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My Brother Knights and Families:

It hardly seems possible that we are approaching the final three months of this Columbian Year. At this juncture, I am simply overwhelmed with gratitude for all that has been accomplished to-date, but I realize that much still needs our energy and commitment in the months ahead.

Our recruiting of new members is on target through February and, with continued effort, we can achieve our annual statewide membership goal. I congratulate the many councils that have already reached or surpassed their quotas for both new members and insurance. All proposers of new candidates who take their First Degree before April 14 are eligible for five cash awards that will be drawn at the April State Informational meeting in Marydel.

On Monday, February 28, 2011, I was privileged to join Bishop W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of Wilmington, along with others from the Knights of Columbus, at 'A Door of Hope' pregnancy center on Lancaster Pike. Bishop Malooly blessed the new ultrasound machine donated by the Delaware Knights who raised half of the \$30,000 purchase price. The balance came from the Supreme Council ultrasound initiative. I want to especially thank Coffee Run Council, No. 6768 in Hockessin for their help in securing this equipment. We are confident that this program will help pregnant women to see and hear their unborn child, and to make a choice for life and carry the baby to full term. We hope to secure a second machine in the near future. We are Knights; we are pro-life.

Plans are being finalized for our Annual State Convention to be held next month at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach. The Convention Committee has been working hard to ensure an enjoyable week-end for all. This is an opportunity for councils to review past achievements, but, more importantly, to lay the groundwork for establishing major objectives for the upcoming year. I would like to remind all councils to submit their State Service Award Applications for their best program in each of the six service categories for consideration by State Council.

Also, I am happy to report that Brother Ronald B. White, Supreme Director from our neighboring State of Maryland, has been assigned as Supreme Council representative to the convention and will be joining us in Rehoboth Beach.

Thank you for all you do to make the Knights of Columbus in Delaware such a wonderful organization. Again, I look forward to being with you in Rehoboth Beach in May. God bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence J. Gardner,
State Deputy



Larry J. Gardner
State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

My Dear Brother Knights & Families,

Once again my dear brothers, we have begun the discipline of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, March 9th, the austere rite of the imposition of ashes tells us that this season is very special to us for we can understand that the 40 days in preparation for Easter is a favorable time and a time of grace for we all try to identify with Christ and Him crucified.



Rev. Philip L. Siry
State Chaplain

The imposition of ashes upon our foreheads in the sign of the cross is expressed in two formulas: “Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you will return,” or “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

This is indeed a season for Catholics and as Knights of Columbus a time of conversion, reconciliation, and repentance. The appeal to conversion lays bare and denounces the fragile superficiality that all too often marks our lives. To repent, conversion is to change direction in our journey of Lent. We are not alone in this journey because the Church accompa-

nies and sustains us from the start with the Word of God, the Mass, and the Sacraments.

Let us pray for one another, our families, our parish that all of us will grow closer to crucified Savior, and truly experience in our Christian lives the glory of the Resurrection.

My Brothers have a good Lent and a blessed and happy Easter .

Vivat Jesus!

Father Philip Siry,

Father Philip Siry

State Chaplain, District & Provincial Friar, Calvert Province

In Concert

Seamus Kennedy In Concert presented by the Knights of Columbus at St. Ann's. Saturday May 14, 2011 at St. Ann's Social Hall, 1851 N. Union St. Wilm. DE 19806. World famous Irish singer and entertainer, Seamus Kennedy, will be performing with Irish Dancers. Enhanced sound system! Doors open at 7:00 PM. Snacks, soda, wine and beer included in the \$20 ticket (12 and younger: \$12, 5 and under: free.) For information and tickets go to www.seamusknight.com or call Mike Montgomery 302-656-8699 or Dave Skillman 302-762-3239.

A Different Perspective

Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman: "Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?"

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%. The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students. The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage. Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving. The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States ...

Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'. Be proud to speak up for your faith with

pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

Be proud that you're a Catholic."

