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NEWARK DELAWARE

ON OCCASION, THE EDITOR WILL POST A COLUMN IN THIS NEWSLETTER CALLED

## “ROBERT’S RAMBLINGS”

It is not intended to confuse, confound or trivialize but to poke into your thought processes. Replies are encouraged and can be either objections, faint praise, insulting or bland comment. rez38@comcast.net

This issue speaks about a place--in--space called ...heaven.

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

The following Faithful Sir Knights



Michael Handlin	Navigator
TBA	Captain
John McCormick	Admiral
Rev. Indongesit Etim	Friar
Thomas Green	Pilot
Steven Haller	Scribe
Lawrence Maguire	Comptroller
Christopher M. Green	Purser
William Lawler	Trustee 3 year
James Gardner	Trustee 2 year
Gerald Safranski	Trustee 1 year
William Marino	Inner Sentinel
Edward Godsell	Outer Sentinel
Albert Ware	Commander CC

### Councils OFICIALLY 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’s



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

### The EYE- January 2018

I have attempted to keep to a theme of praising our Assembly-selling it- or recruitment. This edition... a different approach.

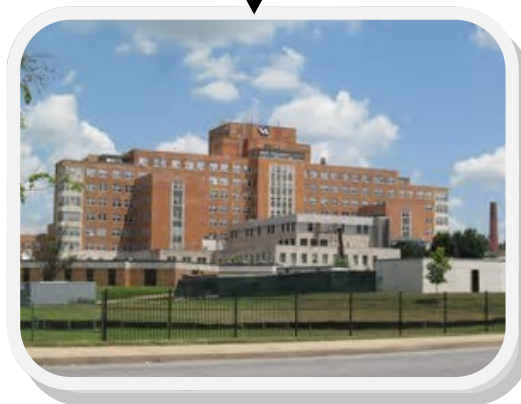
Over the past year, WE have listened to many downgrade our country by name calling! Those in political office, those in positions of authority, leaders, so frustrated, have lowered themselves to street level activity—name calling. Calling leaders, PUNKS, STREET BULLY, IDIOTS, and more. I think of my teachers, my parents who would say, “ sticks and stones...” How do we tell our children not to do this, and they hear it daily.

I ask, as we begin a NEW YEAR, to heed the advice of the Friar of the Delaware District, Father Hanley, and PRAY for our country, pray for our politicians, our men and women in lawful authority, pray for our men and women in the military, pray for the Congress of the United States of America, pray for the Supreme Court of the United States, and our Vice President, and President, and just PRAY!

**4th. Degree VA Bingo schedule for News Castle County Assemblies Participating**

**January 2018 to December 2018. Please alert your teams that Bingo begins at 2 PM at the Elsmere VA Hospital.**

<b>January 13</b>	<b>Fitzmaurice Assembly</b>
<b>February 10</b>	<b>Cardinal Gibbons</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Mardaga Assembly</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Fitzmaurice Assembly</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Cardinal Gibbons</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Mardaga Assembly</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Fitzmaurice Assembly</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Cardinal Gibbons</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Mardaga Assembly</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Fitzmaurice Assembly</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Cardinal Gibbons</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Mardaga Assembly</b>



**CARDINAL GIBBONS COLOR CORPS PARTICIPATION FOR DECEMBER 2017**

**December 2**, Claymont Christmas Parade with Bishop Thomas Mardaga Assembly.—T. Godsell & A. Ware

**December 6**, Viewing for the Mother of our Brother Mike Panfile, Helen Panfile at Ward Funeral Home, Linwood, Pa.—T. Green & A.Ware

**December 7**, Viewing and Mass of Christian Burial for the Mother of Mike Panfile at Ward Funeral Home and Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Church, Linwood, Pa.—T. Green

**December 10**, Viewing for Sir Knight Charles Helmer,SR. at Chandler Funeral Home.—T. Green & A. Ware

**December 12**, Our Lady of Guadeloupe Celebration at Holy Rosary Church, Claymont.—J. McCormick, T. Godsell, T. Green, A,Ware

**December 28**, Viewing for Sir Knight Tom Carson at Chandler funeral Home.—T. Green & A. Ware

**December 29**, Mass of Christian Burial for Sir Knight Tom Carson at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.—T. Green & A. Ware





**ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2018  
AND BEYOND**



Because of the holiday, we may not have a Business meeting in January. If we do, it will be January 15- which is also a holiday. We will notify you!

