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MEETS 1ST. MONDAY OF EACH MONTH—7 PM—AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL, RTE. 4 & GENDER ROAD
NEWARK DELAWARE

++EXCEPT IN JULY AND SEPTEMBER—DATES MAY CHANGE—NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN++

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ALLELUIA — — — ALLELUIA — — — ALLELUIA

The Son of Man, The Christ, has defeated death and rose from His earthly death to give hope of redemption to all those who believe in Him. SHALOM!

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Officer’s Roll Fraternal year 2016-2017

The following Faithful Sir Knights



Michael Handlin	Navigator
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4548	St. Michaels
6768	Coffee Run
11469	Our Lady of Fatima
11796	St. John the Beloved
12104	Holy Angels
12842	St. David



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Eye of the Navigator

Myths exist! Do something one time and it is tradition! Somehow we seem to suffer from Myth and Tradition.

Cardinal Gibbons and the 4th Degree have great ideas and great programs. Sadly, we have too many great ideas that lack those extra hands or little angels, or plain and simple, HELPERS. Yes, the Exemplification is a 4th Degree only. Assembly meetings are 4th degree only. Helping at the VA, Socks for Soldiers, Cookies at Christmas, and many, many other programs are open to everyone who wants to help, to be a part of the great feeling of Patriotism, or Christian Charity. We just need to explain or communicate all are welcome. I will highlight two programs that need Jump Starters or interested Knights to swarm to the task. We need those that have time, are organizers, know people who are pianists or musicians, or simply are willing to help. We need individuals who are willing to pray, novel idea. Two great ideas have hit the floor of the Assembly. The First is, “Music for Vets.” The Second idea is, “Rosary in Remembrance.” In this newsletter I will try to explain the ideas and maybe the ideas will gain the support of all Knights, their family or friends. Who knows a TRADITION might be born and a MYTH shattered.

NOTICE—————**NOTICE**—————**NOTICE**

IMPORTANT CALENDAR ADDENDA: A YEARLY CALENDAR WAS PUBLISHED IN EDITION 3. PLEASE ADD THIS TO THAT CALENDAR: MAY 6, 2017

VA CARNIVAL, SATURDAY 11 AM TO 1 PM IN ELSMERE. MANY ARE NEEDED TO JOIN THE VETS IN AN AFTERNOON OF FUN. VOLUNTEERS, ALL DEGREES OF KNIGHTS NEED TO ARRIVE BY 10 AM. NOTIFY S.K. BILL LAWLER AT:

DIANEANDWILLIAM@COMCAST.NET OR AL WARE AT:

ALWARE302@AOL.COM IF YOU INTEND TO HELP. [RAIN DATE IS MAY 7.](#)



Ready to Take Charge!

Ideas that need any Knight

Mr. Chips!

Imagine for just a minute you are deployed and you hear, "MAIL CALL." The thoughts running through your mind and the hope that something will be there are real for you and all soldiers. Just like in the musical, "MUSIC MAN", you are waiting for the Wells Fargo wagon bringing something special- just for you! Now fast forward to any holiday, especially, in the Fall and early Winter. COOKIES, you can smell them, you remembering that tin that was only opened at a special day. How many soldiers are not getting homemade cookies?

Cookies for the Holidays was mentioned at a meeting. It is a great idea. Imagine a school's kitchen or Parish Kitchen turning out 10,000 cookies. Imagine the faces of soldiers opening a tin. Are you the one to command this idea? Cookie dough, kitchen, tin drive, staff, donations, linking with the DNG, time line and more. Who is your team? This could be the one activity that demonstrates your drive to Give Back to the Community, In this case, those in Harm's Way. Are you the skipper of this idea?

