

State Council Program Award

Winners

DATE: 4/27/22

STATE DEPUTY: Walter K. Wible, Jr. JURISDICTION: Michigan
(Signature)

In connection with the International Program Awards Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council office, the following state council winners have been named in my jurisdiction:

FAITH PROGRAM:



Council Number: 4090
Grand Knight to be recognized: Ted Miles Email: tedmiles123@gmail.com
Project Name: Seminarian Dinner Fundraiser

FAMILY PROGRAM:



Council Number: 3774
Grand Knight to be recognized: Donald Siegel Email: gk3774@mikofc.org
Project Name: Fundraiser for Baby Elliott

COMMUNITY PROGRAM:



Council Number: 695
Grand Knight to be recognized: Michael McCarthy Email: gk695@mikofc.org
Project Name: Covid Recovery - Welcome Back Mass/Cookout

LIFE PROGRAM:



Council Number: 11658
Grand Knight to be recognized: Ron Rabine Email: gk11658@mikofc.org
Project Name: Team J-Rex Crushing Hydrocephalus

This reporting form must be completed by the state deputy and forwarded to the Supreme Council office immediately following the state convention. Individual award entries must be forwarded to the Supreme Council office by June 1.

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State Council Program Awards

Entry Form

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: 695 Total Council Members: 172
Grand Knight: Michael McCarthy E-Mail: gk695@mikofc.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Covid Recovery – Welcome Back Mass/Cookout Program Date: June 13, 2021
Participation: $\frac{15}{\text{Members}} + \frac{5}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{20}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{20}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{3}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{60}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$
Program Planning: $\frac{\$467}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{60}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 2 Donations: 0
Local Currency

3 Describe program in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. 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.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

The purpose of the Welcome Back Mass and Cookout was to celebrate, as a Catholic community, our emergence from the isolation of Covid-19 shutdowns. Seven churches forming The Catholic Community of Flint would come together in one large, outdoor gathering on the grounds of Powers Catholic High School. It would be a visible public display of our Faith and our Community. Council #695 enthusiastically supported the event by providing lunch for the hundreds that were expected to attend.

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

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3b) Whom does this program benefit?

The audience for this event were the hundreds of Catholic people in and around the Flint area who yearned to celebrate Mass together again. It was held outdoors so that those fearful of gathering inside due to Covid concerns might be able to participate.

The event also benefited the individual churches. Rather than gathering in groups of 50 - 75 at each parish, the consolidated Welcome Back Mass provided members a chance to see that there were hundreds of Catholics ready and willing to celebrate Mass together again.

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

This event focused on the same need as the KoC Covid Recovery Program. That is: it focused on resuming operations in a way that inspires members and parishioners to become re-involved with church and community activities. It directly allowed Council 695 to support its parish's recovery by being active visible contributors in efforts to refill the pews and support the spiritual needs of parish families. It also allowed council members an opportunity for fraternal engagement.

3d) Why did the council select this program?

The council selected this program for three reasons. First, Fr. Tom Firestone, council Chaplain, asked for our assistance. Second, the council is always supportive of parish needs. Third, it was a fantastic opportunity to bring all-hands-on-deck -- members, family, and others in the community.

The council also had two other events in this same time frame that were all part of Covid Recovery. One was the return of the Memorial Day Mass at New Calvary Cemetery where Knights have served refreshments following Mass for decades! The other was support of the neighborhood Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Sunday at St. Pius X in Flint via our roundtable/merging council. This fit perfectly with our Covid Recovery efforts.

3e) Describe the success of the program:

The program was successful beyond expectations. Between 450-500 people attended the celebration. Projections and planning were for 300-350. All local, able-bodied council members who were available enthusiastically volunteered. Powers Catholic High School was fully on-board. The facilities manager at Powers was amazing in getting us what we needed for setup. The food service manager made kitchen facilities available. The facilities/maintenance manager at St. John Vianney Church, a brother Knight, hauled over 20 cases of bottled water days before the event. GK McCarthy coordinated with Fr. Tony Smela, who managed the Mass part of the project, to design the grounds setup.

This was a team effort, all-around. Locals will be talking about this event for years.

