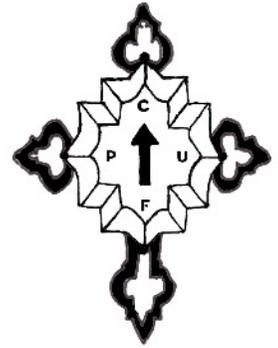




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SAVE THE DATE

Columbus Day Ball
Honoring our Knight of the Year
James Peloso

Sunday, October 7, 2018
Colden Manor at Spruce Loge
619 New York State Route 17K
Montgomery, N. Y.

\$50 Per person

Contact: Vincent Calosso (917-825-3299)
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RSVP No Later than September 28



Father Ignatius accepting a \$325 donation from the K of C Council 444 Inside Guard, Bill Kuntz. The donation was a direct result of the fish fry the council conducted. Many thanks to all who participated!



Father Damroth accepting a \$330 donation from the K of C Council 444 Inside Guard, Bill Kuntz and PGK Rich Irons. The donation was made possible by the fish fry the council conducted. Many thanks to all who participated.

Grand Knight's Thoughts

Hello my Brother Knights, as we are now in Spring and Winter has finally ended, we all hope. But on a very sad note, our long time Brother Knight Thomas Shustack who died last February 28, 2018, his family had his wake this past Friday, April 20, officiated by Fr. John Vondras P.G.K. Since Thomas was also a Sir Knight, twelve members of the Francis J. Gorman Assembly 696 Color Corp. Provided a Honor Guard Formation at Thomas' wake. Thomas was also an active member of this Color Corp. In the past. Six brother Knights who weren't in the Color Corp. from our council also attended the Wake. Thomas' son Lenard Shustack had "mentioned to all of us that of a very much sincere thanks to all of Knights attending his Father's Wake." We Knights greatly miss Thomas who headed up a lot of fund raising by raffle sales for our council, in addition of all of his other council volunteer work, to much to list here.

At the beginning of this year we received a very generous donation from the company that our Worthy Warden Vincent Calosso works for and he obtained a large TV and equipment which is now used only by our Brother Knights who can't walk up or down a flight of stairs, so that they can view and use a microphone as a way to participate during a meeting in our Council's Chamber. Thank you very much Vincent!

We also had a very successful first Fish Fry chaired by Knight of the Year Bill Kuntz, with the help of Brother Knights on Friday, March 23 at Gallo Hall, Sacred Heart School Cafeteria. The idea, request to do this Fish Fry came from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at Saint Mary's Friary, Newburgh. So, 105 people paid and enjoyed our Fish Fry, with a lot of help from the Knights who were both cooking and serving with the help from other volunteers as well. The total money paid in by people to attend this Fish Fry was \$655 of which our council donated \$330 to Sacred Heart Parish and \$325 to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at St. Mary's Friary, Newburgh for their local charity work. I also wanted to thank Brother Knights who donated the food and their time and help to make this a success! Chairman Bill Kuntz reports that he has ideas for future Fish Fry's in having Knights sign up to so specific tasks, such as set up, cooks, taking orders, serving and clean up.

As our council continues to participate in our Bi Annual Knights of Columbus Food for Family's Program, donations. I had the following honors, on April 7, 2018 to present a \$500 council check to assist the Deacon

Seymour Food Pantry of Sacred Heart - Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, to their Directors Paul and Linda Zalanowski. On this same giving day I also presented a \$500 council check to assist the Saint Patrick's - Saint Mary's - Our Lady of the Lake Parish Soup Kitchen to Vickie Miller who was representing Director Victoria McKoy. The on April 20, 2018, I presented a \$500 council check to assist the Saint Mary's Food Pantry Outreach to Director Marietta Allen. These food pantries and soup kitchen help feed the needy in our Newburgh City area.

Now our upcoming events are as follows: our next Fifth Sunday Rosary is April 29, 2018, right after the Mass at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church. Chairman is Brother Knight Ted Coughlin, cell phone 845-913-5631.

Family Fun Night for family and friends is Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 7 pm - 10 pm. Feel free to bring a sharing desert dish or chips. Contact Chairman Ken Ryan, P. G.K., His cell phone number is 845-667-1582 about your suggested game ideas.

