



Knights of Columbus



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Council Newsletter – March April 2016

Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Grand Knight Message

The brothers of Coffee Run Council wish to extend condolences to the family of Brother Angelo J Chiari, who passed away on February 20th 2016, and to brother Ralph Paulus and his family for the loss of Ralph's mother. May they both rest in peace.

The first four Lenten Friday Fish-Fry's have been a huge success due to the team of John McCormick and Tony Gennusa. Tony is taking over the chair for this event from John. The Council wishes to thank both brothers and their wives for the outstanding job they are doing.

Effective March 1st, 2016, the Coffee Run Council website will be replaced by a new web site, www.kofc6768.org. This new site is tailored to the activities of a Knights of Columbus Council. The existing web site will be shut down effective May 1, 2016. Joe Clark will have more information in this newsletter.

The FOURTIETH Anniversary Dinner & Celebration, set for April 10th, at Hartefeld National Golf in Avondale Pa. is coming together under the leadership of Jerry Safranski.

My last item, I want to make sure that I thank everyone in our council, you guys are great, sometimes I fear I forget to say thank you.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Hills

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter into the Season of Lent, we wait with great joy and expectation for the coming Sacred Feast of Easter. But, we must first deny and humble ourselves before we can experience what the joy of Easter really is. Without our full immersion into the season of Lent, Easter becomes pointless. Jesus shows us the path of suffering and death, the human condition. Only through suffering and death comes the promise of Eternal Life. A promise only God Himself can bestow on those who love and trust in Him.

What exactly are ways that we can fully immerse ourselves into the season of Lent you ask? The hard work and sacrifice we make as Brothers to help with our Lenten Fish-Fryø shows our love for Christ, our parish, and our community.

Our Bishop has asked that during this time of Lent, we use it as a time of receiving Jesusømercy. Extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession are available every Monday night. How long has it been since we last sought Jesusømercy in this Sacrament?

We also can continue to help the poor and needy. A total of 6,394 pounds of food was delivered to 12 local food pantries for our annual Souper-Bowl Drive. Perhaps we can also help those in need by volunteering to drive them to Mass or to run errands. Even the simplest thing, like signing up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and spending time with the Lord is huge.

These are all ways that we, as Brother Knights, can make this Lent a fruitful season that will lead us to Easter Joy in the Resurrection of Christ. Donø let this season pass by. Otherwise, Easter will be just like any other day.

Vivat Jesus
Fr. Chris

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Congratulations to Nate Freebery who took his First Degree on Sunday evening, February 14th, at St. Pius X Council. James Gebhart and I were observers of the Exemplification.

Our Council has approved the applications for three new candidates who plan to take their First Degree during the month of March.

DUES - John Baldo

We still have some 2016 dues outstanding. If you haven't done so, please take care of this in March.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

At the March Council Business meeting a motion was made to suspend our By-Laws regarding the start time of our monthly Business Meetings. Under this suspension our next Business Meeting on April 13, 2016 will start at 7:00PM. At that meeting a vote will be taken to change the By-Laws to start all future Business Meetings at 7:00 PM. As at all of our Business Meetings, all members are invited to attend.

SUPER 50-50 RAFFLE – John Baldo

We have concluded another successful Super 50-50 Raffle. It resulted in \$8150 divided among the 50 winners (\$163 each), \$4075 for the good works of the Parish pro-life committee and \$4075 to be donated to our Knights of Columbus charitable giving program. Over the nine years of the Raffle, \$66,169 has been donated in this way. We are thankful for the support of the Council Members and the Parish for sustaining the effort.

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

The next two meetings will be Wednesday, March 9 at noon in the Coffee Run room and Wednesday, April 13 in the St John Room at 7:00 PM. Topics to be discussed include ongoing work for the Knights' Lenten Fish Fry and other events coming up in April/May. The Ladies Auxiliary's monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesdays, Sept-May, alternating noon and evening meeting times. All Knights' wives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Kathy Green 302-239-2499 for more information

SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE – Ralph Paulus

Over 3 tons of food was collected through SUPER BOWL weekend. It was then distributed to twelve sites on Monday, February 8th. Total weight was 6394 pounds of food delivered to twelve food distribution sites. Thanks to all !!!!!!! Great effort.

