



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:

We are nearing the end of the half way point in this Columbian Year, and what a half it was! I can tell you that our council is very well known in our community and the number of requests for our assistance is increasing, which indicates clearly that there are lots of people in our community in need. Answering the bell is what we do as knights.

We should all be proud of our council's accomplishments, but we should also ponder how much more we could do if our entire membership was engaged, can you imagine the possibilities? Therefore I ask and pray that all of our able body members check in and pick an event or two where you may be able to lend a hand. Also please consider some new events which your personal talents could make happen and add to the already sizable contribution our council makes year in and year out. If you have an idea, present it! If you haven't been around in a while consider changing that. I promise you will be welcomed with open arms which is what should be expected from a fraternal organization.



Dom DiChristopher, GK

As we move into Advent, please remember the real reason for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ our Savior, who became man to teach us to love and to suffer and die for our sins. It is the season of giving as well, so I ask that all give what you can to our Community Care program and of your time and talents at other events which help those within our parishes and community.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Community Care, it was developed over 20 years ago and is designed to collect donations from council and Brandywine Club social members and distribute 100% of the proceeds evenly to both Holy Rosary and St. Helena's outreach programs who have the resources to ensure

the funds are being used for those in need. A little known fact is that the program is non-denominational, meaning the proceeds are distributed based on need regardless of religious affiliation. This year we are going to try to have our donations matched by corporations who offer matching programs, thereby doubling our impact. Anyone working for a company that has a matching program, I ask that you take the extra step to submit whatever paperwork is needed to double your gift.

Christmas is a perfect time to consider giving the gift of Knighthood to a family member or friend. Pretty tough to top a gift of charity, unity and fraternity that could last a lifetime!

At our last council meeting the council was presented with a brand new State of Delaware flag by the Loyal Order of Eagles, to be flown on our new flag pole. Many thanks to the LOE, especially our own Ralph Ciancaglione and Dennis Yesville for obtaining and presenting the flag.

Communication is a key to success, please supply updated contact information so I can update on the Supreme Website. This will allow for email communications in between newsletters and much, much more. Please consider providing me with your email and cell number via my personal email ddichristopher@verizon.net.

Lastly, our council Christmas party will be held on December 15, cocktails 6:30, dinner 7 PM, really need a good headcount so RSVP will be required by Wednesday, 12/9. Again the council will cover costs; all we ask is that you make a donation to our community care program.

On behalf of my wife and myself, please accept our best wishes for a happy, holy, and safe Christmas Season.

Fraternally yours,

Dominic DiChristopher, Jr.
Grand Knight, Christopher Council

Council News

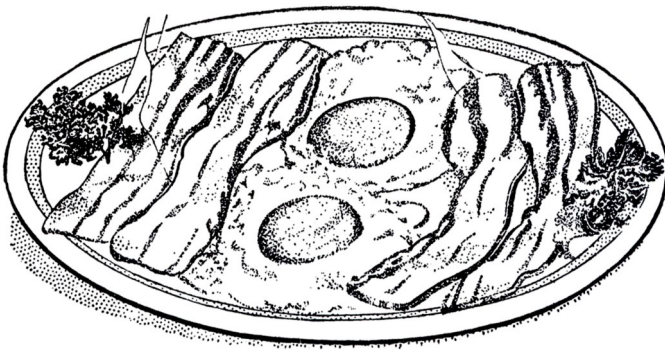
MEMBERSHIP CORNER

It's great to be a Knight of Columbus. Every Catholic man should be afforded the opportunity of joining our Order which is now approaching 1.9 million members.

During this Christmas season, please take a few minutes to reflect on the blessings we have all received this year. Please give serious thought to inviting a family member, neighbor or friend from work or church to join the Knights of Columbus as a Christmas present. He and his family will be glad that you did.

