



Fr. Donald Powers Council #13786

September 2020 Newsletter

Grand Knight:
Keith Mertz

Deputy Grand Knight:
Dave Groth

Financial Secretary:
Kent Boettger

Chancellor:
Mark Klenke

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Nick Fusco

Treasurer:
Phil Rotert

Advocate:
John White

Warden:
Herman Galli

Inside Guard:
Tom Pack

Outside Guard:
Nikolay Mertz

One Year Trustee:
Adrian Greenburg

Two Year Trustee:
Dale Allmeroth

Three Year Trustee:
Craig Robinson

Chaplin:
Dcn Kent

- **Knights Meeting** - KofC Meeting: September 3rd @ 7 pm.
- **Star Council Award** - St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus was awarded the distinction of **Star Council** for the 2019/2020 fraternal year, the international organization's top honor for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Keith Mertz, this is the 2nd Star Council Award received by St. Bernadette's KofC in the last 3 years. The year missed was missed by just a small margin, only being awarded two of the three awards need for Star Council. In the 2018/2019 year, the Council received the Fr. McGivney Award and the Columbian Award, just missing out on the Founders Award, the third award needed for Star Council.

During the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, Council #13786 supported the following charitable causes: Food for families - \$1100; Coats for Kids - \$2714; Scholarships - \$2000; Special Olympics - \$2967, and Toys 4 Kids - \$300 and several other smaller causes, totaling over \$9000. In addition, they contributed over 5000 hours of service to community efforts and fundraising. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancelation of the Lenten Fish Fries, two steak dinners, and our participation in the Fall Golf Tournament. This will limit our ability to support as many charitable activities going forward until we can resume fundraising activities.

Grand Knight Keith Mertz reflected the honor back to the men of this Council saying, "As the Grand Knight this is a great honor, this award is a reflection of all of the hard work from our dedicated members and the record keeping and reporting of our financial secretary. Congratulations once again to an amazing, dedicated group of hardworking men".

Deacon Kent Boettger - FS