



Knights of Columbus



COFFEE RUN COUNCIL 6768

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Council Newsletter – November-December 2016-2017 Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

On Saturday, Oct. 15th, we celebrated our annual Crab Feast. All attendees had a great time. We are appreciative of everyone who helped in the preparations and the cleanup. Great job everyone! We would be remiss without mentioning a special thanks to brother John Baldo.

On Monday, Oct. 31st we celebrated our Priests and Deacons at the Priest's Luncheon, celebrating Priesthood Sunday. We had the honor of having Father Coffey, Father Smith, Deacon Jackson and Deacon Morris dine with us. Brother Jim White organized this event and gave a great talk celebrating our clergy.

On Nov. 2nd, we celebrated All Souls Day at our Parish Remembrance Mass. I would like to thank all the Knights and their families who attended to pray for all of our deceased brother Knights since our Council was founded as well as for all of our fellow parishioners who died in 2016.

Don't forget on December 3rd, we have our Children's Christmas Party, on December.11th, our Council Christmas Party and on December 11th, we have the State Declamation Contest.

Knight of the Month, September: Mike Brown and for October: John Baldo. Congratulations to both Knights.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Hills

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

During the month of November we are called in a special way to remember all of the departed souls. Our Catholic Church has beautiful traditions associated with remembering our deceased loved ones. We are taught that there are three states in which the soul will enter after death: Either Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell.

- Heaven of course is eternal glory. Sharing in the joy of the Resurrection with Christ. It is where we all want to be!
- Purgatory is a state of purification. The soul is assured of heaven, but must still undergo a process of purification and preparation before it can enter heaven. This is where our prayers matter! The highest form of prayer we have is the Holy Mass. Every time we come to Mass, especially during November, we are asked to pray for the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers help them and release them from their limitations, reaching Heaven more quickly.
- Of course, there are also souls in Hell. These are persons damned forever. We cannot pray for souls in Hell because they experience eternal punishment. Our prayers help them in no way.

However, we can pray for those who are still living including those who live lives not according to the commandments or to Gods law. We can pray they will have a conversion of heart so they can avoid Hell and make it to Heaven.

One of the famous Saints in our Church, St. Gertrude, was told by our Lord that every time she said the following prayer, 1000 souls would be released from Purgatory:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

As Brother Knights, our commitment to prayer, to the Holy Mass, and to setting a good example for all to follow as Catholic Gentleman means a great deal. Our prayers and our examples matter! We will soon be approaching the Advent and Christmas Season. Let us remember how blessed we are to have such a loving and wonderful God who desires to save all of us and the entire world. Jesus came into the world to live like us, but to go beyond that...He came to show us an example. What it means to be Holy and to avoid sin at all costs.

We pray for our Brother Knights who have gone before us. Especially those in 2016

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Vivat Jesu,
Fr. Chris**

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Please join me in **congratulating** our newest Third Degree Knights! **A. J. LoPorto & Jim Robinson** completed their journey to full knighthood on September 29th, at Becker Council and **Rick Stejskal** on October 23rd, at Holy Child Council.

Our Council held a Fall Membership Drive after each Mass the weekend of October 22nd, followed by an open house on October 26th. Three new application were a direct result of the effort with a number of others expressing future interest.

However, I find that the personal approach is the most effective way to gain new Knights. If you know of potential candidates don't wait for the next membership drive or open house, personally invite them or let me know (tdgreen48@comcast.net) if you would prefer that I contact them. Recruitment materials (tri-fold brochures & application forms) are available in the Knights mailbox in the Parish office or through me. I am in the process of getting two candidates that our Council had previously approve scheduled for their First Degree.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS – John Baldo

Please join in congratulating our newest **Honorary Life** members, **Joe Birmingham, Deacon Jack Freebery, and Treasurer Fran Swift, PGK.**

Honorary Life members have achieved at least 25 years of continuous service to the Knights of Columbus and at least 70 years of age. Congratulations, brothers.

SUPER 50-50 MAILING DAY – Tom Green

I want to thank the more than 20 people who counted tickets, addressed, stuffed and sealed 2,715 envelopes for our annual Supper 50-50 mailing day. I want to especially thank **Ann Courtney & John Baldo** for all their behind the scenes planning & work that makes this annual event a huge success.



FOOTBALL FUND CRAZR (State fund raiser for Catholic Schools) – Tom Green

We sold all 100 tickets assigned to our Council with our Council purchasing 20 of them. Good Luck!

FOURTH DEGREE – Tom Green

The 44th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Doubletree Hotel, Wilmington. **Mike Skorup & Dick Saunders** are candidates from our Council.

SOUPER BOWL 2017 – Ralph Paulus

"Food for All" as we are "One Human Family"

*Holy Father Pope Francis asks us to pray and ACT to work to provide Food for All. **Souper Bowl food collection is Feb 4th - Feb 5th***

Knights (and family members) are needed to:

- Collect money before and after all Masses that weekend (get teenagers or younger children involved, people donate to young people.)
- Carry food to the basement after each Mass.

- Count and box food starting at 10:30AM on Feb 5th
- Deliver food to the organizations on Feb 6th
- Gather food from work, neighbors, organizations or gatherings
- Donate food or money to this effort

Food can be placed in the St Patrick's Room in SMA basement the month of January.