**JANUARY 4 - 11- 18- 25**  
**THERE IS BINGO AT THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, 6:50pm.**

A few new faces are needed at Little Sisters —contact Carmelo at: [palazzocj@gmail.com](mailto:palazzocj@gmail.com)

FEBRUARY AND MAY  
A look ahead

February 10 and May 12  
2:00pm - VA

Bingo with the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Elsmere  
Contact Al Ware at: [ALWARE302@AOL.COM](mailto:ALWARE302@AOL.COM)

## \$2.00 Campaign

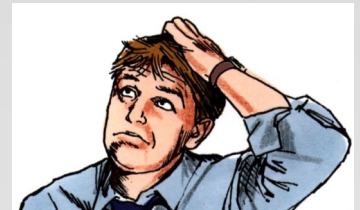
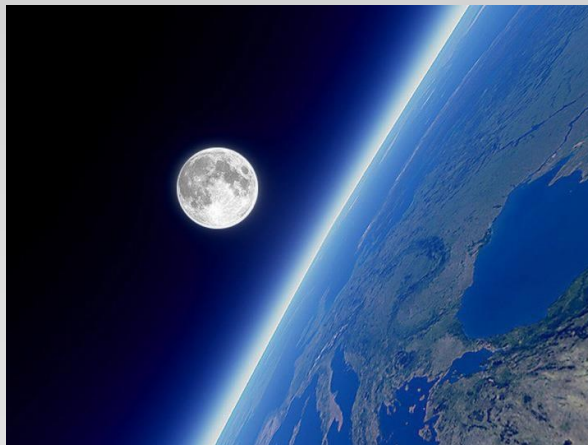
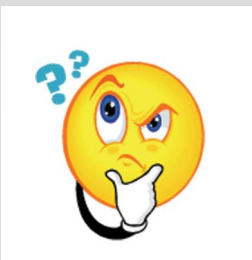
Men of the Assembly! Sir Knights, Brothers All! Can you imagine coming home from Deployment, serving your country and looking at a stack of bills. Your job was protected but not your paycheck. Your family in need to pay utility bills. Will you help them? Just \$2.00 dollars or more. We are hoping that each Brother will help with a check for \$2.00.

The Assembly has decided to add another Veterans Patriotic campaign for 2017. The Delaware National Guard has a program to help those returning from Deployment. It just always needs money. The fund can only be used by those military returning from Deployment. Are you willing to write a check for \$2.00? If so, make the check payable to CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY. Mail the check to Holy Family Church- Cardinal Gibbons Assembly, 15 Gender Road, Newark, DE, 19713. THANK YOU!

## ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

Truth, assumptions, theory, fact, myth, etc., all these terms [semantics] may play a part, or not, in the following which I proffer for thought. He/she has passed! Passed what? A stop sign? He/she has passed away?...or died perhaps? He/she is in a better place! Where is this place? A place is defined as an identifiable location. So what is space? A space is defined as not having a place therein. The planet earth is a place. Where is it? It is an entity in space, however that location cannot be identified by any celestial GPS that I know of. Same as with the moon or other "places" in universal space. So we come back to the original matter, where is this "better place"? Some define this as paradise or heaven. So where is this place called heaven? Is it occupying a location in space? However, we still can see the bodily form of a person whose destination we presume will be on the place in space call earth either buried or converted to ashes. So...what went where? We say that he/she will rest in peace. Does that mean the soul went somewhere? Again, where is this place called heaven to which "something or someone" travelled? Even the crucified Christ made a remark to a criminal crucified next to Him..."thou shall be with me IN paradise". IN can mean 'within' ... 'paradise' seems to mean a 'place'. Agencies send humans into space. They become a location or place by definition. When we, as yet mortals, say he/she has gone to heaven...did the remains actually disappear? So what happened? What went where? Did we witness any departure? NO. What died? A body ceased to function. What caused that? Internal organs failed we assume! Here we go again...we missed the deceased...missed what? Or what is missing? We toss in the word soul now! What is the 'soul'? To further complicate...Old Testament Maccabees says "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins". What is going on here? What happened to these souls? They went somewhere, to heaven or to an "other place"? Is heaven really a physical place or a state-of-being?

