

# Christopher Council, No. 3182

Meetings Held on the First and Third Tuesdays of each Month at 8 PM

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# **Grand Knight's Message**

Brother Knights and Families:

Hope you are enjoying the warm weather and vacation plans that the summer season brings. Hope you are getting plenty of rest and relaxation; we will certainly need all of your help soon enough. Please review the council and family activities planned and take advantage of the opportunity to say thanks to your family for the hours you spend away from them serving your church and communities.

I want to express a few heartfelt thank you's

From myself, many thanks to

- the officers, directors, chairmen and members who made this epic year possible and 'raising the bar' for all of us. With your help we were able to achieve all of the goals in membership, insurance and service activities required for a *Star Council Award*.
- all of you for the faith displayed in reelecting me and other officers to serve for another term.
- Dan Goodine for his outstanding job as our recording secretary

On behalf of all officers, many thanks to

- all for your support and willingness to do whatever needed to be done, no matter how large or small.
- All for your support and faith in us to lead our council this Columbian year.

On behalf of the entire council, thanks to

- Father Leonard Kempski for agreeing to serve as our Chaplain. As many of you know, Father also serves as Faithful Friar for Bishop Mardaga Fourth Degree Assembly so it's a real nice fit.
- both Father Kempski and Deacon Rich ... we will be sure to get plenty of spiritual guidance at all of our gatherings.

One of our goals last year was to create a sustainable line of leadership to ensure Christopher Council has a bright future in the years to come. I believe the current leadership team does just that. It is extremely diverse, devoted and willing to raise the bar. We will continue to remain transparent, coaching and nurturing to ensure smooth and collaborative transitions in the future.

This leadership team understands the countless hours of planning required in order to ensure success and has been hard at work creating a working calendar of confirmed and expected events for the entire Columbian year which will be posted to our website and updated frequently. Please review and 'hold the date' for those events that are of interest to you.

Ideas, we are always looking for new ideas



Dom DiChristopher, GK

but don't be afraid to share (fearful that you will become a de facto chairman). Bring those ideas and your enthusiasm, and together we will figure out how to execute. Again, we are all busy as we know you are, and we must and will remain

respectful of that, but your ideas are always welcome.

This time last year I communicated goals set for a three-year plan for our council. This would be a good opportunity to restate and measure progress against each of those goals:

- 1. Increase community service hours by 100%
- Although numbers are not yet finalized (required for annual fraternal survey), my back of the envelope estimate is between 25 and 30%, not a bad start!

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#### **State Council News**

# **Congratulations to Newly Elected State Officers 2015-2016**



Barry Swain
State Deputy



Father Giuliano
State Chaplain



John Brenner
State Secretary



**Bob Rossi** State Treasurer



Gene Dzielak State Advocate



Rick Johnson
State Warden

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the officers pictured above who will lead the Delaware Knights of Columbus in the 2015-2016 Columbian Year. They were elected at the Annual Meeting of Delaware State Council held this past May at the Princess Royale in Ocean City,

Maryland. They were duly installed following an Installation Mass at St. John-Holy Angels in Newark at which the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, DD presided. Deacon Rich Maichle, who is our Council Lecturer, was also on the altar.

Rick Johnson will be serving as State Warden. He has also been appointed General Program Director for all state programs. Rick is a Past Grand Knight of Christopher Council and served as Faithful Navigator of Bishop Thomas J. Mardaga Fourth Degree Assembly. Last year he served as our District Deputy. Rick is the first member from Christopher to serve on Delaware State Council since 2006 when PGK Dennis R. Harris served as State Warden.

Rick is a convert to our faith. He lives with his wife, Patti and son Evan and daughter Emma in north Wilmington. Rick is a teacher at

Christ the Teacher School in Newark where Evan attends. Emma is a senior at St. Mark's High School. We all wish Rick well in his new position and pledge our support in the year ahead.

In addition to Rick Johnson, there are other members from Christopher Council who have been appointed to State Council positions.

# **2015-16 STATE PIN**



# "LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE IN CHARITY"

Don Legg will be serving as District Deputy for Christopher Council and five other northern councils. He joined our Order as a member of Christopher Council years ago when Butch Panco was Grand Knight. He retired and moved to Clarksville, Virginia where he was

elected Grand Knight of Trinity Council, No. 11741. Later he and Rose moved to Milford, Delaware where he served as Grand Knight of St. Joseph's Council, No. 3792 and as Faithful Navigator of Fr. Capodanno Assembly, No. 2413 in Georgetown, Delaware. He and Rose recently moved back to Delaware and transferred his knights membership to Christopher. Welcome back, Don.

