



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Greensburg Diocesan Chapter**  
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**Chapter Newsletter June, 2025**

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**Worthy Chapter Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights  
And Friends of the Greensburg Chapter:**

**Chapter Meetings**

**At all meetings in person: Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:15pm, we will eat first.**  
**Dress Code for all: Business Casual (Polo or Golf Shirt w/ Dress Slacks)**  
**No shorts or jeans please!**

**June 16, 2025**—Hosted by Greater Kiski Valley Council 6715. St. James the Greater Church, 109 Owens View Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613--Take Route 56 East out of Apollo to the top of the hill. The church sets back off the highway on the right-hand side of the road just past the Glenn Bush Ford dealership. Go to the rear of the main church parking lot, then up the ramp to the upper lot. The entrance door is in the middle of the upper building.

**July 21, 2025**—Hosted by Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452. The meeting will be in the Holy Cross Church Social Hall, 10 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Youngwood (Church entrance off the parking lot in the rear of the Church). We have two parking lots, one on 8<sup>th</sup> and Depot and the other below the School, behind the Church. If you park off 8<sup>th</sup> Street you will need to walk down to the rear of the Church to the other parking lot. To park behind the school, turn left off of Depot into the alley between the Rectory and the Church. The entrance is off the parking lot. Social Hall is down the steps. Most of you have been there for the Clelian Heights Christmas Parties.

August 18, 2025—Our Annual Picnic—Will be hosted by the Greensburg Council at the St. Paul's Pavillion, 820 Carbon Road, Greensburg. **(Please note the starting time for our Picnic is 6pm.)** The Greensburg Council 1480 will provide the main course. Reversing last year; if your last name begins with A-M you are asked to bring a Side Dish, if your last name begins with N-Z you are asked to bring a Desert.

**Fill out attached Delegate and Alternate Delegate Forms and return to:**  
**William Hilderhoff, 1014 Sunnyfield Court, Harrison City, PA 15636**  
**Or email to his email address above**

## Ger Andrews—Chapter President

- Meet Your Officers for 2024-2025:

President—Tim Shields

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Tom Pearson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Johnathan Gamon

Secretary—Bill Hilderhoff

Treasurer—Ton Sherer

Warden—Mike Warcholak

Inside Guard—Larry Barkowski

Outside Guard—Bill Beno

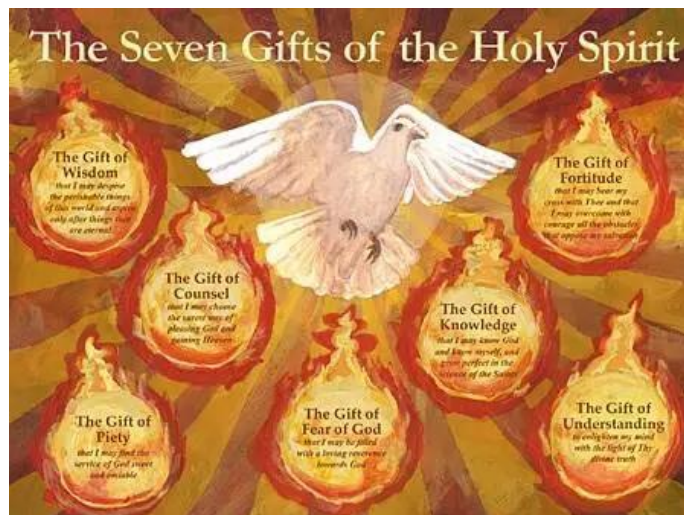
Trustee 3yrs—Ger Andrews

Trustee 2yrs—Jeff Peterinelli

Trustee 1 yr—Don Granata

While our President Elect is recuperating, Ger will act as Acting President during the odd months: July, September, November and Jeff will act as Acting President during the even months: August, October, December. Depending on Tim's recuperation we will re-evaluate at that time.