Frank Robinson made connections to all of the receiving organizations and many of the donating organizations. Mike Bailey gathered up boxes for packaging. Leo Hamilton and Peggy Birney coordinated the help for monetary donations and workers. Tom Green coordinated the deliveries. Everyone else donated food, collected money, helped pack boxes in the basement, helped deliver on Monday... or all of the above.



PRO LIFE – The Vanishing Abortion Clinic - John Baldo

Bloomberg Business reported on February 24 that, "Abortion access in the U.S. has been vanishing at the fastest annual pace on record." Their figures show that for every eight abortion facilities that close only one opens. Operation Rescue, with slightly different data, verifies this claim.

In a report released on December 22, that organization documented that 42 surgical abortion facilities closed or halted all abortion services during 2015, while 7 new ones opened. Surgical abortion clinics are declining at an average net pace of one every week-and-a-half. Since 1991, the number of surgical abortion clinics has fallen by 81%, from 2,176 to the present 514. And the trend continues.

In 2016, there already have been nine abortion facilities that have closed or announced imminent closures, although two are temporary. Medicine-only clinics, which dispense pills for first-trimester pregnancies, however, have risen to 213. Reasons for the closures include: the retirement of abortionists due to advanced age and declining health, with few young doctors entering the business; new state laws, such as requiring abortionists to have hospital privileges and clinics to meet out-patient surgical standards, have caused many substandard and dangerous operators to close; declining demand for abortions; continued strong public pro-life support; and public exposure of abortion abuses by pro-life groups. For further information, check <http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-2015-abortionclinic-survey-reveals-81-of-abortion-clinics-closed-since-1991/>

As we continue struggling to overcome a culture that has devalued life in Delaware and America, we would do well to recall the words of St. John Paul II as he concluded his visit to the United States in 1987:

“Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of

America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival -- yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."

"Day of the Unborn Child".

The Knights of Columbus annually recognize the Feast of the Annunciation as the "Day of the Unborn Child". As Knights, we are asked to pray on that day for the sanctity of all human life, that it be protected and defended. This year the Annunciation is celebrated on April 4, since March 25 is Good Friday.

Some of the history of this day follows:

The first official declaration recognizing a "Day of the Right to Be Born" came in El Salvador in 1993. The first "Day of the Unborn" was officially recognized in Argentina. Then-president of Argentina, Carlos Menem, established it in an effort to fulfill a promise that he had made to Pope John Paul II.

This celebration of life had its earliest beginnings in individual faith communities. Many priests and parishes saw the natural relationship between March 25th and the unborn child. The Feast of the Annunciation, on March 25th, celebrates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ.

In a written statement, Carl Anderson, the Supreme Knight said, "May this day be the occasion for all of us to witness to the sanctity of God's great gift of life and to further resolve to protect and defend it."

CORNERSTONE – Tom Green

Cornerstone 3 Men's Retreat was held on February 5th & 6th, at St. Mary's, and was a huge success with 41 men attending. Many Knights participated in its success as core team members, witnesses, table discussion leaders and kitchen staff. As our knights have done for all three Cornerstone Retreats, they planned, prepared and served four excellent meals to approximately 65 participants including staff. I especially want to recognize and thank our very talented chefs, Mike Kelly, Jeff Cooper and Justin Giles.

ROUTE 41 ADOPT-A HIGHWAY CLEANUP – Jim Ambrose

Brothers,

The Spring Del-Dot Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. While we will meet in the upper lot at St. Mary's for coffee and donuts and to pick up trash bags at 7:00 AM, you are welcome to come and /or leave at a time that meets your schedule. Please bring gloves and any tools that you might find helpful. You can sign up for this event through the new web site. See below.

STATE WIDE KNIGHTS BASKETBALL FREETHROW CONTEST– John Schoff

The Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw contest playoff will be held on March 13, at St. Peter's Parish Gym in New Castle DE, starting at 12:00 Noon.

WWW.KOFC6768.ORG – Joe Clark

Coffee Run Council 6768 has a new web site. We have chosen to operate our web site through UKNIGHT INTERACTIVE, an organization that provides comprehensive web solutions specifically designed for Knights of Columbus organizational entities, including: Councils, Assemblies, Chapters, State Councils, District Deputies and Insurance Agents.

Our new web site is truly interactive. Every active member of Coffee Run Council 6768 can access and create posts on the website, things such as submitting prayer requests for all to see, recommending a fellow knight for an award, send internal emails to other members and much more.

