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From the Editor

Continuing what was started February and from my past travels on this earth, I have accumulated a library of photos of historical places...and others. Each month there will be one posted along with a few hints as to what, where and so-what-about. If readers can identify the location or event feel free to send me your answers via E-mail. There might be some learning, may be some questions...all this in an attempt to get readers interactive and more involved. I do believe our little publication is unique in Delaware. Ciao!

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Officer’s Roll Columbian Year 2017-2018

The **following** Faithful Sir Knights



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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’s



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

EYE OF THE NAVIGATOR

I am back on track regarding the Assembly and membership. Our Assembly is doing all it can, but the door is always open for new members and new ideas!

Just want to mention **RESOLUTIONS**. You now those things we said at the Christmas Table or on New Year's Eve or Day. You know those Resolutions that were on the tip of your tongue. I will work to recruit members to our Council or Assembly! Come on guys did you think I was going to mention anything else but membership? I am hoping we all wished for new growth in our organization. We all wanted individuals to become Knights and then make all FOUR Degrees. So let's hit on some things to do:

Resolution # 1

Make the individuals in our Parish Community feel that this organization is the most important and most active. You, me, other Knights are the best examples of our work. Send a note to them, or a flyer with an activity.

Resolution # 2

If you had made a resolution to lose weight, it required a plan. So does new members at any level, EVEN OFFICERS. A plan might be to put your sight on certain individuals in the Parish, your family, your Council to take the NEXT DEGREE. The personal touch does work.

Resolution # 3

Do not forget the power of prayer. In all meetings when there is that special moment to pray, just ask Father McGivney for help or God. Prayer might be the missing ingredient.

Resolution # 4

Look at what you write, or advertise. Is the message clear, well worded, WELCOMING. Consider it a trip. Some of us used a MAP, now we use GPS. I hate it when the device says, "RECALCULATE."

Resolution # 5

Did you send an invitation or a response...Have you forgot the words of our parents; when you were a little child, "REMEMBER TO SAY THANK YOU, REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS!" —I leave you these ideas, Grand Knights, fellow Knights, Membership Directors, existing members of the 4th Degree.

It is not to late for 2018 resolutions!



AT CAVALIERS COUNTRY CLUB



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Michael's 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 in the Cavalier's Country Club, 100 Addison Drive, Newark, DE. 19702-1939

Buffet Dinner

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

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

++Cash bar available++

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Dress: Business Casual



This Reservation Form must be submitted by April 4, 2018

**Please forward to → Joe McCann, PSD, PGK, FDD, FS
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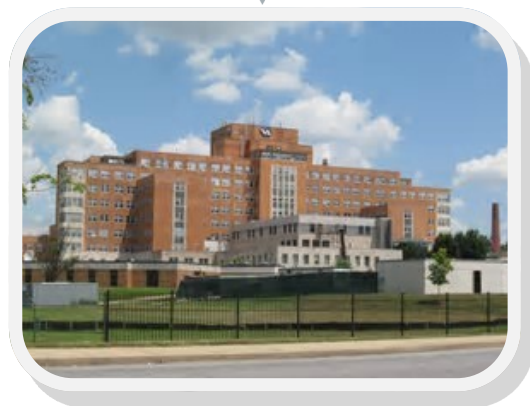
Please make checks payable to: *St. Michael Council 4548 K of C*

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

Participating

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

March 10	Mardaga Assembly
April 14	Fitzmaurice Assembly
May 12	Cardinal Gibbons
June 9	Mardaga Assembly
July 14	Fitzmaurice Assembly
August 11	Cardinal Gibbons
September 8	Mardaga Assembly
October 13	Fitzmaurice Assembly
November 10	Cardinal Gibbons
December 8	Mardaga Assembly



Cardinal Gibbons Color Corps Participation Activity for February 2018

February 9, Mass of Christian Burial for S.K. Robert J. Porter at St. John The Beloved Church

T. Green

W. Marino

W. Matt

A. Ware

February 10, Viewing for S.K. William Sites at Assumption BVM Church, West Grove PA

Al Ware

February 26, Viewing for S.K. Joseph Wagner at Matthew Bryson Funeral Home, Smyrna DE

T. Green

A. Ware



In 1952 a movie was produced in this cottage and in the nearby village of Cong, County Mayo, Eire.

What was the name of the film starring "The Duke"?

Send your answer to:
rez38@comcast.net.

The Guild

Please give consideration to join the Guild which supports the cause of Sainthood for our Founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney and consider the Spiritual Benefits of the Guild

Weekly Guild Mass

Each week a special Mass is celebrated for the intentions of members of the Father McGivney Guild by Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P. Vice Postulator.

All Souls Novena of Masses

For each day between Oct. 24-Nov. 2 (All Souls Day), a Mass is celebrated by the Vice Postulator, Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P. The Masses are offered for the deceased relatives and friends of Guild members, and petitions sent by the Guild members on behalf of deceased loved ones are placed on the altar.

