

Knights of Columbus

Father O'Hanlon Council #4678
State College, Pennsylvania



1958 - 2018

60 Years of Service to Our Church and Community

Supreme Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To whom it may concern - Greeting:

Whereas, it having been made known to the Officers of the Supreme Council of the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS *that a sufficient number of eligible men residing in the city*
 of **State College** in **State of Pennsylvania**
have duly petitioned that they be granted a charter and authorized to organize and main-
tain a Council of the Knights of Columbus within said State College and it
appearing to be for the benefit of said Knights of Columbus that their petition be granted:
Therefore be it known that the duly authorized Officers of the Knights of Columbus,
by and with the consent of said Supreme Council hereby authorize and direct the
following named gentlemen to assemble and work as a regularly constituted Council
of the Knights of Columbus to be designated by the name
Father O'Hanlon Council - Number 4678

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And we do hereby grant to said Brothers aforesaid to receive members and perform all
work of the Knights of Columbus agreeable to the usages of the Knights of Columbus,
to exact from their members such fees as they shall judge necessary for the support
of their Council, and the regular payments of all legal dues and assessments and to
observe with due respect all ordinances emanating from the Supreme Council of the
Knights of Columbus.

In Testimony Whereof We have hereunto affixed our names under the seal of the Supreme Council.

 Supreme Knight

Given this twenty-first day of October 1958.

 Joseph P. Randall, Supreme Secretary

Past Grand Knights

1958-1960, George Smith;	1987-1989, Daniel Knievel;
1960-1962, James M. Kenney;	1989-1991, James Hendrick;
1962-1964, Leonard Mansell;	1991-1993, Walter Sapanski;
1964-1966, Theodore Kostek;	1993-1996, Lionel Bassett;
1966-1968, John Archer;	1996-1998, Ronald Wincek;
1968-1970, George Bubash;	1998-2000, Daniel Knievel;
1970-1971, Walter Stanton;	2000-2002, William Klucher;
1971-1974, Robert Gawryla;	2002-2004, Douglas Lang;
1974-1976, Salvatore Intorre;	2004-2005, Charles Melchioris;
1976-1978, Joseph Intorre;	2005-2006, George Pytel;
1978-1980, Richard McDonough;	2006-2008, Robert Hershey;
1980-1982, Alex Giedroc;	2008-2009, Frederick Erb;
1982-1984, John McGrail;	2009-2011, Mark Thorwart;
1984-1984, Albert Hinger;	2011-2012, Horatio Perez-Blanco;
1984-1985, A.J. Ettaro;	2013-2016, Edward Hughes;
1985-1987, Samuel Saxion;	2016-Present, Dennis Marince

Current Elected Officers

GRAND KNIGHT	Dennis Marince	WARDEN	Bob Hershey
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Joe Reese	INSIDE GUARD	Ron Lutz
CHANCELLOR	Frank Kowalcyk	OUTSIDE GUARD	Dave DeAntonio
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Lionel Bassett	TRUSTEE 1 YR	Ken Hart
TREASURER	Marty Mazur	TRUSTEE 2 YR	Ed Hughes
RECORDER	Dave Brown	TRUSTEE 3 YR	Mark Thorwart

Current Appointed Officers

CHAPLAIN	Fr Antony Sudherson	ADVOCATE LECTURER	Lyle Merriman Tom Argondizza
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Acknowledgements

Thanks to all who served on the various committees arranging the 60th Anniversary. Special credit goes to Jack McGrail for his work researching the history of the council for the 50th Anniversary. That research, writing, and editing provided the foundation for this updated history. This version compiled and edited by Ed Hughes.

A HISTORY OF THE FATHER O'HANLON COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Much of the following history (portions through 2008) was adapted from the research, writing, and editing conducted by Brother John F. (Jack) McGrail of Boalsburg – Past Grand Knight and all-around good fella. Additionally, Brother John Kikta, formerly of our Council, provided the layout for the 50th Anniversary edition.

Thanks to all who contributed their memories.

In 1958, a new council of the Knights of Columbus was formed in State College, Pennsylvania. Council 4678 was named after **Father Byron Aloysius O'Hanlon** who was the first pastor of Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Parish, the first Catholic Church in State College. The church itself was located on West Fairmont Avenue. Father O'Hanlon, a Benedictine priest, was pastor from 1908 to 1932.



Above: Father Byron Aloysius O'Hanlon.
Left: Cecile deLagarde, sister-in-law to Col. T. D. Boal, was married at the estate in Boalsburg in 1917, by Fr. O'Hanlon. She died less than a year later and Fr. O'Hanlon presided over her burial (also in the Columbus Chapel on the estate).

