

# Knights of Columbus Newsletter



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#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Worthy Brothers and your Ladies, the months of September & October were an extremely busy period for our Council. It seems like we had at least one programs per week.

Just some of the major programs held were a Habitat for Humanity Work Day (9/15), the Charitable Golf Outing (9/18), our Super 50-50 Mailing Day (9/22), the Knights Coats for Kids Drive (9/30 & 10/1), Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale (10/7 & 10/8) and the Annual Crab Feast (10/21).

I can't begin to list all the Knights and other volunteers who stepped up and met the challenge in this short report, but know that you have my sincere gratitude. However, there is one Knight I must recognize for his extraordinary efforts leading our first golf outing in over six years, **Mike Brown**. Mike and his team had to build this event from scratch starting with getting event sponsorships and recruiting golfers. It was a fabulously successful event! See Mike's report later in this newsletter. I also want to recognize Brother **Carl Osterlof**, who runs his own family golf outing and was a great resource for our event.

I want to congratulate our newest Knight, **Daniel Crawford**. Daniel took his Admission Degree on October 28<sup>th</sup>. I also want to welcome **Rev. Roy Pollard** and **Glenn Showalter** who transferred into our Council during October.

**Save the date:** Our Council Christmas Party will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the St. Mary room starting at 3:00 PM.

Vivat Jesus!

**Tom Green** 



## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

In the month of November, the Catholic Church sets her eyes on eternal life remembering in a special way those who have gone before us passing from this life to the next. Every November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the feast of All Saints, wherein we remember all of those holy Christian men and women, who have already lived lives of heroic virtue and goodness and now enjoy the splendor and happiness of heaven. On the following day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we commemorate the feast of All Souls, where as a Church we remember and pray for all of the souls of our loved ones who have gone before us. This day in a special way we spiritually assist all of the faithful departed with our prayers helping those who have in some way or another lived less than perfectly good lives to be lifted up through purgatory and into heaven. Hence, the beginning feasts of November give us pause both to commemorate those who have gone before us, but also to provide us an opportunity to reflect on own journey towards eternal life.

Our own mortality at times can bring about emotions of fear, sadness, depression, and even anger. However, the reality of our human condition and the Church's feasts of November always gives way to the beauty of the truth and joy of the celebrations of December. Before we know it December 25<sup>th</sup> will have arrived again and the Christmas season will be upon us. We will celebrate that our Savior was born for us and that He offers new life in the face of death to all those who repent from their sins and believe in and follow Him. And so as Christians, St. Paul reminds us of this, "that we do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope..." because "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore my brother Knights, may we always keep our eyes fixed on heaven... may our focus remain on Jesus Christ... and may we carry the joy of Christmas at all times throughout the year. In Faith we have nothing to despair, every reason to give thanks to God, and the ability to lift up many souls including our own to heaven, if we simply all live as Saints for Him!

Grace & Peace in Christ,

Fr. Glenn Evers



## **GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS**

#### KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER

**FAMILY OF THE QUARTER** 

John McCloskey

Michael & Gay Brown

## **MEMBERSHIP** – Gerry Safranski

**Congratulations** to our newest Knights, **Daniel Crawford**! Daniel took his Admission Degree on October 28<sup>th</sup>, Hosted by Coffee Run Councils. Rich Deegan admission application has been approved and he is scheduled to take his Admission & Formation Degrees on November 28<sup>th</sup>, at Seton Council.

Steve Haller will be receiving Fourth Degree honors at the 45<sup>th</sup> Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on November 11<sup>th</sup>.



#### **CULTURE OF LIFE – John Baldo**

The Council is supporting a parishioner (and wife of a brother Knight) in training to learn the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning. The Training involves intensive course work at the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, NE as well as mentoring here in Delaware and will take place over a 13bmonth time period. The Wilmington Diocese currently has no members able to teach and consult in this practice, and the hope is that a large void will be filled.

We are privileged to be able to help in this work.

61 Memorial Crosses were displayed at the Lancaster Pike Church entrance during October, "Respect for Life Month". Each cross remembers 1 million preborn babies that lost their lives through abortion since 1973. Please pray for an end to this tragic practice.

