



# THE RAYS OF MARY

Regina Mundi Council #4052 Assumption B.V.M. Parish - Feasterville, PA

December 2021

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Brother Knights

Welcome to December 2021..... This year has gone by pretty rapidly and we are almost into the new year ...2022.

My wish is that this Covid Pandemic will leave us, and that we will get back to normal daily operations, as it has been getting better over time, but we are still not out of the woods yet.

Our Council Christmas Party will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at our Council Home, Please feel free to attend and bring your Wife with you as it will be a good time to bond together, since we missed last years because of the Covid Restrictions.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be having a March for Life Mass starting at 8:30am, after mass will we process around the parish grounds with the Holy Family Statues which will symbolize the domestic church, and after the Procession return to Church and say the Rosary for the (9) current Supreme Court Justices deciding the Dobs vs Jackson Woman's Health Case.

I'm looking forward to Year 2022 to get our Council back to our Regular Meetings and Fund Raiser Events.

Please continue to keep God centered in our Daily Life's and Practice regular Prayer

to our Lord and the Blessed Mother to Help end this Pandemic and Unrest within our country and our World.

Please pray for all the Sick and provide protection for our Police, Fire, First Responders,

Doctors, Nurses and our Military that they stay safe and healthy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and their Families

Vivat Jesus

Anthony Porretta

Grand Knight

Regina Mundi Council# 4052





## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Brothers all,

I am rather fond of a few important topics of which I speak frequently – Eschatology, “the science of last things,” and reconciliation. Eschatology includes the realities of death, judgment, heaven and hell, three of which may readily inspire fear because we do not know what to expect.

In this Season of Advent characterized by joyful expectation, we may rid ourselves of at least some of the fear of those unknowns. We have already learned that God and Jesus will judge us – God at our particular judgment, and Jesus at the universal judgment when He unpredictably returns in glory. How will they judge, except with mercy and perfect knowledge of each of us, which includes not only our sins and failings, but also our repentance, words, and works of charity? I encourage each of you to reflect on your kind words and deeds, and the time you give to prayer and Mass each night before you go to sleep, and learn that you are true to “Charity” which is essential to the Knights of Columbus, as you are united to God by living your faith. As no one knows when Jesus will return in glory, nor the day or the time when God will call us from this life to Himself, so we all wait to know whether we will be judged once or twice. We know God does not expect the impossible; each of us is called to be perfected, and God is patient. I think hell is frightening for many, especially because of its being separated from God, who has made us for Himself, and wants us to come to our homeland with Him. Please remember our sins do not lead us to hell; our lack of repentance for our sins may lead us to this most distressful state in life. God is patient, and wants us to have peace. Jesus, the Prince and King of Peace, awaits us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Death, judgment, and hell, most of the “last things,” may be frightening. Do God and Jesus want our fear or our trust?

Vivat Jesus!  
Father Mike Davis





# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,  
 you always brighten our path  
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
 who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
 while remaining steadfast in faith.  
 O loving Mother,  
 you know what we need,  
 and we are confident you will provide for us  
 as at Cana in Galilee.  
 Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
 the Divine Physician,  
 for those who have fallen ill,  
 for those who are vulnerable,  
 and for those who have died.  
 Intercede also for those charged with  
 protecting the health and safety of others  
 and for those who are tending to the sick  
 and seeking a cure.  
 Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
 to conform to the will of the Father  
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
 who took upon himself our  
 sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
 so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
 to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
 O Holy Mother of God.  
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
 but deliver us always from all dangers,  
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

**IT'S NOT OVER, PLEASE BE CAREFUL !**





# REGINA MUNDI OFFICERS



## 2021-2022

- Grand Knight - Anthony M. Porretta, PFN
- Deputy Grand Knight - Richard Gathercole
- Chaplain - Rev. Michael Davis
- Chancellor - Michael H Arment PGK, PFN
- Recorder - James Bortz
- Financial Secretary - Gregory Baraniecki
- Treasurer - Robert Miller
- Warden - John P. Eagan
- Lecturer - Stephen J. Clark
- Advocate - John J. Kelly
- Inside Guard - Bernard T. Rafferty
- Outside Guards - George Benson Jr.  
- George M. Altmeier
- One Year Trustee - James Peters
- Two Year Trustee - Richard F. Spencer, PGK
- Three Year Trustee - Daniel Owarzani, PFK



## Missing Knights



Brother Knights:

Since some of the Covid-19 restrictions are easing up and we are holding our meetings in the Assumption BVM Parish Hall to allow social distancing, this would be a good time to reintroduce yourself to the other members of the Council. Why not come out and help us plan our future.





