

FOLEY COUNCIL 2660 WORKING HARD TO STAY CONNECTED

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STAYING CONNECTED

The last time the Foley Knights were together in person was serving DC Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We had 3 very successful Fish Frys in the high school cafeteria and we wholeheartedly thank the DC Parish for coming out to share in the fish and fellowship. However, our fourth and last fish fry on March 20, 2020 was drive-thru only as news of the coronavirus outbreak began to spread throughout the country and State of Michigan. The Foley Knights that prepared meals that day were exhausted as they prepared 250 to-go dinners to our supporters in cars that were lined up throughout the parking lot and down Silvery Lane. In the words of our former Grand Knight, **Dominic Raona**, "In the Foley Way, our brother Knights rose to the occasion and successfully served good, fresh, hot fish and chips.....the fraternal bond of many Knights who volunteered was strengthened to make Bishop Foley a stronger council."

We all watched in disbelief to what unfolded in late March as the governor and archdiocese implemented plans to keep us safe and minimize the spread of the coronavirus. Schools, churches, restaurants, and businesses closed, and we all sheltered in place. As March turned into April and April turned into May we had to learn how to live and function in what became the "new normal." The Foley Council was, and still is, prohibited from gathering for our monthly membership meetings and events that are typically held on the DC campus. However, just like many of you, we adapted to the "new normal" and learned how to STAY CONNECTED. Our Council leadership set up online video conferencing and we have now held 3 Foley Council Membership meetings in May, June, and July through ZOOM.



Pre-COVID-19 Outbreak, Foley Knights working in the kitchen to serve yummy, hot, fresh fish and chips for the DC Lenten Fish Frys. From LEFT to RIGHT, **Brothers Rich Norwood, Pompeo Galasso, John Orischak and Dave Rich.**



Staying Connected. Foley Knights in attendance at Council Membership meetings through ZOOM video conferencing.

In these uncertain times, the Foley Knights stand strong. Even in the "new normal" our council continues to grow in membership despite the inability to meet in person. We welcomed 4 new members (**Sean Armstrong, Steve Wygonik, Dan Mianeki, and Peter Moore**) and **Tom Brefeld** advanced in his level of Knighthood through virtual exemplifications that were held online by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. We encourage all men of the DC parish to join our fraternal organization. This is a great time to get involved and stay connected. **If you are interested in joining this group of fine men, please email (gk2660@mikofc.org) or call or text me, Steve Lentz at 313-949-5162 or talk to any Foley Knight!**

We encourage all of you to stay connected with your family, friends, and DC parishioners. Take advantage of some of the online and video tools that are available. Keep in touch and let them know how much they mean to you and how you cannot wait for the time when we can safely gather.

THANK YOU

We should always be thankful for the blessings in our lives and openly express our thanks to the people that we owe gratitude. Last week I thanked our former Grand Knight and the newly elected Foley Council Officers for their commitment to leading our council. I also owe thanks to David Bieniak for faithfully serving as our Council's Financial Secretary for the last 15 years and keeping our council's finances in order. I also want to thank Fr. Bob, our Council's Chaplain, for his commitment to the Foley Knights and his willingness to strengthen the mutually rewarding relationship between the DC Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, August 12th – Membership Meeting
- Saturday & Sunday, August 29th and 30th – Membership Drive
- Sunday, August 30th – 5th Sunday Rosary led by Ernesto Bridgnanan