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My Brother Knights and Families:

My gratitude is extended to you and the council delegations on my election to the Office of State Deputy at our Annual Meeting of Delaware State Council in Rehoboth Beach. I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected State Deputy of Delaware for the 2010-2011 Columbian Year. I am looking forward to working closely with all my brother Knights next year. I am confident that with everyone's help and prayers we will meet the many challenges that lie ahead.

I wish to congratulate Immediate Past State Deputy, Deacon Sherman Mitchell, the State Officers and staff on an excellent Columbian Year. Much has been accomplished this past year and we hope that all will continue with their enthusiasm and support.

In the next few weeks, I together with the other State Officers will be putting together a team of District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen to provide leadership for Delaware State Council. It is only with your help and advice that we will be successful. I welcome your input and invite you to contact me by phone at 302 999-1519 (H) or email me at knight-ed1995@verizon.net.

Our first program will be the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies at St. Elizabeth Church on Sunday, July 11. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. by the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, DD. Please make every effort to be on hand and make our first event a rousing success. A reservation form can be found in this publication or online at <http://www.de-kofc.org/index.html>.

Again, I want to thank you for the confidence placed in me. Be assured that I will do everything in my power to make us proud to be a Knight of Columbus in Delaware.

God bless. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

State Deputy



Larry J. Gardner
State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

My Dear Brother Knights & Families,

Once again a new Columbian year is upon us. With each new beginning, there is a fresh start. Many opportunities will be given to us during this Columbian year of 2010-2011; to build up the Church, to live fraternal charity, and to strengthen our Order. We have accomplished much in the past year and we must continue to build the future upon it. By following our calling and living the Christian life to the fullest we are following God's will in our daily lives. We pray that we may show His love and concern for others in our daily life. We ask God to bless our endeavors and us, as we begin this new Columbian year.



Rev. Philip L. Siry
State Chaplain

Father Philip Siry,

State Chaplain & District Friar

Immediate Past State Deputy's Message



Deacon Sherman Mitchell III
Immediate Past SD

My Brother Knights,

To all my brother knights and their families my wife and I wish to thank you all for a very blessed Columbian year.

It is difficult to imagine that the year has come and gone. From the installation of officers to the State Convention each event has been a milestone which we have looked forward to. Each has presented joy as well as challenges, however each has also given us an added opportunity to meet, greet, and play host to our brother knights around the state. We shall be eternally grateful of having had the honor and privilege of representing the Jurisdiction of Delaware.

My Brother Knights around the State have truly demonstrated the principles we proclaim: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and together we have shared an Experience of a Lifetime. Although Delaware did not reach the Supreme Council's Circle of Honor because of the high number of suspensions, our total net intake for the year was 205 new members or 74.5% of our membership goal. Our total jurisdiction membership now stands at 4009 and through the efforts of District Deputy Patrick Walsh, our Membership Director, and a team of dedicated Brother Knights we now have a new Council to service the parishes of St. Patrick and St. Mary's in Wilmington.

I thank each Grand Knight, council membership director, and recruiter for the efforts in recruitment this year. To all the State Council officers, directors, chairman, advisors, and assistants, thank you for all you have done to make this a very memorable year. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the honor and opportunity to serve you this past year. My wife and I thank each of you for the hospitality shown us as we have traveled around the State to various events. You have definitely made a lasting impression on our lives.

We wish the new State Deputy and his wife every success and wish for a fun filled and productive year. God bless you as you follow the past laid out by our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

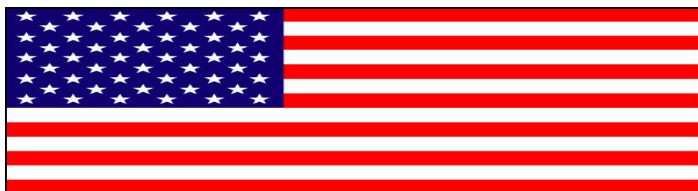
Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Sherman Mitchell III



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-kojc.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

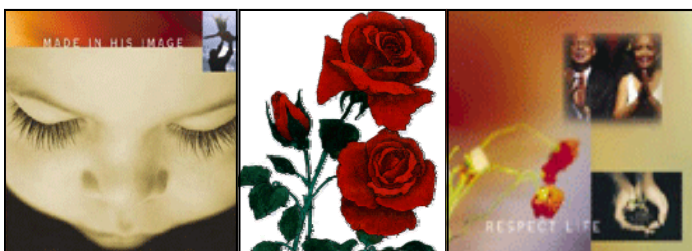
If you are a member of any Knights of Columbus council throughout the world, you own a motorcycle (of any kind) or anticipate owning a bike within 6 months, and you love riding and our great Order, join Knights on Bikes. If you are interested in joining the Delaware group of Knights on Bikes, please 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.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

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Fathers for Good Web Site



In keeping with a longstanding commitment to build stronger marriages and families, the Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative at the 126th Supreme Council Meeting, called Fathers for Good. The centerpiece of the initiative is an interactive Web site, www.fathersforgood.org. The theme for the launch of the Web site is "A Father's Identity," which 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.

