



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 all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families and enjoy this beautiful season.

The council didn't have an opportunity to take much time off. December was hectic and got even more hectic this year with the addition of the IBEW Christmas Party fundraiser, which was a huge success!

New Years' Day also represents the end of the first half of this Columbian Year which was extremely successful for our council; however, the pace really picks up now! Our service programs continue to expand and we are well on our way to Star Council on that front, but not so well with membership where we sit at 4 with a goal of 21. We will have another first degree before this newsletter is published, so I am hopeful I will be able to report better news in the next edition. We need more arms, legs, and ideas; that's what makes us strong and our future bright! Remember, we have lost more knights this year to the Lord than we have added, so we all need to pick up the pace. This is a wonderful gift we all have; why not share this gift with a family member, friend, or co-worker. If you have a candidate in mind, please contact membership chair, Paul Coulston, or me.

This is also the time of year when we need to renew our dues. If you recall when I became Grand Knight I was forced to drop 100 members for non-payment of dues after multiple notification attempts and even an offer of amnesty to past dues. Our dues are really affordable at \$20/year and we have kept them low so they basically cover Supreme and State per capita which the council must pay for all members on our roster, regardless of whether we collect dues or not. Please pay your dues promptly. We do recognize that

there can be extraordinary circumstances. If you find yourself in that situation, just let us know; remember we are all brothers.

Lastly for those of us who are not able to be active, perhaps consider an additional donation with your dues which we can target for Community Care, which helps the less fortunate in our community.

Speaking of Community Care, we are making one last push. So if you haven't had the opportunity to send in a donation, there is still time. We just received a thank you note from St. Helena's outreach which de-



Dom DiChristopher, GK

tailed that they were able to help 275 people from our donations during the holidays; that's awesome! We received a similar thank you from Holy Rosary Outreach; but it did not detail the number of people who benefited but let's assume it's a similar number; that's 550 families who received much needed help because of this program. Again, it's not too late for you to help, and I am in the process of trying to get the entire amount raised 'matched' by my employer. What a blessing that would be. This is a program which should be year round and, we will make every effort to ensure that we consider this a year round mission.

Planning for the St. Patrick's Party, which is one of our largest fund raisers, is in full swing. Please consider helping out, attending or at the very least purchasing some Pot of Gold tickets for a chance to win \$500. Tickets are enclosed for your convenience. Also, if you have a business or are friendly with a business who could donate items for our silent auction baskets, please contact chairman, Jack Buckley, or me.

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Council News

Grand Knight's Message: (continued from front page)

In closing, this council is performing at a very high level in service to our communities, but we could do so much more with a few extra arms, legs, and ideas. Please consider a post New Year's resolution to give up a few hours a month of your free time to help us, remember all are welcome no matter how long you may have been away!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

Dominic DiChristopher, Jr.
Grand Knight, Christopher Council



ST. HELENA'S BREAKFAST BUFFET SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 & MARCH 13, 2016

A breakfast buffet is served on every second Sunday in Masci Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Ray and Nancy Cobb** chair this wonderful program. Bring the entire family and have a wonderful breakfast with brother knights and fellow parishioners. Come and enjoy!

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph M. Zecca, PGK

December 31, 2015

Joseph M. Zecca Age 70 of Wilmington passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He was an active life-long parishioner of Holy Rosary Church and a member of Christopher Council and Bishop Mardaga Assembly. Joe was an Honorary Life Member with over 52 years of service. He served as Grand Knight of Christopher Council for two consecutive terms (2012-2014).

Our sympathy and prayers are with his wife, Rose, daughter, Annette and entire family at this difficult time.



February 12 - March 4 - March 11 - March 18
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In an effort to spread the Lenten spirit among the families of our council and St. Helena's and Holy Rosary parishes, Christopher Council will be holding a Lenten fish fry on four Fridays during lent.

The dinners will be in Masci Hall at St. Helena's and food will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be platters of fried fish, baked fish and a seafood entrée (seafood Newberg, linguine with clam sauce) that will rotate with each dinner. For those children under 12, a child's platter will be available. In addition to platters, there will be soup, dessert and vegetables. Water and iced tea are included and there will be beer, wine soda, coffee and bottled water available for purchase.

