



March- April 2019 Knights of Columbus Newsletter

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Grand Knight's Message: Thomas Green

Worthy Brothers,

We are in the middle of our busiest time of the fraternal year for service programs. It started in January, with the Chili Cook-Off / Super 50-50 Raffle Drawing followed by meal preparation for the Corner Stone Men's Retreat and the Souper Bowl Food Drive. The Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance will be held this Saturday, March 2nd and the first of six Fish Fry's will be held on March 8th. I want to thank all brother knights and family members who made each of the previous event a great success and know I can count on you for our upcoming events.

In addition to the Fish Fry's we will be hosting our Annual Ronald McDonald House Dinners at their facilities for their families. Delaware State Council will also be hosting their Annual Chess Tournament and Free Throw Contest in March and their Annual State Meeting & Convention will be held in April. Lastly, our council will be holding its semi-annual Rt. 41 cleanup on April 27th. See the Event Calendar at the end of this newsletter for more information.

At the Delaware State Council's Mid-Year Meeting in January, I was presented with our Council's Columbian Award plaque. We were only one of six Council in the Jurisdiction of Delaware to receive it for Fraternal Year 2017 -18. It will be displayed on our award wall in the Coffee Run Room.

Our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities was submitted to Supreme Council in January and I would like to share the reported results with you. Total charitable disbursements were \$43,466 for 2018, compared to \$37,103 for 2017 (a 17.1% increase over 2017). Total reported volunteer hours were 10,164, compared to 9,300 hours for the previous fraternal year. However, it has been our experience that total volunteer hours are generally under reported by some members.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Green



Successful

Parish Clean-Out

Many thanks to all the brother knights that participated in the major parish cleanout that took place on

Friday and Saturday February 15 and 16. Brother Knights Leo Hamilton, Ralph Paulus, Tony Gennusa,

Nick Mastrocinque, Mike Bailey, Tom Green, Mike Skorup, Greg Weaver, John McCloskey, and Lew Shumaker worked for many hours. Ann Courtney straightened out our Pro-life area as well as the Legion of Mary closet. Karen Rombach was amazing and brought her husband Steve and son Andrew for some much-appreciated younger muscle. Dan DiGiacobbe, and Pablo Gonzalez were also key contributors and a great help.

The event was a huge success and Father Dillingham was very pleased. A large dumpster was rented and completely filled with old unused items that had accumulated over the years. Initially there was concern that we had rented too large a dumpster, but we managed to fill it completely.



ROUTE 41 ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN UP: April 27th 2019 Saturday Please contact Mr.James Ambrose cell 302 304 5389 e mail jamesrambrose@aol.com



Socks for Our Troops:

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly and your home council are partnering with a unique group that sends socks to our Army and Marine Units that are actively deployed in the field.

Please make a check out to: Coffee Run Council 6768 and in the memo line please put "Socks" For more information, contact Gerry Safranski: Safranski@aol.com, or call 239 9362

The Movie: UNPLANNED- Pro-life Committee

As part of the pro-life the Knights to support this worthy cause. This movie tells the story of Abby Johnson, who was a Community Services Director of Planned Parenthood voted Employee of the Year in 2008. She was an administrator who worked in the office. She was extremely prochoice until she had to assist with an abortion and actually saw the baby trying to get away from

the vacuum that would eventually take that baby's life. She could no longer deny the horror of abortion.

She has now become a dynamic Supporter of Life. She has started an organization called: And Then There were None. This organization supports those who quit Planned Parenthood and it helps them find jobs and turn their lives around. As you realize there has been a huge push lately by politicians to allow abortions up to the moment of birth and some even suggest that after a botched abortion to allow the infant to languish and die.

This movie will get no support from the news or movie industry but needs to be shown to have people face the cruelty and horror of abortion.

The Knights of Columbus have always strongly defended life so I ask you to please consider helping support the Columbiettes in this worthy endeavor.

Souper Bowl of Caring: Ralph Paulus

2019 Soup-er Bowl Food Collection Excellent Food Drive Results!! 9822 pounds for 2019 compared to 9,137 pounds in 2018. Almost 5 tons of food was delivered to 11 different organizations as a result of generous food and monetary donations. Thanks to all that contributed and helped. Like to thank the Knights and their families that helped in coordination of the donations, organization and delivery. Larry & Marion Maguire, Leo Boyle, Chris Dougherty, Scott Ekey, John Bordonaro, John Flannery, Paul Martin, Craig Boggs, Mike & Gay Brown, John Schoff, Gerry Safranski, Lew Shumaker, Howard Wallace, John & John McCormick, Tom McCormick, Tom Green, Mike Bailey, Frank Robinson, Michael Skorup and Greg Weaver. Fr. Evers, Fr. Dillingham & Fr. Smith pushed from the pulpit to persuade people to donate. Special thanks to: Mike Brown, Frank Robinson, Mike Bailey and Jim Ambrose who filled in for Ralph Paulus while he was in Ohio. Could not have been done with out the help and support of Emily Paulus, his son William Paulus and son-law Daniel. If anyone we missed to acknowledge we apologize.





