



Christopher Council, No. 3182

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

Chaplain

Rev. Leonard Kempfski
302 798-2904

Grand Knight

Dominic DiChristopher, Jr.
302 562 4492 (C)

Deputy Grand Knight

Raymond W. Cobb
302 547-6931 (C)

Financial Secretary

Michael F. Panfile, PSD
610 874-5064

Treasurer

Paul E. Rapposelli
302 762-3435

Chancellor

Dominic DiChristopher, III
302 562-9024 (C)

Advocate

Lawrence R. Vanwasshenova
734 771-0117

Lecturer

Deacon Richard J. Maichle
302 798-3137

Recorder

Bryan M. Jones
302 798-1706

Warden

Charles R. Schiliro
610 368-9878

Inside Guards

Stephen Schaefer
David C. Robinson

Outside Guards

Joseph Gattone, Jr.
Thomas A. Pace

Trustees

Vacant
Richard S. Johnson, DD
Brian R. Dennis, PGK

Membership

Paul Coulston

General Program

Raymond W. Cobb, DGK

Church

William F. Northey, PGK
J. R. Vanwasshenova, DGK

Council

Brian R. Dennis, PGK

Family

Neal J. Potts

Youth

William R. Moshelle

Pro-Life

James B. Vandergast, DD

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families:

The end of my tenure as our Grand Knight is almost upon us, and I wanted to express what an absolute pleasure it has been to lead this incredible council over the past two years. We have accomplished much together and we still have much more to do. My wish is that we finish strong as I am sure we will!

There are so many to recognize for our accomplishments that I could fill this entire newsletter with that acknowledgement, but I do need to thank all of our officers and directors for their help and support in sharing the load, and Father Kempfski and Deacon Rich for their spiritual guidance. Please realize that all of your efforts are and will continue to be appreciated as we continue to serve our Churches and community in a way that only Christopher Council can!

I do want to recognize the awesome job by our Nominating Committee and its' chairman Rick Johnson. They worked extremely hard to put together an incredible slate to continue to build on the groundwork we have laid. Thank you so much!

I am extremely pleased and supportive of this slate and am confident they will continue to grow our council, our presence and our service to Holy Rosary and St. Helena's Churches and our community. Please support them as you have me over the past two years. I will continue as your Three-Year Trustee and will be there, God willing, to lend support and advice to our new leaders for three years as a Trustee.

Serving as Grand Knight is not an easy task. It requires careful planning, facilitation, communication, active listening, leadership and yes- the ability to make tough decisions all for the better good of the council. It's no wonder that the Grand Knight's symbol is an anchor. Nobody is perfect and the weight of that an-

chor can drag you down if you let it. I believe the recipe for success is careful planning, active listening and surrounding yourself with as many varying viewpoints as possible. With that you have the best chance of making a good, informed decision only after gathering all feedback possible, which most times leads you to the 'right' decision. You also need 'thick skin' because no decision will please everyone and you need to be willing to listen, explain, and if all else fails, agree to disagree. You can't be successful by yourself; you need lots and lots of help, fortunately we have that here at Christopher but we can always use more.



Dom DiChristopher, GK

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the things I am most proud of during the past two years:

Star Council – We are poised to attain the coveted Star Council Award for the second year in a row. This is significant because it requires you to grow our council membership, protect your brother knights and their families (insurance) and serve your churches and community (24 service programs required, 4 in each of the six categories of Church, Council, Youth, Family, Community and Culture of Life).

Community Care – Helping those in need in our communities has been a holiday program for many years. We have now made it a year round focus which enabled us to triple our impact over previous years, thanks in large part to our Lenten Fish Fry.

New Activities/Fundraisers – I will highlight three, IBEW Christmas Party fundraiser, Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser and the Scout Encampment where we once again fed the hungry; over 700 lunches for the scouts and their leaders.