### UPCOMING DATES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| December 08 | Immaculate Conception     |
| December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe     |
| December 13 | Chapter Christmas Social  |
| December 16 | Council Christmas Social  |
| December 21 | St. John’s Hospice        |
| December 25 | Christmas Day             |
| December 27 | Feast of the Holy Family  |
| December 30 | Council Officer’s Meeting |
| December 31 | New Years Eve             |



## BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Jason M. Cannon      | 12/01 | Robert P. Miller | 12/01 | John P. Eagan      | 12/07 |
| Matthew J. Wachowski | 12/07 | Glen C. Michaels | 12/09 | Stephan P. Harnish | 12/16 |
| John J. Rizzo        | 12/17 | James J. Pritz   | 12/18 | Stephen Kaiser     | 12/19 |
| James Peters         | 12/26 | Richard Delp     | 12/27 | Robert L. Dusablon | 12/27 |
|                      |       | Daniel Donovan   | 12/28 |                    |       |





# December 2021

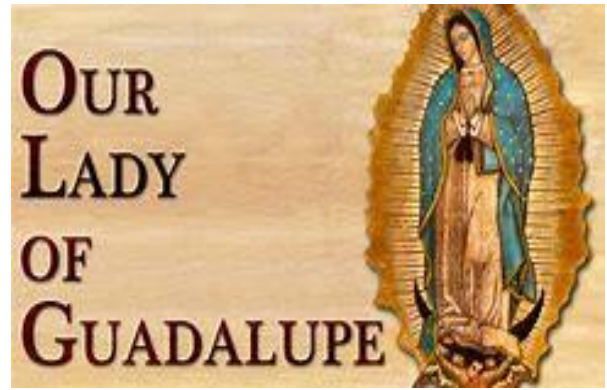
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Regina Mundi council Meeting	3	4
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12 			15	16 Regina Mundi Social		
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December 8<sup>th</sup>



December 12<sup>th</sup>



December 25<sup>th</sup>



December 27<sup>th</sup>



December 31<sup>st</sup>





## THE MCGIVNEY PRAYER:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### For the Good of the Order

Please remember in your Prayers, our Military, especially those in "Harms Way", our Police, Fire, and EMT personnel. Please pray for the Quick recovery and Blessing for:

Fred May Steve Cook Nick Marcantonio  
Lee Devoy Dan Donovan  
Terri Sauter Barbara May Steve Dundon

May God Bless them and watch over them!  
Vivat Jesus!

Anthony M. Porretta  
Grand Knight - Regina Mundi Council



### Rose for Life

Upcoming Known Scheduled Baptisms:

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 1 Baptism (5yr old Boy)

Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> 1 Baptism (1yr old Girl)

**Volunteers are needed for both Baptisms !**

There may be additional assignments. Baptisms are on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 11:00 AM Mass. The Baptisms take less than 15 minutes. At the present time, there are eight members doing the Rose for Life. I interested, Please contact Brother Jack Eagan 215-969-1788 or [irishrover13@comcast.net](mailto:irishrover13@comcast.net)



### Words to Live By

God has joined us to one another and to Himself

When we bring our questions, doubts and concerns to God, even when we try to challenge Him with the letter of the law, He responds in love by revealing His Plan of Salvations. This plan is lived out in the Sacrament of Marriage, and in joining ourselves in faith and love to God no matter our state in life.







My Brother Knights –

It is with mixed emotions that I send this message informing you of my transfer to Father Gallen Council in my home Parish, St. Cyril of Jerusalem. I have truly enjoyed my years with Regina Mundi. I came in not knowing what being a Knight really entailed and leave with a clear understanding of the significance of our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

I would like to thank PGK's Michael Arment and Rich Spencer as well as current Grand Knight Tony Porretta for their leadership. I would also like to thank Jack Eagan, Rich Gathercole, Steve Clark, Jim Brennan, and others too numerous to mention for their friendship and guidance.

