



**Pope Leo XIII Council 10804
Virginia Beach Virginia
Celebrating 30 Years of Service
1992 – 2022**

With the blessing of Pastor Richard Mooney, Knights of Columbus Pope Leo XIII Council #10804 was officially formed at Church of the Holy Family in Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 20th, 1992. The council took its namesake because the council's February 20th founding date coincided with the anniversary of the beginning of the papacy of Pope Leo XIII in 1878.

Under the guidance of our Charter Grand Knight, Bill Sabourin, District Deputy, Art Ehlers and eventual Virginia State Deputy, Paul Piche, the council's 57 charter members quickly got to work in supporting the parish and the community.

The council has always held their meetings at the church on the first Thursday of each month in one of the A and B or C and D meeting areas in the family room. Though inauspicious and unassuming throughout its existence, the council has made the most of our members' efforts and resources in providing countless activities and charitable endeavors.

What follows is by no means an all-inclusive list of events or members who led those events over the past 30 years. It is merely intended to provide highlights of what the Brothers of this council along with their families and their supporters have accomplished since its founding.

Many of our events and fund raisers have been focused on either a seasonal celebration or just gathering people together for a cause. Featured meal events that we have held at the church have included:

Spaghetti dinners to raise money for Vets House led by the great Marvino! (PGK Ken Geroe), St. Patrick's Day Dinners led by PGK Mike O'Brien, Oktoberfest Dinners led by PGK Ken Hildebrand, Parish Breakfasts led by PGK Greg Hayes and PGK Terry McClaskey, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers, Mardi Gras and Casino Nights. BBQ Meal Sales led by PGK Scot Stratton and PGK Mike Yatsko, Breakfast for Winter Watch guests led by PGK Mike O'Brien, Dinner for Winter Watch guests led by the Knights wives, Christmas Parties and Wives Appreciation dinners not to mention the food and hospitality served after every meeting.

The council has strived to lead in outreach to the community. Led by Charter Members Ron Jakubec and Joe Stefonowich, the council has always heavily supported Virginia Beach Special Olympics. Joe and his wife Susie also formed the Chosen ministry for the disabled, which has been a great success for the community and has been supported by the council. Fund raising through KOVAR collections, and the Polar Plunge are annual labors of love for our members.

The annual church fair has been supported by the hard work of many council members over the years. PGK Greg Hayes, PGK Terry McClaskey, PGK and PSD Pat O'Donnell, PGK Bella Ah-Hing, members Tony Mushik and Dr. Ted Kubicki along with many other members and their wives and families have been true leaders in this important community event.

PGK Bob Rodgers started two significant programs for the community: Kids Fishing Day and the Winter Clothing Drive. Thousands of local children received their first taste of fishing thanks to the annual Kids Fishing Day events with the local Boys and Girls clubs. The Winter Clothing Drives provide thousands of clothing items to local charities each year. PGK Greg Brown, PGK Charlie Clarkson and Brother Joe Murray have continued leading these ministries.

For more than 20 years, the council has recognized a Young Man and a Young Woman of the Year from among Church of the Holy Family parishioners. We have awarded over \$40,000 in scholarship prizes to these outstanding young citizens of our community. Brother Chuck Kennison has led this effort on behalf of the council for many years.

The council celebrated one of our own when PGK Pat O'Donnell served as the Virginia State Deputy from July 2009 to June 2010. PGK Greg Hayes and the council hosted a legendary Christmas in July party for the celebration.

Special recognition needs to be given to PGK Glenn Rodriguez, who served as the Parish Facilities Director from 1999 to 2019. Glenn has not only been a stalwart in our council but in our parish and community as well. Glenn's tireless efforts to ensure the smooth workings of the facility and the council functions cannot be understated.

Special and heartfelt thanks should also be given to Charter Member Dick Dietz, who served as the council's Lecturer for more than 20 years. During his long tenure, Dick never failed to provide the council with inspirational, patriotic and or humorous reflections.

Charter Member and PGK Joe Keeley started our First Degree Team in the mid 1990's. Many brothers, too numerous to list here, have served important roles on the team which has been instrumental in the initiation of new Brother Knights.

Lastly, the council owes its success to the support of many; our wives and families, the pastors, members and staff of Church of the Holy Family. Finally, these achievements would not have been possible without the rank-and-file Brother Knights who have supported us through 30 years. We are hopeful that this work will continue for many years to come.

Tony Agnelli
Grand Knight and Charter Member
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