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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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Editor’s Message

Hopefully all have received Edition 2 which was an improvement over Edition 1. We will strive to improve and sometimes add some material for your erudition and amusement in further Editions. Thank you for your support.

ILLUD LATINE DICI NON POTEST...OR CAN YOU?

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

The following Faithful Sir Knights



Michael Handlin	Navigator
Anthony Gennusa	Captain
John McCormick	Admiral
	Friar
Thomas Green	Pilot
Christopher Green	Scribe
Lawrence Maguire	Comptroller
Robert E. Zeigler	Purser
James Gardner	Trustee 3 year
Gerald Safranski	Trustee 2 year
William Lawler	Trustee 1 year
William Marino	Inner Sentinel
Edward Godsell	Outer Sentinel
Albert Ware	Commander CCC

Councils 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

Eye of the Navigator

Keeping the Eye on the Prize

A religious commentary from Mike, sorry no. I looked at the list of programs and I am amazed at the goals that are set. Our hearts are in the right place. We take the goals of the Knights of Columbus seriously. Yet, we also have a list of programs that are unsupported. Supported in thought only. Supported in our hearts. Supported in the knowing we should be doing it; we have lofty goals: Cookies for soldiers, or socks, or music, and more. Great ideas, great ideals, all coming from our hearts. I remember my Mom and Dad telling me as a young child trying to get homework done on the weekend, “Son, there are twenty four hours in a day, use them do not waste them, they are the same 24 for everyone.” Translated that meant do your homework now and you may go out to play baseball. The prize here is the same and a little different. What is missing are the volunteers of the activity. The ones involved in current activities need New 4th Degree members to join in an activity. Any new guy in any organization is a little intimidated with activities. It takes just one, “Would you care to help,” and the ice is broken. The Prize are the members, the new guys. The new Guys who just took the Third Degree. We must reach out to them in the Council to go the next step, be a Candidate for the Exemplification. We need to reach them during the Third Degree. They need to hear that calling,” Would you care to help?” **Communication** is the answer! Clear, concise communication. All that is needed is to ask, bring it to their attention. They are already members of a great organization, and they did not join us to sit in the chairs of the Council or Assembly meetings. They have 24 hours in a day, they will figure it out.

THE CHEERFUL HEART HAS A CONTINUAL FEAST!

Proverbs 15:15

Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States



Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

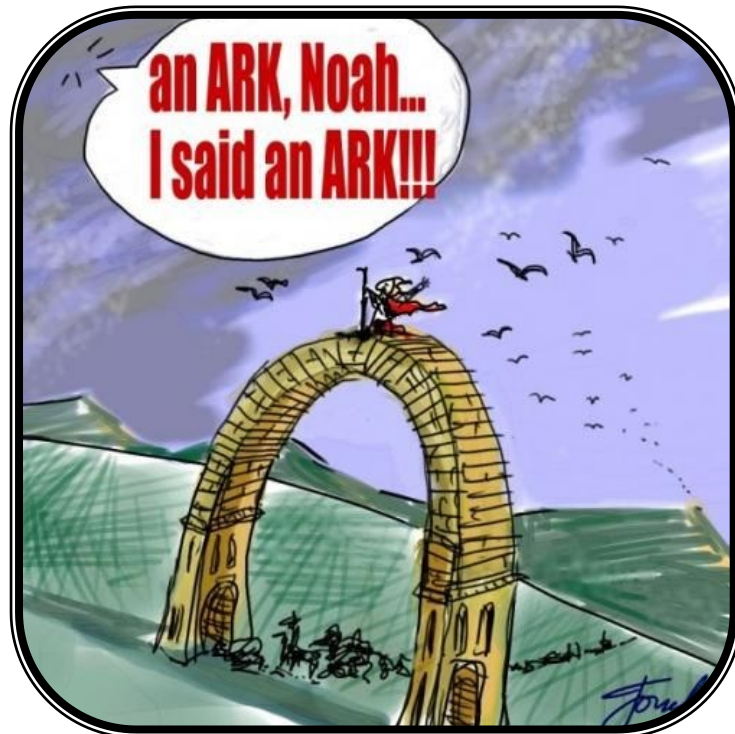
Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen

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The above intercessory prayer is featured in this newsletter in each edition





IDEAS OR PROGRAMS ON HOLD!

The following are programs or just great ideas that are in need of a few good men to Chair and drive.

- **Flags Flying-** Has been accomplished in the past. Pick a designated town or Main Street or shopping center and encourage businesses to fly the flag on Flag Day or all Federal Holidays
- **The Rosary.** New idea, Feb 11 and May 13 would be the target days to have the complete Rosary recited. The dates correspond with the Apparition at Lourdes and Fatima.
- **Music for Vets-**new idea that would find talented piano players to volunteer at the VA for one hour and play appropriate music for the vets in Elsmere
- **Cameras for Police**—new idea to fundraise to donate one body camera for a Police Department. The Knights support our police with Officer of the Quarter, Blue Mass and raise funds for Vests for Police Dogs. This would be an extension of those programs.
- **Surprise lunch for First Responders**—new idea-randomly prepare or buy lunch for first responders. Fund raising would be required. Randomly have lunch for fireman, EMT's, Police, etc. Example might be to call a local fire department, determine numbers there and order pizza, make a lunch, buy lunch and surprise deliver from Boston market.