Paul A. Coulston, Membership Director
202 W. Holly Oak Road, Wilmington, DE 19809
(H) 302 798-4641 (C) 302 293-5424

ST. HELENA'S BREAKFAST BUFFET SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015



The theme for the December breakfast is Christmas, and we are anticipating that Santa will be on hand. Enjoy an all you care to eat buffet. Cost: \$8.50-adults and children over 12; \$4.00 per child under 12. Food service begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues until 12:45 p.m. Bring family and friends! Breakfast buffet is served on every second Sunday in Masci Hall. **Ray** and **Nancy Cobb** chair this wonderful program. Come and enjoy!

IN MEMORIAM

October 2, 2015

Carrol D. Cochran, Age: 84 • Claymont passed away peacefully after a short illness, surrounded by the love of his family and friends. He was a life-long parishioner of Holy Rosary Church and a member in good standing of Christopher Council.

Flagpole Dedication - November 15, 2015



(l. to r.) **Robert Collum, Sr.**; **Richard S. Johnson, SW**; **Michael Ashby, Marshall**; **Donald Legg, DD** and **James B. Vandergast, Commander**.

A beautiful flagpole was installed this past month at the entrance to our Council Home. The official dedication took place on Sunday, November 15. Color Corps members from Bishop Mardaga Assembly were on hand along with Assembly Friar, Rev. Leonard J. Kempfski who blessed the new addition. Brandywine Club President, Dennis R. Harris, Sr., expressed his appreciation to social members, James Gillespie and Henry DiAminick for their help in making this new flagpole a reality.

Newsletter Editor: John M. Raughley, PSD, FM

We welcome news from all members. Please forward information to jmraug@gmail.com or contact Jack by phone at 610 361-8402.

Council News

COUNCIL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2015

The Christopher Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 15, 2015 at the Council Home. Festivities will get underway at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails. We are hopeful that all members and their wives or guests will plan to be on hand to join in the fun and seasonal merriment. Please RSVP to the Grand Knight by December 9, 2015.

This party will also provide us with an opportunity to show our appreciation to members who have contributed to the success of our many programs to-date. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on this occasion.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2015



Word has just been received from the North Pole that Santa will be visiting the children at the Club on **Saturday, December 19**. Festivities will get underway at 10 a.m. Santa will have a sleigh filled with presents for all the children, and the elves will be serving ice cream, sodas, cookies and candy canes.

The party is open to the children and grandchildren of members up to and including those **nine (9) years of age**. To make certain that Santa has sufficient gifts for all the children attending, **reservations for the Children's Christmas Party are required**. A sign-up sheet will be available at the club from November 27 through December 11 where the name and age of each child is listed. Make sure to sign up now so that no children are disappointed.

BRANDYWINE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20, 2015

Our Club Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, **December 20, 2015**. As in prior years, this year's party will again be an afternoon jam session from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. A DJ will be on hand with food being served for the duration. There is no admission charge for this event. It is our way of saying thank you for your support and wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us on December 20.

COMMUNITY CARE

Christopher Council, No.3182 Knights of Columbus

Christopher Council, Knights of Columbus, is again soliciting funds to help make this holiday a little more pleasant for those less fortunate. This "Community Care" project supports the outreach programs of Holy Rosary and St. Helena Churches. Every dollar received will be given back in its entirety to the community. Last year over \$2,500 was collected through the generosity of council and club members. The extent to which we are able to make a difference and help to brighten the holidays for our neighbors depends directly on your generosity.

Please make checks payable to
"Christopher Council, No. 3182" and send to:

**Community Care Program
135 Princeton Avenue
Claymont, Delaware 19703**

Thank you for sharing. God bless.

Dennis R. Harris, Sr., PGK
Community Care Program Chairman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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

Council dues for 2016 remain at just \$20 per year and are collected on an calendar year basis beginning each January.

Please forward payment now to our Financial Secretary, Mike Panfile. Make checks payable to: "Christopher Council, Knights of Columbus". Also, notify Mike if you have a hardship or are in need of council support.