- “Bed for Every Child Program”**—I have been contacted by David Kent (C14078) and Melaney Hegyes, Managing Director for the Diocese of Greensburg regarding the aforementioned program. They are in contact with Christian Leyman to provide the furniture for families that they identify; however, they are looking for funding to pay for the transporting of the furniture. Their estimate for transportation is approximately \$3,600.00. If we approve this as one of our projects, we would ask each Council to contribute \$200.00 toward the goal of \$3,600.00. If a Council participates in this project, it would qualify your Council for one of the requirements under Community Service on your SP-7 (The Columbian Award).
- Very, Very Important—My Brother Knights of the Greensburg Diocesan Chapter.** On the next page is a very important message from the State Labels Program Chairman. The proceeds from this program funds a number of extremely important programs in your Council, the Diocese and the State. I know that with today's technology, we don't use snail mail as much as we used to but a “K of C return address label” should be on all of your snail mail and items you hand out. **PLEASE READ THE NEXT PAGE CAREFULLY AND ENTIRELY AND BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN!!!**





## Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council

From the desk of  
Andy Smith, Labels Program Chairman



Dear Brother Knights,

I am reaching out today to ask for your support in promoting and contributing to a program that is truly making a difference across the Commonwealth — the **Pennsylvania State Council Labels Program**.

The Labels Program plays a vital role in providing much-needed funding to several important initiatives throughout Pennsylvania. Through your generosity, we are able to support:

- **Special Olympics Pennsylvania**, which empowers individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports and inclusion,
- **Vocations programs in each Diocese of Pennsylvania**, helping to foster and support men discerning the priesthood, and
- **Local councils across the state** that send delegates to the annual **State Convention**, ensuring representation and unity among our members.

Each of these causes benefits directly from the success of this program — but unfortunately, we are facing a significant shortfall this year.

As of today, we are **approximately \$20,000 behind** where we were at this point last year. This is concerning, especially considering the level of need and the number of people who count on our support.

In March, the Labels Committee mailed out **approximately 55,000 sets of labels** to members of the Knights of Columbus across Pennsylvania. To date, **only 2,912 members** have responded with a donation. We are incredibly grateful for those who have already contributed, but we know that with your help, we can do better.

That is why I am personally asking each of you to **promote this program within your councils** and to **encourage every member** to participate. My challenge is simple:

**If every recipient of the labels were to send back just \$1**, we could cover this gap and ensure the continued success of the programs we support. Of course, donations of any amount are deeply appreciated and will go directly toward these meaningful causes.

The 2024–2025 Labels Program will conclude on **June 30, 2025**, so there is still time to make a difference. Let's finish strong.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those we serve.

Please send all label donations to:

**PA State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
Label Program  
PO Box 27245  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235**

Fraternally yours,

Andrew Smith, PGK  
Pennsylvania State Sweepstakes/Labels Chairman  
Holy Family Council 4242  
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## **Jeff Peterinelli—State Program Chairman-West**

Greetings,

- 1) As the year ends we need to start strong on programs moving forward.
- 2) Reminder, the Sacred heart of Jesus Icon is still available councils can either contact their DD or contact me and I will let you know what weeks are available
- 3) The Greensburg Chapter has a \$2 ticket that goes off the Sunday before the Chapter meeting if your council is interested in selling some please contact me a [peteyfire8@aol.com](mailto:peteyfire8@aol.com) and I will get them to you.
- 4) Please keep the soul of Bishop Emeritus Lawrence Brandt in your prayers

Jeff Peterinelli

PA West Program Promotion Chairman  
Greensburg Diocesan Marshall



## **Don Granata—State Membership Chairman-Greensburg Diocese**

### **PA March for Life September 22rd**

**Once again Brothers we need your support. There will be 5-Motor Coaches leaving 14 locations as in the past we need your financial support and providing water, snacks and If your Council could please consider donating at least \$500. Let us also plan on sending a group Knights from Greensburg. There were very few in the past from the Greensburg Diocese. More details to follow.**

### **Buses planned for Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 19**

The Diocese of Greensburg will provide bus transportation for the Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Sept. 19 in Harrisburg. A free-will offering will be taken on each bus to help defray the cost. Participants will attend a rally, march around the Capitol, attend Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral and join local elected officials for a reception in the Capitol. Buses will leave from 14 locations around the Diocese:

Bus 1: Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell

Bus 2: Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, and St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

Bus 3: St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, and Holy Cross, Youngwood

Bus 4: St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown, St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, and St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant

Bus 5: Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, and SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Chris at 724-552-2581

or [ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Don Granata—State Membership Chairman-Greensburg Diocese, cont'**