Novena for World Peace

During the nine days preceding the feast of the Sacred Heart, which falls 19 days after Pentecost, the Guild celebrates daily Mass at various basilicas in Rome for the cause of world peace. Intentions sent by Guild members are placed on the altar for each Mass.

Christmas and Easter Triduum Masses

Petitions sent by Guild members are placed on the altar for Masses celebrated in Rome at Easter and Christmas. Each Triduum, or series of three Masses, draws hundreds of petitions from members of the Father McGivney Guild.

Write to the Guild to have your special intentions placed on the altar and remembered at the monthly Masses, special Novena, or Triduum Masses celebrated by the Guild. There is no better way to commend a sick or deceased loved one to God's merciful care. Special worries or concerns will also be included in our prayers.

guild@kofc.org .

St. Patrick Story

It was an act of defiance that changed the course of a nation. Patrick lit a fire in pagan 5th century Ireland, ushering Christianity into the country. Who was this man who became the patron saint of Ireland?

Ireland was a beautiful island shrouded in terrible darkness. Warlords and druids ruled the land. But across the sea in Britain, a teenager was poised to bring this nation to God.

"Patrick was born into a Christian family," says Philip Freeman, author of *St. Patrick of Ireland*. "His father was a deacon; his grandfather a priest. But Patrick says that from an early age, he didn't have any serious interest in religion and that he was practically an atheist when he was a teenager."

Around 400 A.D., Patrick was abducted from his village and thrown onto a slave ship headed for Ireland.

"He saw that as God chastising him, first of all," says Rev. Sean Brady. "That was the first view. He says we deserved what we got. We're carried at 16 years of age over to this foreign land."

Patrick was sold to a chieftain named Milchu. He spent six years tending his master's flocks on the slopes of the Slemish Mountain. Patrick recounts his time as a slave in his memoir entitled *The Confession*.

"He says, 'I prayed a hundred times in the day and almost as many at night,' " says Rev. Brady, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All of Ireland. "Through that experience of prayer and trial, he came to know another God -- God the Father, who was his protector. He came to know Jesus Christ in those sufferings, and he came to be united with Christ and he came to identify with Christ, and then of course, also the Holy Spirit."

One night during a time of prayer and fasting, Patrick wrote: "I heard in my sleep a voice saying to me: 'It is well that you fast. Soon you will go to your own country.' And again, after a short while, I heard a voice saying to me: 'See, your ship is ready.' "

Patrick escaped and traveled 200 miles cross country to the west coast. He found a ship ready to sail, but was refused passage. After a desperate prayer, he was allowed aboard.

Patrick eventually returned to his home and family. His experience of God's grace and provision solidified his faith. He began to study for the ministry.

Freeman says, "One night, he had a dream. There was a man who came from Ireland with a whole bunch of letters. And he opened up one of the letters and it said 'The Voice of the Irish.' And then he heard a voice coming out of this letter that said, 'Holy boy, please return to us. We need you.'"

Patrick struggled in his soul. Could he return to Ireland and minister to the same people who had enslaved him? Once again, he turned to God in prayer. He received the answer in a dream.

"He talks about how he, in this dream, is trying to pray and yet he can't," says Freeman. "So he hears a voice coming from inside of him which he realizes is the voice of God praying for him."

Patrick knew he had to go and convince his church that he was called to be a missionary to Ireland. He set sail in a small ship.

Patrick landed at the mouth of the Slaney River. When Patrick set foot on this shore, a new era dawned on this island.

"The Ireland of his day really wasn't much different from the Ireland of a few years ago here where we are sitting here at this moment," notes Most Reverend Dr. Robert Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. "It was an Ireland of tribalism, an Ireland of war, an Ireland of suspicion, an Ireland of violence and death. Here he came as a virtual stranger to this country of warring factions."

"They worshipped multiple gods of the sky and the earth and the water," says Freeman. "And so that was his first challenge: to convince the Irish that there was only one God and that his God really did love them."

Patrick came face to face with the chieftains and their druid priests. The showdown came on the morning of his first Easter in Ireland.

Monsignor Raymond Murray, parish priest of Cookstown in Northern Ireland explains further: "Part of the pagan worship of fall to spring, from the beginning of the summer, was that a fire was lit, and first of all, the fire on the hill of Tara and no other lights at all in Ireland."

This monastery on the hill of Slane is where Patrick -- in direct defiance of the high king of Tara -- lit a forbidden fire.

Notes Rev. Brady, "He was summoned before the king, and he explained that he wasn't a threat, because he was bringing the new light, the light of Christ, the Savior of the world, the Light of the world."

"The first light of Easter day was dawning. Patrick brought the hope of Easter day to Ireland," says Rev. Eames.

The weather can be absolutely brutal here in Ireland. But just imagine how it must've been for Patrick in the 5th century as he trekked across the countryside bringing the Gospel to the pagan Celts.