#### **ROSE FOR LIFE** - John Baldo

Rose for Life participants for November and December are brothers Chris Dunphy, Len Correale and Ken Willis. Thank you for bringing this ministry to Parish Infant Baptisms.

#### <u>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY</u> – Tom Green / Mike Bailey

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, six Knights participated in a Habitat for Humanity Workday. Bill Egan, Paul



Martin, Joe McGrellis, John McClosky, Gerry Safrankski and I spend the day installing washers & dryers, stair railings & finish painting four units. These homes were dedicated in a ceremony on October 12<sup>th</sup>, with the keys and a bible given to the new owners.

Mike Bailey and John McClosky attended the dedication ceremony and presented our Council's donation of \$1000 to Keith Smith, Habitat's CEO.

This effort helps low-income, first time homeowners a chance at a better life for themselves and their families.

#### **SUPPER 50-50 RAFFLE MAILING DAY** - Tom Green

The annual Supper 50-50 Raffle Mailing Day was held On September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a joint effort with



the Knights & St. Mary's Pro-Life Committee. Twenty-one enthusiastic volunteers (two-thirds of them Knights & their wives) counted out nearly 20,000 tickets, stuffed 2,810 envelopes with tickets & letters then address & sealed them for mailing.



#### CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT - Mike Brown

The Coffee Run Golf Outing was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Fieldstone Gold Club. A total of 80 golfers participated and support from the Council and Ladies Auxiliary helped to make this was a big success. A total of \$18,262 was raised for Coffee Run Council to support the various charities that we will contribute to this Columbian year.

## **COATS FOR KIDS** – Chris Dougherty

Thanks to all Brother Knights for assisting in collecting for the "Coats for Kids". They collected from parish donations a total of \$3,113.00. With all the money collected we ordered 18 boxes (dozens) of six size coats. Thank you to Parishioners and Brother Knights.



#### **MORNING BREW - Jim Robinson**

Morning Brew December 2nd

The second quarterly "Morning Brew" for men of the Parish will be on Saturday, December 2nd, in the church hall. This is a quarterly event aimed at all of us growing in our faith. It is closely aligned with the parish <u>Cornerstone</u> movement and our own <u>Fathers for Good</u>, initiative from Supreme Council. Come join fellow parishioners and brother Knights that morning.

The announcement and signup information shown below:

Strengthen your faith with

MORNING BREW

A Morning Men's Event

bit.ly/MORNINGBREW

Saturday, December 2, 2017

9:00am - 12:30pm sharp

(Mass available 8:30am)

St. Mary of the Assumption Church Hall

What are the BIG faith issues you struggle with as a Catholic man? Where do you go to really wrestle with important questions, doubts, or challenges in living your Catholic faith? Who do you trust to get honest answers and advice? **Morning Brew** is a quarterly, Saturday morning event designed to help busy Catholic men grow their faith, in friendship and confidence. And drink good coffee. Take a break from the busyness to learn more about the BIG issues impacting your life at home, work, and church in a spirit of fellowship that can only be experienced with other Christian men - and good coffee.

Our next theme, *To Provide and Protect*, will address some difficult issues related to our call as Catholic men to respect life. Forget politics. What does it really mean to be "pro-life"? What does the Catholic Church *really* teach us? What do *you* believe?

To register visit <a href="http://bit.ly/MORNINGBREW">http://bit.ly/MORNINGBREW</a> or contact Jim Robinson

## **PASTA DINNER – Franz Portmann**





"Wheel Chair Mission" Knights Pasta Night in November had 90 people attending. Thanks to all the Knights who helped.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** - Mike Brown



During the weekend Masses on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, a total of 70 Boxes of cards were sold by the Knights. This religious card theme is appreciated by parishioners who continue to support this annual effort.

## 5th SUNDAY ROSARY- Jim White



A 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, with 15 participants, we would like to see more Knights come out and support this program. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass.

## **CRAB FEAST** - Frank DeGennaro

Attendance for Crab Fest was 160 people.