Annual Summer Garage/Lawn Sale is June 9, 2018 on our council property from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Grand Knights Joe Coyle is chairman. So go through your collection from this past winter of items that you don't want and bring those donated goodies to us to be put in our garage at our Council Business Meeting on the first Tuesday or our Social Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month of May. Both meetings begin at 8 p.m. Sorry that we an not accept electrical items, T.V.s, computers and computer monitors, etc.

Our Annual Car Show is on Sunday, June 24, 2018, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. At the Sears Store parking lot at the Newburgh Mall. The rain date is July 1, 2018 which our Chairman Ken Ryan P.G.K, hopes that he doesn't have to use. His cell phone number is 845-667-1582.

At our Social Meeting last Tuesday, we selected a Nominating Committee for our Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444, K of C Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year beginning on July 1, 2018.

So, since my term as Worthy Grand Knight ends on June 30, 2018, this is my last Grand Knight's Thoughts Column. Thank you very much to all our council officers and Brother Knights who have donated of their talents and time and funds to help our council and me these past two terms, years of my service.

God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Joe Coyle

Knights of Columbus Recruitment

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith.

The Grand Knight is asking each member of our council to ask anyone he knows, who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus if they might be interested in joining our organization. As a reminder, they must be 18 years of age and be a practicing Catholic. If you or the potential member has questions or concerns, please contact our Chancellor, Ray Lopez, at 845-561-2003. Of course, any member of our council would be more than happy to assist. Don't forget about all the insurance products that are only available to Knights. Our insurance agent, Greg Sobeleski (PGK) at 845-782-4681, would gladly assist with any questions.

Ascension of Jesus

Thursday, May 10, is the Ascension of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. It celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. Here are the answers to seven questions that were posed to His Holiness, Pope Francis about Jesus' Ascension:

Question 1: Your Holiness, what is a good starting point for understanding the Ascension?

[Pope Francis:] Let us start from the moment when Jesus decided to make his last pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

St Luke notes: "When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).

While he was "going up" to the Holy City, where his own "exodus" from this life was to occur, Jesus already saw the destination, heaven, but he knew well that the way which would lead him to the glory of the Father passed through the Cross, through obedience to the divine design of love for mankind.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: "The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven" (n. 662).

Question 2: What can we learn from this?

[Pope Francis:] We too should be clear in our Christian life that entering the glory of God demands daily fidelity to his will, even when it demands sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans.

The Ascension of Jesus actually happened on the Mount of Olives, close to the place where he had withdrawn to pray before the Passion in order to remain in deep union with the Father: Once again we see that prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God's plan.

Question 3: How does Luke's Gospel describe the Ascension?

[Pope Francis:] At the end of his Gospel, St Luke gives a very concise account of the event of the Ascension.

Jesus led his disciples "out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God" (Lk 24:50-53).

This is what St Luke says.

I would like to note two elements in the account.

Question 4: What is the first element?

[Pope Francis:] First of all, during the Ascension Jesus made the priestly gesture of blessing, and the disciples certainly expressed their faith with prostration, they knelt with bowed heads.

This is a first important point: Jesus is the one eternal High Priest who with his Passion passed through death and the tomb and ascended into heaven. He is with God the Father where he intercedes for ever in our favour (cf. Heb 9:24).

As St. John says in his First Letter, he is our Advocate: How beautiful it is to hear this!

When someone is summoned by the judge or is involved in legal proceedings, the first thing he does is to seek a lawyer to defend him. (Continued on page 4)

We have One who always defends us, who defends us from the snares of devil, who defends us from ourselves and from our sins!

Dear brothers and sisters, we have this Advocate; let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy!

He always pardons us, he is our Advocate: He always defends us! Don't forget this!

The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God.

Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God.

If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate.

Question 5: What is the second element?

[Pope Francis] St Luke says that having seen Jesus ascending into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy."

This seems to us a little odd. When we are separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence.

The Evangelist instead emphasizes the profound joy of the Apostles.

But how could this be?

Precisely because, with the gaze of faith they understand that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them for ever, he does not abandon them and in the glory of the Father supports them, guides them and intercedes for them.

Question 6: How does Luke's other book--the book of Acts--record the Ascension?

[Pope Francis:] St Luke too recounts the event of the Ascension — at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles — to emphasize that this event is like the link of the chain that connects Jesus'

earthly life to the life of the Church.

Here St Luke also speaks of the cloud that hid Jesus from the sight of the disciples, who stood gazing at him ascending to God (cf. Acts 1:9-10).