"People sometimes made fun of him because he said that God often gave him a message there was danger ahead," says Freeman. "But, he said, 'Laugh at me if you will. This is something that has protected me in Ireland.'"

Listen to Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God, "The Breastplate":

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Myths and legends have grown up around this hero of Ireland.

As Monsignor Murray explains, it is sometimes difficult to describe the triune aspect of God. So, according to the story, to better illustrate the central teaching of the trinity, Patrick took a shamrock and pointed out the three leaves on it. Interestingly, it is only in Ireland that you find this shamrock. Therefore, the people believed.

"One of the famous legends, of course, is that Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland," says Irish historian Harold Calvert.

In fact, any snakes in Ireland had disappeared during the Ice Age. "The legend about the driving of the snakes may, in fact, really symbolize the driving out of evil," says Calvert.

In 432 A.D., Patrick built a church on the site of the present day St. Patrick's Memorial Church in Saul -- the first ever Christian church in all of Ireland. It's considered the cradle of Irish Christianity.

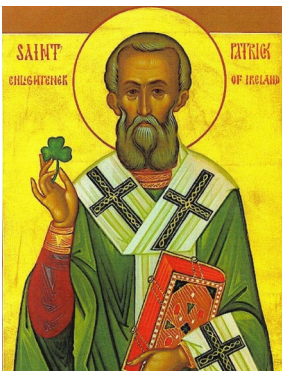
"Preaching the Gospel, of course, baptizing converts, confirming them, appointing clergy," continues Calvert. Patrick's ministry lasted 29 years. He baptized over 120,000 Irishmen and planted 300 churches.

"What Patrick did was really lay the groundwork for Christianity," says Freeman.

To this day, no one knows where Patrick is buried, but many believe that it is somewhere beneath the church on the hill at Down Cathedral.

Rev. Sean Brady concludes, "He was a man who came to face and help his former enemies who had enslaved him. He came back to help them and to do them a great favor -- the greatest favor he possibly could."

Rev. Earnes concurs, "I honestly feel that what Patrick taught Ireland was that there is a cost to discipleship, but it's a cost worth paying. And I believe, to bring this right up to date, the church of St. Patrick must be constantly saying to people, 'Discipleship demands of you, but it's a cost that Christ will help you to pay.'"



SOME TIMELY RAMBLINGS....AGAIN

I offer some questions...some maybe's....perhaps a start to solutions....hind sights, etc. Repeated school slaughter. Will it stop? No? Why not? Unless hearts and minds change....maybe! Keep in mind the following sentence.....

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy satin prowls the earth like a roaring lion seeking souls to devour”. 1 Peter, 5:8.

The public school system seems the favorite target. It is not legal in the public school system to offer studies in morality, ethics and religion. Private school systems can and do offer such curricula. Do parents provide guidance in the home based on at least the Commandments? Are children imbued with values based on the Commandments? There are efforts to allow parents and their children a choice between the public [failing system] and alternative schooling; however secularization/politics seem to prevent that.

There are many 'social media' outlets that provide a smorgasbord of profanity, pornography and violence under the guise of 'freedom of speech'. What is to prevent our children from taking all that in? Is it free choice? Lack of parental prevention, or just plain indifference?

Children of today wince at the very thought of those 'backward' adults who refer to their school history wherein what is happening today was never thought of in the 1940's – 1950's. We were backward, deprived and stupid then... not having the advantage of ultra-liberal wide open social media, TV, ample drugs, etc.!!!!!! Someday our so called "civilization" will pay the price....and maybe the price will be too high.

What is so restrictive, oppressive and backwards as having a family unit that does not worship smart phones, that does not accept the Hollywood disdain of morality? What does "progressive" really mean?

Violence and mayhem is glorified in all the secular media....we are told that the public wants this as entertainment. When a young mind is molded after mind saturation as a result of mindless evil...this will result in "copy-cat behavior". What is worse is generations of parents who have also fallen by the wayside...they are no longer capable of influencing their children to do the right thing let alone defining the difference between good and evil.

Civility based on Judeo-Christian ethics demands the defeat of that 'satin who prowls". Can thinking homo-sapiens reclaim civility....can the Ten Commandments be again recognized?

Many argue that control of guns IS THE ONLY SOLUTION ...and there should be enforcement of current laws and maybe added restrictions. There are thousands killed by cars each year...however, who is driving the car? Should cars be banned? It is the behavior of humans that cause the majority of these deaths.

If any person , including teenagers , exhibit abhorrent, far-from normal and/or threatening behavior, the observer owes that person immediate attention. As said before, there are multiple bad influences out there and the mind-sets of adolescents are yet in formative states. It may be time to inform and redirect any who appear to succumb to the wrong fork in the road of maturity.

There was a Man that visited His earth a long time ago. He did marvels in the 33 years spent here and His message was very succinct. You know His Name!

MY MESSAGE TO OUR CHILDREN AND PARENTS IS SIMPLE

GIVE CHRISTIANITY A CHANCE! THERE IS A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO SATIN!

Thank you! The Editor