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-koqc.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 STATE COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Salutes the following Knights on attaining
50 years of service to our Order in the 2010-2011
Columbian Year

John A. Delligatti

Bishop Becker Council

Robert E. Quinn

Bishop Curtis Council

J. Robert Schiavi

Bishop Becker Council

Harry L. Brand (12-5-10)

Daniel Caso

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Old Bohemia Council

Albert C. Perrino

Seton Council

Gerald M. Davisson

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council



Fourth Degree Exemplification Scheduled

Andrew M. Elisee, PSD, Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Delaware, has announced that a Fourth Degree Exemplification is slated for Sunday afternoon, May 22, 2011. The highest degree of our Order will be exemplified in the parish hall of St. Joseph Church, 371 East Main Street, Middletown. Candidates' should be on hand by 1:15 p.m. for registration, and the ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. Candidates' and Sir Knights' must wear a black tuxedo, pleated white shirt (NO RUFFLES or WING COLLARS OR DOUBLE BREASTED JACKETS), black bow tie and cummerbund, plain black socks and shoes. Current Sir Knights' should also wear their social baldric. Active duty military may wear formal dress dining uniform. Policemen and firemen may wear their dress uniform as well.

The program for the day will be brief and less expensive. There will be no ladies' program or formal banquet, but a dinner will follow the degree. The fee for candidates' is \$35.00 which includes a Fourth Degree Pin and Social Baldric. Current Sir Knights' cost for dinner will be \$15.00. All candidate applications and dinner reservations should be coordinated with the Secretary to the Master.

Opportunity for Financial Secretary's / Comptrollers

Supreme has offered the opportunity for Special Training to be provided to Financial Secretary's and Comptrollers.

The training will be accomplished on the following Saturday mornings at St. Mark's High School in their library with 25 plus Internet connected computers:

2 April, 16 April, and 14 May

To participate please respond with the date most suitable to you. Also, please indicate whether you are new to the job, a veteran, or really experienced. It is desirable that you bring your personal laptop to the training session if you have one. Depending upon your need three training options will be provided:

Duties and Responsibilities (1.5 hours)

Basic Management / Billing (1.5 hours)

Advanced Member Billing (2 to 3 hours)

This is a unique opportunity for all Financial Secretaries and Comptrollers. If you shall be planning to go, please notify the State Warden, Gerry Safranski as soon as possible at (302) 239.9362.

ULTRASOUND COMPLETION

Necessary funds were raised by Delaware Councils and individual Knights, as of mid January 2011. Worthy State Deputy Larry Gardner and our Pro Life Director Fran Urick signed the final paperwork, and after coordination with Supreme, the checks were presented on Monday February 28 at 2 PM at the Door of Hope Pregnancy Center.

Bishop Malooly presented from Delaware Councils and individual Knights a check for \$7500 to Carol Doherty of _A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center, and State Deputy Larry Gardner presented the check from Supreme Council of \$6250 to complete the purchase of the center's Ultrasound machine.

A related article is in the Dialog <http://www.cdow.org/030311.pdf>



Pictured from left to right: Paul Bryant – Door of Hope Board Member, John Baldo – Coffee Run Council 6768 Financial Secretary, Kayla Holland RN – Door of Hope, Andy Elisee Master 4th degree, Carol Doherty – Director Door of Hope, Our Bishop His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop W. Francis Malooly, Our State Deputy Larry Gardner, Our State Chaplain Reverend Philip Siry, Fran Urick – State Pro Life Director, Gerry Safranski – State Warden, and Al Ware – Commander of Cardinal Gibbons Assembly. Not pictured is Reverend Leonard B. Klein – Diocese Pro Life and Very Reverend Steven Giuliano VF – Associate State Chaplain, David R. Brown – State Secretary, David P. Haney – State Treasurer, Joseph M. Lynch – State Advocate, and Deacon Sherman Mitchell III – Immediate Past State Deputy.

“The Work Praises The Man” - Brother Knights – WE have made a difference. Thank You.