Ideas are plentiful, we just need a few good Knights! Come to a Business Meeting and let us start a discussion and get great ideas rolling.



THE COLOR CORPS OF THE 4TH. DEGREE—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



You may see the Knights with their special uniforms or regalia at many events. They represent a highly visible arm of the Patriotic Degree. They gather to pay respect to fallen Brother Knights of the Fourth Degree. They stand in a place of respect during the funeral visitation or at the final liturgy.

They Present The Flag of our country and state or papal flags or local flags at many liturgical, civic or organizational events. You will see these Knights with our Bishop, or at special liturgical functions or parades or included with Special Olympic Delaware...and more.

Do you remember seeing these men with the Pope? They were present but not in formal regalia.

During the visit of Pope Francis, these men were special Ministers of the Eucharist or acted as ushers.

You may remember that when Pope St. John Paul visited, there were thousands of Color Corps in regalia... highly visible!

The Color Corps are volunteers! To belong is not mandated as some think. It is an elective group within the 4th. Degree. As stated in the Order's brochure, "THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE," the tuxedo, chapeau, cape and sword worn by the color corps were inspired by 19th. Century naval uniforms, with differing cape colors representing program ranks.

The Color Corps is well known and easily recognized. It is totally voluntary to join. Cardinal Gibbons has regalia ready for you.

What do these men of the 4th. Degree do? Some are volunteers in a special group such as the Color Corps.

They are active members. Commander Al Ware reports each month during the regular business session on all Color Corps activities, all the events the Corps has served in, the Church, the community or with fellow Knights. The Color Corps members wear the regalia with pride and honor.

Al Ware is THE Brother Knight looking for more members to join tis distinctive group.



SCHOLARSHIPS

MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

For the 2016-2016 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded 651 scholarships totaling more than \$1.9 million. Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward bachelor's degrees at Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. These figures include \$327,500 in grants to 131 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

Scholarship titles are listed:

- **Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships**
- **John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships**
- **Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria (Canada) Scholarships.**

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships are also reserved for freshmen entering The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and are administered by the university's **Office of Student Financial Assistance**.

Endowed Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of endowed scholarships provided from earnings of funds established in the donors' names. In accepting these gifts, the Order's Board of Directors voted to administer endowed scholarships in conformance with the rules of the Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship program, subject to the donors' wishes.

Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Scholarships

Delegates to the 62nd Supreme Council Meeting in August, 1944 voted to establish an Educational Trust Fund by the raising of \$1 million through a special per capita tax on the members of the Order.

Vocations Scholarships

The Supreme Council administers two scholarship programs for students in the first four years of theology pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.

Fellowships at The Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., provides Knights of Columbus Fellowships for graduate study leading to a master's degree or doctorate.

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships

Established in 1973, the Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowship Trust offers fellowships for full-time graduate study leading to a master's degree in a program designed for the preparation of classroom teachers for people with intellectual disabilities.

Mexico, Philippines and Puerto Rico Scholarships

Scholarships for students attending colleges and universities in these areas are administered by the respective jurisdiction, not by the Department of Scholarships in New Haven. Please contact your local jurisdiction for more information.———U.S. applicants must apply to a **Catholic college or Catholic university**. Undergraduate scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen and are normally renewed for a total of four years. Applications are available after **Oct. 1**. Deadline for completed applications for **U.S.** undergraduate students is **March 1**. Deadline for completed applications for **Canadian** undergraduate students is **May 1**.

Write:

Department of Scholarships
PO Box 1670

Knights of Columbus
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY

We will be updating our calendar regarding our activities with the VA Hospital in Elsmere.

A meeting with the VA will take place in March.

April 3..... 7PM Business Meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

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

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30th.....End date for Socks for Soldiers campaign

May 1..... 7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

4th.....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)

10th.....Blue Rocks and the Vets. Our night to help those coming from the VA

11th.... 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)

13th.....2PM to 4PM -VA Bingo, Veterans Hospital Community ----- Living Area, Elsmere

18th.... 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)

25th.... 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)

June 5..... PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

July 17..... 7PM Business meeting at Holy Family -- KICK OFF FOR ADS FOR EXEMPLIFICATION

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

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

September 18..7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

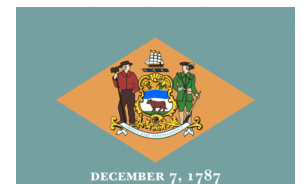
October 2.....7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall,

November 6.....7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall

11th.... Exemplification, Double Tree Wilmington TURN IN ALL ADS, LAST CALL

11th.....2PM to 4PM -VA Bingo, Veterans Hospital Community -- Living Area, Elsmere

December 4.....7PM Business meeting at Holy Family Church Hall





SILENCE

The trouble with the world is silence
There's just too little of it to go around
If people practiced more silence
Maybe more happiness would be found

How often we hear of words of nonsense
That's when some silence should suffice
What is said, or not, has consequence
Anything and everything has a price

Of course, there are times one must act
First, make a noble attempt to converse
But the wrong words only tend to distract
Any saying something stupid is worse

It seems the obvious answer is silence
It gives everyone some time to think
Except for philosophers and politicians
Long silence may drive them to drink