Members can also check out the coming events on the calendar, get the details about the events of interest, and even volunteer to work on the event and/or to attend the event.

Our new web site can be accessed at "www.kofc6768.org". We encourage you to visit and explore all that it offers. Start with the HOME page. You will find access to upcoming events, our Council Officers, the current Newsletter, and other features. Clicking on any one of these Home Page headlines will get you to get more detailed information about that event/activity.

Then peruse the various web pages included: Event Calendar, Prayer Request, News and Announcements, Photo Galleries, Officers, Newsletter Library, About Our Council, and Knights in Memoriam. Also there are links to many of the Knights of Columbus websites supported are listed down the left side of each page. Click on each page to get an idea of what is possible

Activity chairmen will now have the ability to notify the public and all council members of coming events through the EVENT CALENDAR. They can ask for volunteer workers to sign up, and/or ask for potential attendees to also sign up. Volunteers and attendees who have email addresses and who sign up will get an email verifying that they are signed up. The EVENT CALENDAR displays events for the current month. Click on the event of interest to you to get more detailed information about the event. All Council members can use the EVENT CALENDAR to keep abreast of coming activities. Photos taken at various activities can be added to the PHOTO GALLERY.

Over time we have the opportunity to make our web site very interactive and the prime source of information for all of our activities. Contact Joe Clark with any questions about the web site at 302-234-1036 or joe_clarksr@verizon.net.

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*" and also remember all of our sick, suffering, nursing-bound and home-bound brothers and sisters in your daily prayers; especially ... "*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.*"

OPEN COFFEE RUN OPPORTUNITIES

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

COMMITTEES:

1. Family Director	4. Retreat Chair (Malvern or ?	7. Chess Tournament Chair
2. Tootsie Roll Chairman	5. Knights Breakfast Chair	8. Recycle Chairman
3. Raffle Chairman (Student Scholarships)	6. Essay Contest Chair	9. GK for Degree Team

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, 2015, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

This is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate . let me tell you why. It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 billion dollars isn't impressive . it is. It's not that it doesn't matter . it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion dollars of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion dollars of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion dollar promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights pass away. 74 of them! And yet only 30 of the 74 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give.

To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion dollar number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight . just as Father McGivney would have wanted. What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust. For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MARCH - APRIL 2016

MARCH	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
03-04-16, Fri	Lent Fish Fry – Stations of Cross	Church Hall	5:00 PM; 7:00 PM
03-06-16, Sun	Breakfast of Champions	St Helena's	11:00 AM
03-06-16, Sun	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
03-07-16, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM
03-07-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
03-09-16, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:30 PM
03-09-16, Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	12:00 Noon
03-10-16, Thu	State Meeting	Dover	6:30 PM
03-11-16, Fri	Lent Fish Fry – Stations of Cross	Church Hall	5:00 PM; 7:00 PM
03-13-16, Sun	Free Throw Contest	St Peter's Newcastle	12:00 Noon
03-15-16, Tue	First Degree	Christopher, Claymont	7:00 PM
03-17-16, Thu	St Patrick's Day		
03-18-16, Fri	Lent Fish Fry – Stations of Cross	Church Hall	5:00 PM; 7:00 PM
03-18-16, Fri	Second Degree	St Pius	7:00 PM
03-19-16, Sat	Ronald McDonald House Dinner (75 People)	St Mary's Kitch RMHse	1:00 PM – 6:30 PM
03-20-16	Palm Sunday		
03-22-16, Tue	First & Second Degree	Seton Council	7:00 PM
03-24-16, Thu	Holy Thursday Services	Church	7:00 PM
03-25-16, Fri	Good Friday Service	Church	3:00 PM
03-27-16, Sun	Easter		
03-29-16, Tue	Founders Day		
APRIL	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
04-03-16, Sun	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
04-04-16, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM
04-04-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
04-09-16, Sat	K of C Track Meet	Baynard Stadium	8:00 AM
04-13-16, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:30 PM
04-13-16, Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	St John's Room	7:00 PM
04-14-16, Thu	State Meeting		6:30 PM
04-15-16, Fri	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
04-23-16, Sat	Highway 41 Clean-Up	St Mary's Parking Lot	7:00 AM
04-24-16, Sun	Third Degree	Holy Child Parish	1:00 PM
04-30-16, Sat	Council Newsletter - deadline and mail		

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