Organizer or a Prayer Service

February 11 and May 13 are significant dates in the 'Happenings' of the Church. We remember the Apparition of the Blessed Lady in Fatima, what a story. We remember the struggles for Bernadette to find believers in Lourdes. The Apparition of Our Blessed Mother was not immediately accepted at either site. In both cases the message was simple, Our Lady had a very special request. A simple, if not singular request, to pray. An idea was mentioned at a meeting to fulfill the request of Our Blessed Lady to pray a complete Rosary, all Mysteries. Imagine how full a Church might be, or better, imagine the crowd saying the Rosary by the Charles Park statue at Holy Spirit. What about the weather, safety, and these are ideas that need to be questioned. It can be done!

The idea could be a statewide initiative, it could need many individuals volunteering, and it could be take place in every parish in the Diocese. Prayer could catch on. Food for thought.-----!!!

===== EASTER =====

For Christians, Easter should not be solely commemorated as a time of rabbits, candy, fancy dress, etc. Easter is the reason why we are Christians and the Son of God sacrificed His life to offer redemption to all who believe in Him and His words and acts. It is all well and good that children have a special place during this season however, aside of the material goods and celebration, parents need to instill the real reason for Easter celebration in their children. Without Easter, there is no Christianity. Easter is resurrection! His rising from earthly death promises eternal life to all those who believe and accept the Christ and do God's Will.

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday are very sad and solemn days preceding and promising the great event of His defeat of death and these days also compel Christian observance.

This Newsletter's intent is to motivate, educate and promote the activities of the Knights of Columbus and its worthy endeavors through the Patriotic Degree, however its mission is also to emphasize good works and charity, which are endorsed in the Holy Scriptures. Thus from time to time your editor will take license and author messages relative to the practices of Christianity as our Church celebrates them. THANK YOU!

Keeping Costs in Check

Or

How to get a less expensive tuxedo

No doubt renting or buying a tuxedo for the Exemplification or other Knights function is a financial concern. Over the years, I have heard a few rumors and I have made it my “Undercover Investigation” to sort out the facts. While I poke fun at this article, it was easy to get to the facts. It is a concern deciding to participate in activities and getting the most for your money. It makes sense if you are going to be in the COLOR CORPS to get an affordable tux and one that has room for alterations. (I swear mine shrunk). It was relatively easy to determine it is possible to rent or buy a tux and not pay an arm and a leg. First rumor was FORMAL AFFAIRS on Main Street in Newark. Rumor was they sold used tuxedos to the Knights. Well that was far from the truth. I went to Formal Affairs on Main Street in Newark, De. I spoke with Heather. Formal Affairs is a friend to the Knights. They have a book at the desk that has the tux requirement for Exemplification. They extend a 15% discount on a purchase or rental for Knights activities. As a comparison; if you go to an outfitter near the Mall, zero discount, only a purchase and a base cost of \$250.00. At Formal Affairs, a Knight may purchase or rent a tux and receive a 15% discount. They will sell a Knight a tux that they would rent! It will not be a tux they are going to retire. They do not sell to the public their retired tuxedos. A tux purchased from Formal Affairs might cost a Knight \$167.00 - approximate depending on style, cut, and options wanted. So, does Formal Affairs discount for the Knights—YES.

Another rumor was other outfitters or retail stores. Two different answers. If you go to traditional Men’s store or outfitters for formal wear, they have great tuxedos but do not offer a discount, as found during my fact or myth challenge. The cost will exceed \$250.

The rumor investigation did find retail stores such as, J. C. Penney, offering tuxedos for less than \$100. The online catalog for Penney’s was quite helpful. Penney’s offer a tux for a beginning price of \$90. Need just a replacement jacket, under \$60. Consumerism at work!

The end of this story is simple. Whether it is a Knights function or your special event, Shop around! Compare! Mention you are a member of the Knights of Columbus. We do know some retail stores have less expensive tuxedos. We are grateful to Formal Affairs in Newark for their support. The choice is yours!