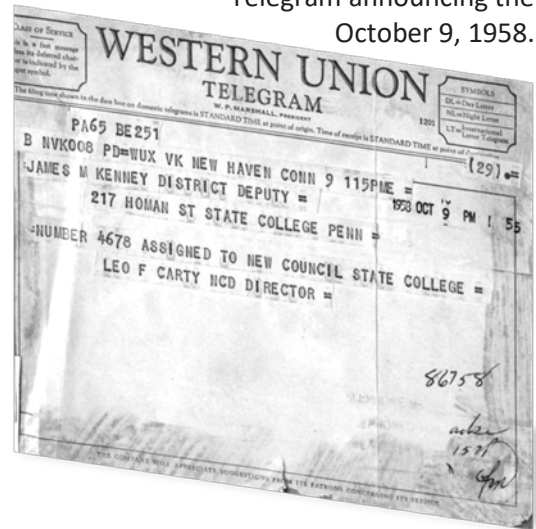
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At its formation, the council was composed of approximately 110 members, many of whom transferred from the council in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, as well as local university students and townsmen. The council has maintained continuing ties to the OLV Parish and the surrounding State College area communities.

October 1958 was a busy month for the new council. On 14 October, the new officers were installed. These included:

Grand Knight, **George Smith**;
Deputy Grand Knight, **James Kenney**
(also District Deputy at this time);
Chancellor, **Leonard Mansell**;
Financial Secretary, **William Rieber**;
Recorder, **Joseph Mazurkiewicz**;
Warden, **Phil Mannino**;
Treasurer, **Francis Pirog**;
Lecturer, **John Gabel**;
Trustee, **John Mourant**;
Advocate, **Jack Koss**;
Inside Guard, **Richard DiRinaldo**;
Outside Guard, **C J Bryden**;
Chaplain, **Fr. Joseph Trexler**.

Telegram announcing the
October 9, 1958.



District Deputy, Jim Kenney, presents Grand Knight, George Smith, the new charter for Council #4678.

On 21 October 1958, Council 4678 was granted its charter by KofC Supreme Head-quarters. Interestingly, our Council was chartered amidst a vacancy of the Holy See (a Papal Interregnum). **Pope Pius XII** had passed away on 9 October that year. **Pope John XXIII** was not elected until 28 October.

The names of 108 members are listed on the charter, which, according to our oral and written history, consisted of 110 original members. Of this group, there are three living members - two who were still on the rolls of the council in 2018 (**Jim Kenny** and **Paul Lutz**). The other is **Fred Donahoe**, who lives in Stafford, Virginia. On 21 October, the First Degree Exemplification was held for those who were not yet Knights. First and Second Degree Exemplifications were also held on 18 November, and a Third Degree was held in Altoona, Pennsylvania on 18 February, 1959.

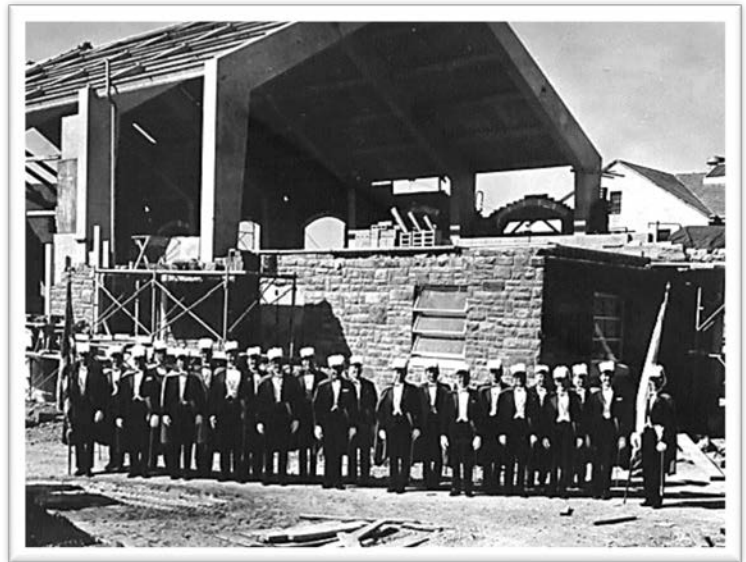


Al Ettaro and Robert Gawryla.

There were four early Knights known as the four horsemen. They were **George Bubash, Harold Sanker, Charles Hagen, and Jack Archer**. They, along with two Knights known as the Spark Plugs, **Leonard Mansell and George Smith**, worked long and hard assisting Father (later Monsignor) **Patrick Fleming**, in locating and establishing a new church and school for OLV Parish. Also assisting greatly in this effort was another Knight, **Tom O'Hara**. This

considerable endeavor started shortly after Father Fleming's arrival in 1961. In 1962, construction began for the school building, complete with auditorium and convent, on property on Westerly Parkway.

