



Knights of Columbus



COFFEE RUN COUNCIL 6768

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

Grand Knight
Chaplain
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3 years
Trustee 2 years
Trustee 1 year
Program Director
District Deputy
Past State Deputy

Terrence R Hills
Rev. Christopher R Coffey
Thomas D Green
Michael Bailey
John J Schoff
John J Baldo
Francis J Swift
Eugene Sinko
Timothy J Strab
Anthony V Gennusa, Chris Dougherty
Nick Mastrocinque
Lawrence B Maguire
John R Giles
Keith M Lord
Thomas D Green
Lawrence B Maguire
Gerry L Safranski

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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

James White
Michael Brown
Michael Bailey
Ralph Paulus
John J Schoff
Thomas D Green
Howard Wallace
John R Giles
Deacon Joseph Jackson
John & Betty Baldo
Fred Perella
Kathleen Green
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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

First, I would like to extend on behalf of Coffee Run Council our sympathy to Fran Swift and family for their loss. Fran's nephew passed away from a falling accident.

I also want to thank all the brothers who helped with the children's Christmas Party, our Council Christmas Party, the Declamation Contest and helping Deacon John set up Christmas decorations.

January 16th is Chaplin Night, Father Dillingham and Father Coffey will be attending.

January 21st, we have the Mid-Year State Council Meeting. This is the same day as our Chili-Cookoff and 50-50 drawing.

February events include, Souper Bowl Food Drive Weekend (Feb. 4th, 5th and 6th) & the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on February 25th.

The Fish Fries this year are Mar 3rd, Mar 10th, Mar 17th, Mar. 24th, Mar 31st and April 7th.

As we are halfway through the council year, I wish to thank you, my brother Knights for making our council the great council that it is.

The council website is being improved and plans being made for a council information night to get more from using it.

The Knight of the Month for December was Tom Green. Congratulations!

Vivat Jesus

Terry Hills

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We are reminded that Christmas is a season of peace and joy. For many people, however, it can unfortunately be a time of sadness and despair. Some have no presents under the tree. Some have no food and drink. Some have lost a loved one and they have a very hard time coping. We as brothers must be the face of

Jesus to all of our family members, friends, and strangers. There is no room for sadness and despair this season. There is only the joyous promise of God becoming Flesh and making His dwelling among us. May the newborn Christ Child bring joy to all people this Season. As Brother Knights, we know that our first job is to spread the Gospel message as true Catholic Gentleman. Let us make this New Year filled with the promise of life and light ever new!

Let us make this New Year a year to become better Catholics and more strongly devoted Catholics. The Church depends on all of you men to promote its growth and its ability to help those in need. People come to know Jesus because of your actions, words, and prayers. If we do not constantly serve and speak about the Lord each and every day, we are failing to serve Him. Let us not disappoint. Perhaps a New Year's pledge for all of us should be not to just go to the gym or give up sweets, but to be involved in our Church and Council more. After all, the salvation of our soul and the good works that we do are the most important things that we can approve on. These are the things that benefit us most in the long run.

**Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Chris**

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

MEMBER DUES – John Baldo

2017 Council Dues notices have been mailed to members. Please return your dues quickly, as we rely on them to cover assessments from Supreme and State Councils. If you have any question about the bill, call or email John Baldo at [\(302\) 239-6541](tel:3022396541) or baldo61@gmail.com.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 – John Baldo

As you know, the Coffee Run Council reports annually a summary of Fraternal Activity by all members showing a rolled-up total of volunteer service hours in our surge areas of Church, Community, Youth, Habitat for Humanity, Culture of Life, Food for Families, Special Olympics and all other(miscellaneous) hours.

Each member is asked to submit a record by 1/15/17. This ritual is an important part of the Knights tax exempt status.