THE EYE OF THE NAVIGATOR

FLASH BACK TO ROMPER ROOM

How in the world is there a connection from Romper Room to the 4th Degree? For some of us who remember Romper Room, way back in the late 50's, there was a magic mirror. Miss Connie, Miss Francis, Miss Jean would hold the mirror, say a special phrase and she could see her special friends. I was spell bound when I heard her say, "Michael." She would say, "I see David, and Jermaine is having a special day, and George is under the weather, and Mike is watching with us, and there is Clay sitting on the floor, and Harry just got his cast removed!" The Magic Mirror let her see us and we were part of the show.

I remember yelling, "Mommy, Daddy she sees me, and she called my name!" Well, it just so happens, I have that Magic Mirror! I can see Knights in Action that just need to have their name called, "Brian, Joe, Tony, and hundreds of others!" The Magic Mirror is not just mine to use.

Grand Knights, Members of the 4th Degree all have that special magical power to call upon Knights to go the distance and be the next Candidate for Exemplification. Special Invitation? No! Just recognizing the qualities that are in our Knights and simply encouraging them to grow in the Knights of Columbus and the 4th Degree. Inspire by using your Magic Mirror! Our Knights, our friends let us know their name when they completed their Form 100.

Our parents wrote to Romper Room and gave the network our name and a little fact. As Miss Connie called names on every show, we need to recognize our Knights at every meeting, or event, or any occasion we see them. Call their Name and let them know they would be a great asset in the 4th Degree. I see Fred, and Tony, and Andy, and Joseph.....all ready for a FORM 4.



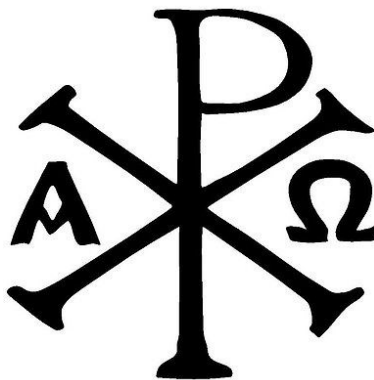
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For the ill, deceased, members of the Armed Services, public servants to include law enforcement, medical emergency personnel, government and all other personal intentions.

1	Pope Francis
2	Bishop Malooly
3	Priests, Deacons, religious Brothers, Sisters of the Diocese
4	Men & women serving in ALL branches of the Armed Forces
5	The President of the United States
6	Men & women peace officers, EMT's
7	The intentions of each member of Cardinal Gibbons
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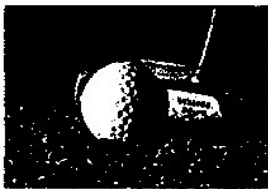
In your heart and mind please pray for all the intentions on this page.



Holy Family Catholic Church

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 18, 2017



Family Hole Sponsorship ~ \$50.00

*Family signage display at the golf course

*Family name will be listed in the program book & Church Bulletin after the event.

NOTE: Last day to sign up is August 8, 2017

Family Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

What do you want the sign to say?

Please mail the check to: Holy Family Church ~ Phone: 302-368-4665

15 Gender Road, Newark, DE 19713

*Please write "Golf Tournament Sponsorship" in the memo.

Questions? Please feel free to contact:

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*A tax donation letter with tax ID available upon request.



A TRAVELOGUE OF MY LIFE

Places I have and have not been....



- I have been in many places, but I've never been in **CAHOOTS**. Apparently one can go alone. One must be in **CAHOOTS** with someone
- I have never been in **COGNITO**. I hear that no one recognizes you there.
- I have, however, been in **SANE**. There is no airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.
- I would like to go to **CONCLUSIONS**, but jumping is required and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
- I also have been in **DOUBT**. That is a sad place to go to, and I try not to visit here too often.
- I've been **FLEXIBLE**, but only when it was critical to stand firm.
- Sometimes I'm **CAPABLE**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.
- And, sometimes I think I am in **VINCIBLE**, but life shows me I am not.
- I have been in **DEEP-DUNG** many times, the older I get, the easier it is to get there and it doesn't seem to be so deep anymore, plus it appears to be easier to extract myself from there than earlier in life.