Mardi Gras: Gerry Safranski

The Mardi Gras was a very successful Knight event. Food included Baked Chicken Dinner (with Jambalaya & Red Rice washed down with wine, beer or Hurricane punch. Music by DJ Stan Tucker.

Chili Cook off: Howard Wallace

This year's Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, January 19th at 6pm in the Church Hall. Thirteen Chili chefs participated and brought an interesting variety of chili for our attendees to taste. Prizes included cookbooks and a wide variety of kitchen gadgets for chefs to enjoy. Third prize was two bottles of white wine, Second prize was a bottle of Merlot and First prize was a gift basket with six Prendery spice packets, an oven mitt and a dish towel.

Entries included Maureen Manza, the Natalis, Billy Rawstrom, Judy Thompson, Howard Wallace, Mike Kelly, Gerry Safranski, Larry Maguire, J Christian, Rosely Robinson, Elizabeth Perry, Mike Bailey and Bryan Smyth.

Special thanks go to Rusty and Joan Giles at the bar, Tom Green and Dick Tabinowski at the admission tables, and Mike Kelly, our superior hot dog maker. Thanks to all of you!

Popular Vote results: 3rd – Elizabeth Perry; 2nd – Gerry Safranski, and 1st – Billy Rawstrom.

We sang Happy Birthday to Maureen Manza as she collected her prize, and after the prizes were distributed, the winners were drawn and announced by Fr. Dillingham and John Baldo for the annual 50/50 Raffle, co-sponsored by the Knights and the St. Mary's Right-To Life Committee.





Photo opportunity





Date	Activity	Location	Time
March			
Mar-02-19, Sat	Mardi Gras Dinner Dance	Parish Hall	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Mar-04-19, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM – 12 Noon
Mar-04-19, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Mar-06-19, Wed	Ash Wednesday		
Mar-08-19, Fri	First Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mar-09-19, Sat	State Chest Tournament	St. Anthony of Padua Grade School - Wilmington	8:00 PM
Mar-13-19, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Mar-13-19, Wed	Ladies Axillary Meeting	St. John Room	7:00 PM
Mar-15-19, Fri	Second Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mar-16-19, Sat	Ronald McDonald House Dinners	On Site - Wilmington	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mar-17-19, Sun	St. Patrick's Day		
Mar-19-19, Tue	First Degree Exemplifications	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Mar-22-19, Fri	Third Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mar-23-19, Sat	State Free Throw Finals	St E's Center - Wilmington	Registration Starts At 8:30 AM
Mar-26-19, Tue	First & Second Degrees Exemplification	Seton Council - Bear	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Mar-29-19, Fri	K of C Founder's Day		
Mar-29-19, Fri	Four Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mar-31-19, Sun	Fifth Sunday Rosary	Church Left Wing	9:00 PM
April			
Apr-01-19, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM – 12 Noon
Apr-01-19, Mon	Cardinal Gibbon Assembly Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Apr-05-19, Fri	Fifth Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Apr-10-19, Wed	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Apr-10-19, Wed	Ladies Axillary Meeting	St. John Room	12:00 Noon

Apr-12-19, Fri	Sixth Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Hall	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Apr-14-19, Sun	Palm Sunday		
Apr-16-19, Tue	Second Degree Exemplifications	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Apr-19-19, Fri	Good Friday		
Apr-21-19, Sun	Easter Sunday		
Apr-26-19, Fri	Annual State Convention	Harrisburg, PA	Starting at 2:00 PM
Apr-27-19, Sat	Annual State Convention	Harrisburg, PA	Starting at 9:00 MM
Apr-27-19, Sat	Rt. 41 Clean Up	Meet In St. Mary's Parking Lot	7:00 AM
Apr-28-19, Sun	Annual State Convention	Harrisburg, PA	Depart after 8:30 AM Breakfast
Apr-30-19, Tue	Newsletter Items Due Date		



Newsletter items due 4/30/2019