

# THE RAYS OF MARY



Regina Mundi Council #4052 Assumption B.V.M. Parish - Feasterville, PA
February 2024 www.koc4052.org





#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:**

My Brother Knights,

As February begins, I want to thank everyone for your continued good works and support of our council.

Let us look ahead to the Lenton season beginning on Ash Wednesday as a time to reflect on our personal relationship with Our Lord.

We should use these 40 days to prepare ourselves through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to grow even closer to Our Lord. Remember the importance to seek God's Grace by going to reconciliation often.

Once again, our council will be conducting our Lenton Parish Food Drive. Please help and support it and make it a big success.

Our St. Paddy's Day party is coming up on Saturday, March16th. Please find out How you can help out and plan on joining us.

In closing I ask everyone to please continue to pray for our Priests and Deacons.

Continue to support our parishes and always pray for new vocations.

May you all have a Fruitful Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus!

**Brother Rich** 







Brothers all,

How beautiful are God's designs.

The virtue of faith, infused within our souls when we are baptized, enables us to at least know God as the Creator of all persons and things.

How beautiful are God's designs.

As we are made in God's image and likeness, we show Him to all who know us, especially when we live charitably; little wonder Charity is an essential pillar of our fraternal organization. How beautiful are God's designs. As He is the "Giver of Life," God uses the conjugal love of husband and wife to create their uniquely precious child, the living sign of their intimate union, suggestive of the union of Jesus and the Church. January 22 has been the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" for several years, by design of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The state determines whether or not abortion is permissible.

How beautiful are God's designs.

Prayers are powerful and necessary, since nothing is impossible for God. As judgment is God's prerogative, you and I do not judge abortionists, women who choose an abortion, husbands and significant others who pressure expectant mothers to seek an abortion. We need to pray for their right judgment and for their healing; guilt can be a crushing burden.

How beautiful are God's designs.

Brothers, each of us is made in the image of God, and can be charitable. Remember the power of your charitable words, deeds, and thoughts, as you remember the power of your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

**Father Mike Davis** 





#### **REGINA MUNDI OFFICERS**

#### 2023/2024

Grand Knight - Richard Gathercole

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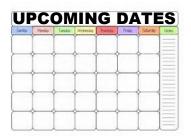
One Year Trustee - Daniel Owarzani

Two Year Trustee - Anthony M. Porretta

Three Year Trustee - Gregory Baraniecki







Feb 01	Regina Mundi Council Meeting	7:30 PM – Council Hall
Feb 02	Groundhog Day	All Day
Feb 07	ST. John Neumann Officers Mtg	7:30 PM -
Feb 08	Degree of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity?	7:30 PM – Council Hall or Parish Hall
Feb 13	Mardi Gras	All Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	All Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	All Day
Feb 14	St. John Neumann Assembly Conclave	7:30 PM - TBD
Feb 15	Regina Mundi Social	7:30 PM – Council Hall
Feb 19	Presidents Day	All Day
Feb 25	Regina Mundi Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM – Council Hall



JAMES J. DOUGHERTY 02/02 RENATO S. DE LUCA 02/05 RICHARD F. SPENCER 02/07 GREGORY M. BARANIECKI 02/16 ERIC M. UMILE 02/17 FREDERICK G. MAY 02/18 NEVIN X.DAS 02/22 JAMES P. BRENNAN 02/23





#### Wednesday Tuesday Thursday Monday Friday Saturday Sunday March Vanuary Regina Mundi Council Meeting 9 St. John Neumann Officer's Meeting St John Neumann Regina Mundi Social Meeting 24 18 23 Regina Mundi Philadelphia Officer's Chapter Meeting Meeting

## Words to Live By

## We will one day share in the glory of the Lord

The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to Him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus, and understand that we are meant to share that when the fullness of the Kingdom is at hand.







Happy Valentine's Day to all our ladies.
Thank you for your Love and Support.
Our success, large or small, is due to You
Standing beside us in what we try to do.





#### **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 blessed 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.



