

Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council

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State Award Cover Sheet Form

Please attach a copy of this form, totally filled out, to each award category entry.

Category Family - Food For Families

Council # 17417 District 16 Region East

Council Name Our Lady of Grace

Number of Council Members 96 Division 2

Name of Grand Knight Charles E. Duke

State Council Program Awards

Entry Form

For Supreme Award Submission Only

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): Faith Family Community Life

COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 17417 Total Council Members: 96
Grand Knight: Charles E. Duke E-Mail: chipd906@gmail.com

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Food For Families / Mary's Cupboard Program Date: Monthly Drive

Participation: $\frac{180}{\text{Members}} + \frac{6}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{186}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{288}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning: & $\frac{12 \text{ Hrs}}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 2 Donations: $\frac{\$5,000}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe the program in full detail using the space below and on page 2. Programs must be organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members to qualify. Programs must also engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria. *Along with the description of the program, provide the program's purpose, goals, accomplishments and why it deserves to win the award.*

Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

The Our Lady of Grace Council, since its charter started in December of 2019, has supported a monthly food drive since Spring of 2020 when COVID struck. Our Council has maintained this monthly event and this year was an extraordinary year.

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MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

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OLG Council 17417 Food For Families 2025



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This photo is from our OLG Knights December 2025 Food Drive, and it is very special to us because the smiling member right in front of Santa is our beloved Brother Ed Ramsay. We lost Ed tragically on February 7th and we are dedicating the good works of our Fraternal year to our Brother Ed who personified all the best qualities of a Knight. Ed had a special way of serving others with a cheerful and humble heart. We are forever grateful for the time we shared with Ed before God called him to heaven.

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Below are Ed Helbig (Deputy Grand Knight) and John Krakowiak (Immediate Past Grand Knight) and the goods from a 2025 Food Drive. We take the food to Mary's Cupboard on the Monday after our drive.



OLG Council 17417 Mary's Cupboard Testimonial 2025



Catholic Social Services Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Mary's Cupboard
Catholic Social Services Building
100 Levittown Parkway Levittown, PA 19054
Phone: 215-945-2550

Our Lady of Grace Church
225 Bellevue Avenue
Pennel, PA 19047

January 2026

Dear Father and Parishioners,

Once again, it's that time of the year for us to count all our blessings for 2025.

The blessings we are referring to are all the Lower Bucks County parishes and organizations that have supported Mary's Cupboard this past year. Without your continuous generosity and support, we would not have been able to feed 1357 families that came to us for help.

Since we live in such a wealthy country, who would think that we still have people who need help in feeding their families. But we do: all we have to do is look around at our neighbors who have lost their jobs, or may have health problems and can't work, or just can't make ends meet. With great appreciation, families enjoyed Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners in their homes because of your willingness to share. Your parish should be so proud of itself because your total food donation for 2025 was 20,593 pounds. What an impressive amount for one church to donate.

Not only do you support us with food and donations, but you also provide us with some of the best volunteers an organization can have. We are so lucky and thankful for these workers because YOUR parish is living proof that the Corporal Works of Mercy are alive and thriving.

As you know, Mary's Cupboard is a non-profit food pantry that provides food to the less fortunate. We are staffed 100% by dedicated and caring volunteers. We provide food for individuals and families who are having an emergency situation. The Cupboard helps anyone in need; regardless of their background or religious affiliation. Our clients include the poor, the elderly, the under or unemployed, disabled people, abandoned or abused women & men and their children, the homeless and victims of fire or other emergencies.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim, Terry & Ann".

Tim and Terry Rizzo and Ann Hyjurick