Jim Vandergast, FDD, PGK, PFN, will be serving as the State Youth Activity Director. In addition, PSD Mike Panfile will continue to serve as chair of the Annual State Declamation Contest, and PGK Brian Dennis will chair the Annual State Picnic being held this year at Holy Rosary Church in Claymont. PSD Jack Raughley will serve as the State Financial Director, a new

position to assist state officers with their financial duties.

Again, our congratulations! God's blessings and best wishes to all for a successful 2015-16 Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!

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#### 2. Increase fundraising by 100%

- Again numbers are not yet final and will not be until our audit is completed in August; however, I would estimate we are at approximately 25% mostly attributable to new events and record revenues of most existing events.
- Due to the incredible efforts of this council and the relationship forged by Brian Dennis with the IBEW, we are in line to add two additional events this year: a Crab Feast and a Christmas Party. All great news and more planned!

#### 3. Become 100% digital

- Some progress, but frankly not what I would have expected. We now have a fully functional contact data base housed by Supreme, so we have certainly made a step in the right direction in protecting your privacy data. Although numerous hours were spent updating the Supreme database we can do so much more not only with member data but benefactors and supporters as well. More to come!
- You can help in helping us attain this goal, I have been sending updates over the last few weeks via the email database at Supreme, if you are not receiving these it is because we don't have a valid email address for you on file. Please contact me at your convenience with your email information at ddichristopher@verizon.net

#### 4. Increase insurance members by 25%

- This is an area where we can and should improve. In fact we had problems just attaining our 7.5% goal, but we did make it by the skin of our teeth. This is a personal decision and one that no other brother can help you with. Just keep in mind why our Order was founded and if you are comfortable with where you are today.
- Take the opportunity, at no cost to you, to invite our new field agent, Mark Goldberg, into your home to conduct a personal review and explain all fraternal benefits. You may be pleasantly surprised.
- Perhaps those in their golden years or many of those just having a better than average year, may want to consider 'paying it forward' with a small policy or annuity for your church or council.
- We have a new field agent assigned to our council this year, Mark Goldberg. Mark has promised me that he is committed to meet with anyone in our council who would like a review and all new or recently transferred members. You can expect quality and timely service.

As I stated last year these goals are lofty but achievable! Look at the progress after just one year. To get there we will continue to need the help of all council members to get involved. There is always something for everyone to do. Your commitment depends on your personal situation, but you will find much satisfaction in helping others in your parish and community. Remember we are all extremely busy but busy people seem to have the best time management skills.

Council support and involvement can come in many forms:

- Active support at council meetings and functions,
- Active volunteer support at one or two functions which interest you,
- Attending council fund raisers (St. Patrick's Party, Italian Night, etc.),
- If you can't volunteer for a full event, consider setup, clean-up, or a few hours in between ... remember, every little bit helps to lighten the load,
- Sharing a fund raising or community service idea with the leadership team and helping it to become a reality, or
- If all else fails, consider a donation to a program which you support (e.g. Community Care, Scholarship Fund)

My wife, Bobbie, and I are looking forward to the year ahead and thank each of you in advance for your help and support.

Fraternally yours,



Dominic DiChristopher, Jr.

Grand Knight, Christopher Council

**Vivat Jesus!** 

# **Council Membership Update**

We have all done an awesome job this past year of achieving our membership goals of 21 new and seven insurance members. Adding new members to our roles is critical to keeping the council healthy. Please consider sharing the gift of Knighthood with a friend, co-worker or family member.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Coulston Council Membership Director

#### **Council News**



#### ANNUAL COUNCIL FISHING TRIP

Saturday, September 12 - Noon ADVENTURER II CHARTER

Brother Neal Potts is once again chairing a fishing trip for Christopher Council out of Fisherman's Warf Marina in Lewes, Delaware on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The charter boat, Adventurer II, will leave port at 12 noon for a four-hour fishing adventure. Council officers voted to subsidize a reduced price of \$50 for members and provide refreshments.

Seating is limited so reserve your space today. Contact Neal Potts at npotts823@gmail.com or 302 529-7962. Cost is \$75.00 per person (\$50.00 for council members), with checks payable to Christopher Council.