2016 SOUPER BOWL DELIVERED 6394 POUNDS TO 12 ORGANIZATIONS

Coats for Kids – John Baldo

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Mary's parishioners, the Council itself, the brother Knights taking up the collections, and the parish outreach committee we have purchased and distributed 14 dozen coats for local boys and girls in need. This is part of the nationwide "Coats for Kids" program of the K. of C.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – John Baldo

Brother Knights sold Catholic Christmas Cards at the parish after all masses October 8 and 9.

COFFEE RUN COUNCIL ANNUAL CRABFEAST – John Baldo

About 145 hungry souls descended on the parish hall October 15 for the Council's annual Beef and Crab Feast. Thanks to all the brother Knights and their wives who worked diligently to put on the event. It was a social and financial success which will benefit the Council's charitable giving program. The St. Mary's youth group received the proceeds of the 50-50, which was \$383.

PRO LIFE – John Baldo

Fifty-nine memorial crosses were displayed at the Church's Lancaster Pike entrance during the month of October to remember babies killed through abortion since the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. We look forward to the repeal of that dreadful ruling that has had such tragic results in our Country.

MARCH FOR LIFE – John Baldo

The 43rd annual Washington, DC March for Life will step off on the National Mall on Friday, January 27, 2017. Pro-Life men, women, and children from every corner of the country make the trip and brave the January weather to witness for our brothers and sisters in the womb. It is a great factor in our belief that the tide is turning toward a Culture of Life. The March is the world's largest pro-life gathering.

K of C CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas will on Sunday, December 11 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. All members and their wives are invited.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please pray for the repose of the souls of "*BRUCE KIRK, ED BERTHEAUD, 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, Tom Strab, Fran Swift, Frances Albanese, Frank Di Benedetto, Elizabeth Darcy, Ray Babiarz, Grace Kirk, John Barringer, Gertrude Barringer, Reyn Cierniak and Peg Lord*"

ROUTE 41 CLEANUP- Jim Ambrose

Like a well oiled machine, 10 Knights braved frosty conditions at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 12 to fill 25 bags of trash collected from the roadside on Route 41 from Brackenville Road to the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line. Due to the great turnout, most were done working by 9:00 AM. Thanks to Jim Smith, Paul Martin, Ralph Paulus, John Baldo, Nick Mastrocinque, John Schoff, Romy Aquino, Leo Hamilton, and Frank Robinson. Special thanks to photographer and photoshopper Nick Mastrocinque. Our next cleanup is tentatively set for Saturday, April 22, 2017. Watch the newsletter and surge calendar for updates as spring approaches. Hope to see some new faces. Other than some walking and bending over, this is one of the easiest service commitments. Plus we start it with coffee and donuts.



COMMITTEES THAT NEED A CHAIRPERSON

See committee list below. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees or need more information about any of our committees, contact: PGK Keith Lord 302 999-9451. Family Director		
1. Tootsie Roll Chairman		
2. Raffle Chair (For Student Scholarships)		
3. Retreat Chair (Malvern or Local)		
4. Knights Breakfast Chair		
5. Essay Contest Chair		
6. Chess Tournament Chair or Recycle Chairman		
7. 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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Calendar of Events

November – December 2016

Date	Activity	Location	Time
November			
Nov 01-16 Tue	All Saints Day		
Nov 02-16 Wed	All Souls Day - Remembrance Mass	Church	7:00 PM
Nov 06-16 Sun	Pasta Dinner	Church Hall	4:30 - 6:30 PM
Nov 06-16 Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius Council - Wilmington	7:00 PM
Nov 07-16 Mon	Adoration – 11-Noon, Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM - Noon
Nov 07-16 Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Nov 09-16 Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Nov 09-16 Wed	Lady Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. Johns Room	7:00 PM
Nov 10-16 Thu	State Council Informational Meeting	St. Bernadette Parish Hall - Harrington	6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Meeting
Nov 11-16 Fri	Veterans Day		
Nov 12-16 Sat	Adopt A Highway Fall Cleanup	Meet at Church Parking Lot	7:00 - 10:00 PM
Nov 12-16 Sat	4th Degree Exemplification	Doubletree Hotel - Wilmington	9:30 AM – 9:00 PM
Nov 15-16 Tue	First Degree Exemplification	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:00 PM
Nov 18-16 Fri	Second Degree Exemplification	St. Pius Council - Wilmington	7:00 PM
Nov 21-16 Mon	First Degree Exemplification	Br. Vincent Council-Smyrna	7:00 PM
Nov 22-16 Tue	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Seton Council - Bear	7:00 PM
Nov 24-16 Thu	Thanksgiving Day		
Nov 27-16 Sun	First Sunday of Advent		
December			
Dec 03-16 Sat	Children Christmas Party	Church Hall	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Dec 04-16 Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius Council - Wilmington	7:00 PM
Dec 05-16 Mon	Adoration – 11-Noon, Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM - Noon
Dec 05-16 Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Dec 08-16 Thu	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception		
Dec 10-16 Sat	State Council Christmas Party	St Matthew’s Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Dec 11-16 Sun	State Council Declamation Contest	Padua Grade School -Wilmington	1:00 PM
Dec 11-16 Sun	Council Christmas Party	St. Mary’s Room	4:00 – 7:00 PM
Dec 14-16 Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Dec 14-16 Wed	Lady Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. Johns Room	7:00 PM
Dec 19-16 Mon	First Degree Exemplification	Br. Vincent Council-Smyrna	7:00 PM
Dec 25-16 Sun	Christmas Day		
Dec 31-16 Sat	Newsletter Deadline		

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