There are several ways to do this:

1. Preferred. Go to the Council website at <http://www.kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=6768>
Then go to the "members only" section and log in using your member number (on your membership card) and date of birth.
Then click on "for every member" post your volunteer hours and visits.
Then **select 2016 and** post your volunteer hours on the form or add to a previously started posting. If you're not sure where something goes, put it in miscellaneous.
Then Submit.
Then confirm.

2. If you are unable or unwilling to post on the website, use the attached worksheet (Page 6) and place it in the Council mail slot at the church office. Your name on it will help, but is not required.

We hope for a very high percentage of members responding to this.

MARCH FOR LIFE – John Baldo

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season, please think about attending March for Life pilgrimage in DC for 2017. It will be held **Friday, January 27, 2017**. Please note the date change, as it is delayed due to the Presidential Inauguration. Pass the date to others who may consider attending, in case they need a vacation day from work.

St. Mary of the Assumption will be sending a bus again this year. Our bus (56 passengers) will leave the parking lot at St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Hockessin, DE (with a Newark pick-up, as well) on Friday, January 27th ~7:00am. We plan to return by ~7pm. We will have a Mass offered for our busload in the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, then journey to the Rally and March via our bus (we will not use the Metro).

More details will follow, but please forward this information to others, and reply with your reservation and payment.

We will keep the same price of \$25/person, with special rate for students and families.

Please send your reservation with name of each passenger, e-address, cell phone number, and check (payable to St. Mary's Pro-Life) to:

St. Mary of the Assumption
Attn: Pro-Life Committee
7200 Lancaster Pike
Hockessin, DE 19707

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.

MEMBERSHIP – Tom Green

Please join me in **congratulating** our newest Knights! **Steve Haller, Joe McGrillis & Frank Sonson** took their First Degree on November 15th, at Christopher Council. Then **Steve & Joe** took their Second Degree a week later on November 22nd at Seton Council.



Personalized Coffee Run Council polo shirts were presented to **A. J. LoPorto, Jim Robinson & Rick Stejskal** in recognition of them completing their journey to full knighthood (Third Degree),



If you know of potential candidates, 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.

SHINING ARMOR AWARD – Tom Green

Two members of our Council, **James Gebhart & Mike Brown**, recently earned the Shining Armor Award. This is a significant achievement. To qualify, a Knights during their first year of membership must: 1) Be involved in at least 3 Council Service programs; 2) Attend at least 3 Council business meetings; 3) Receive their Second and Third Degrees; 4) Meet with our Council's insurance representative (purchase not mandatory) and 5) Recruit at least one new member.

FOURTH DEGREE – Tom Green

Congratulations to the newest Sir Knights from our Council! **Mike Skorup & Dick Saunders** obtained this honor at the 44th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Doubletree Hotel, Wilmington.



CHILI COOK-OFF – Howard Wallace Super 50-50 Drawing

Coffee Run Council 6768 will hold its Annual CHILI COOK-OFF on Saturday, January 16, 2017 in the St Mary's Social Hall starting after the 5:00 PM Mass. All chefs are welcome! Bring your favorite chili for a competitive taste test. The taste testing is open to the public. In addition to chili, Hot Dogs and refreshments will be available. Chili Cook-off entry fee is \$5.00 per person; \$20.00 per Family. People's Choice Awards will be presented for all chili contest entries. For more information contact Howard Wallace at 302-234-8358.

In addition the winners of the Annual Super 50/50 drawings for 2016 will be selected and announced.

LADIES AUXILIARY – Kathy Green

The January, 2017 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at noon in the Coffee Run room. The Ladies' February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8, at 7pm in the St John Room.

SOUPER 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.

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

ANNUAL PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Larry and Marian Maguire

All who attended the party remarked that they had a good time and were very complementary on all the activities for the children. New this year, we had a games area set up to play hula hoops, a ring toss and a K of C corn hole game. Also new this year, we had "Professor Looney", a balloonist who interacted very well with the children, who were fascinated by the animals and other objects he created with his balloons. There were new crafts for the parents to make with their children. The attendance was small but we always hope for more to come and enjoy a wonderful event.