The school, auditorium, and convent building was dedicated in May 1964. Then, in May 1967, construction began on the new church building, which was dedicated in April 1969. The Knights of Columbus Council 4678 did much to support and finance this project, which permitted OLV Parish to grow and expand. In fact, OLV grew to the point that in 1989 a new parish, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, was begun in State College, and the former OLV congregation was divided into two parishes.



Fourth Degree Knights in front of the OLV Church construction site.

Knights of our Council are members of both of these Parishes today, as well as members of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish** in Penns Valley. Prior to the completion of the **Good Shepherd Church**, Masses for the parish were held at the council home on Stratford Drive.

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One item of interest to Knights past and present is the list of "firsts." As well as could be determined, the following is accurate but certainly not complete.

- ❖ The first mention of COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) program was on 30 October 1958, when the council was given a donation by the Pennsylvania State Council. This was also the first year COAL chances were sold by our Council. This program continues today to support the State Scholarship Fund for members.
- ❖ Our first Chaplain was **Father Joseph Trexler**, in October 1958.
- ❖ The first discussion of a building fund for a home for the council was in December 1958, and this fund was started in January 1959.
- ❖ The first family communion breakfast was in March 1959.
- ❖ The first sponsorship of a pony league baseball team was in May 1959.
- ❖ Establishment of a priests' burse was in May 1959, with the first donation to this burse in January 1960.
- ❖ The first exemplification of Council 4678 Knights into the 4th Degree was in June 1959 in Pittsburgh.



The very first, First Degree Exemplification in our Council.

- ❖ The first "stag" Picnic was held in August 1959 in Houserville. Subsequent picnics were also held at the Legion Woods. Presently, we hold a member family picnic at the pavilion behind the council home.
- ❖ The first sponsored bowling team was in September 1959.
- ❖ The first reporting of radio broadcast of the Columbus Day program was on 12 October 1959, on WMAJ radio.

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- ❖ The first reported dance and party was on 12 February 1960 at the local VFW. Attendance was noted to be 150.
- ❖ The first reported Corporate Communion at Mass was reported on the fifth Sunday of May 1960.



Above: Color Corps at the Columbus Chapel in October 2007. Left to right: Fred Erb, Bill Klaban, Carmen Terrezzi, Lionel Bassett, Sam Saxion, Bill Klucher, Bob Gawryla.



Left: Mass at Columbus Chapel, October 12, 1981.

- ❖ The first Mass at Columbus Chapel on Columbus Day was reported in meeting *One of the first Knights' parties (in 1959)* notes as being in 1961, although there are other reports that this began as early 1959. There is an historic connection between our Council and the Columbus Chapel that actually pre-dates our Council charter. Due to its proximity to the growing Catholic community in the State College area,



Left: Father O'Hanlon with four generations of Boals at the 1920 baptism of Mathilde "Mimi" Boal. Left to right, Mimi's parents - Pierre Boal (charter member of our council) and Jeanne de Menthon Boal (whose ancestor was St. Bernard de Menthon), Malvina Boal, Fr. Ohanlon, and Colonel Theodore Davis Boal. Mimi Lee became the wife of Maryland Governor Blair Lee, III.



Right: Monsignor Fleming baptizes a member of the Boal family in the Columbus Chapel in 1965.

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- ❖ The first sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop was listed as 18 January 1962. Council sponsorship ceased but was renewed in 1990 and since that date, the Troop has amazingly produced over 110 Eagle Scouts. Many of our Council members continue to serve as Troop Leadership. Since 2018, the troop is chartered by our home corporation (KC Club, Inc).



- ❖ First Mass in English under the provisions of Vatican II, on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 1964. At the request of Father Fleming, the Knights assisted in carrying out the new form of the Mass.
- ❖ First mention of drive for blood donations was in June 1966. This program also continues to this day, at the council home, and the average donation per session is as high as 70 units.
- ❖ First involvement with the Basketball Free Throw Competition was listed as November 1974. The council hosted its first State Championship for this activity in 1975.
- ❖ First K of C Bingo was held at OLV Hall in April 1982 to help raise funds for the new council home. Bingo continues to this day and is a major fund raiser for the various charities supported by the council.
- ❖ First K of C co-op contest was from August 1982 to June 1983.
- ❖ Twenty fifth anniversary of the council celebration was held at OLV Hall on 3 June 1983 and was attended by 250 people.



Dick Anderson announces winners of the Free Throw Competition.

Undoubtedly there are many other noteworthy “firsts” in the history of the Council. While not qualifying as a “first” the council was the main player in establishing the Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus Assembly 1945 in

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April 1983. This is the fourth degree arm of the Knights of Columbus, and is very active in State College to the present date.

