



Knights of Columbus



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Council Newsletter – March-April 2017

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

Grand Knight	Terrence R Hills	Church Director	James White
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Past State Deputy	Gerry L Safranski		

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Brothers, please keep Brother Gene Sinko and Brother Fran Swift in your thoughts and prayers.

Cornerstone Retreat: I attended this year and I was glad that I was asked. We had a large group of Knights in attendance. If you have not been, think about it for next one. Thank you to all brother Knights that helped with the meals. The food was great!

Souper Bowl Food Drive: another great job headed by Ralph Paulus and Leo Hamilton, another record year. Thanks to all who participated.

Feb. 10th., Coffee Run Council provided manpower to Habitat for Humanity in Wilmington, Mike Baily or Tom Green will have more details. For my part, it was a great day, doing what the Knights of Columbus do best, helping people.

Feb. 25th: Coffee Run Council held the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance. Special thanks goes out to Gerry & Judy Safranski for the titanic job of putting the event on.

To my brother Knights of Coffee Run, thanks for your help and support that makes our council great.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Hills

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER – John Baldo

Congratulations: Brother Clint Blackwell has been named an Honorary Life member of the order. Clint and his wife Rosa have long been faithful and generous supporters of the Council's charitable works. They reside in Landenberg, and Clint was originally sponsored by Brother Phil Donohoe.

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Please join me in congratulating to our newest brother Knights! **John McCloskey** took his First & Second Degrees on January 31st, at Seton Council & **Charles Hills** took his First Degree on February 21st, at Christopher Council. Our Worthy Grand Knight Terry Hills observed his son's First Degree and I was an observer of all of the Exemplifications.

Also, congratulations to **Steve Haller & Joe McGrellis**, who have completed their journey to full Knighthood (3rd Degree) on February 25th! The Exemplification was hosted by Brother Vincent Council (Smyrna) and I was an observer.



Our Council has approved membership applications for **Bill Gambogi & Jerry Smith**. Both Bill & Jerry plan to take their First Degree during the month of March.

A Knights membership drive is planned for the weekend of April 22nd. Information will be handed out at each Mass followed by a Knights Open House on April 26th at 7:00 PM.

MARCH FOR LIFE – John Baldo

Brother Knights and their ladies were part of the busload of people who traveled from St. Mary's to Washington, DC for the March for Life on January 27. The day is a prayerful pilgrimage aimed at ending the scourge of abortion.

Special thanks to worthy State Chaplain and Coffee Run member, Father Michael Darcy, who traveled with us, led us in the Rosary, and celebrated Mass at the Chapel of the St. John Paul II shrine before the March itself.

Other members were Mike and Eileen Bailey, Romy Aquino, Phil and Vicki Santoro, John and Betty Baldo, and Teresa and Grace LoPorto (mother and sister of A.J.LoPorto)

The March was perhaps the largest most of us remember. We were able to hear parts of VP Mike Pence and Kellyanne Conway's very optimistic talks. High School and College youth from all over the country were present in overwhelming numbers while enthusiastically declaring themselves the "Pro Life Generation". There is renewed optimism that the truth and decency of the pro life message is taking hold in the USA

CULTURE OF LIFE – John Baldo

The total number of Ultrasound machines funded by the Knights of Columbus has now passed 700 and counting. The Supreme Council has now begun funding up to 100% of the cost of ultrasounds when they are placed as a mobile unit in a van operated by a crisis pregnancy center (such as a stork bus). Countless babies are being saved because of Ultrasounds, which now are able to detect the baby's heartbeat as early as six weeks.

SOUP-ER BOWL 2017 – Ralph Paulus

"Food for All" as we are "One Human Family" Our Holy Father Pope Francis asks us to pray and then ACT to work to provide Food for All.

2017 SOUPER BOWL FOOD COLLECTION – Ralph Paulus

Excellent Food Drive Results !!! 6881 pounds of food was delivered to 12 different organizations as a result of generous food and monetary donations. Saint Herman of Alaska, UD Community Connections, EEP, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Prep classes contributed to this needy cause as well. Thanks to all that contributed.