Attest: Walter K. Wisla, Jr.
State Deputy

Signed: Michael McCarthy
Grand Knight

4/14/22
Date

Welcome Back Mass Catholic Community of Flint

June 13, 2021



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
Msgr. Patrick R. Dunigan Council No. 695

Grand Knight
Michael McCarthy

KoC Project Director
Michael McCarthy



April 14, 2022

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers,

Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan Council #695 was founded in 1902 as the original Knights of Columbus Council in Flint, Michigan. Over time, as the Catholic population in the Flint area grew, many new parishes were created and many new councils were chartered. In the past thirty years, population shifts have left fewer Catholics in the City of Flint and resulted in closures and mergers of churches. Throughout this time, Council 695 has stood steadfast and ready to serve the needs of members still present in the surviving Flint churches, as well those members who have relocated to nearby communities.

In recent years, several parishes in and near Flint were merged together and served by a team of priests led by Father Tom Firestone, affectionately dubbed “the Pope of Flint”. This collection of parishes was named The Catholic Community of Flint. While the configuration of parishes changed again in 2021, the concept of the Catholic Community of Flint lived on. As the world emerged from Covid-19 restrictions in 2021, it was clear that something should be done to celebrate and promote the return to in-person Mass. In a brilliant move, Fr. Tom and priests from parishes in and near Flint, decided to hold a Welcome Back Mass for the extended Catholic Community of Flint.

In late April 2021, I was asked by Fr. Tom to have the Knights of Columbus participate in the Welcome Back Mass. Specifically, Knights would plan and execute a cookout luncheon for attendees at the outdoor Mass. With only six weeks between the invitation and the event there was a lot of planning to do and resources to organize. To add to the challenge, no one could forecast how many people might attend the Mass. Fortunately, Council 695 had some experience from a 2017 Tent Revival where we served a cookout lunch.

This project became known as the Welcome Back Mass and Cookout. It required the knowledge and experience of our entire officer group to deliver. It required volunteer members and families to work at the cookout. It required assistance from the parish facility manager and the facility manager at Powers Catholic High School where the event was being held. It was truly a team and community effort of priests, Knights, musicians and staff.

The materials that follow provide the details of the successful event, attended by over 450 people. I ask your consideration for recognition as a Community Service Program.

Regards,

Michael McCarthy
Grand Knight – Council #695
Flint, Michigan

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Project Overview

Project Name: Welcome Back Mass and Cookout

Event Date: June 13, 2021 11:00 am

Program Start: April 28, 2021

Goal of Project: Bring together Catholics from several parishes to celebrate the return to in-person Mass

Provide an opportunity to worship and socialize with other Catholics across parish boundaries

Description: A Mass will be held outdoors on the grounds of Powers Catholic High School. It will be followed by a cookout for all attendees

Participating Flint Parishes

Christ the King
St. John Vianney
St. Mary
St. Matthew
St. Michael
Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Pius X

Mass Celebrants: Fr. Thomas Firestone
Fr. Phillip Schmitter
Fr. Anthony Strouse
Fr. Paul Donnelly
Fr. James Rolph
Dcn. Michael Dear
Dcn. Sean Costello

Cookout: Picnic Lunch

Hotdogs and buns
Mustard, Catsup, Relish, Onions
Chips – variety
Bottled water

Supplies/Equipment for Cookout:

Tent Canopies – borrowed from St. John Vianney Parish
10' x 10' for Food Service Area
10' x 10' for Grills

Gas Grills (2) borrowed from
Deputy Grand Knight
Powers Catholic High School

Banquet tables provided by Powers Catholic High School
Two serving lines
Two food staging areas
Two for water and chips

Hand washing station
Required by County Health Department
Engineered and built by Paul Bosak of Powers HS

Miscellaneous supplies
Hand sanitizer for diners
Food service gloves, hats, foil, cleaning cloths
Metal serving trays
Coolers with ice to keep water and food products cold
Paper plates and napkins

Results

Day of the Event: It was beautiful sunny day with blue skies and temperatures in the middle 70 degrees. Surely God was shining down on Flint that day.

Attendance: 450-475 people attended the event. In addition there were 25-35 helping in various capacities. These included

- Knights of Columbus
- Knights of Peter Claver
- musicians

Estimates of attendance were based on 400 preset chairs in the banquet tent, and an additional 80 chairs brought from inside Powers Catholic High School when it became apparent that the crowd would exceed the seating capacity. Many people also brought lawn chairs.



