

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

January 1  
Happy New Year

January 6  
Officers Meeting

January 8  
Spaghetti Dinner  
4th Degree Meeting

January 20  
Council Meeting

January 27  
Board Meeting

February 15  
Sweetheart Dinner

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**ROBERT LELIEVRE-GRAND KNIGHT**

My Brother Knights,

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This time of the year thanks are in store to everyone who came out to help with the Tootsie Roll Drive. This year we were able to present the State with a check for \$13,000. Special thanks to Elaine Bogart, Bob and Sue Poulin, June Caesar, Virginia Dunphy, Marge Sabat and Anita Tucker who, in total had 821 hours. To the 127 members and their wives that gave a total of 494 hours, thanks to every one of you.

A huge thank you to Paul Soja and all the volunteers who took time to come and help on Thanksgiving to feed the people that we did, both in house and the home bound. THANK YOU!!!

Upcoming events include on 12/3 Ladies Cookie Swap; 12/8 the Children's Christmas Party; 12/11 our monthly Spaghetti Dinner; 12/18 is the Jericho Christmas Dance; and on 12/31 is the New Year's Eve Ball. Starting in January, the Council meetings will be on the third Monday of the month starting at 7pm.

Save the date, Saturday, February 15th Sweetheart Night.

We are still looking to fill the Outside Guard position. If you are interested please see Matt Cooke or myself.

**OUR HOLY MOTHER'S MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 24TH**

Dear children! Today I call you to prayer. May prayer be a balm to your soul, because the fruit of prayer is joy, giving and witnessing God to others- through your life. Little children, in complete surrender to God, He will take care of everything and will bless you and your sacrifices will have meaning. I am with you and bless all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call!!

**VIVAT JESU! Robert Lelievre, Grand Knight**

**REPOSE OF THE SOUL**

Please remember to keep in your prayers all of the Brother Knights and members of their families who have passed away, those who are sick and elderly, for all priests and religious vocations, for the life of the unborn, and remember to keep the men and women serving in our military safe, so they may return home to their loved ones.

We ask that you pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight Gerald DeLoria, Brother Knight Edward Paquette, and Brother Knight Leonard Giannetti who leaves behind his wife Joan.  
Robert Lelievre, Grand Knight

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## COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Having grown up poor, financial insecurity was always a fear for the acclaimed author Charles Dickens. That fear looked like it would become a reality, when at the age of thirty-one he learned his novels were not selling well. The news could not have come at a worse time. In addition to supporting a large extended family, his wife was expecting their fifth child.

Dejected and depressed, Dickens decided to take a walk. As he strolled aimlessly he found himself in the more seedy part of London. As he passed streetwalkers, pickpockets, and beggars he found himself identifying with their poverty ... their fear ... their hopelessness. He wished there was something he could do for them ... something he could do for himself ... but he was only a writer ... and not a very successful one at that ... what could he do?

As he continued his walk ... lost in thought ... all of the sudden ... inspiration hit. After racing home, he sat at his desk and began to write a story ... a story that would later come to be known as *A Christmas Carol*. As Dickens wrote of Scrooge's change of heart and described the festive celebrations and Christmas cheer, his own depression faded, he once again had joy ... he once again had hope.

The story was a success, and as a result Charles no longer had to worry about his finances. Since its first publication those many years ago, Dickens' words have continued to remind each new generation of the true meaning of Christmas ... inspiring joy and hope in all those who read or watch *A Christmas Carol*.

What was it that allowed Dickens to discover the true meaning of Christmas and in turn write such a powerful story? It was his ability ... especially during that walk in London ... to identify with other's poverty ... fear ... and hopelessness.

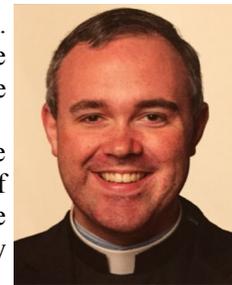
That is what the mystery of Christmas is all about. Jesus ... Emmanuel ... God with us ... whose birth we celebrate December 25th ... taking on flesh ... living among us ... to identify with our lives and human experience.

God wanted to be with us ... as one of us ... to share the ordinariness of our lives ... with all that is good and beautiful in it ... but also its hardships.

Jesus knew firsthand the helplessness of being a small child, poverty, the loss of home and country, the difficulties of manual labor, the disloyalty of friends, the hatred of opponents, loneliness, abandonment, violence, suffering, and even death.

God in the person of Jesus, took on flesh ... became one of us ... to identify with us in our poverty ... to replace our fear with his soothing presence and our hopelessness with the promise of new life. Through the Christmas mystery God wanted to bring the warmth of divine love into our world that often seems scary and cold.

Just like Charles Dickens, it is up to us to carry the joy of this holy season ... the message that "a savior has been born" ... to those who have not yet heard it ... those who cannot yet believe it ... or those who need to be reminded of it. Just as through an angel ( a name which means messenger) God showed the shepherds the way to the manger ... may he make us messengers to all we encounter ... especially those who are poor, fearful, or losing hope ... that they too might experience the "good news of great joy" that is Christmas — Father Wood



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Honor Guard rehearsal will be held on December 4th at 7:00

The Officers and Regular Meeting will be held on December 11th at 6:45 and 7:30

VIVAT JESU Robert D. Williams Sr. Faithful Navigator, PGK



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The volunteer of the month for December is Elaine Bogart. Elaine spent many hours organizing the Tootsie Roll Drive, countless phone calls to our members, and several days in the Lounge collecting monies from the volunteers. She continued to volunteer at our weekly Bingo and monthly Spaghetti Dinner while all this was happening.

Robert Lelievre, Grand Knight



# NEW YEAR'S EVE

# 2020

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### SET SAIL INTO 2020

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CASINO, DINNER AND DANCE

**Come aboard the LOVE BOAT!** We're expecting you ... for an **80's themed New Year's Eve bash!** Once again, an unforgettable evening of entertainment, luck, dining and dancing is awaiting you at our New Year's Eve bash. Many of you have asked if you could dress according to the theme – absolutely! It's not required but ladies remember the big hair and how all our dresses had those large padded shoulders? There will be a photo spot depicting the theme for guests to use. So get into the fun!!!

Opening at 6:00 p.m. for cocktail hour, try your luck at the Casino complete with roulette tables, cash wheel, chug-a-lug and two \$500.00 raffles. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased at the event for \$10 each or three for \$25. Platters of Canapés will be served at each dinner table and Guests can try a Tequila Sunrise or Long Island Iced Tea (popular 80's cocktails) at the cash bar. Put on your dance shoes at 6:00 p.m. and dance to the sounds of Dave Colucci on two dance floors. At 7:00 p.m., the casino temporarily closes to begin serving the Captain's elegant five-course dinner. Italian Wedding Soup will start the meal, followed by a Garden Salad and Intermezzo. Guests will have a choice of four entrées, Prime Rib, Chicken Oscar, Seafood Casserole or Spinach Ravioli and end with Mini Hot Fudge Sundaes topped with a chocolate covered strawberry. Live entertainment featuring a **classic rock band called RIPPLE EFFECT** will delight guests. Lead singer Robyn Scott will showcase her theatrical talents singing songs from the 80's. Mark Cloutier on piano and synth is a very talented musician known to Ste. Rose parishioners as one of the best organists in the area. This band has worked very hard to provide us with a diversified play list of songs that all dancers will love ! During band breaks, Dave Colucci will provide continuous sounds for your dancing pleasure till 1:00am.

At midnight noisemakers, hats, champagne toast, tea, coffee and cookies will ring in the New Year. Event tickets are **\$70.00 per person** with a \$5 discount for K of C members only. Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 8 pm. in the members' lounge beginning Tuesday December 3rd. Please purchase your tickets before Christmas. **December 26<sup>th</sup> is the Deadline for Tickets Sales.**

**Jackets are required** and 1980's attire is optional. Convenient free parking is provided. For out of town guests, we recommend the **Residence Inn Marriott, 500 Memorial Drive**, 413-331-4440 who are offering a package deal of \$275.00 to include 2 event tickets, one-night stay in a King Studio, Breakfast, 2 pm checkout on New Year's Day, tax included. The Residence Inn Marriott package must be purchased through the Knights in their members' lounge; **credit card only**, availability is limited. For questions/ticket info contact event chairman Don at 534-4749. Please understand, we cannot reserve a table for you without full payment. So start thinking about organizing your seating arrangements. Members are needed to staff the casino, set up the hall and take down so please call Don if you can help.

**Don't miss this one!!!**

## LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP

Please join us for the Annual Ladies Christmas Cookie Swap on Tuesday, December 3rd from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

A light dinner of soup and sandwiches, coffee/tea will be provided prior to the swap. Ladies attending the swap will select a favorite holiday cookie recipe (does not have to be holiday related), bake four dozen cookies (no store-bought please), bring along with you a large covered empty storage container or large ziplock bag and after dinner we will fill up our containers by choosing two or three cookies from each plate. One lucky lady will also take home a fresh Christmas wreath if her name is drawn. Please register on the sign up sheet that will be posted on the lounge bulletin board after Thanksgiving. A donation of new mittens/gloves, scarf or hat, either child or adult size, is asked of from each lady attending for those in need and will be given to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

Questions can be directed to Louise King, 413-313-3685. Thank you!

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

I would like to take a few moments to say THANK YOU to all who took the time to help in this year's TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE. The lack of CHARITY and FRATERNITY was very evident this year. I was left unable to cover 70 spots and that has NEVER HAPPENED in the 40 plus years of the drive.

The members that always helped out are getting too old, to sick or have passed away and the younger members will not give 2 hours of their time to help others. This year 92 members said they would call me back and I am still awaiting those calls. If it were not for all the people listed in this newsletter and the hours they gave, this year's drive would have been a complete FAILURE. **Nothing to be proud of when you have the membership 4044 has.**

Again, **THANK YOU TO ALL THAT WORKED THIS YEAR'S DRIVE.** Please note: And to my surprise the State Deputy Paul Flanagan drove down from the Boston area and stood at the Stop and Shop on Lincoln St. for 2 hours. He filled in at one of the many open spots. THANK YOU, PAUL.

Elaine Bogart, Chairperson

Elaine Bogart	521 Hours
Bob Poulin	80 Hours
Sue Poulin	80 Hours
June Caeser	50 Hours
Virginia Dunphy	50 Hours
Marge Sabat	20 Hours
Anita Tucker	20 Hours

**28 Hours**

Norman Jacques, Warden
Mark Urban

**26 Hours**

Roger Belanger
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**16 Hours**

Ann Belanger, Wife
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**12 Hours**

Jeff Belanger, Son
Christopher Bettro
Ray Cote, PGK

**10 Hours**

Thomas English
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**8 Hours**

Alex Biscoe
Paul Fluet
Ben Godek
David Saraiva, PGK

**6 Hours**

Steve Dubreuil, Chancellor
Chris Frey
Ed Leblanc, PGK
Daniel Mashia, PGK
Eric Oulette, District Deputy
William Turgeon

**4 Hours**

Richard Beaudry
Samantha Birks, Scholarship Recipient
Paul Canty
Matt Cooke & Grandson, Deputy Grand Knight
Joseph Czuchra
Michael Dubuc
Steve Doyle

Norman Fleury, PGK
Donald Gladu, PFN
Vivian Gladu, Wife
Frank Grochowalski, PGK
Chet Holubecki, Lecturer
Edward Kane
Michael Klaus, Daughter
Scott Lafond, Inside Guard
Phil Laroche
Robert Lelievre, GK
Jeff Lovell & Daughters
Daniel O'Sullivan
Amanda Oulette, Wife
Dennis Paul
Tim Price & Son
Elinor Ranck, Daughter of Decease Member
Richardo Roqueza & Daughter
Donald Rychlik
Richard Sabourin
Daniel Scicluna & Children
David Swistak & Daughter
Derek Swistak & Children
Donald Turgeon, PGK
Jeannine Turgeon, Wife
Dottie Turgeon, Wife

**2 Hours**

Richard Aras
Gil Bach
Dave Bennett
Jenna Birks, Scholarship Recipient
John Bogalhas
William Boisjolie
Ward Bowler
Thomas Bristol
Stephen Buchanan
Alfred Carrier
Daniel Chapdelaine
Chris Chateauneuf & Children
Thomas Chicoine
Rene Cote
Wayne Cote

**2 Hours Continued**

Steven Courchesne  
 Kenneth Crochiere  
 James Desautel  
 Norman Doray  
 Peter Dubin  
 Zachary Dubreuil, Scholarship Recipient  
 Roger Duval  
**Paul Flanagan, State Deputy**  
 Louis Fournier  
 Simone Fournier, Wife  
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 Fran Getto  
 Gerald Gilbert & Children  
 Norman Girouard  
 Ronald Grenier  
 Frank Grimaldi & Family  
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 Michael Sawyer  
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 Thomas Wilhelmi

## INSURANCE

As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for. It's easy to say family and friends, those are blessings and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from the person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning; it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day; it may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding. Or it may be the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center. I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need it and where you want it. Let's talk and see how you can protect your assets.

Daniel O'Sullivan, Field Agent





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# December 2019

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	2 Soldiers Home Bingo 1:30pm  Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	3 Cookie Swap 5:30pm	4 Honor Guard Rehearsal 7:00pm	5 Bingo 6:15pm	6	7
8 Children's Christmas Party 11:00am	9 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	10	11 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Officers 6:45pm Meeting 7:30pm	12 Bingo 6:15pm  Newsletter Deadline	13	14
15	16 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	17	18	19 Bingo 6:15pm	20	21
22	23 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26 Bingo 6:15pm	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				