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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

With the winter fast approaching, most everyone has already taken their yearly vacation. I would ask that you look back to the days just before your vacation, to all the excitement deciding where to go, at which restaurants to eat. In the days just before leaving you may have made a list of all the things you needed to accomplish just so you could get away. The day before leaving was most likely the most productive day of the year.



State Deputy David R. Brown Sr.

Just think how much we could accomplish every day if we were excited about the next day. I believe if we use some of that excitement and sense of purpose in our programs and recruiting for the Knights of Columbus, the result would be unequalled success. The success of your council depends on YOU! YOU need to constantly recruit new members to your council so it can continue to grow; so it will have the people needed to work the projects YOU support; the people necessary to raise the funds to accomplish these projects and new ones.

As State Deputy I will always be encouraging you to grow. Growth means teaching others how to do what you are doing. The projects you put your time and energy into are what make you proud to be a Knight. It's kind of like the story about teaching someone to fish instead of just giving them a fish. Teach them to fish and they will never hunger again.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all my brother Knights, their wives and families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Vivat Jesus!

David Brown, Sr.

State Deputy

Jurisdiction of Delaware



Message from the State Program Director

I was privileged to attend the District Membership Meeting in Richmond, Virginia a few months ago and had the opportunity to exchange ideas with our brothers Knights in the surrounding States. I came away with a few ideas that I think would be of great benefit to councils in Delaware.

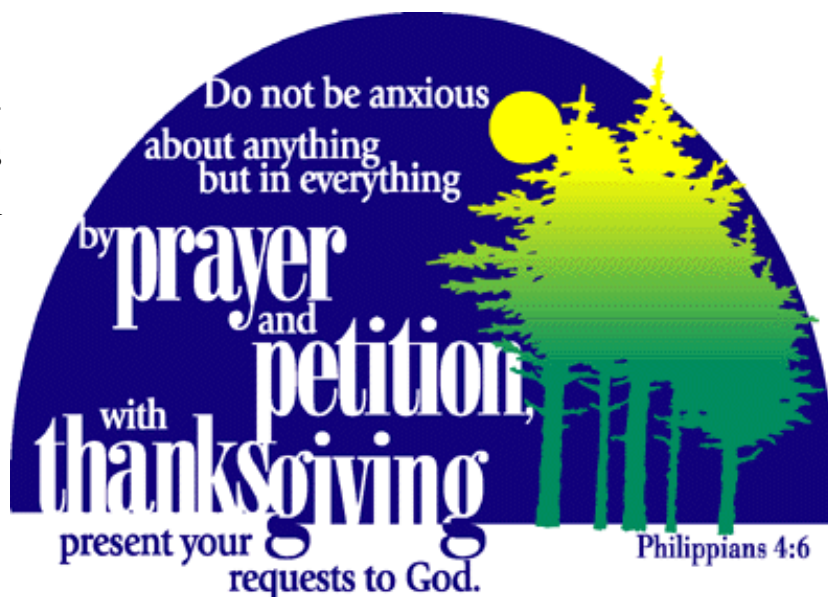
One brother mentioned that they had a mentoring program in place that helped ensure that new Knights were kept aware of council activity and became involved in their council's programs. As soon as a new application for membership was approved, the candidate was assigned to an active member of the council. This experienced Knight sees the candidate through his Degrees, calls to remind him of meetings, encourages him to get involved in council activities, even offering him rides to events. This mentoring program has helped councils staff their ongoing projects, as well as expand their activities into other areas.

Another program I heard about was the VIP program for widows of brother Knights. The Knights of Columbus is a family organization, but how many times do we forget to continue involving our widows in council activities. Widows are issued a VIP card that reminds them that they are still part of the KofC family, and as such are welcome to all KofC events. This small act of kindness goes a long way toward reminding these widows that they still have a huge family of Knights on whom they can rely, and plenty of friends who want to continue enjoying their company.

Just implementing these two ideas will help strengthen each council's programs and reinforce the Knights of Columbus' image as a family organization. I strongly encourage every council in Delaware to consider implementing these proven ideas and watch as we grow in charity. Vivat Jesus!

Special Prayer Request

Please keep our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Philip Siry in your prayers as he undergoes rehabilitation to full health and strength.



The Tougher the Times, the Greater the Need!