Council News

Mid-Year State Council Meeting January 8, 9 and 10, 2016

PRINCESS ROYALE

91st St. & Oceanfront
Ocean City Maryland

Election of council delegates and alternates to the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of Delaware State Council were held at our business meeting in October. Delegates elected were Grand Knight, Dominic DiChristopher (by virtue of his office) and PGK Brian Dennis. First alternate is PGK Bill Northey and the second alternate is PSD Jack Raughley.

At this mid-year meeting a financial reporting of the 2014 – 2015 Columbian Year will be presented and it will be an ideal time to review and discuss organizational issues and our many state programs. Official business such as amendments to the bylaws, election of officers, resolutions, per capita assessments, etc. shall be only conducted at the regular Annual Meeting of State Council in May.

Room rates are \$99 per night with children 12 and under free in parents' room. Reservations are required by Monday, December 7, 2015 to guarantee this low rate.

Reserve rooms directly with Princess Royale at: 1-800-4-ROYALE or online at www.de-kofc.org. Our booking code is 4320. Check to see what this beautiful facility has to offer at www.princessroyale.com.

This weekend get away is a great way to break the winter blues and relax with brother knights following the Christmas season.

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.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

A Good Way to Keep the True Meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas we honor the birth of Jesus Christ. At times our Savior is forgotten in the commercialization of the season and the rush to get ready for holiday festivities. Each year the Knights of Columbus takes a leading role in reminding society that Christmas is first and foremost a holy day. One of the best ways to do this is participating in the Order's "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. The purchase and sending of religious Christmas cards is an excellent way for us to promote the birth of Christ as the focus of the Christmas season.

For the past several years our Treasurer, **Paul Rapposelli**, has chaired the sale of Knights of Columbus Christmas cards for Christopher Council. Boxes contain 12 to 18 cards and cost anywhere from \$5.00 to \$12.00 per box. All themes are religious and of good quality.

Paul always has cards at the council meetings. Cards will also be available at St. Helena Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 13. Paul can be reached at 302 762-3435.

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE

Like it or not we are living in the computer age. As the Grand Knight mentions in his message each issue, 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 ddichristopher@verizon.net. Thanks for your help in this regard.

MARCH FOR LIFE Friday, March 22, 2016

Next year, the anniversary date of the Roe v. Wade decision will fall on a Friday. So mark your calendars ... we will make our pro-life presence known to the lawmakers in Washington, the citizens of the United States, and people around the world, on **Friday, January 22**.



Club and Council 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 get-togethers. 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).



PRAYER VIGILS

Delaware State Council sponsors the vigils held on the first Saturday of every month from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 625 North Shipley Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

All Knights, their families and friends are invited to pray with us for any length of time offered. With all of the present controversy around Planned Parenthood, we are hoping that more people of faith will be motivated to come out and pray to combat this evil.

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.

DELAWARE KNIGHTS FOOTBALL FUND CRAZR

If you purchased a Delaware Knights 2015 Football Fund Crazr ticket, you can check out your results online at:

WWW.FUNDCRAZR.COM



CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST

Slated for January 9, 2016

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Plan to join us on Saturday, January 9 for the football playoff games and to sample many chili selections. All are invited to sample chili submissions and to vote for their favorites.

Contestants are asked to submit at least two gallons of their competition chili. Arrive in time to set up your tables and ensure that your chili is hot by the 1:00 PM start time.

Awards will be presented to the top three Celebrity Chefs and to the top three most popular chili dishes.

Applications must be received no later than Monday, January 4. Please submit to Dan Goodine at 302 757-5886 or email to dgsales88@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS !

NEW SIR KNIGHTS

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the following Sir Knights on receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree on November 14, 2015.

Chris P. Coulston

Paul A. Coulston

Robert G. DelGrosso

David C. Robinson

Michael E. Walsh



These Sir Knight are the newest members of Bishop Mardaga Assembly from Christopher Council. Welcome, Sir Knights and congratulations to all.