Please remember in your Prayers, our Military, especially those in "Harms Way", our Police, Fire, and EMT personnel. Please pray for quick recovery and Blessing for: Fred May, Barbara May, Steve Cook, Jon Schmitt, Rich Kormisak, Shannon Callahan, Hank Arment, Joseph Falzone, Josh Bethman, Christa Teel, all members of Regina Mundi and their families.

May God Bless them and watch over them!

Richard Gathercole

Grand Knight - Regina Mundi Council



**Upcoming Known Scheduled Baptisms:** 

Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM
No Baptisms
Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM
One baby boy - Greg Baraniecki
There may be additional assignments.

#### Volunteers are always needed for Baptisms!

Baptisms are on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 11:00 AM Mass.

If interested please contact brother Jack
Eagan at 267-449-8077 or
Irishrover13@comcast.net









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.

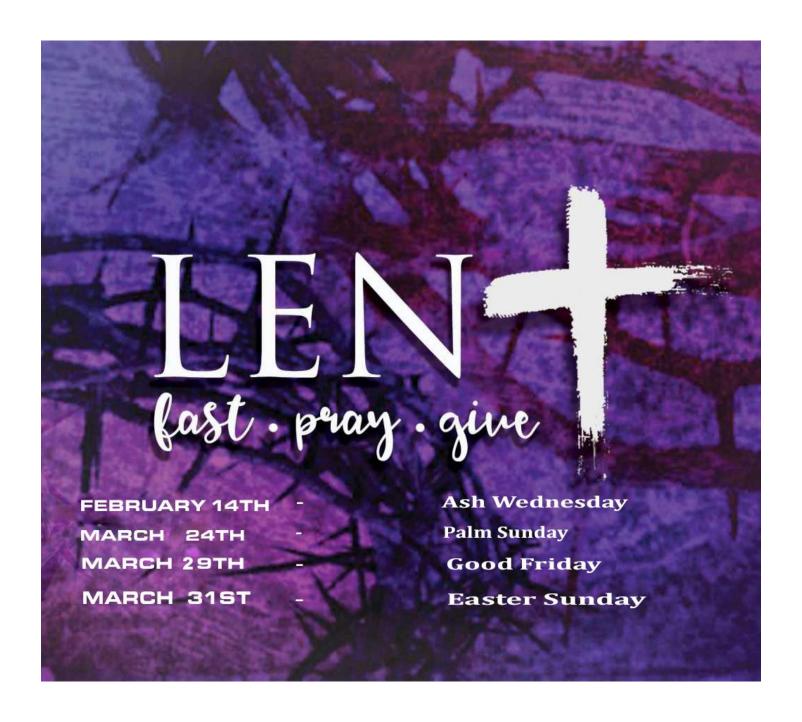
We of the Regina Mundi Council have promised to lead the Rosary on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month.

Please make an effort to join us.

THE NEXT 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IS MARCH 31, 2024











# KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for January 2024 is:

# Ken Van Dyke

Congratulate him when you see him





# JUST FOR LAUGHS

I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone, you have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips.

Leather is "rated" based on its texture. Cows with abundant water sources typically have softer hides, rated "A". But hides from cows living in hot, dry climates are typically D Hide-Rated.

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked.
"Hunting flies," he replied.
"Oh, killed any?" she said.
"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"
Husband: "3 were on a beer can,
2 were on the phone."

The coffee shop had a sign that said "No WiFi, pretend it's 1973!" So, I paid 10¢ for my coffee and lit a cigarette.





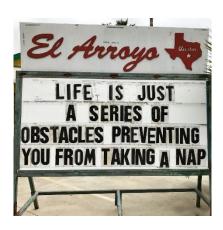
Got up this morning and ran around the block 5 times. Then I got tired, so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

I heard someone say,
"Thirty years ago"
and I thought,
"Oh, yes the 70's!",
but they meant 1993,
now I need to go lie
down.













# JUST FOR LAUGHS

An old tired-looking dog wanders into a guy's yard. He examines the dog's collar and feels his well-fed belly and knows the dog has a home.