I want to THANK the Knights and their families that helped in the coordination of the donations, organization and delivery. They are: Joseph McGrellis, James White, John Flannery, Fran Swift, John Connell, Joe Clark, John McCormick, Leo Boyles, Chris Dougherty, Paul Martin, Mike Brown, John Schoff, Gerry Safranski, Gene Sinko (Audrey, grandsons Eric and Matthew), Howard Wallace, Leo Hamilton (niece Jackie, nephew Matt and sister Peggy Birney) (coordinated collection help at Masses), and Frank Robinson (coordinated all of the publicity, collection by various organizations and communications with receiving organizations + delivered food), Tom Green (collected donations, coordinated deliveries + delivered food), Mike Bailey and John Baldo (rounded up boxes and delivered food), Jim Ambrose (sons Ian and Evan) that helped all day Sunday. Extra thanks to my son William, son-in-law Daniel, wife Emily that worked with me from the beginning.

We had assistance from the Boy Scouts along with volunteers from UD Community Connections who recorded and boxed the donations.

Pictures of the Souper Bowl Food Drive effort can be found at <http://www.kofcknights.org/Councils/2017%20Souper%20Bowl%20Pictures.pdf> and general information at WWW.KOFC6768.ORG

Thank you to everyone for their assistance in making this a success. If I missed naming a Knight or family member, please let me know. I apologize in advance.
Ralph Paulus (Coordinator).

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

Join us for our Six Annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinners held at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hall and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6768.

This year the dinners will be held each Friday during Lent from 5-7 PM: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

Dinners range in price from \$11.00 to \$14.00. Kids dinners are \$5.00. Cash or Checks are accepted.

MENU

Menu: Baked Fish, *Fried Fish, Crab Cakes, French Fries, Mac n Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad, Clam Chowder, Seafood Gumbo*

We are still looking for volunteers for kitchen help (morning, afternoon and evening shifts are still available); hall set up and clean up (especially clean up help). All help is greatly appreciated – if you can give a little of your time, please call Tony Gennusa at 302-293-8543.

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet March 8 at noon in the Coffee Run room, and April 13 at 7pm in the St John room.

CHURCH NEWS – MIKE BAILEY

CORNERSTONE 4: MEN’S RETREAT

In the four years St. Mary’s has had this event, our council has done this for 157 attendees plus another 100 or so volunteers. We want to say a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all the Knights that helped to put on the 2017 St. Mary of the Assumption Cornerstone Men’s Retreat. This year’s retreat welcomed 45 new attendees to the day and a half event. The Knights of Columbus chefs prepared and served the food and drinks for not just them, but the 30 or so support staff, a truly herculean effort as it went from dinner on Friday through the entire day on Saturday until it ended with snacks and refreshments late in the evening. Great Job by all. And don’t forget to report your service hours.

CORNERSTONE MEALS – Tom Green

As meal coordinator, I want to add my thanks and recognize the Knights that help with the preparation & serving of the meals for this year’s Cornerstone Men’s Retreat:

Chefs: Mike Kelly & Jeff Cooper; **Sous Chef:** Tony Gennusa

Setup, Serving & Cleanup: Chris Dougherty, Fan Swift, Larry Maguire, John Baldo & John McCormick

And special thanks to John Connell who work all 4 meals & Dick Tabinowski who worked all but breakfast.

K of C RIDES PROGRAM

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.

GREETERS – KNIGHTS NEEDED

GREETER: In welcoming strangers, we welcome Christ. Greeters become the face of Christ as they Offer a warm welcome to newcomers and parishioners. Serving once or twice a month at whichever Mass they choose to attend; greeters arrive 15-20 minutes early and stay several minutes after Mass. Greeter name tags are available in the Vestibule.



For more information contact Mike Bailey, mbaileypa@gmail.com, or Jack Neill, jckneill@netscape. This is very easy to do, is personally rewarding, and can be tried for a week or two with no commitment to continue. Help enrich St. Mary of the Assumption by making it even more Welcome, Warm, and Inviting. Join us, be an occasional church greeter. Or see them at the 9AM Mass on Sundays.

Refresh

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

Announcing Our New Mass Schedule

Beginning April 30, 2017

Thank you to everyone for participating in our parish-wide "Refresh" survey. Our Refresh team, made up of Clergy, SMA Staff and Parishioners, is excited about the enthusiastic response we received. Based on your responses we are happy to announce that we will be offering a **Sunday evening mass at 6:00 p.m.** Many great ideas were suggested so please stay tuned for more information about St. Mary's Refresh Project.

