



Knights of Columbus



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Council Newsletter – July-August 2016-2017

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Chaplain
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3 years
Trustee 2 years
Trustee 1 year
Program Director
District Deputy 5
Past State Deputy

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Rev. Christopher R Coffey
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Michael Bailey
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John J Baldo
Francis J Swift
Eugene Sinko
Timothy J Strab
Anthony V Gennusa
Nick Mastrocinque
Lawrence B Maguire
John R Giles
Keith M Lord
Thomas D Green
Lawrence B Maguire
Gerry L Safranski

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Council Director
Community Director
Family Director
Youth Director
Membership Director
Recruitment Director
Ceremonials Director
Vocations Director
Pro-Life Couple
Lecturer
Ladies Auxiliary
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Fraternal Services
Newsletter/Web
Insurance Agent

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Michael Bailey
John J Schoff
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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we start the new Columbian Year, we continue our efforts to make our Parish, our community and our Council better and stronger.

Tom Green's efforts to recruit new brothers and guide them through the steps to full Knighthood, has led us to our highest membership ever. These new brothers are already contributing to our efforts and along with our more experienced brothers, I feel really good about our potential for the coming year and beyond. Thanks to everyone for your help and let's do it again this year.

Congratulations to Brother Larry Maguire, our new District Deputy.

Please visit our new web site, www.kofc6768.org and become familiar with it. You can interact with all of your brother knights through it and post your prayer requests and more. The website will become more important to us as our council moves forward.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Hills

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter into the beautiful summer months of July and August, we are reminded of our Nations Independence, especially as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. As we sit outside with burgers, hotdogs, and cool drinks, we see Ol' Glory fly proudly in the warm and refreshing wind. That flag that represents the Greatest Nation in the World is now more than ever at risk from being taken away from us.

Our Bishops of the United States ask us during this time to pray for our Nations Independence and for our Religious Freedom. We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are Knights of Columbus. We are proud to be all three, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens.

To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding fathers and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together.

We as Knights have to live out that calling- to be Knights! We must fight for our Religious Freedom and be proud to be Catholic! Be proud to be American! Our nation seeks to remove God from the public square and hush us believers in the One True God. Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans.

After all, this is One Nation UNDER GOD, Indivisible, with Unity and Justice for All

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Chris

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

GENERAL

July 2016 starts the new 2016-2017 Columbian Year, at our last meeting of the 2015-2016 Columbian year, June 2016, we elected our officers for the coming year. Congratulations to Grand Knight: Terry Hills; Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Green; Chancellor: Mike Bailey; Recording Secretary: John Scholl; Treasurer: Fran Swift; Advocate: Gene Sinko; Warden: Tim Strab; Inside Guard: Tony Gennusa; Outside Guard; Nick Mastrocinque & Chris Dougherty; Trustees: Larry Maguire (3 yr.), Rusty Giles (2 yr.) & Keith Lord (1 yr.) In addition, our appointed officers are: Chaplain: Rev Christopher Coffey, Financial Secretary: John Baldo and Lecturer: Fred Perella.

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Please join me in **congratulating** our newest Knights, Rick Stejskal & Don Tomovich! Rick took his First & Second Degrees on May 24th, at Seton Council and Don took his First Degree on June 5th, at St. Pius X Council.

I also have at least two new candidate applications to be presented at the July business meeting. This is a good start towards meeting our membership goal for this 2016-17 Columbian Year.

Our council will receive 20,000 VIP bonus points from Supreme for recruiting over 12 new Knights this past Columbian Year. It has been suggested that we use these points towards replacing our officer jewels.

But what I find most gratifying is that over 50 percent of these new knights have already attained their Third Degree in their first year with most of the others intending to do so as well.

PRO LIFE – John Baldo

ROSE FOR LIFE:

Brother Knights scheduled to present the Rose and Prayer Card during July and August are as follows:
7/10 - Len Correale; 7/24 - Nick Mastrocinque; 8/14 - Kevin O'Neill; 8/28 - Ken Willis All dates 1:00 pm
Thanks to all for carrying out this joyful ministry.

DEFEND LIFE! - By Romy Aquino

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! As we celebrate our Independence Day, let us also give praise to the mighty Father for his continued blessings to our nation. As Americans, we always stand ready to defend freedom.

Sadly though, as a people, we do not have the same zeal for defending life. The Knights of Columbus is always at the forefront of this struggle. Our own Coffee Run Council #6768 always provides support to the Pro-Life Committee at St. Mary's in this effort. It is also well represented at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.



Show your support by joining the next **March for Life**, scheduled for **Jan. 27, 2017, Friday**. Details will follow, as the date gets closer. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty, or give me death." I say, you need life first before you can clamor for liberty.