AND SO I 'RAMBLE' ON



## Officers can Help Vets in Crisis

*Officer Nicholas Hurst has lost nearly as many fellow Marines in the U.S. as he has Overseas!*

Since returning from 2 Deployments, he has watched his brothers commit suicide as a result of **PTSD**.

Hurst, along with a team of newly trained Delaware officers, now have the skills they need to address and aid veterans in times of crisis-moments that often result in a call for police response. Officer Hurst with the New Castle County Police is helping bring veteran crisis intervention training to other police departments in the State.

Through the formation of the **Veterans Response Team**, a unit within the New Castle County Police that will complement the already existing Crisis Intervention Team, those who have already served in the U.S. Military will have an extra tool in reaching fellow veterans in need. Four County Police Officers attended veterans' response training in Apex, North Carolina, learning the skills necessary to address veterans in crisis and help them not only to safety but to resources available to them in the community. The officers then came back to Delaware and shared the expertise with local agencies including the Wilmington Police Department, the US Department of Veterans Affairs Police Service in Elsmere and Delaware State Police.

Hurst's idea, which earned him recognition as the Crisis Intervention Training Officer of the Year by NAMI Delaware, will hopefully result in sweeping change for the State in veteran response. There are so many people coming back from Military service, and are having a hard time adjusting. In order to have a successful outcome, you should have someone there who speaks that language and can relate. The biggest thing with a Vet is to establish rapport. It instantly takes things lower! VRT training will make a difference for those most affected in the community.

For now, the training is only available to those who have served in the U.S. Military. The goal is to always have an officer specifically trained on veterans' response available in these moments. That is why they are looking to train officers not just within the County, but throughout the State. It is important that we take care of the people taking care of the Country.

**FROM MY BREVIARY—VESPERS 1 —THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**PSALM 117**

**ANTIPHON**

**NATIONS WILL COME TO YOU FROM AFAR, HEARING GIFTS IN THEIR HANDS, ALLELUIA**

**PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU NATIONS;**

**GLORIFY HIM ALL YOU PEOPLES!**

**FOR STEADFAST IS HIS KINDNESS TOWARD US,**

**AND THE FIDELITY OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER**





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL**

**Annual Chaplains & Friars Recognition Night**

**Monday January 22, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

**Executive Banquet & Conference Center  
205 Executive Drive  
Newark DE 19702**

**Buffet Dinner at \$35.00 per person**

**CUT HERE AND RETURN BELOW PORTION WITH PAYMENT**

**Reservation Form**

Please send form to 

**Frank Strawser  
1220 Stinsford Road  
Newark, DE 19713-3361  
302-593-2362**

**Cutoff date is January 16, 2018  
All information must be completed for each person.  
(one name per form please!!!!)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain / Friar? YES NO [Circle One]

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: *Delaware State Council, K of C*

**Note: No money will be taken at the door.**

**All reservations must be paid in advance by the cutoff date above!**





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**St. Michael Council #4548 Chartered February 26, 1958**

**Join us in celebrating 60 years of our council's service to Church & Community**

**Saturday April 14, 2018**

5:00 PM Mass at Holy Family – celebrated by our Council Chaplain, Very Rev. Mark Kelleher, followed by dinner and dancing at Bella Vita's at Cavalier's Country Club, 100 Addison Drive, Newark, DE. 19702-1939

**Buffet Dinner is:**

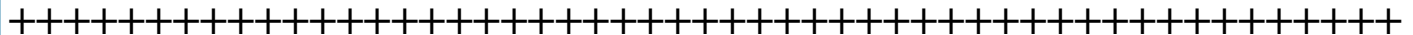
Cheese, crackers, fresh fruit, bruschetta station during cocktail hour / Chef's salad, chicken parmesan, tilapia, pasta tomato basil, chef's choice vegetable, chef's potatoes, rolls & butter, assorted desserts

**Only \$15.00 per person** (coffee, hot tea, iced tea included)

Cash bar available

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Dress: Business Casual



**Cutoff date is April 4, 2018**

**Reservation Form**

**Please forward to: Joe McCann, PSD, PGK, FDD, FS  
523 Hambleton Lane  
Newark, DE. 19702-4313**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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