Our new year-round mass schedule will be:

Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. , 5:00 p.m. (anticipatory mass)

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)

Survey Fact: *52% of parishioners who completed the survey suggested a Sunday evening mass.*

SMA SMA Refresh survey fact – Over half of parishioners want to socialize more before and after mass.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Coffee Run Council held its first Habitat for Humanity work day on February 10, 2017. Brother Knight John McCloskey led the effort to support this wonderful cause. Our Council had 6 volunteers install prefinished hardwood flooring in one of several new homes nearing completion in Wilmington. Those contributing to this were Terry Hills, Tom Green, Mike Brown and his wife Gay, Joe McGrellis, and of course John McCloskey. John has been already working with Habitat for Humanity for many years and if enough Knights and family members are interested, He could set up additional dates for helping in the future, perhaps on a once or twice a month basis. If you are interested contact John, or Mike Bailey.



FREE THROW CONTEST - John Schoff

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, run by the State Council, will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St Peter's Church in New Castle starting at 12 noon.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ROUTE 41 CLEANUP – Jim Ambrose

Our semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway Route 41 cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 7:00 AM until 10:00AM. We start in the St. Mary's parking lot with coffee and donuts and then head out to the highway to pick up trash. The drop site is on the mound in front of Walgreens at Route 41 and Brackenville Road. We cover the stretch of Route 41 from Brackenville Road to the Delaware / Pennsylvania state line. Reflective vests and trash bags are provided. Please bring gloves and any tools you may find helpful. Some gloves are available. We typically need 10-12 Knights, and even if you can only give an hour, that is a big help. Coming out and working with us, even for an hour, is a great way to get to know another Knight a little better. (We work in pairs.) Sign up on our council website: <https://www.kofc6768.org>. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ambrose at jamesrambrose@aol.com or (302) 275-3579

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 ... "***Gene Sinko, 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***"

Calendar of Events March – April 2017

Date	Activity	Location	Time
March			
Mar-01-17, Wed	Ash Wednesday		
Mar-03-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Mar-05-17, Sun	William J. McClafeerty, III Breakfast Of Champions Mass	St. Helen's Church	Starting at 9:00 AM
Mar-05-17, Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
Mar-06-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Mar-06-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Mar-08-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Mar-08-17, Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. John's Room	12 Noon
Mar-09-17, Thu	State Informational Meeting	Dover Council	Starting at 6:30 PM
Mar-10-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Mar-17-17, Fri	St. Patrick's Day		
Mar-17-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Mar-18-17, Sat	Annual Youth Chess Tournament	St. Pius X Council	Starting 8:00 AM
Mar-18-17, Sat	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Church Hall Kitchen	2:00 -6:30 PM
Mar-19-17, Sun	K of C Founders Day		
Mar-19-17, Sun	State Free Throw Contest	St. Peter's Gymnasium	Starting at 12 Noon
Mar-20-17, Mon	First Degree Exemplification	Brother Vincent Council	7:00 PM
Mar-24-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Mar-28-17, Tue	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Seton Council	6:30 PM
Mar-31-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
April			
Apr-02-17, Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Apr-03-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Apr-03-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Apr-07-17, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Church Hall	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Apr-09-17, Sun	Palm Sunday		
Apr-12-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Apr-12-17, Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. John's Room	7:00 PM
Apr-14-17, Fri	Good Friday		
Apr-16-17, Sun	Easter		
Apr-17-17, Mon	Second Degree Exemplification	Brother Vincent Council	7:00 PM
Apr-22-17, Sat	Adopt a Highway Rte 41	Church Parking Lot	7:00 AM-10:00 AM
Apr-22-17, Sat	K of C Membership Drive	Church	After 5:00 PM Mass
Apr-23-17, Sun	K of C Membership Drive		After All Masses
Apr-23-17, Sun	Third Degree Exemplification	Holy Child Council	1:00 PM
Apr-26-17, Wed	K of C Informational Open House	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
TBD	K of C Track Meet		
Apr-30-17, Sun	Council Newsletter – Deadline & Mail		

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