Central to the mission of the Knights of Columbus are its many charitable activities. In the past 60 years our Council has been involved in countless activities, such as the **Blood Drive** which operates approximately seven times per year on behalf of the local Red Cross blood bank. Coordinated by Brother **Mike Berrena**, this is one of the most regular and enduring community service events of the Council. We have also supported the **ARC of Pennsylvania** through the K of C "Measure Up" campaign. The Knights have supported the **Citizens Concerned for Human Life**, in several ways, including use of the hall for the annual auction. We have also supported the establishment of the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDPS)** in State College. Knights including **Ron Weakland, Tony Coray, Dick McDonough, Frank Machi, Walter Sapanski, and Jim Shaffer** helped to create a store in the Westerly Parkway Shopping Center, which opened in approximately April 1998. Many of these Knights are also Vincentians.



Fourth (4th) Degree Color Corps assists with Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Fairmount Avenue.

Over the years, there were other charitable activities not so well known. For instance, the "Miss a Meal a Month" program, which reposed in an envelope in **George Bubash's** pocket. It contained a list of those Knights who contributed toward the needy, and usually amounted to \$.50 per member per month.

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George controlled the whole thing and whenever a needy person was identified to the OLV rectory, a donation was made to provide a meal or lodging for this person. It was true charity. The donors did not know the recipients, and vice versa. When George gave this up it was taken over by **Charles Hagen**, then by **Doug Lang**, and continued until the establishment of the **St. Vincent DePaul Society** (SVDPS) in State College. We also had an agreement with **Monsignor Fleming** during his period as pastor of OLV. For Christmas, the Knights donated a sum, usually \$400-500, to Msgr Fleming and he provided \$100 in food and gifts to four or five needy families. Only Msgr Fleming knew who gave and who received. Again, is there a truer form of charity? One other charitable work of note was, again, **George Bubash** and his finger rosaries. George purchased these by the hundreds and passed them out, never accepting reimbursement or payment. It was noted that one of the largest groups to receive these rosaries was the inmates of the state prison at Rockview. They must have appreciated them because occasionally George would be requested to replenish the supply of rosaries at the prison. George passed that on to **Kevin Kelly** who continued that tradition for many years.



Following a Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, State College, on June 12, 1994, Monsignor Philip P. Saylor dedicated a marker on church grounds in memory of aborted fetuses. The stone was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Father O'Hanlon Council #4678. The Color Corps of the Fourth degree Our Lady of Victory Assembly march in procession. Pictured from left are: Walter P. Supanski, William J. Klucher, Frederick J. Letzeisen, Charles E. Hagan, James P. Hendrick, Harold S. Sanker, Carl Lindsay, and John McCulley.

Another source of income since around 1990 has been the operation of two or three concession stands during the Penn State football games. Supervised since its inception by **Lionel Bassett**, the Knights and their families cook hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken fillets, and Italian sausage for sandwiches. They also serve soft drinks, hot chocolate, soft pretzels, and a wide variety of other snacks.



Knights of Columbus Concession stand at Beaver Stadium.



Knights of Columbus grilling stand at Beaver Stadium.

There are many customers who will not eat at any booth other than those run by the Knights, because of the quality of the food we prepare. **Jack McGrail** recalls, "I can vouch for the fact that customers have included Jack Ham and Franco Harris." In the last decade, our Council moved from its small two original stands to more modern facilities. In the main stand on the ground floor, there is an expanded menu. It is one of the busiest stands

and successful stands in the stadium. The other stand serves patrons on the top level of the south end zone. The reliability of the Knights and the success of our football concession has led to requests for our support in running similar concessions for hockey games at Pegula Ice Arena and for women's gymnastics over the last seven or so years. Again Brother **Lionel Bassett** has led the charge in organizing and managing these additional sources of income and opportunities for fraternity.



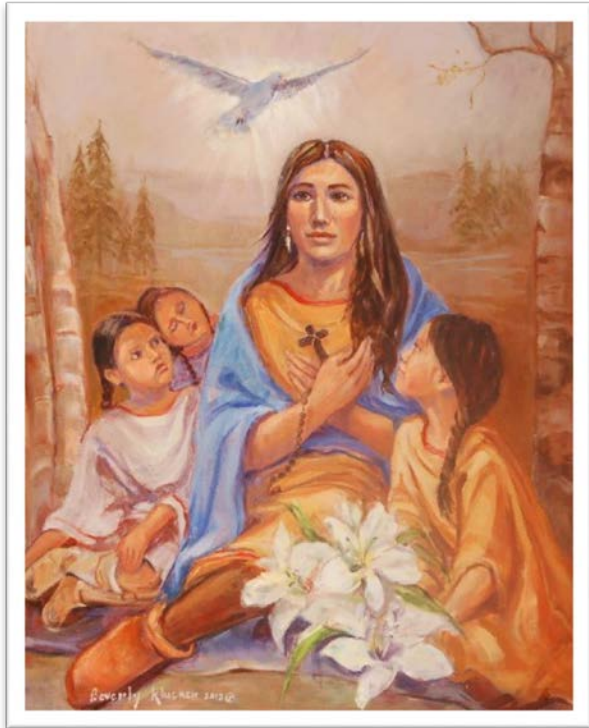
Knights of Columbus Concession stand at Pegula Ice Arena. Pictured are Lionel Bassett, Rodney Hopkins, Ken Hart, Vickie Mesley, Rick Mesley, Steve Milillo, and Mike Patrick

In 2010, the Council held a priest appreciation dinner to correspond with Pope Benedict XVI's declaration 2009-2010 a "Year of Priests." A committee consisting of **Joe Reese**, **Bob Hershey**, **Lionel Bassett**, and Grand Knight **Mark Thorwart**, planned the event.