Each year for a number of years now the Knights of Columbus Delaware State Council has collected donations from our members, councils, and assemblies to provide Christmas pies to the Emmanuel Dining Room at 2nd and Jackson Streets in Wilmington. These donations allow us to supply enough assorted, delicious pies to the Emmanuel Dining Room to ensure that each diner that they feed at Christmas dinner gets a slice. The number of pies purchased is dependent on the number of clients that Br. Rudolph, OFM Cap. expects at the dinner, based on the number of clients that are being served daily in December. Any money not used to purchase pies is donated to the Ministry of Caring for use as needed.

While we all have ups and downs in our lives, overall we Knights have plenty for which to be grateful. As we plan our own Christmas celebrations, this program gives us an excellent opportunity to bring a little of the festive spirit of the holiday to some of God's children who are experiencing hard times. Please have your council/assembly consider making a donation to this worthy project. Donations are due by December 17 to allow us time to order the pies and deliver them by Christmas Eve. No amount is too small. All checks should be made out to Delaware State Council, and sent to:

Leon J. Gratkowski

916 S. Scott St.

Middletown, DE 19709-1346

For more information about the Ministry of Caring and the Emmanuel Dining Room, including volunteer opportunities, please visit their website:

<http://www.ministryofcaring.org/index2.html>

Two Sides of Gratitude

Todah, the Hebrew word for “giving thanks,” also means “admitting, confessing, acknowledging.” That might seem odd, but when we thank someone, we’re acknowledging we needed what they gave us. Rabbi Daniel Lapin explains we’re even confessing we were incomplete, or experiencing a shortcoming, beforehand.

Gratitude is so important for the Jewish life that the Hebrew root words for “giving thanks/confessing” and for “Jew” are closely related. A Jewish person, then, is “one who both confesses and gives thanks” — actions crucial to the well-being of the receiver, even more than for the giver.

Christians, too, treat confession and thanksgiving as significant aspects of faith, prayer and worship. While we confess that we wholly depend on God for our life and salvation, we offer daily gratitude to God for his countless blessings.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL FIELD AGENT, JIM MULLEN FICF

In the past I have spoken to you, on many occasions, of the many advantages of having a K of C annuity as part of your financial portfolio. Among them, the fact that the Knights guarantee a minimum of 3% interest (take a look at what you are getting for your CD and money market funds, OUCH!!). Our annuities are also FREE to Brother Knights and their wives (no annual fee, maintenance fee or commission fee). It is also tax-deferred, unlike your CD or money market fund, where you have an annual tax liability.

I am pleased to announce a new liquidity option - ***INTEREST ONLY PAYOUT OPTION***. This valuable option allows you to **take the interest earned** after you take the option and **keep the principal intact!**

The qualifications to partake of this valuable option is as follows:

The annuity must have an account balance of \$10,000 or greater at all times.

The owner must be at least 59 ½ years of age at the time the election is submitted.

The tax qualification code must be defined as eligible for the option, i.e. non-qualified money, traditional IRA, ROTH IRA, of SEP.

The default payment mode can be monthly, however, other modes will be allowed but it must be through an Electronic Fund Transfer (from Supreme directly to your checking or savings account)

This option has many wonderful considerations. For instance, for those on fixed income whose monthly expenses has increased, this would add incremental income to their monthly household budget; permanent life insurance, or, someone may like to help fund a grand-child's tuition, etc. Needless to say the key here is that – **this option provides the owner more options!!!**

If you would like to proceed with this elective option, or have some questions, issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 302-373-0372, or email @ james.mullenjr@KofC.org

As I always say, *it will be a call you and your family will be glad you made.*
VIVAT JESUS!!!

New Sir Knights

Congratulations to all our new Sir Knights who attended the Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, 12 November.



Delaware State Council
Knights of Columbus
Welcomes You & Your friends to Our



Winter Weekend

February 3, 2012 – February 5, 2012

At the

Atlantic Sands

Hotel & Conference Center

101 North Boardwalk
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Room Rates Per Night:

Single/Double Occupancy \$96

Triple Occupancy \$112

Quad Occupancy \$116

***minimum 2 night stay required**

Children 12 and under free in parents room

Check-in 4:00 PM Check-out 11:AM

Reservations Required by January 6, 2012

(Unreserved rooms are released on Jan. 7, 2012)

Make checks payable to Delaware State Council KofC

Submit Reservation form with check to Reservations Chairman:

Jerry R. Poore, PGK

2007 Weatherton Drive

Wilmington, DE 19810

Phone: (302) 478-3845

Email: jrp1940@yahoo.com

Name: _____ Council: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Single/Double Triple Quad