In keeping with the Lenten spirit proceeds from these dinners will be used to support charitable programs of the council and the Outreach Program at St. Helena's.

2016 Council Dues - \$20.00

Council dues are \$20 per year and are collected on a calendar year basis beginning in January. If your dues are not current, 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.

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

Newsletter Editor: John M. Raughley

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

Council News

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

Thanks to the generosity of so many Brother Knights and social members of the Brandywine Club, we were able to collect and distribute \$2,850 to needy families throughout the community during this past holiday season. We are grateful for such a wonderful response.

However, if you have not responded there is still time to donate. Contributions are still being accepted.

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.

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

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

E-MAIL ADDRESSES STILL NEEDED

As the Grand Knight has mentioned before in his GK column, Supreme Council is making it a lot easier for councils to communicate with their members through its database in New Haven. Like it or not we are living in the computer age. We need to become more digital.



If you have not done so, please provide your preferred e-mail address to the Grand Knight at your earliest convenience. Forward to ddchristopher@verizon.net. Thanks for your help in this regard.

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, Carlos Rivera, Bill and Kathy Northey have been supporting this church program in the past. Interested parties should contact our council coordinator, **Bill Northey** at 798-8272 for additional information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

The Coulstons
 (Paul, Ellen, Clem and Chris)

They were instrumental in preparing our float and breaking it down for the Claymont Christmas Parade.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

Larry Pelkey

Our newest brother knight, was a force at the Claymont Christmas Parade, the IBEW Christmas party and just about everything else the council engaged in since he has joined.

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL FOOD COLLECTION February 6-7, 2016

In conjunction with the 50th Annual Super Bowl, members of Christopher Council will conduct their annual "Soup-er Bowl" food drive at all week-end Masses at St. Helena and Holy Rosary churches.

The Knights have been significant contributors in the State of Delaware collecting more than half of the state totals. Councils throughout Delaware work with associated parishes in collecting and distributing food to organizations such as Parish Outreach or St. Vincent de Paul Society, who in turn distribute it to those who are most in need.

Thanks for your help in this regard, and please do not forget to bring a non-perishable food item to church with you that week-end.

LENT 2016 BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Delaware State Council News

Mission Breakfast 2016 St. Helena's Church Sunday, March 12, 2016

The Fifty-Ninth Annual **William J. McClafferty III**, Breakfast of Champions for the Missions will be held on Sunday, **March 12, 2016**. The breakfast will take place at St. Helena's Masci Hall following Mass in the church at 11:00 a.m., celebrated by The **Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, DD**, Bishop of Wilmington. Breakfast will be served immediately following the Mass. The Mass and breakfast is in honor of students in Diocesan grade schools and religious education programs who have championed the mission fund drives in their parishes and schools.

The money raised each year by the schools is presented to the Bishop to continue the Missionary efforts of the Diocese of Wilmington. It is hoped that with donations from councils throughout the state operating expense of the breakfast will be fully offset, and all contributions will be returned 100% to the missionary cause.

Tickets for the breakfast along with information regarding how you can make a donation has been mailed to all Grand Knights. If you have not already made your donation, please do so at your earliest opportunity. No contribution is considered too small. All Knights are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Mass and Breakfast.

Tickets for the Breakfast are \$10.00 and will be available at the door. Members are asked to coordinate ticket purchases through Grand Knight, **Dom DiChristopher**.

DELAWARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LICENSE PLATES



You can proudly display your membership in the Knights of Columbus by placing a K of C license plate on the back of your car. It is not expensive (a one-time fee of \$10), easy to obtain and can be transferred to a new vehicle at no cost.

Contact License Plate Coordinator, **Jim Gardner** at (302) 737-7364 to process necessary paper work.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

All members in Delaware received in the mail one chance for this 5 Week Club Fund Raiser. The first drawing will be March 10, 2016 with 16 chances to win over the 5 weeks. The donation is \$10.00 and all proceeds help support Catholic education for our children. If you have not already done so, please return your ticket in the envelope enclosed with the mailing. Thank you!

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

The Annual State Convention for Delaware State Council is scheduled for May 20-22, 2016 at the Princess Royal in Ocean City, Maryland. The pricing and all particulars will be forthcoming shortly. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

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 council URL is www.jraughley.com/3182.html.