In June of 2012, the Council sponsored the first of several annual *Fortnights for Freedom* each ending on the 4th of July. These were two week periods of prayer and action endorsed by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops to address the many challenges to religious liberty. Brothers **Rob Shearer**, **Ed Hughes**, and **Dan Galvin** spent many hours coordinating speakers, discussion groups and workshops, family movies, Masses, Rosary Novenas, and Knight presence during 32 hours of Exposition of the most Blessed Sacrament.



Our council was instrumental in the establishment of St Joseph's catholic Academy in Boalsburg. At one of the early organizational meetings at the "Knights Hall," our Council made a pledge of \$100,000 to get momentum started for the school. We have continued with yearly donations and scholarships. With guidance from fr. Wolfe, we purchased the altar that is used for masses in the gymnasium.



Original oil painting by Beverly Klucher.

In 2012, the Council also commissioned an original oil painting of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha by Beverly Klucher (wife of Brother **Bill Klucher**). Beverly is an extremely talented painter whose artwork has been enjoyed by many throughout the diocese, especially at OLV. Beverly is also the daughter of Jack and Doris Ingram, who were two of the original founders of the Mission Church in the valley and were influential in naming that parish "Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha." The painting was presented to Blessed Kateri Parish in the October of 2012 in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Parish and in commemoration of the canonization of Saint Kateri, "Lily of the Mohawks."

In 2013, our Council established a Squires Circle located at St Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg. Brother **Don Nagel** took on the role of Chief Counselor. Unfortunately, this was to be a short-lived venture as Supreme began to divest itself of youth programs after a few years. The Chapel at St Joe's is named for Father O'Hanlon Council.



Father O'Hanlon Council Chapel at St Joseph's Catholic Academy.



GK Ed Hughes appointing Bob Gawryla as Financial Secretary Emeritus as Financial Secretary Lionel Basset observes.

In October of that year, **Bob Gawryla** resigned his position as Financial Secretary after an amazing 38 years of dedicated service and was appointed by Grand Knight **Ed Hughes** to the permanent position of Financial Secretary Emeritus for his tireless and lengthy service. Bob was a bulwark for the Council for nearly four decades.

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In 2014, the Council ran its inaugural baby bottle campaign to support the Gabriel Project. Bottles were distributed at OLV Church and filled with change, dollars bills, and checks. Led by Brother **Joe Reese**, the campaign wrapped up its fifth year and has raised over \$49,000 for the Gabriel Project. The Gabriel Project is a local non-profit pro-life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in crisis pregnancies administered by Arlene Allison of OLV parish. It is goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with their practical and spiritual needs as well as offering them unconditional love and support throughout their pregnancy.



Baby Bottle Campaign collections.

In 2008, when looking for ways to support the new evangelization of the Catholic Church, local parishioners learned that the FCC was accepting new FM station applications for the first time in 20 years. The Council (under its home corporation, the KC Club) secured the license for the station and entered into an agreement to with Voice of Divine Mercy to build-out and operate the station. This required some significant effort from **Lionel Bassett, George Pytel, and Bill Klucher** in ensuring the Club's By-Laws could support such an endeavor and establishing the necessary license credentials. Voice of Divine Mercy radio station, WJVM 90.3 FM, under the spiritual direction of Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. went on the air in April of 2014 with . After six years of planning, fundraising and getting on the air, the license was transferred to the Voice of Divine Mercy, a 501(c)(3), which is managed by the current Board of Directors; **Steve Balkey** – President, Ryan Clement – Secretary, Sheryl Balkey – Treasurer, Sue Clement and Roger Finke – at large. The Board Members are always looking for others to join them as they continue to offer new ways to minister to all residents, including the home bound and those in prison.