Saturday 6/12/2021 - tomorrow this will be the church



Sunday 6/13/2021 - and they came from all across the land to overflow the tent

After Mass, lunch was served.

Total Hotdogs Served: 360

Total Bags of Chips Served: 316

Water: 400 bottles of water (over 16 cases)

After Mass, the crowd was entertained with music.

During the day, the Knights of Columbus met the Knights of Peter Claver. The Knights of Peter Claver were founded November 7, 1909 in Mobile, Alabama by four priests from the St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart. Like the Columbian Knights, Claverite Knights believe in faith, fraternity, and service. The order is prominent in Black Catholic parishes and this group came from Christ the King parish in Flint. Council members enjoyed the chance to meet their peers in faith and action.

Participants



Grillmasters: Deputy Grand Knight Dale Wangler and Warden Bob Ragnone are readying the grills before cooking over 400 hot dogs.



Val Tylus, Paula Androsky, Grand Knight Mike McCarthy and Warden Bob Ragnone review plans for getting the hot dogs to buns and and delivering them just in time.

The crew that made it all happen.

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Mike McCarthy | member |
| Paula Androsky | spouse |
| Matt George | member |
| Bob Ragnone | member |
| Beatrice | friend |
| Dale Wangler | member |
| Jack Tylus | member |
| Val Tylus | spouse |
| Brian Bur | member |
| Mark Davidek | member |
| Joe Gildner | member |
| Pat Skellett | member |
| David McAuliffe | member |
| Joene McAuliffe | spouse |
| John McAuliffe | son |
| Jim Neumann | member |
| Tim Ranville | member |
| Harvey Yee | member |
| Jim Cole | member |
| Lawrance Morrison | member |

Setup Team

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|---------------|--------|
| Mark Davidek | member |
| Jack Tylus | member |
| Val Tylus | spouse |
| Brian Bur | member |
| Bob Ragnone | member |
| Mike McCarthy | member |
| Dale Wangler | member |



Knight Jim Neumann listens to the homily as he awaits his role as food server.



DGK Dale Wangler meets Knight Tim Ranville. Chancellor Jim Cole (seated) looks on before Mass begins. In the background the blue tent for the Knights of Peter Claver sits adjacent to the KoC grill tent.

Budget

The committee planned for a forecast attendance in the range of 300-400 people and pre-purchased hotdogs and chips to serve 350 people. With the large number of attendees, additional hotdogs and buns were purchased that morning to accommodate 400+ participants. The costs below includes the additional purchases.

| Item | Totals with tax | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Hot Dogs | 168.56 | Koegel, Sams |
| Hot Dog Buns | 59.86 | Bueche's, Sams |
| Chips | 85.26 | Sam's, Gordons |
| Mustard/Ketchup/Relish | 15.56 | Sam's |
| Water | 0.00 | From SJV Stock |
| Ice | 0.00 | From Powers |
| Hand Sanitizer | 9.41 | 6-32 oz gel |
| Napkins | 4.76 | 500 ct |
| Paper Plates | 18.74 | 350 ? |
| Hand Soap | 1.89 | 2 8oz bottles |
| Paper Towel | 3.17 | 2 rolls |
| Wipes | 5.20 | 80 ct package |
| Food Permit | 94.00 | County Health Dept |
| Other supplies | 0 | From stock, food storage bags, sterno, hot dog paper trays, cups, glove |
| TOTAL | 466.41 | |

Acknowledgments

Suppliers:

Koegel's Meats - Koegel's is a Flint based packaged meats products company. They are very supportive of community organizations and offered the KoC all of the hot dogs at a discounted price.

Bueche's Food World - Bueche's is a family-owned local grocer located in Flushing, Michigan. They frequently support our KoC activities. For this event, Bueche's offered hot dogs for purchase at cost.

Paul Bozak - Paul is the longtime facility manager and maintenance supervisor at Powers Catholic High School. Grand Knight McCarthy and Father Tony Smela met with Paul the week prior to the event to plan the location of the big tent and the location for the grilling and food service areas. Paul also provided all of the tables and chairs needed by KoC for the luncheon operation. He provided food storage space in the school refrigerators and shelf space for buns, chips, etc. Without Paul's help, this event would not have happened.

