



Knights of Columbus



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Council Newsletter – May - June 2016

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Grand Knight
Chaplain
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
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Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3 years
Trustee 2 years
Trustee 1 year
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District Deputy 5
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Thomas D Green
Michael Bailey
John J Schoff
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
Dennis Skinner
Gerry L Safranski

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

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Michael Bailey

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Grand Knight Message

We will be voting for our Officers for the next K of C year, July 2016 until June 2017, at our next meeting on May 13th at 7:00 PM. All members are invited to come and vote.

Thanks to the outstanding work of our council brothers, Coffee Run Council had a great year. I would like to thank Gerry Safranski and the 40th Anniversary committee for their excellent job. Our First Degree team stepped up to help our District Deputy putting on First Degrees at St. Pius X. Our team has been recertified by Worthy District Deputy Dennis Skinner. Tom Green has done a great job with getting new members, getting them through their degrees and getting them involved with the council.

I would also like to thank Father Dillingham and our Chaplain, Father Coffey, for their help and guidance in this past year.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Hills

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,
Happy Fortieth Anniversary!

Once again, I congratulate all of you! Little did we know that back on March 24, 1976, our Council would have grown into what it is today. Our Council has always been dedicated to serve our church and community with vigor and zeal. This continues even today. Fr. Dillingham, Fr. Smith, and I would like to thank all of the Knights for a wonderful Fortieth Anniversary celebration. The special 40th Anniversary Mass with the Knights and their Wives was beautiful, and the elegant reception at Hartefeld National Golf Club showed the great fraternity we have as Brother Knights for each other. It was uplifting to see so many present and also the Color Guard, who added a special touch to the day.

May is the Month of Mary. We are urged as Men of Faith to live holy lives and to be good examples to our families and pray the Holy Rosary. Pray the Rosary with your family if you are able. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God. If we want to follow God completely, let us live then in the example of our Blessed Mother. She said "yes" to all things God asked of her.

On Sunday, May 29th we will have our parish's annual Corpus Christi Procession in which we celebrate as Catholics our true belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Your presence as Men of Faith is requested at the Mass and Procession that will follow at 11:30 AM Mass. Our Knights in cooperation with our SMYLE Youth Group will provide light food and refreshments after the Procession. Thanks to Joe Clark, we are constantly having updates and information available on our website. Please check it often and continue to use it to keep informed. Please note that all of our Council Business Meetings now begin at 7:00 PM INSTEAD of 7:30 PM.

Thank you for all of your work and dedication,

Vivat Jesus
Fr. Chris

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

GENERAL

Second Notices for Dues have been mailed to those late or in arrears. Please send in your dues promptly. If you received a notice and have any questions about it, please contact John Baldo at 239-6541 or baldo61@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

It has been a very active two months for new and advance membership:

Congratulations to our newest Knight, Marc McDonald, who took his First Degree on May 1st, at St. Pius X Council Hall. The Exemplification was officiated by our own Coffee Run Council First Degree Team. Team Members were Jerry Safranski (GK), Tom Strab (DGK), Gene Sinko (C), Terry Hills (FS), Rusty Giles (W) & John McCormick (music). I was an observers of the Degree Ceremony.

Congratulations also to Bob Lewis, Mike Skorup and John Slagowski who took their First & Second Degrees on March 22nd, at Seton Council. I was an observer for both Degree ceremonies.

And finally, I want to extend **Special Congratulations** to Mike Brown, Bob Lewis, Mike Skorup, John Slagowski & Greg Weaver who have completed their journey to full Knighthood (3rd Degree) on April 24th, at Holy Child Council. Gerry Safranski, John Baldo & I were observers of the Exemplification.



PRO LIFE – John Baldo

1. As we celebrate Mothers Day on May 8, we are thankful for all that mothers do, and for the gift of life freely transmitted by mothers and fathers. We pray for them and for all children yet unborn. The statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is a source of our prayers and actions as Knights of Columbus:

"As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace."

2. **Rose for Life:** Brother Knights scheduled to present the Rose and Prayer Card during May and June are as follows: May 8: Chris Dunphy 1:30pm; May 22: Hogan Smith 1:30pm; June 12: Richard Gregorski 1:00pm; June 26: Larry Maguire 1:00 pm.

Thank you for carrying out this important ministry.

COMMUNITY - Rides for Parishioners - Mike Bailey

Our program of supporting parishioners with occasional rides to and from church is off. Rides have been given to several individuals for specific needs, and we have two women from Cokesbury Village that love to attend Sunday Mass. Ann and Barbara are lovely women, very pleasant and appreciative of our help. Thanks to Joe Clark, Terry Hills, Pat Sweeney, and especially Giuseppe Saggese for helping give them a ride to 10:30 mass.