The dog follows him into the house, goes down the hall, jumps on the couch, gets comfortable and falls asleep. The man thinks it's rather odd, but lets him sleep. After about an hour the dog wakes up, walks to the door and the guy lets him out. The dog wags his tale and leaves.

The next day the dog comes back and scratches at the door. The guy opens the door, the dog comes in, goes down the hall, jumps on the couch, gets comfortable and falls asleep again. The man lets him sleep. After about an hour the dog wakes up, walks to the door and the guy lets him out. The dog wags his tale and leaves.

This goes on for days. The guy grows really curious, so he pins a note on the dog's collar: "Your dog has been taking a nap at my house every day."

The next day the dog arrives with another note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with four children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

Cats Vs. Commas
Cats have claws at the end of their paws.
Commas have pause at the end of clause.





Knights of Columbus Regina Mundi Council #4052







March 16, 2024 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM Assumption BVM 1900 Meadowbrook

Featuring
DJ Tommy J

Free Beer | Ham & Cabbage | Roast Beef | Door Prizes

Basket of Cheer | \$1,000 Jackpot Drawing

Tickets \$35 if purchased by February 29th else \$40

Tickets availabble outside church 10/11 and 17/18

Get your tickets early!!

Contact Steve Clark (267) 241-9427 Tickets also available at the rectory

# **Knights of Columbus** Lenten Food Drive.



When:

Begins on February 14th

and Ends on March 30th

To Help: Donate non-perishable food item

Where:

**Assumption BVM Church** 

Goal: 2,000 pounds of food

Why: All food collected will stock our

Parish and local food pantry

#### List of Items Most in Need

- 1. Soup-"hearty" like Campbell's chunky
- 2. Soup-"creamy' like mushroom or chicken
- 3. Breakfast or energy bars like Quaker or nature valley.
- 4. Canned chicken meat
- 5. Canned chili with or without beans
- 6. Pasta sauces ready made.
- 7. Dinner Kits taco, "Hamburger helper"
- 8. Cooking oil canola or vegetable
- 9. Canned tomatoes like dice or whole
- 10. Cake and cookie mixes.
- 11. Teas, cofffee, and juices

For more information or to arrange for home pickup call George Benson at 215-630-0182 or email gbremodeling@gmail.com

Regina Mundi Council #4052



# **Pro-Life**





# SFORLIFE

#### February 14, 2024

#### **THRU**

(Ash Wednesday)

# You can protect mothers and children

by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers!

With God's help ... we've seen proven results in 19 coordinated campaigns:

- 12,668 babies saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers converted
- 75 abortion centers closed

#### March 24, 2024

(Palm Sunday)

#### Here's how to take part:

- Vigil Site: Outside Planned Parenthood, 2751 Comly Rd. (at Roosevelt Blvd.)
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday
- Local contact: Anita Flynn, 267-456-4582 aflynn3250@vahoo.com OR your parish Pro-Life coordinator
- Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at:

#### SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ASSEMBLY #933

### **Assembly Officers**

#### 2023-2024

Faithful Navigator Edward Kligge

Faithful Friar Rev. Michael J. Davis

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Faithful 1-yr Trustee Jimmy Feathersmith

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The February Conclave will be on February 21st

The site is to be determined

An E-Mail will be sent out prior to the meeting

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 Our Lady of Grace Mary Queen of Angels St. John the Evangelist Thomas Aquinas Parish 225 Bellevue Ave. 11301 Academy Road 752 Big Oak Road. 601 Bristol Pike Penndel PA 19047 Philadelphia, PA 19154 Morrisville PA

Croydon, PA 19021-1808

Regina Coeli Council St. Christopher's Council Regina Mundi Council Our Lady of Calvary
9617 James Street 13301 Proctor Road 1900 Meadowbrook Rd. 11024 Knights Rd
Philadelphia, PA 19114 Philadelphia, PA 19116 Feasterville, PA 19053 Philadelphia, PA 19154





# **COLOR CORPS/HONOR GUARD**

Nick Marcantonio, PGK,DD, Jr. Archdiocesan Co-Ordinator NickPGk61@yahoo.com Robert Thompson
Assembly Color Corps Commander
rthombowl52@gmail.com

Please let Nick or Robert know if you can help.

