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

Factoids

Leonardo DaVinci invented the scissors. No word in the English language rhymes with MONTH, ORANGE, SILVER, OR PURPLE. DREAMT is the only English word that ends in the letters “MT”. An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain. A snail can sleep for 3 years. A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar bill. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies’ room during a dance party. If you want more of this, check future editions!!

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Officer’s Roll Fraternal year 2017-2018

The following Faithful Sir Knights



Michael Handlin	Navigator
Anthony Gennusa	Captain
John McCormick	Admiral
Rev. Indongesit Etim	Friar
Thomas Green	Pilot
TBA	Scribe
Lawrence Maguire	Comptroller
Christopher M. Green	Purser
William Lawler	Trustee 3 year
James Gardner	Trustee 2 year
Gerald Safranski	Trustee 1 year
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Councils OFFICIALLY affiliated with Assembly 150

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



THE EYE OF THE NAVIGATOR

Much to learn from PBS! Much to learn from the Saturday Morning shows I watched as a child in the 50’s (On a clear day.) Mr. Green Jeans, Capt. Kangaroo, Soupy Sales, Sky King, and even Sally Star, and Mr. Roger’s late in the day had something in common and most useful for our Patriotic Degree. Each childhood TV personality was special, they seemed to know their audience and they made their shows personal, and more.

The 4th Degree is no different than the TV shows. Our audience is in front of us, as Candidates to the Knights taking their First degree, and then in the Council listening and participating in the Council activities.

Maybe it would help if I focus on one show. Mr. Roger’s on PBS. He wore a distinctive outfit, his special sweater. More than his sweater, his uniform, every day, every show he sang a little jingle that welcomed us into his neighborhood and greeted us. “Won’t you be my neighbor?”

We just need to replicate what Our Gal Sal did, and Capt. Kangaroo, and, yes, most effectively, Mr. Roger’s. We need to invite and welcome our young Candidates to continue their path in the Knights of Columbus all the way to OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, the 4th Degree. Always take advantage of every moment with our Council members to ask them, to invite them to be a 4th degree. The magic of TV is a powerful tool and a few of our special TV friends can still teach us. We want Candidates, we just need to encourage and continue to show them the values, and most especially, “ask them to be in our neighborhood, THE ASSEMBLY!

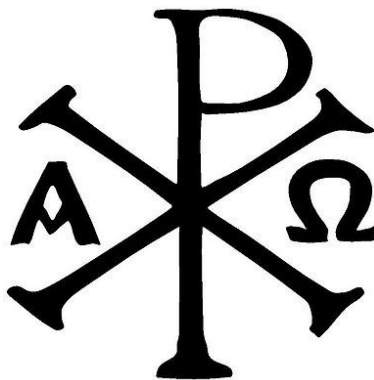
REMEMBERING OTHERS---GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 150

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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
8	IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTENTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT REZ38@COMCAST.NET TO ADD THEM
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In your heart and mind please pray for all the intentions on this page.



THE KINGDOM OF GOD-----Thoughts from the Editor

So what is “The Kingdom of God”? How can we as Catholic Christian foster and build on this question?

First and foremost, it is not a place one can visit as in an earthly kingdom. It is found within a person, Jesus Christ. In Him, through Him, and with Him, God is present to us. So when we pray, “Thy Kingdom come, “we are praying that the Christ will one day again walk the face of this planet, establishing a new order, a new creation, a new Eden.

The second aspect of the Kingdom resides within the heart of mankind. A Church father named Origen wrote, “...those who pray for the second coming of the Kingdom of God pray without any doubt for the Kingdom of God that they contain in themselves and they pray that this Kingdom might bear fruit and attain its fullness.” When we pray “Thy Kingdom Come,” we pray for the fulfillment of God’s personal call to holiness. This is truly a matter of the heart and an openness of the will to God. A constant openness and hunger to follow God’s will in our personal lives is very hard work, but so rewarding because it creates hope and joy.

