



# Knights of Columbus



## COFFEE RUN COUNCIL 6768

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### Council Newsletter – July - August 2017

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

Grand Knight	Thomas D. Green	Church Director	James White
Chaplain	Rev. Glenn M. Evers	Council Director	Michael Brown
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Bailey	Community Director	Steve Haller
Chancellor	Michael Brown	Family Director	Ralph Paulus
Recording Secretary	John J Schoff	Youth Director	John J Schoff
Financial Secretary	John J Baldo	Membership Director	Thomas D Green
Treasurer	Joseph Rychalsky	Recruitment Director	
Advocate	Eugene Sinko	Ceremonials Director	John R Giles
Warden	Timothy J Strab	Vocations Director	Deacon Joseph Jackson
Inside Guard	Anthony V Gennusa, Chris Dougherty	Pro-Life Couple	John & Betty Baldo
Outside Guard	Nick Mastrocinque	Lecturer	Fred Perella
Trustee 3- years	Terrence R Hills	Ladies Auxiliary	Kathleen Green
Trustee 2- years	Lawrence B Maguire	Public Relations	Nickolas Mastrocinque
Trustee 1-year	John R. Giles	Fraternal Services	
Program Director	Michael Bailey	Newsletter/Web	
District Deputy	Walter F. Kolisz	Insurance Agent	Ralph Paulus
Past State Deputy	Gerry L Safranski		

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My brother Knights of Coffee Run Council, thank you for letting me serve as your Grand Knight for the past two years. I have had the honor of serving this Council four times as Grand Knight. Every time I have become more impressed with the way the members of this Council step up to get things done. The times that I attended State meetings or other Council functions, Coffee Run Council has been spoken of with high regard. I believe that our Council is the best in Delaware. Thank you for making our Council an important part of St. Mary's Parish.

Vivat Jesus!  
**Terry Hills**

Dear brothers, I am honored that you have elected me to be your Grand Knight for the 2017-18 Columbian Year. I too echo Terry's sentiments that our Council's members are among the very finest in the Order and I know that I can count on your support.

For those of you who may not have heard, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Sir Knight Fran Swift. Fran lost his battle with cancer in May. He was an Honorary Life member of our Council (29 years), two-term PGK and was most recently, our Council's Treasurer. He was always involved in all our Council's charitable endeavors and with his wealth of knowledge, he just knew how to get things done. He will be greatly missed. Please keep the Swift family in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!  
**Tom Green**

## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

It is with great joy that I have been assigned to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish which provides me the added opportunity to continue to serve God, our Church, and our country with my brothers Knights of Columbus here in the Coffee Run Council as your chaplain. I will never forget the past support and generosity I received from you during my time in seminary; something for which I continue to remain grateful. I am a 4th Degree Knight having completed all of my degrees with the help of my brother Knights in the Regina Coeli Council in Easton, MD at SS. Peter & Paul Parish. And so again it is my honor and blessing to continue my own support and love for the work of the Knights of Columbus, here now in Hockessin with you.

A brief word about myself. I was raised in a Catholic family, the oldest of six children. While growing up, I helped in my home parish of St. Elizabeth in Wilmington as an altar server from 4th to 12th Grade. I am an Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of Troop 803, here at St. Mary's. While attending St. Marks High School and then at the University of Delaware, I had several jobs: working at the Hockessin Public Library, a tennis instructor, a math tutor, and interning for two different engineering firms. After graduating college with a degree in Computer Science, I spent six years studying to be a priest at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

On June 8, 2013, I was ordained a priest by Bishop Malooly and was then assigned to be the Associate Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish and School for four years. In 2015, Bishop Malooly also assigned me to be an Associate Vocations Director for the Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations for the Diocese of Wilmington. And so now beginning my second assignment here at St. Mary of the Assumption it brings me happiness to continue my priestly work with you in bringing souls to Christ and drawing together a family of believers.

I look forward to many good times together and meeting you all in person soon. Know of my prayers and blessings for you, your families, our council, and our parish.

Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. Glenn Evers**

## **FATHER COFFIEY'S FARWELL** – Tom Green

Perishers had the opportunity to wish Fr. Chris well in his new assignment at St. John the Beloved after each Mass the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our Council provided the refreshments.



## **GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS**

### **KNIGHT & FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Tom Green**

Please join me in congratulating our Knight & Family for the months for May & June! Chris Dougherty was the knight of the month for May & Vic Gregory for June. John & Betty Baldo was the family of the month for May & Franz & Rosemarie Portmann for June. Starting with July, we are moving to a quarterly basis for both awards.