(continued next page)

Council News

Increased Family and Youth Focus – It is important to not forget our families who allowed us to give our free time, away from them, in service to our communities. Especially now, our renewed focus on Youth Programs gives us a better chance for a better tomorrow.

- **Family Highlights** – Hayride, Fishing Trip, Family Night at the Union Soccer Game, Council Christmas Party and Picnic.
- **Youth Highlights** – Scout Encampment, Bibles for first communicants, Youth Choir support, Youth Night at the Union, Soccer Challenge, and Children's Christmas Party, focus on youth membership.

All of this was achieved while retaining our focus on Church, Community, Council and Life.

I also have a few regrets in mainly two areas which didn't turn out as planned.

Retention – We have over 310 members in our council and, if just half become involved, just think of the possibilities. We are fortunate to have a strong core and each year we pick up a few pieces to add to that core which allows us to meet much of the demand on us. Imaging the possibilities of 155 or more fraternal, unified, active brothers working side by side, with Mary at our side.

3182 into the Digital Age – Although we have a growing list of emails, it is rare that anyone responds to my numerous requests for email addresses. This would allow all brothers in our council to keep up to date with activities rather than relying on a newsletter every 2 months. Those on our email distribution list know that we take great care in not flooding or spamming your email box. Every couple of weeks you would receive an up to date view of activities and calls for action. Again we have taken great pains to protect your privacy and nobody in the council has access to this information, as in days past, except the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary. Emails are generated from the Supreme data base using their secure email tool. Please consider becoming a digital member of Christopher Council by sending your name and email address to me at ddichristopher@verizon.net.

In closing, thank you so much for all your help and support, don't forget we have another large carnival to support so let's please finish strong and keep the momentum going. Believe me we are making a difference but we can do so much more!

Thank you and God Bless! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

Dominic DiChristopher, Jr.
Grand Knight, Christopher Council

Breakfast

ST. HELENA BREAKFAST BUFFET SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH JUNE 12 & JULY 10, 2016

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

Rev. Leonard J. Kempski 50 Years of Priesthood

Our sincere congratulations are extended to our Council Chaplain, Father Leonard Kempski, as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Kempski grew up in St. Paul's Parish in Wilmington and said his first Mass at St. Elizabeth. His first assignment was Holy Rosary in Claymont where Father Edward Leinheiser was pastor and where he first became involved with Christopher Council.



Over the years Father has also served as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Christ Our King in Wilmington and Good Shepherd in Perryville, Md. He served as administrator of St. Mary Magdalen and as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Wilmington.

Father remains very active in retirement at Holy Rosary Church with Father John Gayton, saying Masses there regularly and helping out with sacramental duties at the parish.

Despite his heavy schedule Father Kempski always finds time to join with us at our council meeting and provide us with the spiritual guidance and encouragement that we so desperately need.

Congratulations, Father Kempski. We are grateful for your priestly ministry in the Diocese of Wilmington and for your friendship as a Brother Knight of Columbus.

Council News

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Council Officers 2016-2017

At our first business meeting in June (Tuesday, June 7) council officers for the 2016-17 Columbian Year will be elected. A nominating committee chaired by PGK Richard Johnson was appointed by the Grand Knight to propose a slate of officers. The Nominating Committee submitted their recommendations at the recent business meeting on May 3. Nominees are as follows:

Grand Knight:	Raymond W. Cobb
Deputy GK:	J. R. Van Wasshenova
Chancellor:	John A. Pankowski
Recorder:	G. Larry Pelkey
Treasurer:	Paul E. Rapposelli
Advocate:	Daniel L. Goodine
Warden:	Thomas A. Pace
Inside Guards:	Charles R. Schliro Joseph Gattone, Sr.
Outside Guards:	William E. Gower, Jr. David C. Robinson
Trustee 3 Yrs.:	Dominic J. DiChristopher, Jr.
Trustee 1 Yr. (Vacant):	John Buckley

Nominations for all offices will be accepted from the floor on the night of the election.