I have heard good things about my new Council. I am hopeful it is as strong and successful as the Council I am leaving. I hope to see you all at future events and wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

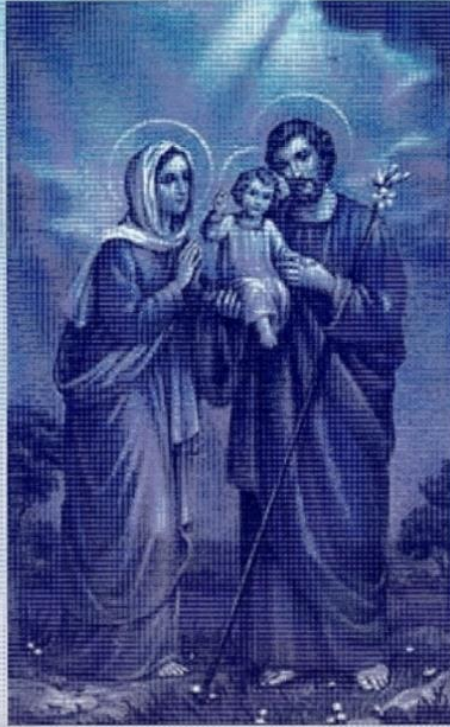
Vivat Jesus!

Dan Donovan





## PRAY THE ROSARY FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH



Starting June 24, 2018 join us to pray the rosary to help built the Domestic Church. The Domestic Church is the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ.

The rosary will be prayed after the 11 A.M. Mass the last Sunday of every month.

Parish Organizations including the Flame of Love and the Legion of Mary have promised to lead the Rosary after Mass on the last Sunday of the month. We of the Regina Mundi Council have promised to lead the Rosary on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month. **Please make an effort to join us.**

**THE NEXT 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IS JANUARY 30,2022**

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# The Year of Saint Joseph

During the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis states that the pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly safeguarded Mary and Jesus. The Pope also desires to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father serving his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." Let us perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy in the coming weeks

## **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

## **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead



## Prayer to St. Joseph



Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know – like you do – how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those who are in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and goodness.

Accompany, O St. Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

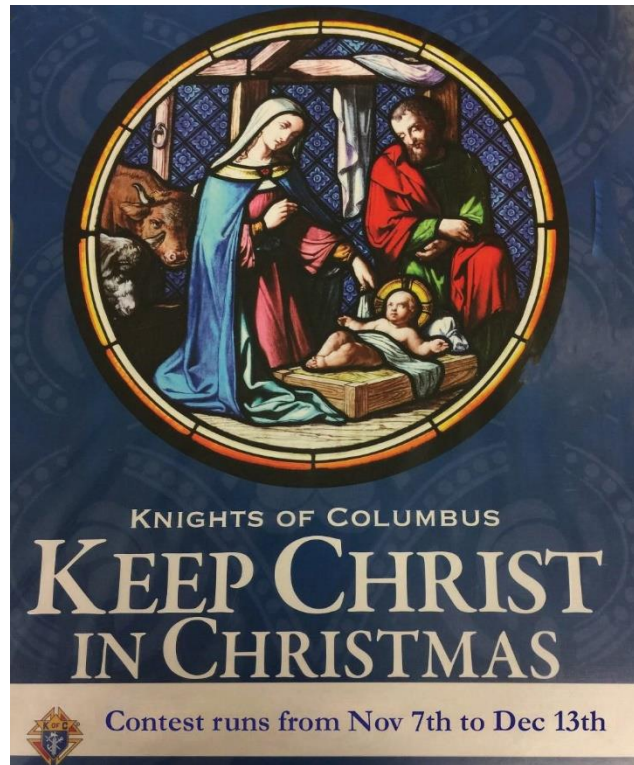
Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the World from every form of pandemic.

Amen

**(Pope Francis, March 19, 2020)**





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Help promote the true meaning of Christmas by entering our poster contest.

The contest is open to children ages 5 to 14, and prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups, with prizes awarded for each group.

Posters should reflect the theme “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” and contain original images and slogan.

**Entry deadline is December 13, 2021.**

Contest applications and official rules will be available in the Church, Rectory, and through ABVM’s PREP program or by contacting:

Fred May 215.593.8942 or [bmyrtle@yahoo.com](mailto:bmyrtle@yahoo.com)

Jim Peters 215.741.0815 or [njrail3963@gmail.com](mailto:njrail3963@gmail.com)





## Wreaths Across America



Please join us on December 18, 2021 for *Wreaths Across America Day* at **Washington Crossing National Cemetery**. **Wreath laying** will begin at 12 noon. Please help us to honor our Veterans by sponsoring a **Wreath** and participating in this heartfelt event.

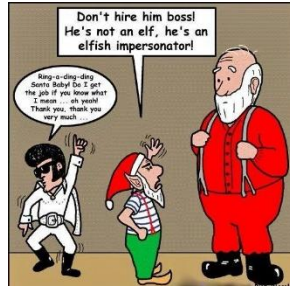
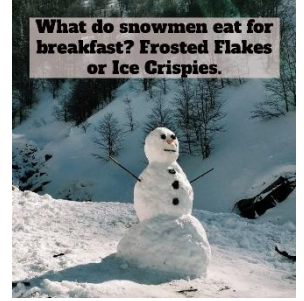
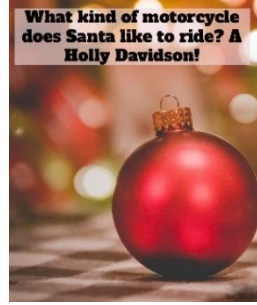
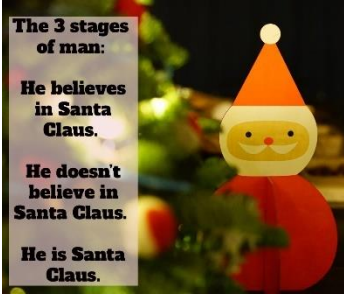
The Regina Mundi Council has sponsored wreaths for this ceremony

The Washington Crossing national Cemetery is located at 830 Highland Rd, Newtown, PA 18940

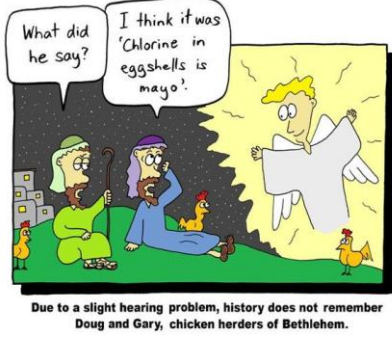
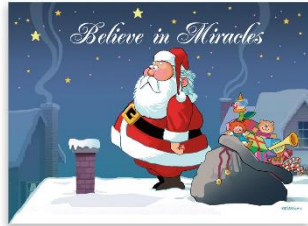




# JUST FOR LAUGHS



**When You STOP Believing in Santa Claus you get underwear for CHRISTMAS.**





# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ASSEMBLY #933

## Assembly Officers

### 2021-2022

Faithful Navigator	Michael Ciampoli
Faithful Friar	Rev. Michael J. Davis
Faithful Captain	Frederick May, PGK
Faithful Admiral	Anthony M. Porretta, PFN
Faithful Purser	Raymond F Forish, PFN
Faithful Comptroller	Albert Scheck, PFN
Faithful Pilot	Edward Kligge
Faithful Scribe	Daniel Donovan
Faithful Inside Sentinel	Richard Gathercole
Faithful Outside Sentinel	Robert P Miller
Faithful 3-yr Trustee	Mile Selinsky, PGK
Faithful 2-yr Trustee	John Carroll, PFN
Faithful 1-yr Trustee	Gregory Baraniecki

### UPCOMIING MEETINGS

Officer’s meetings are normally the first Wednesday of the month and the Conclave is on the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise specified. The location of these meetings varies based upon the host council.

Pope Pius XII Council  
Thomas Aquinas Parish  
601 Bristol Pike  
Croydon, PA 19021-1808

Holmesburg Council  
3300 Knorr Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19149

Mary Queen of Angels  
11301 Academy Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154

St. John the Evangelist  
752 Big Oak Road.  
Morrisville PA

Regina Coeli Council  
9617 James Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19114

St Charles Borromeo Council  
1193 Gravel Pike  
Bensalem, PA 19020

Regina Mundi Council  
1900 Meadowbrook Rd.  
Feasterville, PA 19053







## COLOR CORPS

Nick Marcantonio, PGK,DD, Jr. is the Archdiocesan Co-Ordinator [NickPGk61@yahoo.com](mailto:NickPGk61@yahoo.com)

Robert Thompson is the Assembly Color Corps Commander [rthombow152@gmail.com](mailto:rthombow152@gmail.com)

Please let Nick or Robert know if you can help.

## HONOR /CHALICE GUARD

**No Activity in November**

If you would like to join the Honor Guard or Color Guard please contact:

Michael Ciampoli at [mikeciampoli@gmail.com](mailto:mikeciampoli@gmail.com) or

Bob Thompson at [rthombow152@gmail.com](mailto:rthombow152@gmail.com)



## **NEW 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE UNIFORM INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

As you may know, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has changed the official 4th Degree uniform. This change was effective January 1, 2021.

The uniform of the 4th Degree is and has always been an identifying factor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus. Our Assembly, Saint John Neumann Assembly #933, has used the Color Corps and uniformed Brothers for many years in various activities, including special Masses and Honor Guards for our deceased Brothers.

The current price of the new uniform is slightly over \$400 not counting alterations.

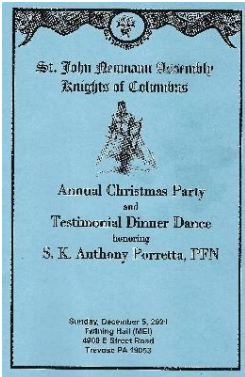
Your officers, with the interest and intent to remain compliant and to continue to participate in events, proposed and the Assembly, at its Conclave on February 24<sup>th</sup>, unanimously approved the following **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform Incentive Program**:

### **Saint John Neumann Assembly #933 4th Degree Uniform Incentive Program**

1. Any officer or Color Corps Commander currently serving a term with the Saint John Newman Assembly #933 may request a \$200.00 reimbursement for the price of a paid uniform. Proof of payment is necessary. This is a subsidy by the Assembly.
2. Any officer or Color Corps Commander currently serving a term with the Saint John Newman Assembly #933 may request a \$400.00 advance payment to purchase a new uniform. Repayment in the amount of \$200.00 will be made at a minimum of \$20 per month and not exceed 12 months. At this time and in the future, repayment will be managed by SK Michael Ciampoli. The remaining \$200.00 will be a subsidy provided by our Assembly. Forms will be provided.
3. Any member in good standing with the Saint John Neumann Assembly #933, can, upon proof of purchase of a uniform, request to receive a \$100.00 reimbursement upon completion of three Color Corps "Call Outs" in one fraternal year. The maximum amount of the reimbursement is not to exceed \$200.00 over two fraternal years. Qualifying Color Corps call outs will be subject to the approval of the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Admiral.
4. Funding for this proposal shall initially come from the existing Color Corps fund.



# 2021 Christmas Party and Testimonial for PFN TONY PORRETTA



## REGINA MUNDI COUNCIL 4052

Congratulate the  
St. John Neumann Assembly #933  
and  
Past Faithful Navigator



**ANTHONY M. PORRETTA**  
on behalf of the entire Council  
Anthony Porretta .... GK  
Richard Gatharcole ....DGK  
Greg Baranicki .....FS  
Robert Miller .....TREAS









# PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

## Chapter Officers

### 2020-2021

President	Dan McPeake
Vice-President	Atiba McCoy
Immediate Past President	Dan Donovan
Secretary, PP	Dan Donovan
Treasurer	Jack Stanczak
Warden	Fred May
Sentinels	Vacant
Trustees	John Brown
	Mike Ciampoli
	Bob Conrad
	Jack Eagan
	Ray Hill
	Hassell Mitchell
	Nick Marcantonio
	Mickey Kelly
	Anthony Porretta
	Mike Selensky
	Don Wells





# Chapter Meeting Dates

**All meetings are at Roman Catholic High School unless otherwise notified.**

All meetings are at 7:30 PM unless otherwise notified

Meetings are in the second floor Library. An elevator is available.

Friday, January 28, 2022

Friday, February 25, 2022

Friday, March 25, 2022

Friday, April 22, 2022

Friday, May 22, 2022

Friday, June 24, 2022 – Chapter Elections

There is no December meeting. We are having a social gathering on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at MEI caterers, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Cost \$10.00 per person and includes beer, wine, soda and buffet. You pay at the door. A head count is needed in advance to make sure we have enough food and refreshments.

If interested contact President Dan McPeake at [dmcp2939@verizon.net](mailto:dmcp2939@verizon.net) or 267-250-8510 or Secretary Dan Donovan at [donodan3@gmail.com](mailto:donodan3@gmail.com) or 215-292-2365

MEI caterers is located at Twining Hall, 4900 E Street Rd, Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

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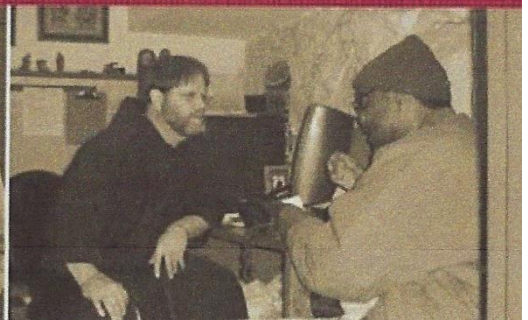
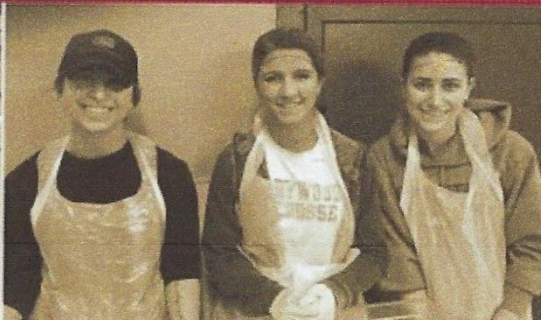
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| San Salvador #283    | Madonna #3932              | Regina Coeli #4921          |
| Desoto #315          | Immaculata #393 3          | Rev. John McHugh #4935      |
| Commodore Barry #578 | St. Katherine Drexel #3938 | Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036       |
| Pinzon #904          | Regina Mundi #4052         | San Rafael #7125            |
| La Rabida #1191      | Core Mariae #41            | St. Benedict de Moor #8252  |
| Holmesburg #1284     | St. Jude #4273             | Mary Queen of Angels #12384 |
| St. Leo 's #1294     | St. Charles Borromeo #4279 | Pokrova #12561              |
| St. Helena 's #15687 |                            |                             |





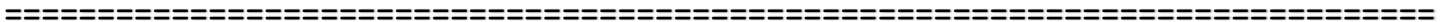
# SAINT John's HOSPICE

WHERE HOMELESS MEN  
FIND DIGNITY, RESPECT  
AND NEW BEGINNINGS



We will return to Saint John's Hospice on December 19th for our traditional Christmas Dinner for the homeless. Report time is 10:00 AM. We will be serving from 11:00 AM thru 02:00 PM. Come join us. It really feels good to help and it is really appreciated.

Please try to car pool to this event. Parking in the area is extremely difficult. Some members meet in the lower parking lot at Maternity BVM on Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia at 9:00 AM







# Prayers Unite the World

[prayersunitetheworld.org](http://prayersunitetheworld.org)

EVERY time our Church has had a need, our Brother Knights have responded. Right now, our Faith is under attack like it has never been and the Church needs its most faithful members to stand up and share its message of God's love with the world.

The Knights are partnering with "Prayers Unite the World" to do just that. Begun by a Brother Knight, "Prayers Unite the World" is a website where people can request prayers and then learn about many of the Religious communities and Catholic organizations from around the world.

We need to build an army of men who would be willing to share the Faith through the power of prayer. You do not need to explain the Faith. You simply live the Faith and let people know that God and his loving Church are with them. All through the power of prayer.

It only takes five minutes of time and it doesn't cost a dime.





## From the Editor's Desk



**I wish everyone of you a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year !!!**

Remember that this is your newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas, complaints, and/or suggestions for upcoming issues.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

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*Merry Christmas*

