

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 do hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and I want to take this opportunity to wish all my brother Knights, their wives and families a Blessed, and Happy celebration of the Birth of our Blessed Savior Jesus. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vivat Jesus!
David Brown, Sr.
State Deputy
Jurisdiction of Delaware



Message from the State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for His goodness to me during my recent illness.

I would also like to thank the Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and all Brother Knights for your kindnesses and prayers during my illness and rehabilitation. Thanks for the flowers, Mass Cards, Get-well Cards, your visits, and kindness in offering your prayers for me. I sincerely and deeply appreciate it.

The Advent season is upon us, a time of preparation, reflection, and reconciliation as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. As knights and as Catholics we prepare not only for the solemn feast of Christmas but also for the second coming of our Lord. At Christmas and its octave, we celebrate God's greatest gift to us – the gift of Love, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior manifested in the flesh in the Incarnation. Jesus came to us to save us from our sins and lead us to His Heavenly Father.

Let us live our faith to the fullest and share with others the great gifts God has given to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vivat Jesus!

Father Philip L. Siry, State Chaplain

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.

State Program Director Continued

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!

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>

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 grandchild'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!!!

Candle

The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning.



Support State Community Programs

Recommit to supporting the great charitable programs sponsored by the State Council. Consider getting involved in these activities if your Council currently is not participating, or stepping up participation if your Council is involved.

Veterans Affairs

Visit a vet in the VA Hospital; volunteer to take him down to Mass. What better way to thank them for all they gave! Contact your council's Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative.

Delaware K of C License Plates

Proudly display your membership in the Knights of Columbus by placing a K of C license plate on the back of your vehicle. It is inexpensive (one time \$10 fee), easy to obtain and transferable to a new vehicle at no cost. Call the License Plate Coordinator Jim Gardner at (302) 737-7364 to handle the processing of the paper work.

Delaware State Webpage

The K of C Delaware State Council maintains a new informative webpage available worldwide! The address is www.de-kofc.org and it is full of useful information about the Knights of Columbus in Delaware. Additionally, there are links to other "Knight Friendly" information also available on the web. Check the page often for timely updates to activities Statewide.

Knights on Bikes

If you are a member of any Knights of Columbus council throughout the world, you own a motorcycle (of any kind) or anticipate owning a bike within 6 months, and you love riding and our great Order, join Knights on Bikes. If you are interested in joining the Delaware group of Knights on Bikes, please contact Leon Gratkowski, State Treasurer at leon.gratkowski@yahoo.com or (302) 378-2599.

Council/Assembly Webpage

The Supreme Council offers a template to publish a professional looking and informative council or assembly website for *free*.

Delaware Pro-Life

The KofC is a Pro-Life organization. Stay informed of Pro-Life issues, call and write your legislators, plan a Pro-Life Mass and/or Rosary for your Council, get involved in the Life Chains.

Blood Bank

Every brother Knight can be a hero by donating regularly to the Blood Bank. Be a real lifesaver by arranging a Blood Drive at your Parish.



Fathers for Good Web Site



In keeping with a longstanding commitment to build stronger marriages and families, the Knights of Columbus interactive Web site, www.fathersforgood.org. offers men resources on how to build a strong, loving and confident identity in a culture that often does not value fatherhood or masculine virtues.

Why/How

Power of 10: *The Power of 10 is a monthly membership program that promotes new membership recruitment, membership retention, and participation in council programs.*

Development Phase:

- **Council Grand Knight along with his Council Membership Director and Council Program Director selects 10 Power of 10 Chairmen to lead each of the council's 10 teams.** The chairman of these teams can be either an elected or selected council officer or they may chose dynamic recruiters. A co-chairman is recommended to assist with the recruiting and retention activities as well as implementing the council's programs and charities.
- **Every member of the council is assigned to a council team.** Teams are comprised of active and current inactive members. The objective of this process is to make sure that the entire council membership is assigned to a Power of 10 Team. Ideally teams should not be comprised of more than 20 members. Councils may form additional teams if needed.
- **Once the teams have been established the Chairmen sends to each of his team members a Membership Interest Survey.** This survey will help the chairman to determine which council programs the member and his family is most likely to participate in.

Power of 10 Teams Objectives:

- **In the starting month each team is required to recruit one new member.** Teams are allowed to determine what recruitment tool they chose to use. Suggested recruitment programs are:
 1. **One on One or Two on One**, asking a Catholic gentleman to join. This tactic encourages the recruitment of family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers.
 2. **Invitation Program.** Sending an invitation to fellow parishioner's team members may encounter while attending Sunday Mass or other parish functions.
 3. **Shining Armor Award**, adapting this program for new members as well as current team members. Special council award given to teams that achieve 100% of members earning the Shining Armor Award.
 4. **Welcome back Brother Program:** Inviting inactive insurance and former members to rejoin the Order.
- **Current council members that are inactive are to be contacted each quarter either by the team leader or a designated team member.** This insures that members who do attend council meetings are kept informed of council actives.





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



State Christmas Party

- When:** Saturday, December 10, 2011
- From:** 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- Where:** Marydel Fire Hall
- Cost:** \$20 single / \$35 couple (payment preferred in advance) \$25 per person at the door
Due Thursday, December 2
- Contact:** Tom Boscher @ 653-7565 smbtrucking@atlanticbb.net
John Brenner @ 376-6228 jbrenner5@verizon.net
Make checks payable to: DE State Council

50/50 - all proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Unwrapped new gift for Toys for Tots

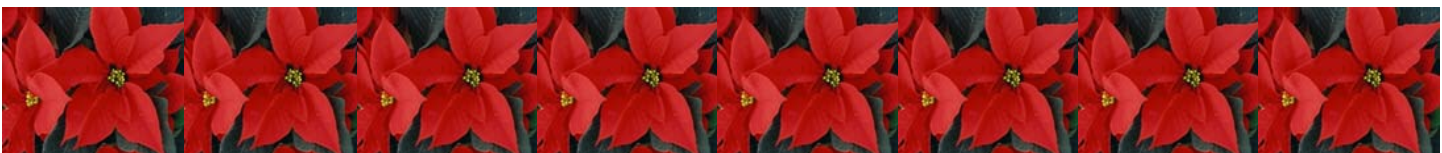
Full Service Dinner

<u>Appetizer</u>	<u>Entrée</u>	<u>Dessert</u>	<u>Beverages</u>
Assorted	Surf and Turf Assorted Beverages Potatoes Vegetable Medley	Assorted Cakes	Open Bar



Live DJ

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL**

Annual Chaplains Recognition Night

Monday January 30, 2012 6:15 P.M.

Executive Banquet & Conference Center
205 Executive Dr
Newark, Delaware 19702

Buffet Dinner
\$35 per person

Reservatoin Form

Please forward form to:
Herbert J. Bessey, PGK, FDD
10 Glyn Drive
Newark, DE 19713
302-368-1492

Cutoff date is January 23, 2012

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Council #: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to: *Delaware State Council, K of C*

Note:

No money will be taken at the door. All reservations must be paid in advance by the cutoff date above!



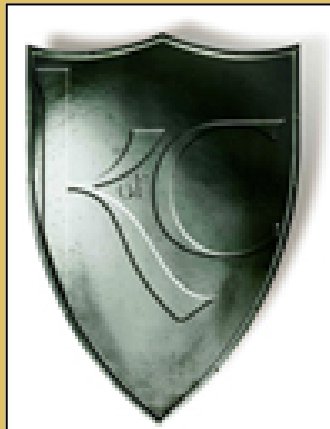
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