CARNIVAL WORKERS NEEDED

Holy Rosary Carnival

Monday May 30 thru Saturday, June 4

Contacts: Brian Dennis or Dom DiChristopher

Our involvement is needed. In addition to the food tent, we help out with the casino, food service, game booths or wherever we are needed. Festivities begin at 6:30 each night, The food service and casino are never closed by the weather. Anyone who is handy and can help set up or build booths are needed the week before.

More info will be forthcoming at the council meetings or by contacting Brian or Dom. Please contribute at least a night or two of your time in this regard. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

April 2016

Knight of the Month – Chris Leahan

Horsing Around an incredibly fun event that he continues to keep fresh and exciting.

Family of the Month – Neal and Brenda Potts

Server Training Class and IBEW Feast ... had to leave early but was replaced on the steamer for the duration by his brother Mike.

May 2016

Knight of the Month - John Pankowski

Brandywine Club clean up (Tree Doctor) and just about any other event, John always shows up to lend a hand.

Family of the Month - Brian Dennis Family

Holy Rosary Carnival planning, ordering, setup and Memorial Day kick off as well as Brandywine Club clean up.

BINGO WORKERS STILL 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. Interested parties should contact our council coordinator, **Bill Northey** at 798-8272 for additional information.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

As the Grand Knight always mentions 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 already done so, please provide your preferred e-mail address to the Grand Knight at your earliest convenience. Forward to:

ddichristopher@verizon.net.

This really is an easy one. Let's all surprise the Grand Knight and send our email address to him today. Thanks for your attention in this regard.

Council News



The beautiful wooden Holy Family plaque pictured above was received by Ray and Nancy Cobb from Supreme Council. The Cobbs were "Family of the Month" in March. Each month 100 *Family of the Month* forms are selected at random from all entries received at the Supreme Council office for the previous month. Each of the 100 selected families receive this beautiful Holy Family gift, along with a personal letter of congratulations from Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

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 is www.jraughley.com/3182.html.

Newsletter Editor: John M. Raughley

I want to extend my gratitude to all who have sent information to me on a regular basis. It has been a pleasure serving as editor for this newsletter for the past two years.

CLAYMONT GREEN DAY

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Christopher Council, No. 3182 will be participating in the Annual Green Day festivities at the Claymont Community Center on Saturday, June 11. Our council has sponsored a food tent for many years with all proceeds donated to the cause. All members are urged to come out and staff the grills and spread the good word about the Knights of Columbus.

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** (660-2081).

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 you can.

WE ARE KNIGHTS ! WE ARE PRO-LIFE !



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Birthdays from June 1 through July 31, 2016

Jun 01 Emilio A. Aiello
Jun 01 Edward T. Heaney
Jun 04 Pedro Delgado
Jun 05 Deacon Richard J. Maichle
Jun 10 Christopher L. Tusio
Jun 12 John Klem
Jun 14 Neal J. Potts
Jun 15 Richard Gill
Jun 16 John A. Roche
Jun 17 George J. Cooper
Jun 18 William W. Graffus, Jr.
Jun 19 John P. McDermott, Jr.
Jun 20 William M. Gardner
Jun 22 Gary M. Stollings
Jun 23 George J. Renulfi
Jun 24 Robert W. McNulty
Jun 25 Joseph T. Fitzgerald
Jun 25 John Buckley

Jun 25 Dennis R. Harris, Jr.
Jun 26 Leon R. Clements
Jun 30 Thomas L. McDonough

Jul 03 John J. Demaio
Jul 03 James Ford
Jul 06 Walter J. Kupchinski
Jul 06 Chistopher S. Leahan
Jul 06 Michael A. Herron
Jul 07 Joseph L. Hoke
Jul 08 Duwayne M. Casini
Jul 09 Bruce A. Young
Jul 10 Lawrence G. Thompson
Jul 12 Albert S. Ravert
Jul 13 Anthony R. Emmi
Jul 15 Sam Hanna
Jul 15 Dennis J. Yesville