UD FALL FOOTBALL PARKING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Ralph Paulus

Coffee Run made about \$1500 directing traffic and parking for the 6 home football games in 2015. It takes about 5.5 hours of time for each game (not counting your travel time). Rate is \$10/hour per person. We arrive early enough to catch a bus from the Star parking lot to get to our work location. We start 5 hours before the game time. The first hour is a combination of getting organized, and managing who is allowed to come on to the facility. Four hours before game time the people with reserved tags, general parking and vendors can come on to the facility. At this point the work is directing people to the correct entrances, parking people in the designated areas or answering questions about the game or facilities etc. We can train you in the organizing hour I mentioned above.

This is not hard work and we work as a team. We need to staff 5 people at each game... the 2016 season has 5 home games. If UD goes to playoffs, there may be as many as 3 additional games to staff.

Laz Parking is in charge of managing parking on the UD properties. They require a background check before you can participate in these events. **You can volunteer on the website www.kofc6768.org/ under events on each day of the games.** If you have questions you can contact either Ralph Paulus at (PaulusRE@yahoo.com or 302-234-1897) or Mike Bailey at (mibailey@gmail.com or 302-540-3200).

Schedule of Home Games as of now:

Thursday	September 1 Delaware State	7:00 PM	Arrive 1:45 PM	Volunteer parking area
Saturday	October 8 Maine	3:30 PM	Arrive: 10:15 AM	Volunteer parking area
Saturday	October 22 Stony Brook	3:30 PM	Arrive: 10:15 AM	Volunteer parking area
Saturday	October 29 Towson	3:30 PM	Arrive: 10:15 AM	Volunteer parking area
Saturday	November 19 Villanova	To Be Announced		

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

The Ladies Auxiliary will be on summer hiatus until September.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please pray for the repose of the souls of "*Angelo Chiari, Frank Fountain, Josephine Ambrose, Tom McLaughlin, Frank Albanese and Fred Clemens*".

Also please remember and pray for all of our sick, nursing home-bound and home-bound brothers and sisters in your daily prayers; especially ... "*Bobbie Donohoe, Joyce Embley, Jean Dunphy, Bruce Kirk, Ed Bertheaud, Tom Strab, Fran Swift, Frances Albanese, Frank Di Benedetto, Elizabeth Darcy, Ray Babiarz, Bruce Kirk, Grace Kirk, John Barringer, Gertrude Barringer, Reyn Cierniak, Peg Lord, and Alec Clark*".

REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

With My Hand Over My Heart

July is a time filled with expressions of patriotism -- flags flying, parades, Sousa marches, fireworks displays accompanied by martial music, and recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance. How often have we placed our hands over our hearts, faced the nation's flag, and recited this brief statement of fealty? Do we understand, however, what we are saying, or has the recital become a ritual, a mere collection of words, a formality before certain public events?

The Pledge is an outward declaration of fidelity to a nation uniquely conceived and to the values and beliefs for which it stands. Consider the significance of what is being expressed in the brief 31 words.

I pledge allegiance – This says that it is a personal and individual promise of loyalty. It is a continuation of the oath made by the signers of the Declaration of Independence who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to create this nation. It is a commitment to the patrimony that has been handed down from generations past and a vow to maintain the nation's precepts for generations to come.

to the flag – The banner is not a mere piece of colorful bunting, but a symbol of the nation, a memorial to the sacrifices that were made to create, maintain, protect and develop this country. It is a reminder of the nation's history, traditions, culture, the principles upon which it was founded, and the values which it espouses.

of the United States of America – It does not refer to any country, but only this country, which is an embodiment of fifty states and tens of thousands of communities, each with its individual character. It is a country composed of people with heritages from every corner of the earth.

and to the Republic for which it stands -- This nation formed a government, as President Lincoln so eloquently stated, "of the people, by the people, for the people." The power of governance resides in the people who elect individuals to exercise authority according to the rule of law on their behalf.

one nation – The country is not a confederation of sovereign entities, but a united set of states. It is a single nation with a Constitution which enumerates a division of powers between the national government and the states and localities.

under God – America was established by people of faith, founded on a belief that everyone is created equal, that they possess certain unalienable rights provided to them by their Creator. As a gift of God, the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness cannot be justly abrogated or abridged by any state, government, dictator, or will of the majority. The primary purpose of government is to provide the assurance that people can exercise those pre-existing rights; it does not create, grant or dispense them. The government exists for the people, not people for the government. This endowment of unalienable rights by a transcendent being is the essence of the American premise.

indivisible – The union of states was forged as a single country with the blood and sacrifices of some three million men who fought a Civil War among themselves, from which emerged a "resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation...shall not perish from the earth."

with liberty and justice for all – America was established on the basis of liberty and justice, as a country where people could enjoy freedom in their homes, churches, businesses, schools, private organizations and public associations, where political liberty would allow faith to flourish, where religious liberty would be protected by just laws.