Then two men in white robes appeared and asked them not to stand there looking up to heaven but to nourish their lives and their witness with the certainty that Jesus will come again in the same way in which they saw him ascending into heaven (cf. Acts 1:10-11).

This is the invitation to base our contemplation on Christ's lordship, to find in him the strength to spread the Gospel and to witness to it in everyday life: contemplation and action, ora et labora [Latin, "pray and work"], as St Benedict taught, are both necessary in our life as Christians.

Question 7: What does the Ascension imply about Jesus' presence with us?

[Pope Francis:] Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way.

He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension.

He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.

In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us.

We are never alone: The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.

We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

WHAT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY?

You are cordially invited to a birthday party!

When: Pentecost - May 20

Where: Your Parish

Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that

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because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this very important day:

+ Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing “Happy Birthday,” recite a prayer for Pentecost. Most prayer books contain special prayers for this special day.

+ Wear something red. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.

+ Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.

The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today. This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicus*, and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Corpus Christi is on Sunday, June 3, this year.

PRAY WITH THE CARMELITES AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was founded to encourage and perpetuate devotion to Mary and her scapular under the special title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Situated on 60 beautiful acres in the mid-Hudson region of New York State, the shrine is open 7 days a week, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm year around. Daily mass is celebrated Monday through Friday, 11:30 am and Sundays at 12 noon. A healing mass is also celebrated on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. All pilgrims are welcome to the Shrine. Here you can witness the importance of prayer in your life while deepening your commitment to God and devotion to Our Lady.

Visitors may participate in daily and Sunday liturgies, days of recollection, novenas and celebrations for Carmelite feast days, the sacrament of reconciliation and the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Our programs promote the spirituality of prayer, reflection, meditation and devotion to Mary and the Carmelite saints. Visit the Carmelite Gift Store, relax in the picnic grove or stroll along trails bordered by lakes and enhanced by a Cloister Walk with Carmelite Stations of the Cross and outdoor shrines.

The shrine is ministered by the Carmelite Friars of the North American Province of St. Elias, the St. Edith Stein Chapter of Lay Carmelites and The Friends of the Shrine.

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Visitors may participate in daily liturgy Monday through Friday at 11:30 am and on Sundays at 12:00 noon.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

A monthly Healing Mass is celebrated on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Healing Mass Cards are available at our Gift Shop or by calling 845-344-2226.

Days of recollection, novenas and celebrations for Carmelite feast days are offered.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross and a Monastic cloister walk encourage pilgrims to spend time in prayer in a special way.

Our many programs promote the spirituality of prayer, silent reflection, meditation and devotion to Mary and the Carmelite saints.

The beautiful 60 acre setting of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel offers a peaceful, pastoral place to pray in silence and meditate on the presence of God in one's life. You are invited to visit any day between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. No appointment is needed to make a personal visit. Groups are encouraged to contact us if you require our assistance.

Address: 70 Carmelite Drive
Middletown, New York 10940

Directions from Newburgh, N.Y.:
Take Route I-84 West to Exit 3W. After exiting make a right turn onto Route 17M West, go to the second traffic light and turn left. Go to the next traffic light and turn right onto Wawayanda Ave. You will pass Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School on the right. Turn left onto Carmelite Drive.

Excerpt from the Decree of Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, concerning the merger of Sacred Heart and Saint Francis of Assisi churches.

1. The parish of Sacred Heart and the parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, Newburgh, New York, are merged. The name of the newly merged parish will be the parish of Sacred Heart and Saint Francis of Assisi until such time when the parish community through the pastor proposes a new name. The parish will have two churches.
2. The church of Sacred Heart is herewith designated as the parish church.
3. The church of Saint Francis of Assisi will maintain a regular schedule of Masses and the celebration of other sacraments.
4. All members of the originating parishes shall now become members of the new parish.
5. All registers containing records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials hitherto preserved by the parish of Sacred Heart, Newburgh, New York, and the parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, Newburgh, New York, are to be conveyed to the offices of the newly merged parish at the premises of Sacred Heart, where they shall be faithfully preserved according to canon 535, 1 -5 of the Code of Canon Law.

This merger will be effective on July 1, 2018.

I further order this decree to be made public to all the faithful through its publication on this day, February 25, 2018, on the website of the Archdiocese.