Birthdays from December 1 through January 31, 2016

Dec 01 Joseph J. Sweeney
 Dec 02 Raymond W. Cobb
 Dec 03 Kevin K. Perry
 Dec 05 Joseph E. Bower
 Dec 05 Juan W. Alicea
 Dec 08 Don A. Lewis, Sr.
 Dec 08 Bradley A. Berg
 Dec 12 James F. Malseed
 Dec 13 John A. Pankowski
 Dec 13 Jason L. Austin
 Dec 14 Howard F. Curry
 Dec 15 Rev. Leonard J. Kempfski
 Dec 18 Paul M. Brandt, Sr.
 Dec 20 Margarito Perez
 Dec 21 Robert D. Stark
 Dec 23 John T. Skehan
 Dec 24 Robert J. Moley
 Dec 25 H. Thomas Hannigan, Jr.

Dec 28 John M. Raughley
 Dec 29 John D. Connolly, Jr.
 Dec 29 Albert J. Euganeo
 Dec 30 Peter J. Worth
 Dec 30 Christopher J. Mulvihill

 Jan 04 Raymond J. Kerrigan
 Jan 04 Rickey L. Shanaman
 Jan 06 Joseph G. Sockolosky
 Jan 06 Kevin P. Holt
 Jan 09 Paul Molitor
 Jan 10 Ronald J. Loncki
 Jan 11 Dennis W. Ringstaff
 Jan 12 Charles L. Schliro
 Jan 13 Ronald F. August III
 Jan 13 Tyler T. Hull
 Jan 14 Alfred P. Caffey
 Jan 17 Albert J. Minutola

Jan 18 Rev. George T. Burns
 Jan 20 Michael J. Toth
 Jan 20 Thomas J. Behl
 Jan 21 Ralph H. Da Grossa
 Jan 24 Donald R. Sedivec
 Jan 24 Thomas P. Dodd
 Jan 25 Anthony P. Pupillo, Jr.
 Jan 26 Dennis A. Westman
 Jan 26 Ralph R. Murray
 Jan 26 Clement A. Coulston
 Jan 27 Rev. Edward J. Storck
 Jan 29 James F. Cooper
 Jan 29 Rev. Anthony W. Rajayan
 Jan 29 John W. Barnas III
 Jan 30 Daniel M. Breslin
 Jan 31 John W. Fields

MANY HAPPY RETURNS !

CLAYMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5, 2015

Christopher Council has been part of the Claymont Christmas Parade for many years. This annual tradition is chaired by **Brian Dennis**. We decorate a float with the nativity scene to promote the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme. Brother **Jack Smith** of Smith's Towing provides us with a flatbed. The float decorating begins around 7 a.m. in the club parking lot. The parade forms at 9:30 a.m. at Maple Lane School and proceeds down the Philadelphia Pike with the Fourth Degree Color Corps escorting the float. Plan to join us this year, or at least join as a spectator to cheer us on.



**PLEASE SUPPORT
 CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL'S
 COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM**

ANNUAL DECLAMATION CONTEST SUNDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2015

The Annual Declamation Contest for students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

Michael Panfile is again chairing this program and your help is needed as judges (those with teaching backgrounds), class room moderators, and time keepers. The contest begins at 1 p.m. and those who are helping are asked to arrive by 12 Noon.

Give Mike a call if you are available to assist in this worthwhile Youth Program. (610 874-5064)

IBEW CHRISTMAS PARTY FUNDRAISER Scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2015

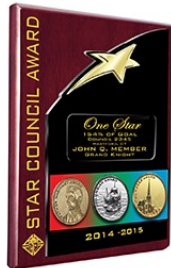
Christopher Council has been asked by our friends at IBEW to cater their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2015. We have catered their annual picnic and Seafood Feast for many years, and look forward to the opportunity of working with them at this time of year.

Brian Dennis will chair this event for the council. Those who can help are asked to report to the Club at 8:00 a.m. that morning to load the truck and travel to their hall for festivities later in the day. Call Brian to volunteer.

Council News

CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL AWARDED THE STAR COUNCIL AWARD

Christopher Council learned recently that it has been awarded "Star Council" for the 2014-15 Columbian. The Star Council Award is the highest distinction any council can realize. It takes into consideration membership and insurance growth as well as programming activities reported in each of the six program categories of our "Surge...with Service" program.



