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| **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **SAINT POLYCARP CHURCH****BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL 7517 NEWSLETTER** ***May-June 2021***  |

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 **GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE**

 At last it looks and feels like spring has finally arrived. This is the time of year when we see things come back to life that have been dormant all winter. Slowly -- and hopefully -- as people are vaccinated we will soon be able to bring back some of the activities that had to be paused due to the pandemic.

 After more than a year, we did have our first vending truck fundraiser on April 17th at the Little Lass Softball game. Not everything went as planned, but hopefully we will get back into the swing of things for our next fundraiser on May 8th at the Rotary Car Show. Also we hope to be able to participate in Smyrna at Night on August 27th and 28th.

 Since restrictions are slowly being lifted, we are going to hold our face-to-face business meeting on May 6th at Bill’s barn starting at 7 PM. The barn is huge enough to allow for social distancing and weather permitting, we may even be able to meet outside. CDC guidelines will be in place. Hopefully, due to months and months of isolation, members will feel comfortable in attending the meeting and to get out of the house and see other Brothers.

 And now on a sad note, during the past two weeks, we lost two Brothers and Sir Worthy Knights. William “Bill” Wells passed away on April 18, 2021. Bill’s greatest joy was his family. He loved spending time with all members of his extended family, and loved having them come to his house, where he delighted in the progress of his garden. We will miss him. And on April 24th, Deacon Charles “Charlie” Robinson left this earth to be with the Lord. He leaves a large void in all the organizations that he served, and served with untiring dedication and love. (See article on page 2.) Please remember Phyllis Wells and Maureen Robinson and all the family members in your prayers.

 To all mothers, grandmothers and great-grand moms and to all fathers, grandfathers and great-grandpops, a very Happy Mother’s Day and a very Happy Father’s Day. Enjoy your day!!!

 Spring’s warmer weather and increased daylight hours make it the best season. Taking walks and seeing flowers in bloom are also part of what makes spring so special. And let’s not forget the pollen and the allergies. V.J.

 Tom O’Drain, GK

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**STONES FAITH GARDEN**

 The parishioners, ministries/organizations of St. Polycarp Church were tasked with a special Lenten project.

 As a reflection on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery, a special Community Offered Vision inspired by the pandemic, Stones Faith Garden, will now adorn our parish campus. Everyone was asked to prepare a special stone that will display how God worked in the lives of our faith community throughout the pandemic.

 The stones are presently on display in the church, but will be moved to a permanent outside location on the campus. The number of stones increases each week.



 Photo by Mary Halsey

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**INSPIRATIONS**

**FROM**

**DEACON ROBINSON**

 Deacon Charlie was a frequent contributor to the Brother Vincent Newsletter, and his words of inspiration meant so much to his Brother Knights. He was loved by his Brothers and was always there to support them in any way he could. He will truly be missed.

 Deacon Charles Robinson (Deacon Charlie) Clayton, DE, passed away on April 24, 2021 at Bay Health Hospital, Dover, DE.

 He was born in Staten Island, NY on June 23, 1937, the son of the late Charles T. Robinson and Anna A. Robinson. He was a graduate of Saint Peter’s High School, Staten Island, NY. Charles was an only child; from all accounts he was an ordinary kid. He, as most children did from those times, walked to school through 20 feet of snow uphill both ways. Times were tough back then.

 He earned a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Newman College, Aston PA.

Charles worked as a Merchant Marine before obtaining a position as a dispatcher with the NYFD and retired from the New York City Fire Department in 1985 after 21 years. He was a proud member of the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society. On November 18, 2000 Charles was ordained a Deacon for the dioceses of Wilmington. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Brother Vincent Council, Chaplain for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Saint Polycarp Roman Catholic Church, The BVM Society, Columbiettes, Seasons of Hope, as well as other parish organizations.

 Artistic in nature, Charles loved all sports. He coached Smyrna Clayton Senior League Rothwell’s baseball team and he was the assistant coach for the Smyrna High School Varsity Baseball Team for two years. Charles enjoyed Irish and Country Music.

 He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maureen E. Robinson (Nevins); his son John J. Robinson and his wife Mary, his son Timothy M. Robinson, and his daughter Maureen E. Naylor and her husband Greg, and twelve grandchildren, as well as five great-grandchildren.

 Please keep his wife Maureen and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

 Rest in peace our Brother.

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 A BIG thank you to all the children who participated in the Knights of Columbus special Easter Egg Hunt event. The children were asked to solve a special Easter word scramble and provide the answer: *A Funny Bunny*. The three winners of a $20 gift certificate to Amazon were: Madison Mabrey, Sophie Netz and Jonah Taylor. Congratulations to all!