Hosting of Degree Exemplifications has been one of the hallmarks of our Council. Many councils in our District, as well as other nearby councils, depend on our Council to conduct and host various Degree Exemplifications throughout the year. We conduct many Exemplifications of the First and Second degrees each year. We normally host one Third Degree exemplification and in October 2014, we were honored to host (in conjunction with Our

Lady of Victory Assembly) an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Eighty two candidates were knighted and over two hundred attend the Banquet. Honoree for the degree was Rev. Fr. D. Timothy Grimme, Former Friar of the Assembly, **Dennis Marince** (Faithful Navigator) was the chairman for the event. The Degree was held at the OLV gymnasium, Ladies Program at the Activities Center and the Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Our Lady of Victory Assembly membership draws from the Councils in Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Lewistown, and State College. Thirteen members were welcomed into OLV Assembly: **John A. Coll, David DeAntonio, Kenneth Demeree, Daniel Galvin, Luke Garrett, Timothy Gill, Joseph Hallahan, Cullen J. Hamilton, Kenneth Hart, Anthony Marchini, Sean McVeigh, Rev. Fr. Michael Wolfe, and Brian Yangula.**

Our activities have always been directed to serving the region through fund raising, participation in activities such as the **Special Olympics** and Children with Learning Disabilities. Each year a contingent of Knights from our Council and other community members come together at the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games conducted at Penn State to help with the Aquatics events.



Tom Hilands announces an aquatic event at the Special Olympics.



Deacon Dave Lapinski organizing the heats.

These events run for three full days in early June each year, and over 400 races are conducted. Over 30 volunteers are required to manage the activities. These activities include staging, timing, announcing, officiating, and awards presentation. These events been planned, organized, and supervised by Brother **Tom Hilands** for almost three decades and assisted by Brother (Deacon) **Dave Lapinski**, who keeps the heats organized and moving along.

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In an effort to raise funds for various charities and to increase attendance, the Council began hosting **Sunday Breakfasts** in 2017 at the OLV Activities Center. To date four breakfasts have been held and over \$10,000 raised for charity. The Our Council supplies all of the materials and we do the cooking, but all proceeds and donations received go directly to the designated charity. We also have had support from our sponsored Boy Scout Troop #83, the Catholic Daughters, and other women of the Parish. We hope to continue them in the future. Fr. Ralph's St. Mary's School in Ghana and Fr. Charles Ugo's Anawim Project in Nigeria have been supported. We hope to have breakfasts for local Catholic Radio (WJVM), local youth groups, and Fr. Antony's former parish in India.



Knights of Columbus Charity breakfast at the OLV Social Hall. Ron Weakland, Bob Hershey, Mike Kutchner, Matt Hunt, Rick Mesley, Tom Houser, Dennis Marince, Bill Klucher, Frank Machi, and Joe Reese.

The State-level Soccer Challenge has been hosted by our Council for well over a decade right here in Central Pennsylvania. Members volunteer to referee judges and conduct all of the setup and tear down of the facilities. Brother **Bob Hershey** does all of the coordination with the state Council representatives.



2005 State Soccer Challenge. Left to right are: Joe Yourish (State Deputy), Mark Jago (Regional Chairman), Dave Ablar, Bob Hershey, Doug Lang, Keith Schroeder, John Becker, Mark Thorwart, Jim Gazza, Steve Fiore, Zach Hershey, and Lionel Bassett.

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Our Council participates in the annual Knights of Columbus State Scholarship program, which awards \$3000 scholarships to high school seniors accepted at an institution of higher learning. Our successful annual sales of COAL tickets make our council eligible to participate in this program. We have been fortunate to have had a child of a council member frequently win this diocese scholarship including two of the last three years.

Since 1995, we have also awarded a scholarship to a child or grandchild of a council member who is a graduating senior. The scholarship amount has grown over the years and is currently \$750. Selection is based on a combination of high school academic performance (including SAT/ACT) and participation in high school, church, and community activities.

The Council also provides an annual scholarship to both OLV Catholic School, and St Joseph's Catholic Academy, amounting to one year's tuition.

Closely connected to the council is the KC Club. The club was formed and incorporated in June of 1964 as a non-profit corporation – the home corporation of the Council. Through this means, the Council was able to sponsor and participate in many charitable activities.

The KC Club also existed to prepare for the purchase and maintenance of a new Council home. In December 1981, the club was able to purchase a piece of land between West Whitehall Road and Stratford Drive. The land contained an old, abandoned house. This house was donated to the Alpha Fire Company of State College, which used it for a training exercise (they torched it and burned it several times until it was gone). The land was cleared and leveled, and in 1986, the club sought bids for the construction of a home for the Knights. The low bidder, Ag COM of State College offered a turnkey operation for \$227,000.00.



Mark Thorwart presents scholarship to Sarah Dangelo, daughter of Mike Dangelo.

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In June 1986, this bid was accepted and on June 20th, construction began. By 20 August a framed building had been erected and was ready for siding, roofing and doors. At this historic moment in the council's history, the board officers of the KC Club consisted of:



Old farm house on the property purchased for the KC Club.

