and Franklin Street to the Foxboro Town Line. Because of the Knights efforts over 20 bags of trash and litter was removed.



Cemetery and Parish Spring Landscaping

The Knights once again were instrumental in getting St. Mary's Cemetery cleaned up for Memorial Day and helped support the many parish volunteers who assisted in the parish clean up.



Building A Culture of Life

Council Awards

At the Annual Massachusetts State KofC Convention, our Council was presented with The Life Award for our support of the Cultural Of Live activities within our community. We also received the Membership Gain Award for achieving our membership goal. This is a sign that our Council is alive and active in our parish and community.



Mother's Day Roses

Many thanks to Tom Smith for leading the Mother's Day Rose distribution at all of St. Mary's masses. A total of \$871.60 was collected and donated to the Massachusetts Right To Life Fund.