#### What to bring:

- 6-6 1/2 foot drop (conventional) fishing rod (or rent one for \$7.00)
- Dress in layers or bring light jacket it is always cooler than on land
- Tackle bring your own or tackle is available at the tackle shop
- ♦ Lunch & drink, hand towel, photo ID
- Sunscreen, hat, sun glasses & cooler for fish
- Limit one six-pack of beer per person (no hard liquor)

Brother Knights come join the fun!!

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Michael F. Panfile, PSD 100 E. Parkway Avenue Chester, Pennsylvania 19061 610 874-5064

Council dues are \$20 per year and are collected on an calendar year basis beginning in January. The 2015 dues are being collected and should be mailed now to our Financial Secretary, **Mike Panfile**. Make checks payable to: "Christopher Council, Knights of Columbus".

#### BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

#### 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Workers are still needed to help out with Bingo at Holy Rosary Church on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Don Legg** has joined **Carlos Rivera** and **Bill and Kathy Northey** in supporting this church program. Interested parties should contact our council coordinator, **Bill Northey** at 798-8272 for additional information.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **Knight of the Month - June**

Charlie Schiliro Charlie saved the day at our Green Day event. He basically did all the cooking because we were down to one grill. That grill died as well and Charlie went home and got his grill and continued cooking for the masses. Thanks Charlie

#### Family of the Month - June

**Mike and Judy Panfile** Green Day ... we were extremely short of help and Mike and Judy helped save the day once again.

#### YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE

Like it or not we are living in the computer age. As the Grand Knight mentioned in his message, Supreme Council is making it a lot easier for councils to communicate with their members through its database in New Haven. We need to become more digital. To accomplish this please provide your preferred e-mail address to the Grand Knight at your earliest convenience. Forward e-mail to **ddchristopher@verizon.net**. Thanks for your help in this regard.

# Happy Birthday to Peter C. Moody

On September 25, Peter C. Moody will be celebrating his 91st birthday. This past May,

Pete completed 67 years as a member of Christopher Council and of the Knights of Columbus. He is our senior ranking member.

We congratulate Pete on attaining this milestone and wish him an



abundance of blessings and health in the years ahead.

#### Club, Council & Other News

#### BRANDYWINE CLUB HALL RENTAL

The River Room, which is located on the river-side of the Brandywine Club, can be rented for small parties and gettogethers. It is a great way to keep the house mess free.

The River Room can comfortably accommodate groups of 75-85 and is ideal for family birthdays, anniversary parties, bridal or baby showers and funeral receptions.

The rental cost is very reasonable: \$260 for 4 hours but discounted for council and social members at only \$210. Bar service is available but food must be brought in or furnished by a caterer. The room is air conditioned with plenty of parking.

To book the River Room or check on availability, please contact **Karen**, our day-time bartender (798-9891), **Bill Northey** (798-8272) or **Denny Harris** (475-0728).



Delaware State Council sponsors the vigils held on the first Saturday of every month from 7:30 to10:30 a.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 625 North Shipley Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

A second abortion clinic in now open in Wilmington at 1815 W.13th Street (the Station) on the second floor of the building. Please come out on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11 when abortions are performed.

For questions or additional information, please contact Pro-Life Chair, **DD Jim Vandergast**, at 302 765-2264 or email to jnv1212@verizon.net.

Delaware Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus are guided by the principle that all human life is precious and deserving of protection.

## Knights of Columbus 133rd Supreme Convention Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 4-6, 2015

Pennsylvania State Council will be hosting the 133rd International Supreme Convention in the City of Brotherly Love on August 4-6, 2015.

On Tuesday evening, August 4, the States Dinner will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. During dinner the song of each jurisdiction of the United States, Canada and other countries will be sung by their respective delegations.

Masses will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Normally there is a large number of priests and hierarchy joining in these beautiful liturgies. The Mass on Thursday morning will be the annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers.

The Philadelphia Downtown Marriot will be the convention headquarters. All information regarding this 133rd Supreme Convention can be found on the Supreme website: https://www.kofc.org/un/en/conv/2015/agenda.html.

Those of you who are not attending will be able to stay current with proceedings via TV coverage carried by EWTN (Eternal World Television Network). Check with your local listings for exact times.