### **MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green**

Congratulations to our newest brother Knights, **Chris Bowens, Bill Gambogi, Craig Boggs, Matt Dodge & Jim Reagan!** **Chris & Bill** took their First & Second Degrees at Seton Council on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Craig, Matt & Jim** took their First Degree on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This First Degree Exemplification was hosted by our own Council at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish and it was dedicated in memory of our deceased brother Fran Swift.

I want to recognize the Ceremonial Degree Team which was made up with members from several Councils due to vacations. Tom Strab (DGK), Gene Sinko (C), Terry Hills (FS) & Steve Haller (IG), all from Coffee Run Council, Al Mackey (GK) from Holy Child Council, Felix Spittle (W) from St. Pius X Council and Pat Dougherty (M) from James F. Trainor Council. They all did an excellent job.

I also want to thank John Baldo, Mike Bailey, James Gebhart, Ralph Paulus for their attendance in support of our candidates.

### **STAR COUNCIL!**

I am very happy to announce that our Council has achieved Star Council for the past Columbian Year meeting or exceeding goals for membership, insurance & activities.

### **CULTURE OF LIFE – John Baldo**

The Delaware Legislature voted counter to a national trend and decided to end Delaware's ban on abortions after 20 weeks pregnancy, calling it unconstitutional. The State now allows abortion up to the time of birth with no or very limited restraints. The citizens who showed up in Dover to comment and demonstrate were many, and they were overwhelmingly opposed to the bill, which had no grassroots support, but passed anyway. Governor Carney signed it into law.

The Council's **Rose for Life** program is being expanded to include most "out of schedule or private" infant Baptisms in addition to the regularly scheduled 2nd and 4th Sunday Baptisms. The change will become effective in September. Brother Knights presenting the Rose and Prayer Card are Bill Egan (7/9) Steve Haller (7/23) and Richard Gregorski (8/13).

### **CORPUS CHRIDI MASS & PROCESSION – Tom Green**

The feast of Corpus Christi Mass & Procession took place on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Members from our Council participated in various capacities. Color Corps members participating during the Mass & Processions were Tom Green, Larry Maguire, Gerry Safranski, & Commander Al Ware. Canopy bearers were John Baldo, Terry Hills, Joe Mcgrellis, & Jim Robinson. Post procession refreshments were provided by our Council and were prepared & served by Tony Gennusa, John Connell, John Schoff, John & Caryn Slagowski & Sean Constantine.

## **PASTA DINNER – Franz Portmann**

A pasta dinner was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> with all net proceeds benefitting the Global Wheelchair Mission. Counting proceed from an earlier pasta dinner and additional donations, over \$1700 have been raised for this cause. I want to thank the many Knights and their family members for their help. I am always amazed at how many volunteers are willing to help with these events.

## **CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT – Mike Brown**

The KofC Golf Outing is to be held on Monday, 9/18 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Greenville. This is the first charity golf outing sponsored by Coffee Run since 2011. The goal is to net \$20,000 for various charities that we support. We are still encouraging members of the council and St. Mary's parish to participate in what will be a memorable charity event. The information on signing up (either for golf or dinner or both) or making a donation can be found on the KofC website, or by contacting anyone from Coffee Run Council, especially Mike Brown at 302-373-1005 or mbrown1962@comcast.net. Table registration and boxed lunch to begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for the scramble format. Dinner, prizes, and Silent Auction following the golf - to begin around 5:30 p.m. Please spread the word to support this important charity event for Coffee Run.

## **UD PARKING HELP REQUEST - Ralph Paulus**

In order for Coffee Run to continue with the UD Football parking we need to have 7 people available for each game. 5 people to work the game and 2 alternates in case someone gets sick or has a family conflict come up. Please let me know what games you will work by the end of July so that I can commit to Laz/UD or indicate we will not participate. Questions or to commit to working games call 302-234-1897 or send a note to [Paulusre@yahoo.com](mailto:Paulusre@yahoo.com).

The time commitment is about 5.5 hours. Show up 5 hours and 15 minutes before game time to get organized and set up. Work to game time and then about 15 minutes to catch a bus or walk to your cars location. Game date / time are as follows:

Thu, Aug 31	vs	Delaware State	7:00 PM
Sat, Sep 16	vs	Cornell	3:30 PM
Sat, Sep 30	vs	James Madison	3:30 PM
Sat, Oct 14	vs	William & Mary	3:30 PM
Sat, Oct 21	vs	Richmond	3:30 PM
Sat, Nov 11	vs	Albany	3:30 PM

## **LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green**

The Ladies' Auxiliary held a luncheon meeting in May at Redfire Grill sponsored by Coffee Run Council. The Ladies are now on summer hiatus until September. Betty Baldo will assume the chair at that time.