The third part of the kingdom can be found within the Church. It is present now, but not yet complete until the end of time. We are still waiting for its fulfillment to be experienced. In fact, we pray during Advent, “Come Lord Jesus!” His coming is when the fulfillment of this third realm happens.

Keeping all this in mind, just how does one build up the kingdom? In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul says “Whatever you do, do your work with gusto, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from Christ you will be rewarded. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” Said in another way, as we Christians pray “thy Kingdom come,” we are called to work to bring about the Kingdom. Human toil is honorable and sacred, given to humans by God. It is a path in which we can focus our humanism to the divine. Was not the act of creation a “work” of God?

Our redemption is the work of Jesus! By our work, we bring God’s creation into this century. By our work, we bring into our time the immense love of Christ through the manifestation of our energies. That can be sacrificial in nature!

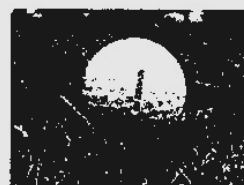
Question? What kind of work do you do? Whatever, be the best that you can do. Do everything out of love, a love that does not consider the cost, a love that is willing to give 100% of the time. Put on your tool belt and start building up the Kingdom!



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: _____

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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.

ARE YOU OR IS THERE SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAT SUFFERS FROM DEPRESSION?

As of May 1, 2017, the drug market boasts of **53 FDA approved** chemicals that can be prescribed by a doctor to control, not necessarily cure, various syndromes of depression. They include SSRI's, SNRI's, MAOI's and non-categorized. How many of these "wonder drugs" were available 30 years ago? Or...was 'depression' a rarity years ago and corporate drug makers saw little profit in producing these chemicals in those days? It may be that depression is openly rampant in these 'modern times' so patients turn to chemicals as the only route. You decide!

Not guaranteed, but available, are some alternatives other than drugs that possibly can alleviate actual causes of depression. They are listed below and not in any specific order...you may want to consult others in exploring....

- Think of belief in the one God and His creation.
- Take a look at the contents of the Bible as inspired writings.
- Take a look at what the Son of God accomplished in that Book.
- Take a look at the history of the Church and the teachings of the Church.
- Look into the lives of the Saints.
- Consider the practice of Christianity / Consider the Church as original with Peter the Rock.
- How about trying private prayer.
- Take counsel with religious persons, priests, ministers, rabbis.
- As a Catholic Christian, consider an "antidote of Grace", the Holy Eucharist.
- Keep company with the 'non-depressed' and perhaps learn from their lives.
- Take a walk in nature; observe the beauty of God's work in both plant & animal.
- Look for up-lifting and positive places; go alone or with others.
- Ask questions; seek the truth; find out the origins of your depression and question why.
- Seek healthy family assistance.

This listing is not intended to be comprehensive or replace professional medical advice, but there cannot be any harm to check out alternatives. God can be an everlasting source of comfort to the distressed, however one must believe —**FIRST**



A “Soft Non-Partisan” Observation

An Editorial Comment About The Current State Of Ideological Affairs In America

Which “first loyalty”? To self or God? A brain challenge!!

In 1863 President Lincoln reminded Americans of the pledge of the founding fathers in the first sentence of the Declaration of Independence: **Natural Law**. Madison established that the freedom championed in 1776 by the American people was “freedom of conscience.” At Gettysburg Lincoln spoke of “this nation, under God.” “We are rightly” understood, as Alexis de Tocqueville first observed in 1831, as a people of conscience, not ego. Some seem not to acknowledge that we were founded on an idea: natural law.

Our survival as the people of an “exceptional nation” is at stake.

Can we still return to being, as G.K. Chesterton put it, “a nation with the soul of a Church”?

And so basically define “Natural Law” as...a body of unchanging moral principles regarding as a basis for human conduct!

“IN LIEU OF,”

Choices!

