



## ***Jan March Quarterly Coffee Run Newsletter***

### ***Grand Knight Message – Sir Knight Michael Bailey***

Brothers,

God bless all of you and your loved ones in this time of global health crisis.

As we all hunker down individually or with our loved ones to do our part to control the spread, we find our lives quieter, simpler, some may feel cut off and bored. With the loss of distractions, this is an ideal time to spend some time with our Lord, getting to know him better, being humble, getting closer to him, thanking him for the gifts he has given us, listening to what he may be trying to tell us.

The First Quarter of this year started well, with our normal flurry of events, signaling a strong year, and some of those programs and activities are detailed in this quarterly newsletter. Then the Wuhan Virus came, and most activities are cancelled, or on hold until it is under control.

This pandemic is also affecting the Knights of Columbus and how we normally conduct business. All face to face meeting including Council Business Meetings, Degree Exemplifications, social events, and even the social events of Delaware State Council Convention have been canceled. Our Council is conducting business though videoconferencing for now. Our focus at this time is the safety and needs of our Brother Knights, Parish and Community. We will let you know when that changes and we can return to normal operations.

For now, stay safe and Pray with me to our God for this to pass us by. Vivat Jesus,

## ***Deputy Grand Knight Michael Brown***

***Knight of the Quarter-Nick Mastrocinque - In addition to leading the Sages Group at St Mary's, Nick has made improvements and enhanced both Our Coffee Run Website and Newsletter.***

***Family of the Quarter- The Paulus Family- In addition to Ralph & Emily managing another Souper Bowl Food Drive, Ralph has stepped up his overall leadership in our Council, in many areas.***

## ***Membership Sir Thomas Green***



***Membership: Tom Green***





***Congratulation to Chris Metkiff for achieving Full Knighthood (Third Degree)! Chris is the first candidate from our Council to be Exemplified with the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity Degree. The Degree was hosted by Seton Council on January 28th. Two other firsts, were that the Degree Ceremony followed a Mass and Chris' wife & children were able to witness the ceremony. John Baldo and I were observers.***



***In case you were not aware, since January 1, 2020, there have been some major changes to the Degree structure. The knights of Columbus have developed a new combined Degree titled "Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity". This one Degree Exemplification has replaced the three individual Degrees (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees) and can be presented in a Council Chamber or in a Church following a Mass. Also, the secrecy requirement has be dropped so your family & friends can attend.***

***Also, Congratulations to Marc McDonald for completing his journey to Full Knighthood!***

*As a First-Degree Knight, Marc took the new Combined Degree Exemplification hosted by Christopher Council on February 16th.*

*We also have five approved candidates awaiting their Degree Ceremony once the Corona Virus State of Emergency has been lifted.*

*And last but certainly not least, we welcome three new Brother Knights to our Council via transfer: Ryan Dunphy from a College Council, Bert Hahn from St. John Council & Drew Pettingill from San Pablo Council.*

### *Emmanuel International Night*

*Each month, Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR) host a monthly International theme night. Due to the cancellation of another group, they had a need for a group to sponsor their January event. All proceeds from the event help the EDR feed those in need every day.*

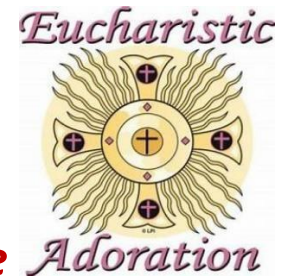
*Tom & Ann Strab brought this to our Council. This seemed like the perfect opportunity under Faith in Action "Helping Hands" to support a local food kitchen. We were more than happy to support EDR with this very important fundraising event. Our Council is blessed with the talents and resources necessary to take on such a project.*

*Our chef Franz Portmann choose a Swiss theme and Mike Brown entertained the guest playing tunes on the piano. In all, 11 Knights and 5 wives participated in the event.*

*The event sold out quickly and the organizers were very pleased with how the event went. See attached Thank You letter from Brother Ronald Giannone, Executive Director, Ministry of Caring. We provided the food and served 140 guests*







## ***Faith in Action Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -Sir James White***

*Knights continue to sign up with James White or thru Website "Event Calendar"*

## ***Man Up Philly Event -Rich Deegan***

*Nine Knights from Coffee Run Council attend the Event. New Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia was there and stayed through the whole event. Great program, this would be a very Good introduction to "Cornerstone Retreat"!*



## ***Culture of Life- Michael Skorup***

*"Silver Rose of Life "program discussed with Father Dillingham and he is willing to participate again in the Fall 2020.*

*During this historical time for our country it is outrageous that Planned Parenthood (PP) in Delaware is open and performing abortions! We see that so much of our state has been told to close and shelter in place, but PP is allowed to continue killing babies!*

*Please...we cannot remain silent, and we need to do our civic duty to contact Gov. Carney to tell him that PP and abortion sites need to be stopped today.*

*As Mark Harrington from Created Equal asks, "... Will they (states) allow ppe (personal protective equipment) and other supplies to be used by abortion workers rather than frontline health care workers? Will they state that the work of those who end human life has the same importance as those who are working desperately to save human life? What price is our society willing to pay to keep the facilities where babies are killed open, when everything else is closing down?"*

*Please take a few minutes to call Gov. Carney at his Dover office 302-744-4101 or Wilmington office 302-577-3210.*

*"It's working," Mark Harrington said. "Our phone calls to Governors are having an effect. Babies are alive today because of the efforts of hundreds of pro-life Americans. Almost daily new states are issuing orders to stop the spread of COVID 19 by demanding that abortions stop. We need to keep the pressure on." Let's make Delaware the next state to stop its abortions, please!*

*Thank you for taking civic action with your phone calls, and please ask others to do so. Vivat Jesus,*

*Mike Skorup*

## ***Community Parish Ride Program- Sir Steve Haller***

*Parish Ride Program continues going well. Could use more drivers contact Steve Haller*

## ***Fish Fry- Sir Anthony Gennusa***

***Fish Fry had ended early due to Corona Virus Pandemic  
Thanks to the final cleanup crew***



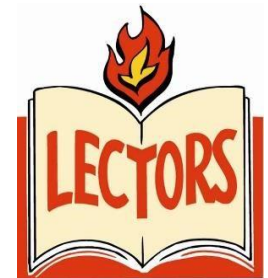
## ***Mardi Gras- Sir Gerry Safranski***

***Sixty people attended. Good time for all. Need a Chairman for this event next year 2021***

## ***Lecturer-Edward Donnelly Jr.***

### ***Mentoring Program-***

***Carl Osterlof is leading the effort to revise the booklet and process. Time table is for the current draft to be reviewed and finalized by the end of March. Brochure printed and implemented by end of April and then training session with a select group of Council Members.***





## **Columbia Magazine-**

***Charlie Talkowski continues to lead the effort to collect old issues of Columbia Magazines and place them on the Chapel Information table for interested parties to pick up, take home and read the articles. Maybe a recruiting tool or at least generating interest in learning more about the knights. We are considering a label to be placed on the magazine that if interested contact membership chairman. So far, the issues have moved each month.***

## **Council Prayers Needed**

***Our Council prayers go out to Our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Leader Sir John McCormick. John has become seriously ill and we ask you keep him in your prayers as well as his wife Sharon, and member Knights John McCormick & Thomas***



***McCormick and the whole family.***

***We all are praying for a quick recovery for our Brother Knight John.***



***Next Council Newsletter articles due June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020***

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