



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 (April – June)

### Grand Knight's Message – Michael Bailey

Hello Brothers.

It seems the world is still stuck on pause, with the end not really in sight. The first and second Quarters of 2020 have been anything but normal and have dampened our activities. Even so, Coffee Run Council is making a real difference. In an effort to provide timely assistance, we accelerated our annual donations, and have provided \$18,000 to roughly a dozen local catholic charities that serve the poor and needy. This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Thank you to all of you that helped to raise those funds over the last Columbian year - very well done!



State has recognized Coffee Run Council's efforts by presenting us with the Annual award in the category of Faith for our support to and management of the Cornerstone Men's Retreat. For 7 years, Knights have been a critical element in conceiving, planning, and executing this annual retreat. This last year Cornerstone 7 was for Alumni only, and had over 70 participants, almost all of them Knights.

And I am pleased to report that all the requirements for Coffee Run Council to achieve Star Council status for 2020 have been achieved and reported into Supreme. Now we await the actual recognition and notification. Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work over the last year.

Below is the newly elected slate of Officers for the Columbian year 2020 – 2021. I wish to thank you for reelecting me as Grand Knight for the coming year and will do the best job I can for the council. Also join me in congratulating all of this year's elected officers.

Grand Knight:	Mike Bailey	Advocate:	Jerry Smith
Deputy GK:	Ralph Paulus	Recorder:	Leo Hamilton
Chancellor:	Carl Osterlof	Warden:	Tim Straub
Treasurer:	Steve Haller	Inside Guard:	Chris Dougherty

Inside Guard: Tony Gennusa

Trustee 2nd year: Terry Hills

Outside Guard: Nick Mastrocinque

Trustee 3rd year: Tom Green

Trustee 1st year: Larry Maguire

The council is in need of an individual for a newly created position of Technology Director. This role will entail the responsibility of leading the technical and electronic communications and other process developments of the Coffee Run Council. Included is the website, Zoom meetings, electronic funds processing.

Uncertainty continues to face us with the Virus situation as well as civil and cultural unrest. And while this is a very real and somber backdrop to our lives, I am proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and have every confidence that all of our brother Knights will continue to work together, doing God's works by helping the poor and needy, and growing closer to God by deepening our faith.

God bless all of us.

### **Membership – Tom Green**

Due to the shelter in place order for many states caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Supreme Council is hosting a weekly online Degree Exemplifications Webcast.

Congratulations to our seven new Third Degree Knights who took the online Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity Webcast on Thursday evening, April 16th.

Nelson Aungst, Curtis Bounds, and Seminarian John Enemuo were new candidates, and Len Correale Jr., Matt Dodge, Bill Gambogi & John McCloskey were advancing candidates.

Also - a big welcome to Eric Defeo, who transferred to our council from Santa Maria Council.

In addition to the online Degree Exemplifications, Supreme Council has reduced the number of programs necessary for the Columbian Award and revised the quotas for membership and insurance. Our council has met or exceeded the new criteria and should achieve Star Council this year.

### **Faith in Action Programs**



**Faith – Jim White**

Brother Knights - please continue to sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with James White or thru Website "Event Calendar."





## **Family – Mike Brown**

### **Knights of the Quarter – Ed Donnelly**

Ed took on the officer role of Lecturer in 2019, and has done an excellent job expanding the program and creating enthusiasm for various topics. In addition, he has helped with the overall leadership of our council.

### **Family of the Quarter – Gerry & Judy Safranski**

The happy couple pulled off another successful Mardi Gras back in February. Gerry continues to help out on the State Council side, and Judy has agreed to lead the Ladies Auxiliary for the next year!



## **Community – Steve Haller**

In order to provide timely support to the poor and needy in the Wilmington Area (as so many have lost their jobs due to the pandemic economic shutdown), the council voted to donate \$18,000 to the following catholic charities:

- ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY
- CAPUCHIN POOR CLARE NUNS
- SOJOURNERS PLACE
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
- MINISTRY OF CARING
- CURE SANFILIPPO FOUNDATION
- BAYARD HOUSE
- DELAWARE RIGHT TO LIFE
- BIRTHRIGHT DELAWARE
- LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
- GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION
- A DOOR OF HOPE

A special thanks to all the brother Knights and their wonderful spouses for helping to conduct all the events to raise this money for these great causes. None of this would be possible without them all.