#### 9TH ANNUAL NUN RUN 5K

Saturday, September 12, 2015

The 9th Annual Knights of Columbus Nun Run 5K (it's a walk too) is being held a 9:00 a.m. Saturday, 9/12/15.



The 5K walk/race begins and ends on the grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, and the Little Sisters join us for the run and all the fun. This is a major fundraiser supported by the Delaware Knights of Columbus and we are seeking your

support. Last year over 550 people came together to make the Nun Run a huge success! We are confident that this year will be bigger and better, and we hope you will join us.

All proceeds benefit the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Jeanne Jugan Residence.

Any councils or members wishing to make a donation to this program should contact PSD James Gardner. You may sign up online to participate in the walk/run or just make a donation at <a href="https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Newark/NunRun5K">https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Newark/NunRun5K</a>

Jeanne Jugan Residence 185 Salem Church Raod Newark, Delaware 19713 (302) 368-5886

#### **State Council & Other News**

# DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 12-5 PM

Holy Rosary Church Grounds 3200 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, Delaware

The annual picnic will be held this year at the historic

Grubb/Worth mansion lawn & gardens next to Holy Rosary Church in Claymont, Delaware. The menu will include the traditional food and beverage of the past 10 years together with a DJ, raffles, 50/50, water



slides and other games. The event is scheduled from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. with food being served at 1:00 p.m

As in past years the price is \$12.00 per person or \$20.00 per household. Chairman for the event is Brian Dennis.

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2015



**Thomas L. Boscher,** Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Delaware, has announced that the Fourth Degree will be exemplified on Saturday, 14, 2015. The highest degree of our Order will be held at Double Tree Hotel, Route 202, along side of the Concord Mall.

Any member having taken his First Degree on or before May 14, 2015 is eligible. All members interested in joining the highest degree of our Order can obtain addition information from any Fourth Degree member.



# Join Fellow Knights for MLS Soccer Action At PPL Park Chester Waterfront Saturday, August 29

A Knights of Columbus Appreciation Night is planned for Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Join fellow Knights for professional soccer action and fun at the new PPL Park in Chester. Ticket price is \$20 per person. The Philadelphia Union will being playing against the New England Revolution. For information or to reserve seats for this family outing, please contact the Grand Knight.

#### **EDGEMOOR COMMUNITY BARBEQUE**

Saturday, August 29, 2015 - 5:30 PM

Christopher Council will embark on a new program this year by sponsoring a barbecue for the Edgemoor Community Center in Bellefonte. The Community Center provides affordable and accessible educational, recreational, self-enrichment and family support services to help improve the quality of life for over five thousand community members in North Wilmington.

This event will be chaired by DGK Ray Cobb and is in keeping with our council objective to increase our involvement within the community. Call Ray for further information or to help with this program.

# Thank You

The Holy Rosary carnival was the most successful in recent history thanks to the great dedication and support of so many member from Christopher Council along with their families. Thanks to all for your help in making this carnival a huge success.

#### **COUNCIL & STATE WEBSITES**

The Delaware State Council website is www.de-kofc.org. From the Home Page click on Councils Web Sites, then click on Christopher Council. Be sure to bookmark the page. Visit frequently to stay current with state and council events and last minute changes to our calendar.

The direct URL for Christopher Council is: www.jraughley.com/3182.html

# IT'S GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

### Birthdays from August 1 through September 30

Aug 01 Joseph A. Giorgi

Aug 02 William R. Gibson

Aug 03 Melvin Holden

Aug 03 Robert S. Fitzwater

Aug 03 Thomas D. Kupchick

Aug 03 William F. Northey

Aug 04 George F. Fantini

Aug 09 Paul J. Dougherty

Aug 09 Timothy F. Panfile

Aug 09 Bruce Dean

Aug 09 Keith W. Powell

Aug 12 Michael J. Dalto

Aug 12 Joseph E. Sobieski

Aug 12 Michael J. Knox

Aug 13 Timothy D. McCarthy, Sr.

Aug 14 Michael L. Corvino

Aug 16 Thomas A. Pace

Aug 20 Francis M. Pucylowski

Aug 21 James B. Ward

Aug 23 Joseph P. De John

Aug 24 Jose T. Perez

Aug 25 William E. Gower, Jr.