This brief vow and solemn remembrance of what the United States stands for should be internalized, said regularly, and adhered to by all who cherish this nation.

The great danger to America today is a loss of religious faith, a lack of recognition that this is a nation under God. If the substance of being an American is rooted in the transcendental, then a loss of belief in God leads to a loss of belief that the rights bestowed by Him are intrinsic and unalienable. If these rights are to be retained, then a belief in God must be maintained.

The early Americans were very aware of the importance of faith among the people. They were convinced that without a societal belief in God the nation's founding principles would be at risk. John Adams stated, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." George Washington, in his Farewell Address to the Nation, cautioned that "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." Patrick Henry warned, "It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."

From the time of the Pilgrims onward, colonial governors, legislatures, Revolutionary leaders, presidents and the Congress have issued hundreds of proclamations acknowledging the existence of God and calling for public fasting and prayer to seek His grace and thank Him for His beneficence. In time of war, in the Christmas season, and in their traditional Thanksgiving Day proclamations, most presidents have made reference to the Almighty. Congress, even today, opens its daily sessions with a prayer.

For decades, however, vocal minorities, operating through the courts, have been driving God from virtually all public recognition. Although the vast majority of the people in America currently state that they believe in God, a large and growing number no longer affiliate with any organized religion. Further, almost half of adults under 30 years of age do not feel certain that there is a God. Our society today is more anti-religious in its policies and regulations, its views and attitudes, its behavior and temperament than it has ever been.

Catholics, indeed all Christians, can play a catalytic role in combatting the secularization of this nation and in restoring and preserving its founding values. Let us demonstrate the complementarity of religion and patriotism.

As Americans, let us commit ourselves to support the Constitution, promote laws that are just and respect the dignity of every person, mold public opinion on issues that affect our religious precepts, and promote virtue and morality that must underlie a nation of, for and by the people. As Catholics, let us practice patriotism and citizenship consistent with Catholic virtues and Church teachings. It is when we live our religious beliefs conscientiously and faithfully and advance them in the public square that we make our most beneficial contributions to the nation.

May America remain one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.
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CATHOLIC READING -“RENDER UNTO CAESAR”

We have obtained copies of this book by Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia and they are available at the Gathering Space and the Chapel entrance.

Archbishop Chaput argues that American public life must be considered within the context of its Christian Roots and that American Democracy does not ask its citizens to put aside their deeply held moral and religious beliefs for the sake of public policy. In fact, it requires exactly the opposite.

To quote one reviewer, “This isn’t just a book for Catholics; it’s for anyone who cares about the state of America’s soul.”

Particularly in this election year, there is an important message for all of us. A donation of \$3.00 is requested, but not required. Take a copy today.

COMMITTEES THAT NEED A CHAIRPERSON

See committee list below. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees or if you would like information about any of our committees, contact: PGK Keith Lord 302 999-9451.

1. Family Director		
2. Tootsie Roll Chairman		
3. Raffle Chair (For Student Scholarships)		
4. Retreat Chair (Malvern or Local)		
5. Knights Breakfast Chair		
6. Essay Contest Chair		
7. Chess Tournament Chair		
8. Recycle Chairman		
9. First Degree Team: Grand Knight’s part		

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Brother Knights,

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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Schedule of Events

July - August 2016

July	Activity	Location	Time
Jul 04-16, Mon	Fourth of July Holiday		
Jul 10-16, Sun	First Degree	St. Pius Council	7:30 PM
Jul 11-16 Mon	Adoration	Chapel	11:00 AM -12:00 Noon
Jul 13,16 Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jul 17-16, Sun	Installation State Officers	Holy Angles Church	4:00 PM
Jul 18-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family	7:00 PM
Jul 20-16, Wed	First & Second Degrees	Brother Vincent Council	6:30 PM
TBD	Coffee Run Council Officer Installation		
August	Activity	Location	Time
Aug-01-16, Mon	Adoration	Chapel	11:00 AM -12:00 Noon
Aug-01-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting	Holy Angles	7:00 PM
Aug-02-16, Tue	Supreme Convention	Toronto, Canada	
Aug-03-16, Wed	Supreme Convention	Toronto, Canada	
Aug-04-16, Thu	Supreme Convention	Toronto, Canada	
Aug-07-16, Sun	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Officer Installation	St Polycarp Church	2:00 PM
Aug-07-16, Sun	First Degree	St. Pius Council	7:30 PM
Aug-10-16, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Aug-11-16, Thu	State Meeting	TBD	6:30 PM
Aug-13-16, Sat	Feast of the Assumption - Ice Cream Social	St Mary's Rm	After 5:00 PM Mass
Aug-15-16, Mon	Feast of the Assumption		
Aug-21-16, Sun	Annual State Picnic	Holy Rosary Grounds	1:00 PM

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