- ❖ President: **Albert Hinger**
- ❖ Vice President: **Robert Gawryla**
- ❖ Secretary: **Samuel Saxion**
- ❖ Board Members: **Alex Giedroc; Albert Brahosky; Lou Berrena; William Shelow; and John McGrail.**



Newly constructed KC Club.

It is noteworthy to mention that **Al Hinger** was a major force behind the construction of the home. **Jack McGrail** clearly remembers some of the challenges associated with getting the building permit. He recalls that "Al mention-ed that the planning com-mission

was not happy with the orientation of the building and wanted it to be turned 90 degrees. Al explained to them that this would cost many parking spots, and they finally relented. They were also upset because the building had no windows, and Al explained that this was important to the security and energy efficiency of the facility. Finally, they preferred a different color combination to the one chosen by the board. When no logical reason could be given for this request, other than the aesthetic sensitivities of the planning commission, the board reluctantly relented, and, finally, the permit was granted. It was rumored that the head of the planning commission refused to sign the permit, and it was signed by a subordinate. True? I do not know."

In September 1990, the land adjacent to the council home became available. It was purchased by the KC Club and in the spring of 1996 construction began on a day care center. This was the first day care center in the area which was

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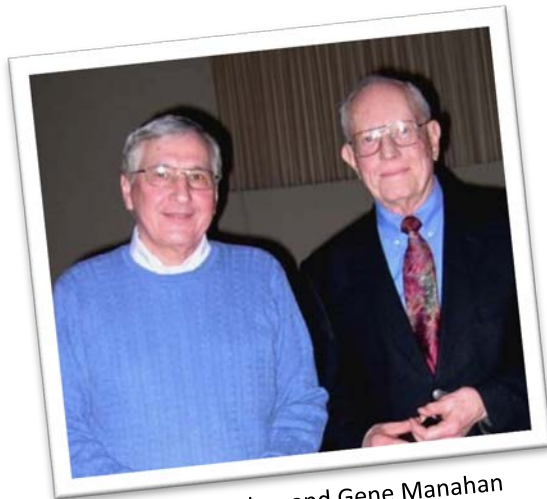
designed and built specifically for that purpose, and has proved to be a valuable addition to the community as well as a source of income to the KC Club to offset expenses. Both the Council home and the day care center were paid off in 2007.

The use of the hall and its “rentable” space continues to evolve and has been managed for many years by Brother **Lionel Basset**. From wedding receptions to family gatherings, the space has served the Council and community as a resource. In recent years, there has been some thought to serving as an emergency shelter as part of the new Community Emergency Response network of approved shelters.

In the sixty years since the establishment of our charter, our Council has accomplished a great deal through our programs and activities. We now have 288 members and continue to do what we can to support the Knights of Columbus goals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

If you are a Catholic male but not a Knight, consider this a written invitation to join our ranks!

FATHER O'HANLON COUNCIL FAMILY PHOTO ABLUM

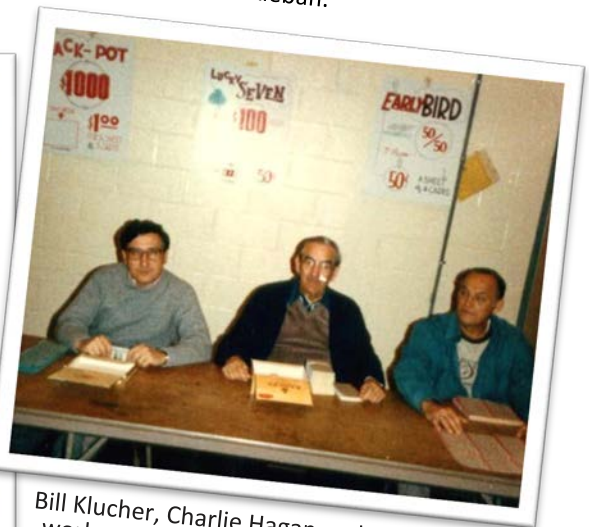


In 2007, Bill Klucher and Gene Manahan celebrated 50 years as Knights.

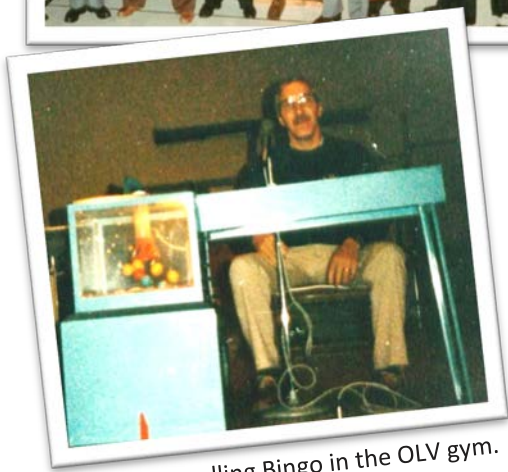


Marty Mazur awards some of the proceeds of the Columbus Day 5K Race to Tom Kleban.

