

The Service Section:
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NEW OFFICERS, INITIATIVES & RECOGNITION...

Editor’s Note: Service is the key in the motto of the Knights of Columbus. “The Service Section” of the KNIGHTLY NEWS has been created to describe some of our activities beyond just the short news article found in the regular issues.

West Virginia State Council Installed
“NEW OFFICERS” at ORGANIZATIONAL -MTG



State Deputy Scott with wife Jennifer (c-l) and Brother Frank with wife JoAnn (c-r)

The new West Virginia State Officers were installed in July at the State Organizational Meeting in Morgantown. Following Saturday evening Mass at St. Francis de Sales, our new State Deputy, Scott Nale, installed the other officers and District Deputies. The ceremony was held at the E. Lynch banquet hall, Council home of the Morgantown Council. Elkins Council’s, Brother Frank Koenig was installed as the West Virginia State Treasurer, and Brother Tom Coffman was installed as the new District Deputy of District-4. Other State Officers include; Paul Niedbalski, State Secretary, Mike Stanger, State Warden and Dave Torlone, State Warden. Fr. John Rice will continue to serve as our State Chaplain. State officers, wives and Brother Knights gathered for the evening banquet. The keynote speaker was Pennsylvania Past State Deputy Eric Johnson. He highlighted the past accomplishments under Past State Deputy Jerry Somazze, and challenged us to continue our charitable efforts and Council accomplishments. At the business meeting Brother Frank discussed our membership growth, State Deputy Scott outlined the state’s goals and expectations. The State Program Chairmen highlighted our various Supreme and State programs. On Sunday morning, District Deputy training was held, encouraging District meeting and membership degrees. In the State Officers meeting, officers discussed their roles and responsibilities. Fr. Rice reminded all Brother Knights to go to the edges, think outside the box, and allow God’s grace to take you beyond any dreams, as we serve our church and communities.

“BUILDING the DOMESTIC CHURCH”

Our Supreme Council continues to emphasize the “Building the Domestic Church program, While Strengthening Our Parishes.” It is designed to build on Catholic family life and strengthen parish life. It

builds on the tradition of two of our program areas: Church & Family. This year, the Council is working to have two Domestic Church activities in the areas of: Member, Family, Parish and Community.

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Our newest West Virginia State Pin challenges us to “Make A Difference”. Designed by our State Deputy Scott Nale, he tells the story of a man walking on the beach, who sees a child throwing starfish back in the ocean after high tide. With thousands of starfish on the beach, the man asks the boy if he thinks he can make a difference. The little boy replied, I made a difference for that one. We can make a



difference in the lives of many either individually or through our Council activities. Let us take the challenge, and make a difference in our parish, our families and for those in need.

“Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life.”

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

KOREAN MISSIONARY RECEIVES THE KNIGHTS HIGHEST HONOR

Rev. Gerald Hammond, MM, a Maryknoll Missionary to North Korea, was presented the “*Gaudium et Spes*” Award, the Knights highest honor. At nearly 84 years of age - his birthday is August 15, the feast of the Assumption - our honoree has been a Maryknoll priest for 57 years. Assigned to Korea after ordination in 1960, he has served as a teacher, the pastor of two parishes, vicar general of the Cheongju Diocese, and Maryknoll regional superior since 1989. In 1995, he began his humanitarian work in North Korea. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted: it is with great “joy and hope” for the future of Korea that the Knights of Columbus recognizes a courageous and untiring missionary priest who has ministered in a most challenging field for the sake of souls and the kingdom of God, He journeyed into North Korea more than 50 times over the course of more than two decades to bring humanitarian assistance. Due to government restrictions, he usually wears civilian clothes during his missions. Yet from time to time, he is allowed to wear his priestly garb, since a Roman collar, unseen for generations in the North, is not even recognized as a religious symbol there. During the Holy Father’s apostolic visit to Korea in August 2014, Pope Francis met with our honoree and personally commended his important work in the North. He also was honored by another pope, St. John Paul II, who bestowed on him the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal in 1980 recognizing his service to the Church and the Holy Father. Fr. Hammond was presented the honor at the “States Dinner” by the Supreme Knight Anderson before the delegates and guests at the 135th Supreme Convention last month.



TEAM “KNIGHTS” RUNS FOR IT



“Run for It” walkers (l-r) Brother Roger and the Guire family on the course, and Cindy and Bob Hammer crossing the finish line



Brother Mark Joseph, chaired the event and organized “Team Knights”, as the Council participated in the Tucker County Foundation’s annual event. The Knights gathered in Davis with other teams and hundreds of walkers and runner to earn funds for their charitable activities. Team Knights has participated in the event for five years, and was represented by sixteen Knights and/or family members. It was a beautiful fall day on top of the mountain, and after the walk, many of the participants enjoyed the exhibits, food booths and entertainment at the Leaf Peeper Festival. Each team will receive a monetary prize based on their participation numbers, sponsorships and finish. The team did very well, and Brother Mark thanked all who came out to walk this year.

MEMBERSHIP & FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Membership in the Knights of Columbus has many values for the individuals, their families, the Church and the Council. In 1882, Father Mc Givney founder the Order on three basic principles; 1) Protection of the Family by assisting widows and orphans; 2) Assist the Church and Parish Priest and 3) To help those in need through CHARITABLE giving. The experience of a lifetime is yours, the chance to grow in our faith, help those in need, serve the Church and protect our families. Yes, that’s what it’s all about, an organization of Catholic men built on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Knights are that organization. Avail yourself of these opportunities: **ONE** is join, to learn more contact Grand Knight John Meader, or Brothers Mark Joseph, Frank Koenig, Ron Elmore or any Knight. **TWO** is take advantage of our fraternal/ insurance benefits, again to learn more, contact our local Field Agent--Jim Gildein at (304) 260-1487.



Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Apostle of the Young and Protector of Christian Family Life, Intercede for Us.