



Knights of Columbus



COFFEE RUN COUNCIL 6768

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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
Chaplain	Rev. Christopher R Coffey	Council Director	Michael Brown
Deputy Grand Knight	Thomas D Green	Community Director	Michael Bailey
Chancellor	Michael Bailey	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	Francis J Swift	Recruitment Director	Howard Wallace
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	Lawrence B Maguire	Ladies Auxiliary	Kathleen Green
Trustee 2 years	John R Giles	Public Relations	Nickolas Mastrocinque
Trustee 1 year	Keith M Lord	Fraternal Services	
Program Director	Thomas D Green	Newsletter/Web	
District Deputy	Lawrence B Maguire	Insurance Agent	Palph Paulus
Past State Deputy	Gerry L Safranski		

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

April 30th., Knights of Columbus Council 6768 and Legion of Mary held 5th Sunday Rosary Program. More details to follow with Brother Jim White's report.

April 22nd and 23rd, Brother Tom Green conducted K of C Membership Drive along with "Open House" on April 26th, Tom will have a great report for our May 10th meeting, Tom has done super job as our Council Membership Director.

April 22nd, Adopt a Highway cleanup headed up by Brother Jim Ambrose was great, with details to be reported at our Council meeting.

Tony and Kim Gennusa voted family of the month for the excellent job of running the "Fish Fries.

Jeff Cooper was voted Knight of the month, a very good pick, Jeff does a lot for our Council.

Joe Clark is moving to Middletown DE in June. We need to find someone or maybe two brothers to take the Council Newsletter.

Council is also in need of someone to do our web site.

The State Convention is May 20th and 21st in Wilmington DE.

Coffee Run Council is a great Council because of the members in it.

Like Bob Hope {for those of you who remember Bob Hope} "Thanks for the memories" I was honored to be your Grand Knight the past two years.

Vivat Jesus
Terry Hills

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

My brothers,

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! (The Lord is Truly Risen, Alleluia!)

Let us rejoice in the gift of the Resurrection and New Life! Through his sacrifice and His Resurrection which we celebrate, Christ allows us to pass from death to life. Christ has risen from the dead! By His death He conquered death and to those in the grave he granted life.

He is Risen! He is truly Risen! His Resurrection testifies to a love stronger than death. We cannot keep this mystery to ourselves! Like Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we must share this joyful message with the whole world!

I pray during this joyful season that you will experience a resurrection in your own spiritual life and in your life as a Brother Knight: To be a man who rises to opportunities and occasions to serve God and to a new and profound commitment to serve our Holy Mother Church and our community.

Our Church and Community are always in need. It is by your service and volunteering that you become the Face of Christ to all and in serving them- serve Jesus Himself.

Vivat Jesus
Fr. Coffey

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Congratulations to our three newest Third Degree Knights, **Mike Poleck, Jerry Smith & Mike Sharkey**. They completed their journey to full Knighthood in a remarkably short period of time.

Jerry Smith took his First Degree on March 5th, at St. Pius Council, his Second Degree on March 28th, at Seton Council & his Third Degree on April 23rd, at Holy Child Council.

Mike Poleck & Mike Sharkey took their First & Second Degrees on April 17th, at Seton Council & their Third Degree just six days later on April 23rd, at Holy Child Council.



I was an observer for all of the Degree Ceremonies.

SPRING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – Tom Green

Held a very successful Church Membership Drive the weekend of April 22nd. Rusty Giles spoke before each Mass & information regarding Coffee Run Council was handed out by Bother Knights after each Mass. Five potential new candidates and one gentleman interested in transferring to our council, attended the Knights Open House on April 26th. All attendees applied for membership at the conclusion of the Open House. Once initiated, we will have exceeded our quota of new members for this Columbian Year.

I want to thank the many Brother Knights who helped during the Church Membership Drive and/or the Open House.

MEMBERSHIP – John Baldo

Congratulations to PGK Paul Pustolski on being named an honorary member of the order. Paul was Grand Knight for the 1985-86 Columbian Year and he has remained closely connected with the Council through various work transfers and travel.

A second notice for dues has been sent to members now in arrears. Please contact John Baldo at 302 239-6541 or baldo61@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to discuss the notice.

Culture of Life – John Baldo

We are grateful and thankful for the work of Brother Dave Williams and Moira Sheridan of Delaware Right To Life and the faithful pro-lifers who stood with them week after week for three years to see the closing of Premier OB/GYN on 13th Street. There is one less location in Delaware devoted to the killing of innocents!

Among those faithfully standing vigil were Coffee Run's Phil and Vicky Santoro. Thank you

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY REPORT- Anthony Gennusa

Brother Knights,

The average cost for each fish fry is approx. \$860.00 per week.

On average, we serve 378 meals per fish fry. Our largest week was week four – we served 473 meals.