Our thanks and deeply felt gratitude go out to our Brother Knights and their wonderful wives for all their help. Thanks to Dick Tabinowski, Tom and Kathy Green, Tom and Ann Strab, Mike Bailey and to our wonderful Santa and Mrs. Claus, Gerry and Judy Safranski.

We are working on something different for next year to help bring more Parish families together.

Our hopes and prayers to all for a Blessed Merry Christmas and a safe and Peaceful New Year. God Bless

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"*



INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

This worksheet is printed on clip-art ready, reproducible paper. Simply photocopy as many forms as you need, cut along the dotted line and distribute the form at the November meeting. Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin. Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/assembly/circle results for completion of the 20__ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 20__.

20__ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:
 - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:
 - Church Activities — service in all Church related activities
 - Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 - Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities
 - Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects.
 - Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects
 - VAVS.
 - Food For Families.
 - Special Olympics
 - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20__:
 - Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

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Calendar of Events

January – February 2017

Date	Activity	Location	Time
January			
Jan 01-17 Sun	Happy New Year		
Jan 02-17 Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jan 08-17 Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council - Wilmington	7:00 PM
Jan 09-17 Mon	Eucharistic Adoration - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM - Noon
Jan 11-17 Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jan 11-17 Wed	Lady Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. John's Room	Noon
Jan 12-17 Thu	State Council Informational Meeting	Christopher Council Hall - Claymont	6:30 PM
Jan 15-17 Sun	Annual Survey of Activities Submitted	Web Site: www.KofC6768.org	Or Attached Form
Jan 16-17 Mon	Martin Luther King Day		
Jan 16-17 Mon	Chaplain's Night	Exec. Banquet/Conference Center	6:30 PM
Jan 16-17 Mon	First Degree Exemplification	St. Polycarp Council - Smyrna	6:30 PM
Jan 21-17 Sat	State Council Mid-Year Meeting	St. Joseph's Church - Middletown	6:00 PM
Jan 21-17 Sat	Chili Cook-Off / pro Life 50/50 Drawing	Church Hall	6:00 PM
Jan 31-17 Tue	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	St Polycarp Council - Smyrna	6:30 PM
TBA	Council Basketball Free Throw Contest	TBA	TBA
February			
Feb 03-17 Fri	Cornerstone Men's Retreat Begins	Church Hall / St. Mary's Room	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Feb 04-17 Sat	Cornerstone Men's Retreat Ends	Church Hall / St. Mary's Room	6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Feb 04-17 Sat	Souper Bowl Food Drive	Church / Church Hall	5:00 PM Mass
Feb 05-17 Sun	Souper Bowl Food Drive/Sorting	Church / Church Hall	All Masses
Feb 05-17 Sun	Souper Bowl Food Sorting For Distribution	Church Hall	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Feb 05-17 Sun	Polar Bear Plunge	Beach at Sands Hotel - Rehoboth	1:00 PM
Feb 06-17 Mon	Souper Bowl Food Deliveries	From Church Hall	8:00 AM
Feb 06-17 Mon	Eucharistic Adoration - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM - Noon
Feb 06-17 Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Feb 08-17 Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Feb 08-17 Wed	Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting	St. John's Room	7:00 PM
Feb 10-17 Fri	Semi Annual Audit Due		
Feb 12-17 Sun	First Degree Exemplification	St. Pius X Council - Wilmington	7:00 PM
Feb 14-17 Tue	Valentine's Day		
Feb 20-17 Mon	Presidents Day		
Feb 20-17 Mon	Second Degree Exemplification	St Polycarp Church - Smyrna	6:30 PM
Feb 25-17 Sat	Third Degree Exemplification	St Polycarp Church - Smyrna	12:30 PM
Feb 28-17 Tue	Fat Tuesday		
Feb 28-17 Tue	Newsletter Deadline		

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