Lawrance Morrison – Lawrance is a member of Council 695 and also the facility manager and maintenance supervisor at St. John Vianney. He transported 24 cases of water from SJV to the Powers coolers three days before the event. He also proved the tent canopies.

Fr. Tony Smela – Fr. Tony is an associate priest for the Catholic Community of Flint and was the pastoral lead on planning and organizing the Mass.

Council 695 Members - super team effort by everyone to make this possible. The entire council was recognized as Knight of the Month for June 2021.

Media

Articles from The Columbus Crusader in July and August 2021 appear on the next page.

Following that is the web posting by The Catholic Community of Flint promoting the Welcome Back Mass and Cookout.

Many emails went to Knights members and bulletin announcements and flyers were communicated in the weeks preceding the June 13, 2021 event.

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Msgr. Patrick R. Dunigan Council No. 695, Knights of Columbus



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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

Volume 82, Issue 7

JULY 2021

Welcome Back, Catholic Faithful For Sunday Mass

An estimated 550-600 people attended a "welcome back" Mass on Sunday, June 13, outdoors at Powers Catholic High School. The liturgy was planned to welcome Catholics back to Mass and other parish functions after more than a year apart because of the corona virus.

Five priests concelebrated the liturgy assisted by two permanent deacons with several other deacons attending the 11 a.m. liturgy. The priests included Father Paul Donnelly, Our Lady of Guadalupe parish; Father James Rolph, Powers High School chaplain; Father Philip Schmitter, Christ the King parish; Father Anthony

Strouse, St. Pius X Church and also St. Matthew parish beginning July 1; and Father Thomas Firestone, pastor of the Catholic Community of Flint which includes St. John Vianney, St. Matthew and Flint St. Mary parishes.

The assisting permanent deacons were Michael Dear and Sean Costello.

Members of Council 695 played a prominent role, chiefly as preparers and servers of hotdogs, chips and water after the Mass. Led by Grand Knight Michael McCarthy and grill master Bob Ragnone, Council 695 warden, the

crew of about 20 also included other knights, their wives and friends.

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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

Volume 82, Issue 8

AUGUST 2021

Council Feeds 350 after 'Welcome Back' Outdoor Mass

With the help of about 20 volunteers, Council 695 fed 350 church-goers after the June 13, outdoor Mass at Powers Catholic High School.

Two lines were formed on the grass near the Mass site to serve hotdogs and chips after the liturgy concelebrated by five area priests. St. John Vianney supplied bottled water.

Reporting on the effort, Grand Knight Michael McCarthy said the total cost of the food was \$466.61,

which was within the \$500 allocated for the lunch which was underwritten by Council 695. Volunteers included council members, their wives and others.

GK McCarthy said 450-475 people attended the Mass to celebrate a return to a more normal life after a pandemic that shut down much of activities for more than a year. It was held after the state lifted a requirement to wear masks when more than half of Michigan residents

received at least one of the two COVID-19 shots.

In addition to the hotdogs and chips, Powers provided ice and hand-washing solutions while Koegel's and Bueche's discounted food they supplied.

At its July 13 meeting, Council 695 members voted to contribute leftover hotdogs and chips to the annual Community of Flint picnic.

"We had great teamwork by everyone," GK McCarthy said. "Congratulations."

Welcome Back Mass

As our dispensation from the Sunday and Holy day obligation ends, the Flint parishes (Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Vianney, St. Matthew, St. Pius X, St. Mary Oratory) are celebrating the great gift of the Mass in our lives. To do this, these parishes will be celebrating an outdoor Mass on Sunday, June 13th, at 11am at Powers Catholic High School to celebrate our faith, witness our joy at the gift of the Eucharist, and enjoy fellowship with each other. After Mass there will be lunch and music to continue the celebration. This will be the only Mass for those parishes on June 13th (Saturday evening Masses will be held as usual). Please mark your calendars to join in this festive event!

[CLICK here for Worship Aid.](#)

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Powers Catholic High School
1505 W. Court St., Flint 48503