My focus this year was on process and cost containment. I think we did good controlling our spending. I contribute this to using our dedicated vendors and having better control on our products.

We want everyone to have a great food experience. To ensure this we made a slight adjustment with our coleslaw. We decided to not keep coleslaw left over for re-distribution the following week. This is a very minor change and the cost is pennies compared to having a bad taste experience.

2017 Fish Fry – breaking it down

Bar totals only

Rcpts	2015	2016	2017	2017 with bar	2017
wk 1	2549	2976	4762	5214	452
wk 2	3919	4473	4043	4458	415
wk 3	3849	5285	3919	4255	336
wk 4	4571	4820	5158	5676	518
wk 5	3052	5340	4577	4994	417
wk 6	4115	4668	3840	4303	463
Gross	22055	27562	26299	28900	\$2,601.00
Expenses	7588.86	9425.07	7,995.87	8,761.53	765.66
Net	14466.14	18136.93	18,303.13	20,138.47	\$1,835.34

Another great year. Thank you all the Knights who come out to help: preparing the food, setting the hall, cleaning the kitchen, running the kitchen, food running, bar tending, bar cart, and serving. Your hard work and dedication to these task is greatly appreciated.

Thank you the ladies who always help and support us in all that we do. Their help with our fish fry allows us to continue to be successful.

Thank you to all the other Knights and their families who come out with their families and friends to enjoy our delicious food. Your support is also appreciated.

I also want to say thank you to John Slagowski and his wife for making the potato salad each week. This was a very special treat for our guests and an added side dish that many people could take advantage of. We greatly appreciate your generosity in making this for us each week.

God Bless,

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have a luncheon meeting on Thursday May 11 at Redfire Grill. The Ladies will then be on summer hiatus until September.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ROUTE 41 CLEANUP – Jim Ambrose

Ten braved the gray skies and damp April air to cull the refuse once again from the 3-mile stretch on Route 41 from the state line to Brackenville Road. Fueled by coffee and donuts the following folks filled 18 trash bags: Nick Mastrocinque, John Connell, John Schoff, Mike Brown, Gay Brown, Ralph Paulus, Mike Bailey, Larry Maguire, and Tom Green.



Well Done

Special thanks to Ralph Paulus for rounding up the full bags and hauling them to the drop site in his pickup. We beat the rain and we beat down the trash. Many thanks!!!! Fall Cleanup tentative date - Saturday, October 21 from 7:00am to 10:00am.

FIFTH (5th Sunday) Rosary – James White

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights and Legion of Mary is announcing a new church activity here at St. Mary of the Assumption. **the 5th Sunday Rosary Program.** Knights, their families and all parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary as a corporate body every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month.

The 5th Sunday Rosary services will be conducted on Apr 30, Jul 30, Oct 29, Dec 3, Apr 29, Jul 29, Sept 30, Dec 30 during 2017-2018; each of these dates being the 5th Sunday in that particular month.

All participants are to gather in the pews in the church, before the Blessed Virgin. Rosary will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Rosaries and a **limited number** of Rosary **prayer** cards are available.

INSURANCE AS A GIFT? – Ralph Paulus

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Want to know more?

Contact Ralph Paulus at 302-750-1433 or Ralph.Paulus@KofC.org



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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 May – June 2017

Date	Activity	Location	Time
May			
May-01-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
May-01-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	5:00 – 7:00 PM
May-07-17, Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council – Wilm.	7:00 PM
May-10-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
May-11-17, Thu	Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon	Red Fire - Hockessin	12 Noon
May-13-17, Sat	Second Degree Exemplification	Christopher Council – Wilm.	2:30 PM
May-14-17, Sun	Mother's Day		
May-15-17, Mon	First Degree Exemplification	Brother Vincent Council	7:00 PM
May-19-17, Fri	State Council Annual Convention	Double Tree Hotel – Wilm.	Starting at 2:00 PM
May-20-17, Sat	State Council Annual Convention	Double Tree Hotel – Wilm.	Starting 8:00 AM
May-21-17, Sun	State Council Annual Convention	Double Tree Hotel – Wilm	Depart After Breakfast
May-21-17, Sun	Pasta Dinner	Church Hall	4:00 – 7:30 PM
May-23-17, Tue	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Seton Council - Newark	6:30 PM
May 25-17, Thu	Ascension Of The Lord		
May-27-17, Sat	UD Parking for Graduation	Football Stadium	5:00 – 11:00 AM
May-29-17, Mon	Memorial Day		
June			
Jun-04-17, Sun	Pentecost Sunday		
Jun-04-17, Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
Jun-05-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Jun-05-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Jun-14-17, Fri	Flag Day		
Jun-14-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jun-18-17, Sun	Father's Day		
Jun-19-17, Mon	Second Degree Exemplification	Brother Vincent Council	7:00 PM
Jun-30-17, Fri	Council Newsletter – Deadline & Mail		

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