## **FOOTBALL FUN CRAZR** – Tom Green

Delaware State Council sponsors an annual raffle based on points scored in NFL football games to fund Catholic school scholarships. Our Council sold 100 raffle cards which will contribute \$1000 to the Catholic School Scholarship Program.

#### **Road Cleanup** - Jim Ambrose

Route 41 Fall Cleanup- On a Brisk, dark morning a band of brave Brother Knights fueled by a Box of Joe and some donuts, embarked on the busy pike to clean the trash that had been discarded over the past six months.

The 11-piece band of Buckeye Jim and the Trash Pickers sang such old favorites as "Trash Picking Blues", "Don't Drink What's in the Old Brown Jug", "Beer Can Polkas".

Many thanks to Charlie Talkowski, Jim Reagan, Frank Robinson, Mike Bailey, Leo Hamilton, Rusty Giles, John Schoff, John Baldo, Tom Green and Ralph Paulus.

Tentative date for Spring 2018 cleanup April 14, 2018



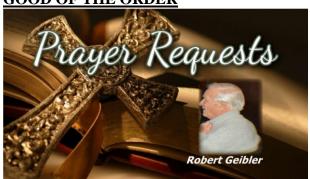
## **LADIES AUXILIARY** – Betty Baldo

The Knights are having their Christmas party in the St Mary's Room on Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 3:00 PM. Knights supply the meat, rolls and drinks. Those who want to come are asked to sign up with Betty or Tom Green, so we can have an idea of how many are coming...and also if they can bring an appetizer or dessert for the occasion.

If you want to know more about any aspect of Life, Disability, Long Term Care or Retirement annuities please contact Coffee Run's Field Agent Ralph Paulus at Ralph.Paulus@kofc.org or phone (302) 750-1433.



## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**



## Calendar of Events November – December 2017

Date	Activity	Location	Time
November			
Nov-01-17, Wed	All Saints		
Nov-02-17, Thu	All Souls		
Nov-04-17, Sat	Adopt A Highway (Rt. 41) Cleanup	Meet at St. Mary's Parking Lot	7:00 - 10:00 AM
Nov-05-17, Sun	Pasta Dinner	Church Hall	4:30 - 7:30 PM
Nov-06-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 - 12 Noon
Nov-06-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting	Holy Family Church	7:00 PM
Nov-08-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Nov-08-17, Fri	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	St. John Room	7:00 PM
Nov-10-17, Fri	45th Forth Degree Exemplification - Master's Dinner	The Double Tree Hotel - Wilmington	Starting at 6:30 PM
Nov-11-17, Sat	Veterans Day		
Nov-11-17, Sat	45th Forth Degree Exemplification	The Double Tree Hotel - Wilmington	Registration 9:30 AM Banquet 7:30 PM
Nov-20-17, Mon	First Degree Exemplification	Brother Vincent Council - Smyrna	6:30 – 8:00 PM
Nov-21-17, Tue	First Degree Exemplification	Christopher Council - Claymont	6:30 - 9:00 PM
Nov-23-17, Thu	Thanksgiving Day		
Nov-28-17, Tue	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Seton Council - Bear	6:30 - 9:00 PM
December			
Dec-02-17, Sat	Children's Breakfast With Santa	St. Mary Room	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Dec-02-17, Sat	First Sunday Of Advent	- Carriery recent	0.00 11.00744
Dec-04-17, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 – 12 Noon
Dec-04-17, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Dec-08-17, Fri	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception		
Dec-09-17, Sat	State Council Christmas Party	St. Joseph's Church - Middletown	Starting at 5:00 PM
Dec-10-17, Sun	State Declamation Contest	St. Anthony's Of Padua School	Starting at 11:30 AM
Dec-13-17, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Dec-17-17, Sun	Coffee Run Council Christmas Party	St. Mary Room	Starting at 3:00 PM
Dec-18-17, Sun	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Brother Vincent Council - Smyrna	6:30 - 9:00 PM
Dec-25-17, Sun	Christmas Day		
Dec-31-17, Sun	Fifth Sunday Rosary	Church	9:00 AM
Dec-31-17, Sun	Newsletter Items Due Date		

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