I was going to give this the title of “Death Wish” but had second thoughts! Believe it or not the choice of In Lieu of made an impact on Churches and vocational classrooms. True story- Faithful Navigators never stretch the truth! Let me begin, in the early 90’s my Dad and Uncle had to bury their Dad. The Obit was written and no thoughts to using In lieu of, just order the flowers and get a Mass card or a Memorial Mass! Two shopping bags of Mass cards, and no lie, 50 baskets of flowers! No impact on me, I was teaching 4 classes of intro Flower Arranging in a Public high School and had many florist shops helping me.

Then the story changes, sometime in the 90’s, let say after 93, “In Lieu” of crept into the Obits on a large scale. A person was dedicated to their parish for 50 years and at death, “In lieu of” gave donations to other agencies. The other impact was Mass cards. In the old days, piles of Mass Cards, gone is that pile and the revenue to a Parish.

How about me the teacher? I would like to say that this new thought line did not have an impact but, I would be telling an untruth, and Knights never exaggerate! Florists would deliver 20 to 30 arrangements to a funeral home, not now. Early 90’s I could send students, after school, to florists to learn and help. Florists would call me and tell me, Mike I don’t have that many arrangements. Yes, changing world and business economic practices did not help! I dropped to two classes and currently only one class is being taught in my old school. “In Lieu of” struck again!

I must admit, national floral companies didn’t help. They changed their way of doing business- mass production and selling direct to florists. Who would have thought mass production would hit the floral industry. However, I am drifting!

Sir Knights, the point is let your family know your choice, your thoughts; otherwise another teacher could be out of a job, a another parish could close! Seriously, I have tried to touch a sad moment and make it a little laughable. The one serious point is to talk with family and let them know your feelings to flowers, church, and other agencies close to your heart. Don’t let “IN LIEU OF” be the wrong option. It doesn’t hurt to let your feelings and that wishes be known.

A “Little” Bingo!

Shhhh, it is a secret! Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER’S OF THE POOR every Thursday night at 7PM. 15 to 20 residents assemble in the common’s area to the sound of **B-7**. Yes, Bingo on a Thursday evening conducted by 4 to 5 members of the St Michael Council and the Gibbons Assembly, Knights of Columbus. Carmelo Palazzo would like one or two more Knights, of any Degree or their Spouse, to help at Bingo on a rotating basis. Bingo at the LITTLE SISTER’S is pretty normal as the game goes, it is traditional Bingo. A few Knights can handle the floor; they just need helpers to lend a hand on the evenings they have other commitments. Carmelo will tell you it is a hoot participating; the women will tell you to speak louder, slow down, speed up, or shake them up, or YOU didn’t call my number! If you can help, Carmelo’s email is: palaz@comcast.net

CARDINAL GIBBONS ACTIVITY CALENDAR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

June



Monday, June 5, 7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

8... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM) Carmelo's email is: palaz@comcast.net

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July



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13... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)

Monday, July. 17...7PM Business meeting at Holy Family-RELIGIOUS ED BUILDING--Adult Ed

KICK OFF FOR ADS FOR EXEMPLIFICATION IT IS THE ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

20... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)

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August



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Monday 7.....7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

10... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)

12.....2PM to 4PM -VA Bingo, Veterans Hospital Community ---- Living Area, Elsmere

13... INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS AT ST. MARY'S IN HOCKESSIN

17... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)

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14... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)

Monday the 18th.7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

21... Bingo at THE LITTLE SISTER'S of the POOR, 6:50PM -3 to 5 Knights needed, contact Carmelo Palazzo if you want to join the fun. (Every Thursday Night at 6:50PM)



OLD NEWS...YET....PERTINENT GOOD NEWS

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly is a Patron of the St. Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark DE. It is operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Knights assist at the residence in their various fundraising functions including regular Bingo games. The Assembly also donates funds on a regular basis in support of their efforts supporting their elderly residents.

On May 4, 2017, the President of the United States revoked the burdens and regulations placed on the various Churches and faith related institutions by previous governments. He also called two of the local Sisters of the Poor to the podium, whose Order among others were relieved from government interference by a decision of the Supreme Court.

[Little Sisters of the Poor VS Burwell]

This photograph followed the signing of the Executive Order of Revocation.

[Courtesy White House Communications Office]