Second Degree Exemplification held in the OLV gym.



Bill Klucher, Charlie Hagan and George Bubash work at Bingo in the OLV gymnasium in 1983.



Sam Saxion calling Bingo in the OLV gym.

Alex Giedroc, Bill Klaban and Paul Lutz volunteer at Bingo in 2006.



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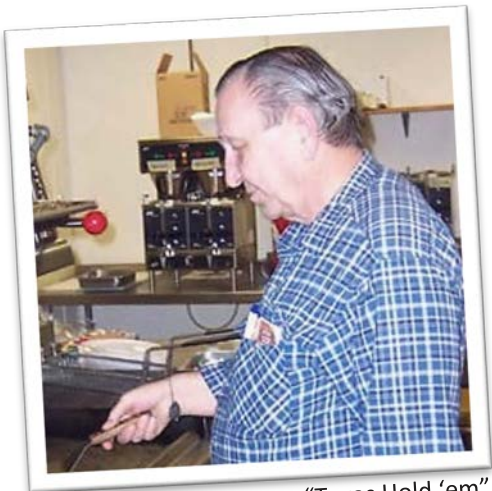
The new KC Club decorated for a banquet.



Chuck Melchioris serves a customer at one of the Beaver Stadium concession booths.



Easter Egg Hunt at the Knights of Columbus



George Pytel cooking at "Texas Hold 'em"



John Klara washing dishes at the Fish Buffet.

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Tony Felice acting like Millie Bubash, with Jack Archer to his left and Charlie Hagan and Dino Fini to his right.



Grill masters Bob Hershey and Joe Reese at our annual Knights picnic circa 2015.



DD Paul Sharum presenting a council service award to GK Ed Hughes.



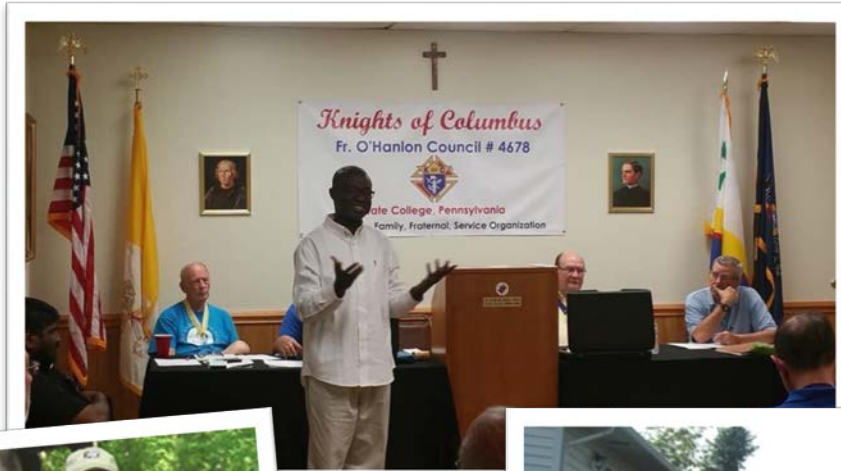
George Pytel, Bill Long, and Dave DeAnotnio among others at the Knights Picnic.



Jason and Annie Foytek enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt with their family.

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Father Ralph talking to the Council about the mission in Ghana in 2018.



John Kikta and George Murgas cooking at the Family Picnic in May 2007.



John Klara hauling food from the kitchen to the picnic.



Dennis Marince and George McCormick at the Hall.



District Deputy Lionel Bassett presenting an award for the Council to Grand Knight George Pytel.

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Msgr Lockard and Bill Klucher at Knights Picnic.

GK Dennis Marince presents chalice to Fr Peter Crowe.



← Post meeting social gathering, 2018.



Frank & Kay Machi, Silver Rose Program.



Color Corps at a Spikes game, 2018.



Knights host OLV Family Picnic in August 2018.

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Pictured from left to right are Rev. Antony Sudherson (Chaplain), Deacon Dave Lapinski, Rev. Neil Dadey (Pastor), Fr. Jonathan Dickson, and Msgr. Phillip Saylor.

The entire Council is immensely grateful to the Clergy at Our Lady of Victory Parish for their support for our charitable initiatives and providing spiritual direction and practical guidance for our activities.

THANK YOU

WHEREAS, IT HAS PLEASSED ALMIGHTY GOD, IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, TO CALL FROM OUR MIDST MANY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHERS; AND WHEREAS, BY THEIR DEATHS OUR COUNCIL HAS SUSTAINED THE LOSS OF EXEMPLARY CATHOLICS AND WORTHY KNIGHTS; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WHILE WE BOW IN SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND WE HONOR THEM WITH THIS SMALL SYMBOL OF OUR REMEMBRANCE.

BE YE AT PEACE.