Jul 17 Clement F. Mainardi
Jul 20 Leonard E. Pitcavage
Jul 20 Ralph V. Ciancaglione
Jul 23 Paul D. Soper
Jul 23 Bernard G. Conaway
Jul 24 John Busch
Jul 24 Ronald R. Silva
Jul 24 Joseph V. Bakanas
Jul 25 Daniel L. Goodine
Jul 25 Santiago Martinez
Jul 26 Joseph S. Dougherty
Jul 26 Gerald S. Mbunwe
Jul 27 Rev. John J. Gayton
Jul 28 Lawrence J. Van Wassenova

MANY HAPPY RETURNS !



134th Supreme Convention Toronto, Canada August 2-4, 2016

Plans have been finalized by Ontario State Council for hosting the 134th International Supreme Convention in Toronto, Canada in August.

On Tuesday evening, August 2, the States Dinner will be held at the Allstream Centre Ballroom, Exhibition Place. During dinner the song of each jurisdiction of the United States, Canada and other countries will be sung by their respective delegations. This is a first-class formal dinner enjoyed by 2,000 knights and their families.

On Tuesday morning the business sessions will begin with the report of Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. This session will be an open meeting with spouses and family members able to attend. The business session on Wednesday will concentrate on the nominations and elections of Supreme Directors to fill any vacancies on the board of directors.

On Wednesday afternoon there is usually a Marian devotion followed by an Awards Ceremony. Jurisdictions are recognized for winning programs and this event will be open to family members as well. Finally, the business session on Thursday morning will address the many resolutions submitted by delegations around the world.

There will be a Mass each morning of the convention. Opening Mass on August 2 is normally celebrated with 12 -15 Cardinals, 75 Bishops and 300 priests and deacons. The Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights is scheduled for Thursday.

The Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto is the convention headquarters, but all rooms (\$189 plus tax) must be booked online through the Supreme Secretary's office.

In conjunction with the convention, Ontario State Council will host many tours: Niagara Falls and Niagara on the Lake; St. Jacobs Country; Martyrs' Shrine and 30,000 Islands cruise; Toronto city tour (AM or PM); Toronto Harbour lunch or dinner cruise and Toronto Harbour boat tour. For baseball fans the Toronto Blue Jays will be in town.

All information regarding the 134th Supreme Convention can be found on: <http://www.ont2016kofc.ca/>

Although not yet finalized, there is a possibility that the Delaware delegation may be chartering a bus to Toronto that will make the trip more convenient and affordable.

A current passport will be needed to enter Canada.

Schedule of Events

JUNE 2016

5/30-6/4	Mon-Sat	Holy Rosary Carnival	Holy Rosary Church Grounds	6:00 - 11:00PM
4	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
5	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
7	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
7	Tuesday	Council Mtg./Election of Officers	Council Home	8:00 PM
9	Thursday	DSC Informational Meeting	Holy Angels Council (Dinner 6:30)	7:30 PM
11	Saturday	Claymont Green Day	Claymont Community Center	10:00 AM
12	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
14	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
16	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
21	Tuesday	Council Social Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM

JULY 2016

2	Saturday	Planned Parenthood Vigil	625 N. Shipley Street	7:30 AM
3	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
5	Tuesday	Council Officers' Meeting	Council Home	7:00 PM
5	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
10	Sunday	Parish Breakfast	St. Helena School Hall	8:00 - 12:45 PM
12	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
19	Tuesday	No Council Meeting		
21	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM

AUGUST 2016

2	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
2-4	Tues-Thurs	International Supreme Convention	Toronto, Canada	

SUMMER MEETING NOTICE:

SUMMER MEETINGS WILL BE LIMITED TO JUST THE BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JULY AND AUGUST. THERE WILL BE NO SOCIAL MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EITHER MONTH.

Discover a World of Good Things in the Knights of Columbus