# **Honor Guard**



The St. John Neumann Assembly Honor Guard attended the funeral for SK John Bradley of Regina Mundi Council on December 9, 2023. In attendance were Anthony Porretta, Ed Kligge, Fred May, Greg Baraniecki, John Carroll, William McGinley, and Bob Thompson.

# **Color Corps**

On December 9, 2023, the St. John Neumann Assembly Color Corps provided the color guard for the Testimonial Dinner for PFN Fred May. In attendance were John Carroll, Tony Porretta, Greg Baraniecki, Giuseppe Innamorato, and William McGinley.

On December 16, 2023 the Color Corps provided a color guard for the laying of wreaths at Washington Crossing Cemetery.

On January 7, 2023 the Color Corps participated in the color guard at the St. John Neumann Shrine Mass at St. Peter's Church at fifth street and Girard avenue in Philadelphia. In attendance were Ed Kligge, John Carroll, Tony Porretta, Fred May, and Bob Thompson.





# The Fourth Degree

## **Patriotic Exemplification**

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification on May 4, 2024.

#### **Eligibility**

- \* Be over 18 years of age
- \* Be a Citizen of the United States
- \* Be a Third Degree (Knighthood) member in Good Standing
- \* Be a Practical Catholic in Communion with the Holy See

#### **Dress Code**

- \* Dark Suit (Black, Dark Blue, Gray)
- \* White Shirt (no button down, no French cuffs, flat collar)
- \* Black belt
- \* Black shoes
- \* Tie

More Information to Follow

If interested, please contact your Financial Secretary





# Philadelphia Chapter - Knights of Columbus

## Chapter Officers

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Oleg Berezofski

Tom Hasty





# **Chapter Meeting Dates**

2022

December No Meeting

2023

January 25<sup>th</sup>
February 22<sup>th</sup>
March 22<sup>th</sup>
April 26<sup>st</sup>
May 24<sup>th</sup>
June 28th

All meetings are at 7:00 PM on fourth Friday of month at Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 819 Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128 unless notified otherwise.

The Philadelphia Chapter is comprised of the following Councils:

Santa Maria #263 Charles Carroll #1364 Our Lady of Lourdes #4546

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 #4100 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





# Prayers Unite the World

#### 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.







# PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL Mc GIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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 intersession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Please report all favors received to: The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326 www.fathermcgivney.or







**The 16**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday March 2,2024 at St. John Vianney Hall Theater of Cardinal O'Hara High School.

We are excited to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our Faith and Reliance on the Lord.

We have a fantastic line-up of speakers including:

Mike Schmidt – National Baseball and Philadelphia Phillies Hall of Fame

Danny Bader – Best-selling author whose life was transformed by a near death experience

Mark Hartfiel – Vice-President of Paradisus Dei

Deacon Nathan Gunn – serves as Initiatives coordinator for the Young Life NE Division

We welcome back acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, who will again provide inspirational Accompaniment during a Special Eucharistic Adoration.

The Conference will conclude with a Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.** 

Now is the time to commit yourself to growing and enriching your Faith, along with inviting brothers, fathers, sons, and Friends.

Registration fee includes: access to the conference and a box lunch.

Subscribe to the Man Up Philly Email List

Our mailing address is:

Man Up Ministries
2501 Seaport Drive
Suite SH400
Chester, PA 19103



# ManUp Philly Men's Spirituality Conference – 2024

Starts on Saturday, March 2, 2024 · 8am EST

#### **Tickets**

Early Bird Registration

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\$40.00+\$3.27 Fee

Sales end on Jan 6, 2024

• STUDENT Registration

0

\$25.00+\$2.72 Fee

Sales end on Mar 2, 2024

This ticket is for all students: Middle School, High School, & University age

Normal Registration

Sales start on Jan 6, 2024

\$60.00+\$4.01 Fee

# From the Editor's Desk



I hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's day.

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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