HELP PLEASE, We are in need of a few more volunteers to take turns driving them to 10:30 mass as even with the help we have it is not always possible to find someone. With summer approaching vacations approaching please consider being available to help once or twice. If you are willing to be on the list please contact Mike Bailey, 302-540-3200 or mbaileypa@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY - New Castle Police Presentation - Mike Bailey

Master Corporal Karen Crowley gave a presentation on April 6 to the Knights of Columbus and Sages. She spoke on personal safety and fielded many questions from the audience of over 100.

SMART911 is one topic in particular that was very well received and interesting. It is a free national database used by emergency response personnel such as police, fire and EMT's. The database contains your personal information like name, address, phones, emergency contacts, medical conditions, medications, allergies, and any other information you may wish them to have. You choose what to share or not. When a call for aid is received, that medical information is made available to the EMT's who are on their way to provide help, so they can work faster and better. The information is tied to your name, address, and phone, so even if you are across the country it still works!

I signed up and it took about 15 minutes to answer the questions. Just google SMART911. Again it is totally free!

CORNERSTONE 4 - Mike Bailey

Once again St. Mary's of the Assumption is conducting the Cornerstone Men's Retreat. Cornerstone 4 (CS4) and it is scheduled for February 3-4, 2017. The Knights have been a much appreciated and integral part of putting on and supporting this now annual spiritual event.

Over 100 St. Mary's men have been to it and now we are in the process of spreading the event to two other parishes, St. Johns, and St. Elizabeth. And once again Several Knights are part of the CS4 Leadership Team. Fifty-five of those 100 just attended an evening 'Alumni' event, 'Beers with the Bishop'. Following a brief prayer service, Bishop Malooly addressed to the group, fielded questions, then enjoyed pizza and a beer and fellowship with alumni for the evening, helping to energize our faith.

If you haven't already attended the day and half event is a wonderful, uplifting experience for men only. Please consider attending and having your faith invigorated. Our goal is to have All St. Mary's men attend once.

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

Many thanks to Shirlee & Hank Steenkammer for their generous help with refreshments for the Confirmation reception on April 16th.

The Ladies Auxiliary will next meet at a spring luncheon on Tue May 10th, after which the ladies will be on summer hiatus until September.

ROUTE 41 ADOPT-A HIGHWAY CLEANUP- Jim Ambrose

Brothers,

We were able to get the semi-annual Route 41 cleanup in despite the light rain. Fueled by coffee and donuts and despite a light rain that started halfway through the event, nine Knights battled the trash, spirits and efforts undamped.



Route 41 Cleanup April 23, 2016

When the battle was done, another 12-15 bags of trash were removed from Route 41 between the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line and Brackenville Road for our semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway effort. Much appreciation to the following Knights - Jim Smith, John Schoff, Tom Green, Ralph Paulus, Dick Saunders, Paul Martin, Nick Mastrocinque, and Gil Leidig.

The Fall cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 12 from 7:00am to 10:00. The date will be confirmed in the September-October newsletter and will be on the Events Calendar for volunteers to use to sign up for this event.

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, 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, and Peg Lord*."

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 MARCH - APRIL 2016

MAY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
05-01-16, Sun	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
05-02-16, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM
05-02-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
05-08-16, Sun	Mother's Day		
05-11-16, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
05-11-16, Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	12:00 Noon
05-12-16, Thu	State Meeting	Dover	6:30 PM
05-15-16, Sun	Penticost Sunday	St Peter's Newcastle	12:00 Noon
05-15-16, Sun	Pasta Dinner	Church Hall	5:00 PM
05-17-16, Tue	First Degree	Christopher, Claymont	7:00 PM
05-20-16, Fri	State Convention	Ocean City, MD	6:00 PM
05-21-16, Sat	State Convention	Ocean City, MD	6:00 PM
05-22-16, Sun	State Convention	Ocean City, MD	6:00 PM
05-24-16, Tue	First & Second Degree	Seton Council	7:00 PM
05-30-16, Mon	Memorial Day		
JUNE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
06-05-16, Sun	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
06-06-16, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM
06-06-16, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
06-08-16, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
06-09-16, Thu	State Meeting	Possum Park Rd	6:30 PM
06-11-16, Sat	K of C Track Meet	Baynard Stadium	8:00 AM
06-15-16, Fri	First Degree	Pius X	7:00 PM
06-19-16, Sun	Fathers Day	St Mary's Parking Lot	7:00 AM
06-30-16, Sat	Council Newsletter - deadline and mail		

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