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**HEART TO HEART**

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**SPECIAL NIGHT OF DEVOTION & STUDY**

**JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 PM**

***Manordale Valley 4226 Council home Murrysville at the  
corner of Sardis & Franklintowne Drive turn left into driveway  
and entrance DOWNSTAIRS***

**Please RSVP for refreshments**

**Don Granata [granms@outlook.com](mailto:granms@outlook.com) 412-215-3473**





## **Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452—Youngwood**

### **Making our Council Proud!**

Chris Kobolsky from Council 8452 addresses students at Greensburg Central Catholic High School



Chris is a 27-year member of Council 8452 in Youngwood. Chris is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army currently serving as a Medical Force Integration Analyst at the Office of the Surgeon General in Falls Church, Virginia.

### **Eleanor Hamrock, a 30 plus years Sacristan at Holy Cross Parish**

Eleanor turned 98 years old on June 6<sup>th</sup>. She was honored at the 8am Mass and a Social was held in her honor on the 6<sup>th</sup>. She insisted on being the Sacristan and Altar Server at that Mass.



### **Funeral Prayer Service**

A Funeral Prayer Service was held for our Brother, Jim Haney, on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Jim was our oldest member at the age of 94.

### **Council Officers Installed by William Beno-DD 217**



## **Kittanning Council 1011—Kittanning**

### **Kittanning Council 1011. St Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A group of our Knights recently held a funeral home prayer service for our deceased brother, Robert Easley.

Our Knights prepared a special breakfast for the high school graduating seniors and their families. This was held on Sunday, May 11 in the Parish Hall following mass during which the graduates were recognized. This was, unbelievably, the 77th annual breakfast co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. See photos showing the graduates with Father Nito after mass and seated in the Parish Hall for their congratulatory breakfast.

On behalf of K of C Council 1011, Knight Steve Kachur presented the 2025 Outstanding Sixth Grader Award to Jase Hiller of Divine Redeemer School in Ford City. The award included a personalized plaque and \$50 gift card. See photo.

Donations have been made to the following:

- The Very Reverend Eric Dinga, on the celebration of his tenth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.
- The Reverend Madhu Kodavatikanti, to help with travel expenses for his recent trip back home to the Philippines
- The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Patricia #998, for their help at the St. Vincent de Paul Store and our annual Lenten fish dinners
- Grace Presbyterian Church Food Bank and the Shannock Valley Food Pantry, as our ongoing commitment to provide a quarterly donation
- The Archdiocese for Military Services, for the support of our military chaplains.



## **District Deputy Reports**

### **William Beno—DD217**

- 1) Attended the PA State Convention this past month and am happy to say that the resolution I submitted on behalf of my council, 9019, was unanimously passed, after a minor amendment changing the judging responsibility from the State Deputy to the State Faith Director.
- 2) The Chapter memorial candle array, which was featured at the Clelian Heights Memorial Mass last November, was honored at the Convention State Memorial Mass. A moment of silence for our remembered Brothers opened the Mass.
- 3) Officer installations are taking place this month with the new Fraternal year officers of Council 8452 Youngwood being recognized. I am installing officers as the last official responsibility before retiring as District Deputy for District 217 at the end of this month/Fraternal Year.
- 4) I have successfully invited a successor for my position as District Deputy for District 217. Council 8452 Youngwood's Chris Kohler has agreed to being recommended to the State Deputy for the post.
- 5) As this is my final report for the Chapter as DD I am pleased to say that working with all of the councils of 217 has been a great pleasure with wonderful cooperation and enthusiasm from all. Thank you Grand Knights for the opportunity to serve you.

Vivat Jesus  
Respectfully,  
Bill Beno



## **Council Reports**

### **Daniel P. Nolan Council 940—Latrobe**

- Good News! We've outgrown our monthly meeting site so we'll be moving to a larger facility. Our July 14th meeting will be held at our Pershing Park Pavillion (weather permitting) and we'll meet at our new location, St John the Evangelist in Latrobe, starting on Aug 11th. Many thanks to Sacred Heart Parish for hosting our meetings for the past couple of years!
- Our annual picnic will be scheduled for sometime in September, once again at Pershing Park.