This publication on the website will be the legitimate notification. A notarized copy of the decree will be sent to the pastor and an announcement will be made in the Archdiocesan newspaper.

Signed by:

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of May, June and July.

5/01 John Flannery	5/01 William Pushman
5/02 Rev. Bladi Socualaya	5/03 Roberto Criollo
5/03 Jude Martini	5/06 Christopher Wing
5/12 Joseph Panoski	5/14 Jorge Sardina
5/16 Francisco Miranda	5/17 Ediberto Soto
5/19 Charles Alexander	5/20 Stephan Gaba
5/26 Kevin Petrarca	
5/30 Rev. Fernando Hernandez	
5/31 Christian Vondras	
6/01 Salvatore Aulogia	6/01 Thomas DeBenedictus
6/05 Andrew Civale	6/06 Kevin Jones
6/07 Kevin Meah	6/12 Samuel Sodano
6/14 Charles Koran	6/15 Rev William Scafidi
6/16 Harry Birch	6/19 Gregory Gaetano
6/26 Robert Specht	6/26 Charles Starsiak
6/29 Most Rev. Charles Balvo	
6/30 William Rogers	
7/01 Thomas Amodeo	7/01 Bro. Luke Wittmann
7/02 Salvatore Accolla	7/03 Dale Rodriguez
7/06 Charles Aregbesola	7/11 Charles Piper Jr.
7/12 Timothy Brink	7/14 Anthony D'Angelo
7/14 Richard P. Kelly	7/14 I. Scott Watkins
7/15 John Grimm	7/17 Steven Giammattei
7/20 Dr. Parry Peet	7/21 Jerome Wyant
7/24 Edward West	7/25 Vincent Calosso
7/25 Terry Shepardson	7/29 E. Bryce Lee
7/30 Deacon William Castellane	
7/31 James Hutlock	

Lift High the Cross

Knights of Columbus Council #444
Sears Auto & Saturday Night Cruisers
8th Annual Msgr. Henry O'Carroll
Memorial Car Show
Newburgh Mall - Sears Parking Lot
1401 Union Avenue, Route 300
Newburgh, N.Y.
Sunday, June 24, 2018
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
(Rain Date - July 1)

We desperately need volunteers to help out with various jobs. Call the following and let them know you can help:
PGK Ken Ryan 845-565-8015
DGK Charles Smith 845-561-8647

Please join us at our Social Meeting on June 19th at 8 P.M. We will have a guest speaker. The current Chaplin at Mount Saint Mary's College, Father Gregoire Fluet PhD.

Calendar of Council Meetings

01 May: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
08 May: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
15 May: Social Meeting at 8 P.M.
22 May: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
29 May: Corporation Meeting at 8 P.M.
05 Jun: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
12 Jun: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
19 Jun: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
26 Jun: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
03 Jul: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
10 Jul: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
17 Jul: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
24 Jul: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
31 Jul: Corporation meeting at 8 P.M.
07 Aug: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
14 Aug: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
21 Aug: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
28 Aug: Corporation meeting at 8 P.M..
Note: The Rosary will be said before every regular and social meeting at 7:30 PM

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October 7, 2018
Honoring Our Knight of the Year
James Peloso
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RSVP No Later Than 9/28/2018
For Tickets or Additional Information Contact:
Chairman Vincent Calosso
(917-825-3299) or
William Kuntz (201-697-9920)

Council Garage Sale

June 9, 2018 at our Council House
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Please bring goods to sell. Please no electrical items.
Contact GK Joe Coyle at 845-561-7384

St. Mary's Outreach

Volunteers are needed the third Thursday and Friday of every month from 8 A.M. To 1 P.M. Thursdays are set up days and Fridays are the "giving" days. Report to Mannix Hall (The old St. Mary's School next to St. Mary's parking lot.) Call Marietta Allen at 845-566-1425

St. Francis of Assisi Church Outreach

Need volunteers on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9 A.M. to Noon. Note that the Outreach has moved to the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center at 319 Broadway. If you can help or have questions, please call Linda or Paul at 845-234-8564..

Help Collect Box Tops for Education

We are asking all fellow Knights to help collect "box tops for education". Just look for the symbol below on almost any dry good that you get from the store, clip it, and bring it in to the Council. We are supporting the Nora Cronin Academy with these donations. For additional information contact PGK Scott at 564-0339.