Rides Program - All quiet due to COVID-19.



## **Life - Michael Skorup**

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court led by John Roberts in a 5-4 decision struck down a Louisiana law that would require abortion doctors to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital in case of life-threatening complications.

Even though the law was sponsored by a democratic state senator Katrina Jackson Joe Biden said "Today's decision reaffirmed that states can't put in place laws that unduly burden a woman's right to make her own health care decisions—but the fight isn't over," Biden wrote. "As President, I'll codify Roe v. Wade and protect a woman's constitutional right to choose"

In dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote, "Today a majority of the Court perpetuates its ill-founded abortion jurisprudence by enjoining a perfectly legitimate state law and doing so without jurisdiction."

"Our abortion precedents are grievously wrong and should be overruled," he added, saying that the high court has "neither jurisdiction nor constitutional authority to declare Louisiana's duly enacted law unconstitutional."

Clearly we need another Justice Thomas on the court and Joe Biden is in direct opposition to Catholic teaching on respecting the sanctity of life of the most innocent and vulnerable....the unborn!

## **Council**

### **Lecturer – Ed Donnelly**

In spite of the Covid-19 quarantine, work has continued in the Mentoring program. Carl has created an e-version of the Mentoring Booklet that is getting refined. Goal is to keep it simple and have Supplemental additives to keep it current. More to come soon on this subject. We will need Mentors when we launch the program.

Last Fall we asked for drivers to deliver food to the House of Joseph in Wilmington. We added some drivers but the Outreach Program could use two more volunteers. It would involve taking a meal prepared by a St. Mary's parishioner on a Thursday to 3rd & Connel St. to a Ministry of Caring home that houses 13 men. You only interface with the staff not the residents and you only hand off the food. The requirement for a driver is once in about every 6 weeks and the schedule is very flexible. We could really use your help and if interested, please let me know via text or phone on 302-354-8270.

Lastly, please continue to save your past editions of the Columbia magazine. When timing is appropriate and cleanliness standards are in place, they will be collected and left on tables in Church to spread the good word about the Knights.

### **Resuming Public Masses at Saint Mary of the Assumption – Mike Bailey/Leo Hamilton**

As the closings associated with the virus are eased, our parish also slowly begins to resume its activities. There are now two masses each weekend, Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9:30am. Some parishioners are helping this by acting as "Guides" - individuals that assist mass-goers to enter the church and maintain safe distancing guidelines throughout the service. More help is needed in this, and especially as more masses are added back into the schedule. Please Contact Mike Bailey or Leo Hamilton if you are available to help.

## **New Position – Technology Director**

The council needs the help of someone versed in today's electronic communication tools. This person doesn't have to do it all, but lead a group of Knights that can help keep us current as technology and social needs change. A position description is being developed, but if you are willing to help please contact Mike Bailey or Ralph Paulus.

## Upcoming Events (subject to change with Covid-19)

<b>Blue Rocks Game</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Parish Picnic</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>50-50 Pro-Life Raffle - Mailing</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Baldo</b>	<b>Life</b>
<b>New Member Orientation</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Donnelly</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Coats for Kids</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Doherty</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Annual Golf Outing</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>October Right to Life Month</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Skorup/Bailey</b>	<b>Life</b>
<b>Adopt-A--Highway Route 41</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Burse</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Priest Recognition Luncheon</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Crab, Beef &amp; Beer Feast</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Poleck</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Annual Men's Retreat - Malvern</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Flannery</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Blue Hens Game</b>	<b>October/November</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>All Souls Day Event - Knights Mass</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Global Wheelchair Mission</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Doherty</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Spada/Angiullo</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Council Christmas Party</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Church Christmas Decorations</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Consecration to the Holy Family</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Declamation Contest</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Schoff</b>	<b>Family</b>