Aug 26 Matthew J. Puka

Aug 27 Eugene C. Lacey

Aug 27 Eric J. Marvel

Aug 28 Thomas J. Quinney

Aug 28 Robert C. August

Aug 29 Stanley E. Borek

Aug 29 Sabino Martinez

Aug 31 Kenneth Michael Chlada

Sep 01 Michael S. Potts

Sep 02 Dennis DiFrancesco

Sep 03 James L. Fath

Sep 03 John A. Hughes

Sep 04 Brother Miguel A. Ramirez

Sep 06 Robert F. McGowan

Sep 07 Samuel J. Keys, Jr.

Sep 07 Francis J. Ciabattoni

Sep 07 Andrew F. Gonzon

Sep 08 James F. Minutola

Sep 09 Joseph T. Pellerito

Sep 11 Jordan P. Ashby

Sep 13 Rich J. Quinney

Sep 14 Sean C. Callaghan

Sep 15 Clement J. Sprogell, Jr.

Sep 18 James B. Vandergast

Sep 18 Barry F. Collins

Sep 21 Glenn A. Suter

Sep 22 Leonard L. Bailey

Sep 22 Jeffrey Kolessar

Sep 24 Carl S. Colantuono

Sep 24 John A. Fischer

Sep 25 Peter C. Moody

Sep 28 Neil R. Falgowski

Sep 30 Dominic J. DiChristopher, Jr

Sep 30 Ryan P. MacCormac

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!



#### Past State Deputies Recognition Dinner Friday, September 18,2015

**Ed "Porky" Oliver Golf Club** 800 N. DuPont Road Wilmington, Delaware 19807

A dinner honoring all Past State Deputies of the Jurisdiction of Delaware, with special recognition to our Immediate Past State Deputy, Ralph B. Body, is scheduled for Friday evening, September 18, 2015 at Porky Oliver Golf Club. Cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

An entrée choice of chicken saltimbocca or pan seared salmon is offered for the price of \$35.00 per person. A Caesar salad will starts thing off and end with bread pudding with butterscotch rum raisin sauce for dessert.

Contact Jerry Poore for reservations at 302 478-2845 or email: jrp1940@yahoo.com. Deadline is August 14. Make checks payable to Delaware State Council, K of C.

Christopher Council has had 7 members serve as State Deputy: William D. Bailey (51-52), Charles S. Kaleel (56-57), John M. Raughley (75-76), Elmer E. Potts (81-82), Frank R. Dennis (87-88), Michael F. Panfile (6-97) and Manuel A. Velez (03-04).



World Meeting of Families Congress September 22-25, 2015

> Papal Visit September 26-27, 2015

# Love is Our Mission: The Family fully alive

Called together from all over the world the sanctuary of love and life.

## **Schedule of Events**

	ST 2015			
2	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
2	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
4	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
4	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
4 - 6 9	Tues-Thurs Sunday	Annual Supreme Convention Parish Breakfast	Convention Center, Philadelphia St. Helena's School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
11	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
16	Sunday	DSC Annual Family Picnic	Holy Rosary Church	12 Noon - 5 PM
20	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
24	Monday	Third Degree Exemplification	Elizabeth Ann Seton - Bear	6:30 PM
29	Saturday	Edgemoor Community Barbecue	Edgemoor Community Center	5:30 PM
29	Saturday	K of C Appreciation Night	PPL Park - Chester	7:00 PM
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1	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
6	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
8	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
10	Thursday	DSC Informational Meeting	Old Bohemia—Middletown	6:30 PM
12	Saturday	9th Annual Nun Run 5K	Little Sisters of the Poor - Newark	9:00AM
12	Saturday	Council Fishing Trip	Fisherman's Warf Marina - Lewes	12 Noon
13	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena's School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
13	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
15	Tuesday	Council Meeting (First Degree)	Council Home	8:00 PM
17	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
18	Friday	PSD's Recognition Dinner	Ed "Porky" Oliver Golf Club	6:30 PM
20	Sunday	St. Helena's Parish Picnic	St. Helena's Church Grounds	1:00 PM
22 - 27	Tues-Sun	World Meeting of Families	Convention Center, Philadelphia	
25	Friday	Council Poker Night	Council Home	5:30 PM
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Oct 20	Tuesday	Fraternal Benefits Night with Mar	k Goldberg Wives Invited	8:00 AM
Nov 14	Saturday	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Double Tree Hotel, Wilmington	10:00 AM

# Discover a World of Good Things in the Knights of Columbus