“Your Shield for Life” Becomes New Theme for Knights of Columbus Insurance

The Knights of Columbus has adopted a new theme for its highly successful insurance program: “Your Shield for Life.” The new theme and symbol – a shield – reinforce the standing of Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of North America’s most financially secure life insurance providers. The theme and symbol debuted in an advertisement in the February 2010 issue of Columbia magazine. The Knights of Columbus has adopted a new theme for its highly successful insurance program: “Your Shield for Life.” The new theme and symbol – a shield – reinforce the standing of Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of North America’s most financially secure life insurance providers. The theme and symbol debuted in an advertisement in the February 2010 issue of Columbia magazine. The Knights of Columbus has adopted a new theme for its highly successful insurance program: “Your Shield for Life.” The new theme and symbol – a shield – reinforce the standing of Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of North America’s most financially secure life insurance providers. The theme and symbol debuted in an advertisement in the February 2010 issue of Columbia magazine.



The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the Mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee. A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if he jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes." The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. "Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend." Brothers, I added this to the News Letter because sometimes we get carried away and forget the important things in life. Lets all remember what is important in life and enjoy Life and what we have and what we can do for our fellow man .

State Council Meetings

State Council is not a Council unto itself, but the governing body made up of representatives for all Councils in the State. Therefore, participation of each and every Council is essential for a successful year. While each Council is involved with their particular parish and local community activities, it is important to remember the lessons of our Degrees, that each Council is also a part of the whole Knights of Columbus Order and has a stake in State and Supreme activities. State meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at varying locations throughout the State. These locations are listed in the State Newsletter, on the State Yahoo e-group, and on reminders sent by the State Deputy. Every Grand Knight has the responsibility to attend these meetings, or to send their Deputy GK and Financial Secretary, when necessary. All Delaware Knights are invited and encouraged to attend State Council meetings. Participation at State Meetings is the surest way of ensuring that you and your Council are kept abreast of Knights of Columbus activity throughout the State of Delaware.



The Culture of Life



Every life is sacred, from the moment of conception til natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage and work together in building a culture of life and a civilization of love. In the continual battle for the rights of unborn children and the elderly, Knights of Columbus members, their families and all pro-life supporters need to change hearts as they strive to change laws. They must witness to the injustice of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide, as they assist pregnant women in need, tend to vulnerable handicapped persons and care for the elderly.

Dates To Remember: July 2010 - September 2010

- July 8**, State Meeting Coffee Run Council, Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE
- July 11**, Installation Mass of State Officers and District Deputies. Mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly beginning at 3:00 p.m. Saint Elizabeth Church, Cedar and Clayton Streets Wilmington, DE. Banquet immediately following in Grant Hall, Saint Elizabeth Church. \$30 per person reservations needed. See web page for more information and reservation form.
- July 24**, State Leadership Organizational Meeting. 9:00 a.m. Saint Pius X Council Home, Lancaster Ave. and Scott St., Wilmington, DE
- August 3 - 5**, Supreme Convention, Washington D.C.
- August 15**, Noon to 6:00 p.m. Delaware State Council Family Picnic. Saint Anthony's in the Hills, Route 7 1/4 mile north of PA-DE line.
- September 9**, State Meeting Saint Pius X Council Home, Lancaster Ave and Scott St., Wilmington, DE Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Strategic Thinking for Growth

For those Councils interested in expanding their community and youth involvement and programs while attracting young professions, college-age students and graduates you might investigate partnering with **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware** to provide one-on-one mentoring. If interested

you may contact any of the following offices in Dover @ (302) 674-2486, in Georgetown @ (302) 856-2918, and in Wilmington @ (302) 998-3577 or visit their website at <http://bbbsde.org> for more information.



Retention Strategies - Taking Inventory

Taking an inventory of your council is a way of finding out where your council is heading by seeing where its been.

It's a good idea for council officers and program directors to get together at the start of the fraternal year to take stock of last year's endeavors as a way to help the new officers and chairmen with the coming year's efforts.

This meeting should be a time to look back over the council's membership recruitment and retention efforts and program activities to size up their strengths and weaknesses. What programs can be expanded or improved? How can glitches be avoided next year? This review is a time for honest assessment, not finger-pointing over projects that may not have worked out. When reviewing programs, ask these questions: How well were the membership recruitment and service programming plans designed at the start of the year followed?

Were these plans realistic? * Were the plans overly ambitious, or did they fail to tap into the council's full potential? *

Were goals achieved? * Were families involved to a sufficient degree? If not, how can family involvement be expanded? * Were the entire parish and community involved in these efforts? * Were materials available from the Supreme Council office fully utilized? * How can the lessons of this year be used to develop better plans for the coming fraternal year? * The program and membership directors should share their evaluations with their grand knight and incoming directors to ensure the lessons they learned through experience are passed along.

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ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010

**POOL OPENS AT NOON
FOOD SERVED FROM 1-5 P.M.**

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(ROUTE 7, ¼ MILE NORTH OF DE-PA LINE)

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GAMES – RAFFLE & MUCH MORE
OLYMPIC SIZE SWIMMING POOL



**Price: \$7 Adults, \$3 Children under 12
\$20 per Family (All from same address)**

Brother Knights Note: Admission is open to all brother knights, their family and friends. You are welcome to bring a guest. We encourage you to bring a prospective member and his family so that they can see firsthand how much fun it is to be a Knight of Columbus.

For information contact: **Brian Dennis**, State Picnic Chairman (302) 798-3008



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Happy Birthday America



My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy! - Thomas Jefferson