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**$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$ A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER $$$$$$$$$$$$$$$**

 We are in good shape financially at this time. Although we have not been able to conduct any fund raisers this past year, thanks to some generous donations and little expenses we remain sound. We may be considering some donations to worthy causes at our next meeting.

 V.J.

 SK Gregory Haven, Treasurer

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 **SQUIRE’S UPDATE**

 We pray and hope all families are doing well and are healthy and safe.

 The Squires continue to do their monthly meetings virtual. Attendance continues to be at 90% -- for which I am very grateful.

 Our rock picture for the Stones Faith Garden was discussed and approved, and Jackson Price who came up with the idea, also volunteered to paint it.

 Father Jim was in attendance at the last meeting and discussed the importance of the upcoming Holy Week and each Squire was given the opportunity to discuss their Easter plans and if they had any traditions.

 At the next meeting, we will have our officer’s selection process for the upcoming Columbian year.

 Please continue to pray for our Squires as we pray for all of you.

 God Bless,

 Rich DeZao, Lead Counselor

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**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4.)*

W F L U S O U L B T W AMAZED LANGUAGES

X O R I C Y K R O O L BREAD MIGHTY WIND

P L K L U A E G N M E CONFRONTED PENTECOST

S L M L E A E D I S K DEVOUT PROPHESY

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P E V E F T J M I H L FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

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S F I T O O J F A N W GATHERED VOICE

I N Y U L C F F N F S HOLY SPIRIT WONDERFUL

D E S O Y E A O G R H

A C E V S T I S U O I

M I H E P N T E A N P

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**THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**PROPOSED CALENDAR. DUE TO CORONAVIRUS MOST MEETINGS REMAIN VIRTUAL.**

5/4 Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting, 7 PM, Bill’s Barn

5/5 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM

5/6 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, Bill’s Barn

5/8 Rotary Car Show fundraiser (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

5/9 Mother’s Day

5/12 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM

5/13 Ascension of the Lord; DE State Convention, continues via Zoom

5/14-16 NASCAR Weekend

5/15 Armed Forces Day

5/17 Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM; Combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, Dover Council, 7 PM

5/19 Brother Vincent Officers Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx

5/23 Pentecost

5/26 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM

5/30 Holy Trinity Sunday

5/31 Memorial Day

6/1 Fourth Degree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Business Meeting, 7 PM, Bill’s Barn

6/2 St. Vincent DePaul, 9 AM

6/3 Brother Vincent Business Meeting, 7 PM, Bill’s Barn

6/6 Corpus Christi

6/9 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM

6/14 Flag Day

6/20 Father’s Day

6/20 First Day of Summer

6/21 Columbiette Meeting, 6:30 PM; Combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, Dover Council, 7 PM

6/23 Squires Meeting, 6:30 PM

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**NOTES FROM BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES**

**Wondering what Brother Vincent Columbiettes have been up to during COVID 19?**

 We pray the Rosary, as a group, every Tuesday. All are welcome to join (contact Jill Mercer at (302) 653-3836 or jll\_mercer@yahoo.com.

 We supported the “Rock Your Socks -- World Down Syndrome Day.” Brother Vincent Columbiettes were the largest Columbiette contributors in the State of Delaware, both with the sock project and monetary contributions. We THANK THE LADIES who helped to make this possible.

 These are only a few of our activities.

***HANGING BASKETS***

 Petunias or begonias 10-inch hanging baskets were sold during the month of April. Delivery will be just in time for Mother’s Day.

***BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES MASK FUNDRAISER***

 We continue to support the youth of our parish. Help support the Brother Vincent Columbiettes while protecting yourself and others in the Community. Brother Vincent uses the funds raised to support St. Polycarp PSR and families in need within our Parish. Our Columbiettes are selling masks crafted by our own parishioners Darlene Sanphy, Deanna Lail, Linda Montuori and Angela Gibson. Masks come in two different styles and several sizes to ensure a comfortable fit, made from two layers of 100% cotton material. Over 200 patterns to pick from including St. Patrick’s, Easter, local sports teams, Disney and many more. Custom designs available upon request. If you mention Brother Vincent Columbiettes the Columbiettes will get 20% of the total sale. Not in need of a facemask at this time? Check out the other products available at <https://www.facebook.com/wevegotyoucovered2020/>, if you don’t use Facebook email Darpete87@comcast.net, Deannasanphy@yahoo.com, or starrinhaven@yahoo.com for more information.

***BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES SWEEPSTAKES***

 Brother Vincent Columbiettes Sweepstakes is your chance to win a $75 prize in July and help our auxiliary raise funds to help others at the same time. It is a COVID safe sweepstakes, and anyone can enter. It runs from February 2021 through June 2021. Every $10 you contribute to the sweepstakes earns you one chance for the winning drawing in July. You can contribute $10 monthly beginning in February, or you can make one or as many contributions as you would like until it ends. The sweepstakes runs until June 30th. All contributions received by that date will qualify for the winning drawing. It is easy to enter; just make a check payable to Brother Vincent Columbiettes and mail to our Financial Secretary, Rosemary Battistoni at 1515 Bon Ayre Circle, Smyrna, DE 19977. Please make sure your phone number is on your check. We will call to let you know we received your check. The winner will be notified in July. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Skinner, Treasurer at (302) 508-5369 or anna.skinz@gmail.com. We know these are tough times and we truly appreciate your participation in our sweepstakes. Thank you and good luck.

***STAMP-A-STACK EVENT***

 The Columbiettes are inviting you to join in the fun on Wednesday, May 19th, to create note/greeting cards via Zoom class. Register by May 5, 2021. To register: Anna Skinner (302) 508-5369 or Judy Lahey (302) 535-3481.

 Our ladies are continuously striving, even during trying times, to help wherever help is needed. The more ladies we have, the more we can do. Your talents, friendship and ideas would be greatly welcomed. Everyone benefits. For more information, you can talk to MaryLois Barnas (302) 388-3332 or mlbarnas@comcast.net or Linda Mood at (302) 653-6852 or Mood222@comcast.net or any of our members. We would be thrilled to have you join us.

 Beth Bishop, President

 Brother Vincent Columbiettes #7517

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 ***THANK YOU*** for supporting our fundraiser!

 As a reminder, this is an open-end fundraiser, so you can continue to order through July 2021. So if you need a birthday present, a wedding gift or house warming present, use our personal online group store link: [https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4603664.8a65ed](https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4603664.8a65ed)

to browse the online catalog, and then place your order just as you would when shopping with any retail outlet. Orders are shipped directly to the customer by Rada.

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

 In the months of May and June we say thank you and pay tribute to two very special people in everyone’s lives -- our Mother and our Father. The below says it all. For those fortunate enough to still have a parent or parent still living, you are truly blessed. For those who no longer have a mother and/or father in their lives, we keep them close in our heart, in our thoughts, in our memories and in our prayers.

 **Happy Mother’s Day** **Happy Father’s Day**



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY -- PART 11**

 A new era has begun for the Knights of Columbus: A modern single, public exemplification ceremony was adopted, called the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, combining the initiation for the first three degrees into a single ceremony that is now opened to family, friends and fellow parishioners.

 Since its founding, the initiation ceremonies for the first three degrees of Knights membership -- which are focused on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity -- have been separate and open to members only. The fourth degree, dedicated to the principal of patriotism, was added later and is also secret.

 The future of the Order depended upon growth and a way was needed that was inviting and accessible. The new combined ceremony removes the barriers of secrecy and commitment of time that inhibited many from joining the ranks. The lessons of charity, unity and fraternity are presented in a clear convincing way.

 Over the years talking with members involved in recruitment efforts and new members, the order has found that many young men thought going through three separate ceremonies was too time consuming and difficult to attend. Many councils lacked teams to conduct the ceremonies, which could delay men moving to the next degree for months.

 With a new, single ceremony that takes about 30 minutes, more councils will be able to have their own ceremonial team and have more degrees more often instead of having separate closed-door ceremonies. All three degrees can now be conferred in a single ceremony held in the parish, or in a council chamber.

 Current knights who are first degree members who also go through the ceremony will become members in the third degree. So why wait. It is now easier than ever to become a third degree Knight.

 Combined Degrees (1st thru 3rd) Exemplification are hosted by the Dover Council every third Monday of every month at 7 PM. Contact your Grand Knight for additional information.

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**BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL WEBSITE**

 Please click on this following link to like AND follow the Brother Vincent KofC Facebook page:

**https://www.facebook.com/KofC7517/**

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**JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

Deadline is June 24

Distributed at Business Meeting on 7/1/21

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![Sympathy_logo[1]]() Our Deepest Condolences go out to the three families of our Brother Knights and Sir Worthy Knights.

 May they be resting peacefully by the Lord’s side.

William “Bill” Wells, who passed away on April 18th.

Deacon Charles “Charlie” Robinson, who passed away on April 24th.

Thomas Kohl, who passed away on April 28th.

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 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE -- Y O U R S H I E LD F O R L I F E**

 The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members.

* [**Permanent Life Insurance**](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/whole-life.html) -- Insure Your Life for Life
* [**Term Life Insurance**](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/term-life.html) -- Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs
* [**Retirement Annuities**](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/annuities.html) -- Give Yourself a Paycheck for the Rest of Your Life. Guaranteed.
* [**Long-Term Care Insurance**](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/long-term-care.html) -- Protect Your Assets. Prepare for the Future.
* [**Disability Income Insurance**](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/disability-income.html) -- Shield Your Income from Illness and Injury

 For more information contact your field agent.

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