The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards.

Columbian Award: Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth.

Father McGivney Award: Achieve membership quota. The quota for councils is 7 percent increase of the council's membership as of July 1.

Founders' Award

Achieve insurance membership quota. The quota for councils is a 2.5 percent net increase in insurance membership as of July 1 for the fraternal year.

Congratulations to the 2014-15 officers and members of Christopher Council on receiving this Star Council Award.

DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 5, 2015

This year's party will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, Delaware. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. There is a Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

Cost is \$35 per couple (\$17.50 per person). Payment must be made in advance, no monies at door. Make check payable to **Knights of Columbus, Delaware State Council** and forward to John Brenner, 116 Colonel Clayton Drive, Middletown, De 19709. Deadline is November 23, 2015.

ST. PATRICK DAY PARTY SLATED FOR MARCH 19, 2016

Believe it or not, our St. Patrick's Day Party Chairman has already held a meeting to begin planning next year's extravaganza. Our Council Leprechaun, Jack Buckley, has the council off and running to make this top-three fundraising event a huge success.

You can help ensure it's success by:

- procure or donate items for our Chinese Baskets;
- purchase POT O GOLD tickets for a chance at a cash prize of \$500; and
- purchase tickets and invite your friends and/or colleagues to attend.

From all indications this looks like an event you won't want to miss!

Support Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

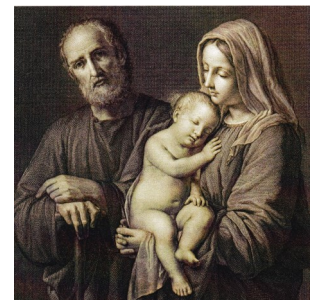
Kindly write **Christian Refugee Relief** on the memo line of your check.

Send to: Knights of Columbus Charities, One Columbus Plaza
PO Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966

WWW.CHRISTIANSatRISK.org

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the Peace and Joy
of the Holy Family be with
you and those you hold dear,
this Christmas and
throughout the New Year



Schedule of Events

DECEMBER 2015

1	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
1	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
5	Saturday	Claymont Christmas Parade	(Float at Club 7:00 - Maple Lane 9:30)	10:00 AM
5	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
5	Saturday	State Council Christmas Party	St. Joseph Parish Hall, Middletown	6:00 PM
6	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
8	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
12	Saturday	IBEW Christmas Party Fundraiser	Meet at Club at 8 AM to load truck	Evening
12	Saturday	Veterans' Bingo	Veterans Hospital, Elsmere	2:00 PM
13	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena's School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
13	Sunday	DSC Declamation Contest	St. Anthony Grade School, Wilmington	12 Noon
17	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
15	Tuesday	Council Christmas Party	Council (6:30 cocktails) Please RSVP	7:00 PM
19	Saturday	Children's Christmas Party	Brandywine Club (Sign-up Required)	10:00 AM
20	Sunday	Brandywine Club Social Party	Brandywine Club (Jam Session)	1:00 PM
25	Friday	Christmas Day		

JANUARY 2015

2	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
5	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
5	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
9	Saturday	Chili Cook Off Contest	Council Home	1:00 - 5:00 PM
8-10	Fri-Sun	Mid-Year Meeting	Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD	All Day
10	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena's School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
10	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
12	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
14	Thursday	DSC Informational Meeting	Christopher Council, Claymont	6:30 PM
18	Monday	Chaplains' recognition Dinner	Executive Conference Center, Bear	6:00 PM
19	Tuesday	Council Meeting (First Degree)	Council Home (Candidates 7:30)	8:00 PM
21	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
22	Friday	Annual March for Life	Washington, D.C.	

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6 - 7, 2016	"Soup-er" Bowl Food Drive	All Churches - All Masses	
February 7, 2016	Polar Bear Plunge	Rehoboth Beach, DE	1:00 PM
March 19, 2016	St. Patrick's Day Party	St. Helena's Masci Hall	