FUND CRAZR - 2016 DELAWARE KNIGHTS

NCAA Basketball Tournament

Benefit of Catholic Elementary Schools

Each tickets has 4 different teams for the tournament. Entries good from March 17 until the final games.

Total Prizes \$1000

Highest \$400, 2nd Highest \$200,
3rd Highest \$100, 4th Highest \$75,
5th Highest \$50, 6th Highest \$25,
Lowest \$100, 2nd Lowest \$50

To purchase tickets, please contact **Manny Velez**

302 478-6126 or velezma21@gmail.com

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.

POT OF GOLD TICKETS

ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Book of 6 Tickets for \$20.00

1 Ticket for \$5.00



Please purchase and return promptly. Thank you!

VALENTINE DAY DANCE

February 13, 2016

8:00 p.m. to Midnight



Brandywine Club, Inc.

135 Princeton Avenue
Claymont, Delaware

Free Admission

Come join us and have a great time!

For additional information, please contact
Dom Di Christopher or **Denny Harris**

CONGRATULATIONS !

NEW SIR KNIGHTS

In our last issue we were remiss in overlooking one of our council members who received the honors of the Fourth Degree on November 14, 2015.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the following Sir Knights:

Chris P. Coulston

Paul A. Coulston

Don Lewis, Sr.

David C. Robinson

Michael E. Walsh



SUPER BOWL PARTY- FEB 7

BRANDYWINE CLUB



Come and cheer on your team at the Super Bowl Party at the club on February 7. Super bowl blocks will be available. Blocks are randomly selected and are always a source of fun, more so when you win. There will be our usual buffet and camaraderie. Plan now to be with us to watch the game on one of our HD TV's.

Birthdays from February 1 through March 31, 2016

Feb 03 Gene B. D Ascendis
 Feb 03 Robert P. Adams
 Feb 03 Randall A. Schiccatano
 Feb 05 Kenneth F. Persing, Jr.
 Feb 06 Randall A. Schiccatano, Jr.
 Feb 07 Walter Wanros, Jr.
 Feb 07 Kenneth J. Quinney
 Feb 11 James J. Sheftz
 Feb 11 Michael F. Panfile
 Feb 13 Mark D. Goldberg
 Feb 15 Thomas R. Dominick
 Feb 16 John J. Mousley
 Feb 16 Joseph J. Morsello
 Feb 20 John W. Useler
 Feb 20 Christian R. Dumrauf
 Feb 22 Daniel Caso
 Feb 25 Albert (Butch) C. Panco
 Feb 25 Brian R. Dennis

Feb 26 Rev. Stanley J. Russell
 Feb 26 Robert H. Muller
 Feb 28 James R. Roland

Mar 01 Carlo N. Ciabattoni
 Mar 01 Richard S. Johnson
 Mar 03 Joseph A. Loudon
 Mar 04 Michael C. Yesville
 Mar 06 John B. Silvestri
 Mar 06 David A. Veith, Sr.
 Mar 07 Dennis J. Di Vito
 Mar 07 John C. Fannin III
 Mar 07 Jeffrey C. Northey
 Mar 08 Timothy W. Pringle
 Mar 11 James J. De Fonzo
 Mar 12 Michael S. Doran
 Mar 14 Joseph H. Curren

Mar 14 Michael J. Hoke
 Mar 16 Charles Hale
 Mar 17 William J. LaCombe, Jr.
 Mar 17 Dominic DiChristopher III
 Mar 18 Leonard J. Middleton
 Mar 19 Bryan M. Jones
 Mar 23 George D. Williams
 Mar 24 Joseph R. Murphy
 Mar 24 John D. Gawlinski.
 Mar 25 Louis G. Dionisi
 Mar 26 Francis J. Grugan
 Mar 29 Michael E. Walsh
 Mar 29 Frank P. Dennis
 Mar 30 George V. Cimino
 Mar 30 Robert J. Booth, Jr.
 Dec 30 Christopher J. Mulvihill

MANY HAPPY RETURNS !

