



Knights of Columbus George C. Shields Council 420 Newsletter – Winter 2020



Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brothers,

As we start a new calendar year, I want to extend my sincere thanks for all that you (and your families) do for both the Council and the Parish. I'm truly blessed to lead a very active Council that is a true brotherhood, and I look forward to another productive year ahead.

This past Fall our Council sponsored a large variety of programs that benefited both our Church and Community. Highlights included our Council's work with Septemberfest, our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, our weekly Fresh Rescue Program at Shaw's (and now at Stop and Shop), and our very successful Coats for Kids Program.

Our Council provides a number of ways to get involved with the Parish and Community and we are always open to new ideas for activities that would further our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I would like to invite all Knights (especially our new members) to participate in these activities and keep our Council strong and vibrant.

Vivat Jesus!
Chris Herrick, GK



Who Was George Clifford Shields?

He was born on December 27, 1879 in Easton and was the seventh of nine children in the family of Patrick and Annie Shields. He moved to Mansfield when he was five or six years old when his father established the Shields Foundry Company, which produced stove repair parts which were sold extensively throughout the eastern United States.

George was one of 23 who graduated from high school in 1896. He attended Boston College and Bryant & Stratton Business School in Boston. George was an operating officer and president of the family firm for many years until the business was dissolved in June of 1964 to the Oakland Street Real Estate firm. It should be noted that many of the homes on Oakland Street were built and owned by the Shields family for more than 50 years.

He married Foxboro resident Lillian Kelley in Everett, MA on New Year's Eve 1905. Mrs. Shields died in 1914.

After the turn of the century, George became active in civic life but never held an elected office. George was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club. He was also a Charter member of the Foxboro Council 420 Knights of Columbus. The council later became a Mansfield organization in 1913 and continues to have strong support. George held the position of Grand Knight from 1901-1905 and was District Deputy for five years. He was also Master of the 4th Degree for the Edward Douglas White Assembly which is now known as the Brother Robert Nichols Assembly. George was an active member of the K of C for 62 years.



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2020 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!

- February 10th
- March 9th
- April 13th



Council Websites:

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



Faith

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**.

ICON – The Knights of Columbus will be displaying the Icon of Our Lady, Help Of Persecuted Christians on the weekend of January 11th and 12th. Please visit the Icon in the front of the Church while it is on display in Mansfield. The Icon travels throughout Massachusetts and other states throughout the country to promote awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith so we can stand in prayerful solidarity with them.



From Father Mike – I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the great job they did in directing the traffic to the upper parking lots for the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve that was held in the School Gym. **Charlie Spath** oversaw this effort, so a big thank you to him and the other Knights who assisted. It made for smooth arrivals and departures!

Catholic Men's Conference – This conference, which deals with relevant and current topics for men, such as “Understanding Truth”, “Defending Truth”, and “Living Truth”, continue to be held on a regular basis at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro on Saturday mornings, starting with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and ending with lunch at 12:30 p.m. If interested for more details, please reach out to our Council Member **Tom Smith**.



Family

SPOTLIGHT

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

August 2019 – Dulaski Family
September 2019 – Handren Family
October 2019 – Camp Family

November 2019 – Lindstrom Family
December 2019 – O'Brien Family
January 2020 – Smith Family

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

August 2019 – Charlie Spath
September 2019 – Dave Nelson
October 2019 – Chris Crowley

November 2019 – Brian Healy
December 2019 – Mike Healey
January 2020 – Owen Harren

Congratulations to **Chuck McPherson** for being selected as Council 420's Knight of the Year.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – We would like to thank all the children that participated in our second annual Poster Contest which was held during our Pancake Breakfast in December. Special congratulations go out to the following winners of the contest whose posters now advance to District/Regional level competition:

Katelynn Herrick: Holy Family Poster – Age 5-7 Division Winner.

Norah Stanislaus: The Manger Poster – Age 8-9 Division Winner.

Isabella Carneiro: Happy Birthday Jesus Poster – Age 11-14 Division Winner.



Many thanks to **Steve Lyons**, who once again, coordinated this event at the Pancake Breakfast. Thanks also go to the many Knights who stayed after our December meeting to officiate all the entries.



Community



Food Pantry Update

Through the weekly pick-ups of frozen meats, dry goods and produce at Shaw's Supermarket and Stop and Shop 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. Since the start of this program, we have delivered nearly 100,000 pounds of food to Our Daily Bread Pantry. 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>

Coats For Kids

This year's fundraiser raised over \$20,000, which allowed us to purchase more than 2,000 coats for kids. Through the efforts of **Brian Healy**, we had 3 distribution sites, Coyle and Cassidy, Bishop Connolly, and Bishop Stang High Schools. We were able to gather more than 100 volunteers from Mansfield and neighboring communities to help distribute the coats on November 30th. This year we were also able to work with the West Side Benevolent Circle of Mansfield, who were given 55 coats for local youth.



Keep Mansfield Beautiful Fall 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.



Annual Pie Sale

Thanks to the efforts of **Brian Healy**, our 5th Annual Holiday Pie Sale was very successful. Once again our Parish helped to make this a successful event by purchasing more than 300 pies, and then donating over 40% of the pies that were then distributed to three local non-profit organizations. Thanks also to New England Ice Cream of Norton, MA for their donation of ice cream to go along with the pies.

Bell of Freedom Project



At the Mansfield Veteran's Day Commemoration, the Mansfield Bell of Freedom was unveiled on the South Common by the Director of Veterans' Services, Michael Raymond, where it is permanently displayed. The north side of the bell is a memorial for all those who served their country. The west side of the bell is in memory of all Purple Heart recipients or those killed while serving their country. The east side is for all the victims of the September 11th attack. The south side includes the history of the bell. Council 420 is listed on the south side as one of the non-profit organizations that helped in raising the funds to purchase the bell.

Annual Soccer Shoot Out

Congratulations to Ava Aquino and Ayla Dolores, who competed in the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Soccer Championship. Ava won first place in the 10 year old group and Ayla won second place in the nine year old group. Special thanks to **Bob Kasiski** for running this event for our Council again this year.



Tootsie Roll Drive



The Knight's of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is a campaign to help people with intellectual disabilities. Our Parish raised over \$1,400 in this single event. Thank you, **Chris Crowley** and **Steve Lyons** for running this event this year.

Blood Drive

Thanks to **Charlie Spath** who continues to organize our Council's Blood Drive. Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for January at St. Mary's. Please check the Church bulletin for future dates.





Knights of Columbus

Programs

Faith
in
Action



Building A Culture of Life

Silver Rose



Council 420 had the privilege of having the Silver Rose on display at St. Mary's for a weekend, while it was on its journey across the United States. This rose is to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and to also reaffirm the Knights' dedication to the sanctity of human life. Thanks to the many parishioners who stopped by to say a prayer and spend some time with the Silver Rose.



Baby Bottle Drive

This year's annual Baby Bottle Drive, that benefits the Abundant Hope Pregnancy Center in Attleboro, was held recently in our Parish and raised \$3,254.07. So many women and babies will benefit from your kindness. Thank you to **Tom Smith** and his son, **Preston** for running this event.

The Petition For Opposing the Expansion of Roe vs. Wade

Many thanks to the parishioners who signed this petition to oppose the expansion of abortions in our State. A total of 226 people signed the petition. Thanks also to **Charlie Spath** for organizing this.

Installation of New Officers

We congratulate all of the officers selected to represent our Council for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.



Council Awards



Matthew Symonds, son of Deputy Grand Knight **Cameron Symonds**, has been recognized by the Knights of Columbus Council 420, as the winner of the Christopher Columbus Award for Outstanding Service. He received this award because of his participation in many Council events such as, our Pancake Breakfasts, Septemberfest, and the Annual Town Clean Up. Thank you for your service, Matthew.



Star Council Award

During our November meeting, State Deputy, Paul Flanagan, announced that our Council received the Star Council Award for the Fraternal Year 2018-19.

New Member

Congratulations to **Jim Perella**, who completed his Admissions and Formation Degrees. Please introduce yourself to Jim when you see him.



Degree Advancement

Congratulations to **Robert Camp** for achieving 4th Degree, now known as the Patriotic Degree. To achieve this, Robert had to be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing and had to be an active member in our Council.

Any Catholic men who would be interested in seeing what the Knights of Columbus do, please check out our website at www.kofc420.org for information on our Council.

Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfasts – February 2nd, March 15th

Culture Of Life Mass – February 9th at the Cathedral in Fall River, 10 a.m.

Parish Social – April 3rd at Lake Pavilion, Foxboro, MA

Council Social – Flynn's in Mansfield, every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.