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.

Delaware Knight Schedule

News you can use.

The membership and especially those in leadership roles are encouraged to promote our newsletter by submitting articles that might be of interest to others in the jurisdiction. An idea you may have to increase membership is only useful if it is shared.

Please forward articles and/or photos by email to either Deacon Sherman Mitchell at smitchell134@hotmail.com or Leon Gratkowski at kcweights@yahoo.com. Articles should be submitted as Word documents attachments to your email and photos should be submitted as high resolution JPEG (.jpg) attachments. Also, try to avoid taking or sending photos with dark backgrounds.

Articles and/or photos must be received no later than the following dates to be considered for publication in the Delaware Knight.

10 May 2011	Vol.69 No. 1	June/July Issue
10 July 2011	Vol.69 No. 2	Aug/Sep Issue
10 Sep 2011	Vol.69 No. 3	Oct/Nov Issue
10 Nov 2011	Vol.69 No. 4	Dec/Jan Issue
10 Jan 2012	Vol.68 No. 5	Feb/Mar Issue

Dates To Remember: April 2011 - May 2011

April 3. First Degree @ St. Pius X Council, Wilmington, DE, (Degree 7:00 p.m.)

April 9, Resolutions/Good of the Order, Prince Hall, St. Joseph's Middletown 8:30 a.m.

April 19. First Degree @ Christopher Council, Wilmington, DE, (Degree 7:30 p.m.)

April 29 - May 1, Fitzmaurice Retreat at Malvern

May 1, Third Degree @ Holy Child, (Candidates 1:15 p.m., Degree 1:45 p.m.)

May 1. First Degree @ St. Pius X Council, Wilmington, DE, (Degree 7:00 p.m.)

May 17, First Degree @ Christopher Council, Wilmington, DE, (Degree 7:30 p.m.)

June 5. First Degree @ St. Pius X Council, Wilmington, DE, (Degree 7:00 p.m.)



State Meetings 2010 - 2011 Columbian Year

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m., Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. There is no State Meeting in August, December, and May.

April 14, 2011 @ Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel, DE

May 6-8, 2011 Annual DE State Convention, Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth Beach, DE

June 9 2011 @ Msgr. Grant Council, St. Elizabeth Parish, Wilmington, DE





DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL
68th Annual State Council Meeting and Convention

Atlantic Sands Hotel - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Friday, May 6 to Sunday, May 8, 2011



Double Package: \$475.00 - Single Package: \$375.00 *

Package includes two nights lodging, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday,
 Dinner on Friday Evening (Irish Theme), Ladies' Program, and
 Convention Banquet on Saturday. * Prices include all taxes.

Non-Package Prices:

Room (Thursday, Sunday)	\$ 110.00 / night
Room (Friday, Saturday)	\$ 150.00 / night
Friday Dinner	\$ 38.50 / person
Saturday "Ladies Program"	\$ 20.00 / person
Saturday Banquet	\$ 50.00 / person
Breakfasts -	\$ 15.00 / person



Friday Night "Irish Theme"
There'll be the Wearing of the Green

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Full Package	Double \$475 or Single \$375	\$ _____
Non-Package	Room (Thurs - Sunday) \$110.00 / Night	x _____ = _____
Non-Package	Room (Fri - Saturday) \$150.00 / Night	x _____ = _____
Dinner	Friday "Irish Theme" \$ 38.50 / Person	x _____ = _____
Ladies Program	Saturday Afternoon \$ 20.00 / Person	x _____ = _____
Banquet	Saturday Evening \$ 50.00 / Person	x _____ = _____
Breakfasts	Saturday or Sunday \$ 15.00 / Person	x _____ = _____

Total Payment Due \$ =====

Mail completed forms to Reservation Chairman:

DEADLINE - APRIL 7, 2011

Jerry Poore, PGK

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Deposit of \$150 is requested with reservation.
 Full payment is due by April 7, 2011

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68th ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

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