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL, NO. 3182

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

6 - 11 PM

DINNER - DANCING - POT OF GOLD

LIVE MUSIC BY: **FOUR PLAY**

ST. HELENA SCHOOL HALL
 602 PHILADELPHIA PIKE
 BELLEFONTE, DELAWARE

DONATION: ONLY \$25 PER/PERSON
 (Must be 21 years of age)

CALL YOUR FRIENDS AND RESERVE A TABLE

For more information and tickets call:

Jack O'Buckley 610 357-8601
 Dom O'DiChristopher 562-4492
 Bill O'Northey 798-8272



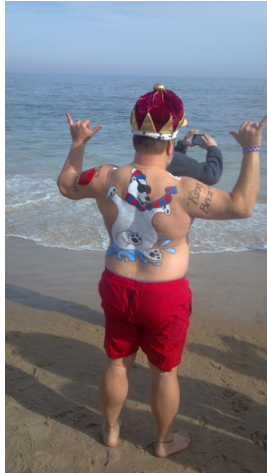
Council News

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Sunday, February 7, 2016

The Polar Knights of Delaware State Council in support of the Delaware Special Olympics will once again be braving the cold elements and plunge into the Atlantic Ocean at Rehoboth Beach to raise money for the Special Olympics athletes.

Although many members from Christopher Council have plunged over the years, the Council's *Main Polar Knight* is **Don Lewis Jr.** Don has been diving into the Atlantic Ocean for years. February 2016 will mark his 18th year! Eighteen years ago Don helped organize a group of jumpers within Christopher Council. The "Polar Knights" (as they now call themselves), went state wide and are now over 20 members strong and have evolved into an extremely successful fundraising group as well. Don has raised thousands of dollars in pledges for Special Olympics Delaware, but more important, has recruited other council members to participate.



Picture of Don Lewis Jr, provided by Don Lewis Jr.

If you wish to support him and to donate to Don's efforts this year, here's the link: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/don-lewisjr/2016-lewes-polar-bear-plunge-for-special-olympics>.

For those of you who will be on hand to watch the plungers, the Knights will be headquartered at the "White House" which is located behind the Atlantic Sands Hotel on Maryland Avenue. Contact **Ed Lichman** at 302 932-0850 for more information or reservations.

The mission of Special Olympics Delaware is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for 3,500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

ST. PATRICK DAY PARTY

MARCH 12, 2016

Our Council Leprechaun, **Jack Buckley**, has the council committee off and running to make certain that this year's St. Patrick Day Party is a huge success.

You can help ensure it's success by:

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

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Please purchase and return to:

Christopher Council, No. 3182
135 Princeton Avenue
Claymont, Delaware 19703

For more information or to purchase additional tickets, please contact **Jack Buckley** or **Jason Austin**

Thanks for your prompt reply. Top prize is \$500.00. Drawing is scheduled for March 12, 2016 at 10:00 p.m.

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

Schedule of Events

FEBRUARY 2016

2	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
2	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
6	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
6-7	Sunday	"Soup-er" Bowl Food Drive	St. Helena & Holy Rosary Church	All Masses
7	Sunday	Polar Bear Plunge	Rehoboth Beach, Delaware	1:00 PM
7	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
9	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
11	Thursday	DSC Informational Meeting	St. Polycarp, Smyrna (Dinner 6:30)	7:30 PM
12	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Helena Masci Hall	5:00 - 7:30 PM
13	Saturday	Valentine Day Dance	Brandywine Club	7:30 PM
14	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
16	Tuesday	Council Social Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
18	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM

MARCH 2016

1	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
1	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
4	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Helena Masci Hall	5:00 - 7:30 PM
5	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
6	Sunday	DSC Mission Breakfast	St. Helena Church	11:00 AM
6	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
8	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
10	Thursday	DSC Informational Meeting	Dover Council, Dover (Dinner 6:30)	7:30 PM
11	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Helena Masci Hall	5:00 - 7:30 PM
12	Saturday	DSC Chess Tournament	St. Pius X Council, Wilmington	9:00AM
12	Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Party	St. Helena Masci Hall	6:00 PM
13	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
15	Tuesday	Council Meeting (First Degree)	Council Home (Candidates 7:30)	8:00 PM
17	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
18	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry	St. Helena Masci Hall	5:00 - 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 2016	St. Patrick's Day Party	St. Helena Masci Hall
April 9, 2016	Annual Track Meet	Baynard Stadium, Wilmington
May 20-22, 2016	Annual State Convention	Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland