

# History of the De LaSalle Council No. 590



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1901, De La Salle Council # 590 was instituted. Five-five members were initiated into the First Degree of our order on that day by a degree team from Philadelphia.

Mr. John V. Loughney of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania was elected the Council's first Grand Knight, Rev. Francis J. Markee, Pastor of St. Philomena's Church, was appointed our first Chaplain.

In the organization of the Council, Mr. Loughney was assisted by Joseph F. Brown, John B. Comber, Edward L. Donnelly, Bernard Doherty, John B. Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher, Thomas Gaffney, John Hefner, John Harley, Thomas Hughes, Sr. Thomas Hughes, Jr. William F. Hughes, Samuel J. Johnston, Andrew B. Kean, Murtha J. Kelley, John V. Loughney, the Rev. Francis J. Markee, George Marlow, Edward J. Mingey, Louis J. Meyer, Daniel D. Mullin, John Manley, John

T. Mulligan, Alexander J. Morris, Cornelius McCullough, Dr. John A. McKenna, Charles B. McGonigle, James McCullough, Patrick J. McCullough, Bernard McDevitt, John F.R. McDevitt, Michael J. Nolan, John I. Nolan, James L. Ryan, Charles J. Ryan, John T. Schappett, Thomas J. Sullivan, Milner r. Sharkey, Benedict L. Sharkey, William Sinnott, Jr. and Charles Tete Jr. who were know as charter members.

The Council held their meetings in various halls in Lansdowne, including the Lansdowne Company Fire House and the auditorium of St. Philomena's School. John served as Grand Knight until 1904, after which he was appointed District Deputy.

In 1914, John Loughney was selected Master of the fourth Degree of Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Delaware, which embraces the territory east of Scranton and the State of Delaware. He held this office until 1928 when he was appointed Vice Supreme Master which he held until 1941. His ceremonial sword was donated to De La Salle Council in 1982.

In 1905, a property was purchased by the Home Association located at 20 East Baltimore Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, (next to the Fire House). With the purchase of our own home, we were able to have two meetings a monthly and hold our own degrees.

During the depression years, due to a decrease in membership and revenues, it was necessary for the Home Association to sell the building. The building was purchased by a member of the council, who was kind enough to allow us to continue to hold our meetings in the Home. From 1940 to 1947 our meetings were moved around from one place to another.

In 1947 the property on Baltimore Pike in Springfield was purchased

There in 1961 was constructed a large Council Home and the De La Salle Swim Club. Pictured to the right is Grand Knight Martin Snyder accepting congratulations from Anthony Sobzak, President of the De La Salle Home Association and Edward Kistner, the temporary President of the De La Salle Swim Club. Over the next 50 years of existence the De La Salle family grew from 57 members in 1901 to over 2000 members and assisted in furthering the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism. In 2003 we sold the property to the owner's of Mille Company from Florida. It was fifty years of a great family place with wonderful times and memories.



### GRAND KNIGHTS FROM 1901 TO 2001 - THE 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY

John V. Loughney	1901-1904	Alexander McGrath	1961-1963
Michael J. Nolan	1904-1906	Charles Shearer	1963-1964
Dr. John A. McKenna	1906-1908	John Harkins	1964-1966
Edward J. Mingey	1908-1909	Christian f. Hartner Jr.	1966-1968
John Jordan	1909-1911	Thomas E. McHugh Jr.	1968-1970
Albert J. Crawford	1911-1913	Nicholas A. Micozzie	1970-1972
Louis J. Meyer	1913-1915	Thomas P. Murphy Jr.	1972-1974
Thomas H. Cullinan	1915-1917	Louis Di Filippo	1972-1974
James E. Cummings	1917-1918	Joseph Campanella	1978-1980
Albert J. Crawford	1918-1920	Joseph W. Hammond	1980-1982
William F. Culhane	1920-1924	Gerald D. Paradis	1982-1984
Peter F. Higgins	1924-1928	Stephen A. Migliaccio	1984-1986
Phillip A. Bailey	1928-1932	Jacob A. Bierling	1986-1988
Edward P. Gallen	1932-1936	Aaron F. Cabbage	1988-1990
Hugh Doherty	1936-1938	Charles Cunningham	1990-1992
James H. Fitzgerald	1938-1939	Michael Gilfedder Jr.	1992-1994
George W. Ritzinger	1939-1941	Michael Humphreys	1994-1996
William Doherty	1941-1949	Robert Burke	1996-1998
Charles Shillingford	1949-1953	Charles J. Frank	1998-2000
James MacCory	1953-1957	John Cruice Jr.	2000-2002
Daniel Boyle	1957-1959		
Martin Snyder	1959-1961		