## **K of C RIDES PROGRAM – Mike Bailey**

Thanks to your willingness to volunteer, our program to assist needy parishioners continues to grow. Now in addition to providing rides to and from weekend Mass, we are also getting requests for rides to and from Doctors appointments. If you can occasionally help with this, please let Mike Bailey (mbaileypa@gmail.com) know your contact info, and when a request comes in he will be able to call to See if it might fit your schedule.

## **TRAGIC LOSS – Ralph Paulus**

Robert Bubencik Jr. recalled that in 1972, his father purchased Knights of Columbus life insurance for him and his sisters. Fifteen years later, when Bubencik turned 18, he took responsibility for the policy himself. Following his father's example, Bubencik and his wife didn't hesitate to take out a life insurance policy before the arrival of their son, Brendan, in 1997. "I said to my wife, 'Why don't we do the same thing, and it will be something special,'" Bubencik said. "Brendan was our first child." After Brendan was born, he soon developed a fever, the cause of which was initially misdiagnosed as a normal infection. Doctors prescribed antibiotics and sent the family home. The Bubenciks then returned — this time to the emergency room. When their baby developed seizures, the doctors at Children's Hospital Boston recognized the condition as bacterial meningitis. "It was too late to help Brendan," recalled Bubencik, noting that the bacterial form of meningitis is far more lethal than the more common viral form. When the baby passed away, the Knights of Columbus life insurance policy paid for the funeral, leaving additional money unspent. The couple used the remaining funds to set up a charitable trust to augment the research at Children's Hospital. "We targeted infectious diseases they were researching, so we set up a trust in Brendan's name with an annual golf tournament," Bubencik said. He added that the tournament has raised approximately \$15,000 annually, proceeds from which have been used to support the work of researcher Dr. Richard Malley. He added that the tournament was always a kind of family reunion and that only one event was affected by rain. "I felt Brendan was looking out for us, because rain is the thing you always worry about with golf tournaments," he said. Mike Capobianco, the K of C agent who sold the policy for Brendan, attended one of the tournaments and recalled how Bubencik stood up to announce that the endeavor would not have been possible without the Knights of Columbus. "I was absolutely choked up," Capobianco said. About 18 months after Brendan's death, Bubencik and his wife welcomed twins, a boy and a girl. Not long after, Capobianco was invited to their home, not only to meet the new children, but to revisit their insurance needs.

If you want to know more about any aspect of Life, Disability, Long Term Care or Retirement annuities please contact Coffee Run's Field Agent Ralph Paulus at [Ralph.Paulus@kofc.org](mailto:Ralph.Paulus@kofc.org) or phone 302-7501433.



## **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, Fred Clemens and Fran Swift***".

Also, please remember and pray for all of our sick, nursing home-bound and home-bound brothers and sisters in your daily prayers; especially "***Gene Sinko, Joyce Embley, Jean Dunphy, Tom Strab, Frances Albanese, Frank Di Benedetto, Elizabeth Darcy, Ray Babiarz, Grace Kirk, John Barringer, Gertrude Barringer, Reyn Cierniak, Peg Lord and the Swift Family***"

## Calendar of Events July – August 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>July</b>			
Jul-03-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Jul-04-17, Mon	Fourth of July Holiday		
Jul-08-17, Sat	Installation of State Officers	St. Joseph Church – Middletown	12:00 PM Mass
Jul-12-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jul-17-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Jul-22-17, Sat	Grand Knight University	Christ the Teacher - Newark	8:30 AM
TBD	Installation of Council Officers	Chapel	TBD
<b>August</b>			
Aug-01-17, Tue	Supreme Convention	St. Louis, MO	
Aug-02-17, Wed	Supreme Convention	St. Louis, MO	
Aug-03-17, Thu	Supreme Convention	St. Louis, MO	
Aug-04-17, Fri	Supreme Convention	St. Louis, MO	
Aug-07-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Aug-07-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Aug-09-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Aug-12-17, Sat	Father McGivney's Birthday		
Aug-12-17, Sat	Annual State Picnic	St. Joseph Church – Middletown	1:00 PM
Aug-13-17, Sun	Installation of Assembly Officers	St. Mary of the Assumption Chapel	TBD
Aug-15-17, Tue	The Assumption of Mary		
Aug-15-17, Tue	Ice Cream Social	St. Mary of the Assumption Church	After 7:00 PM Mass
Aug-30-17, Thu	Council Newsletter – Deadline & Mail		

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