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NEWARK DELAWARE — THERE IS NO JUNE MEETING

Is anyone reading this aware of any "MOTION SICKNESS"? The earth and every thing on it rotates on its axis. How fast? Every one and every thing at the Equator is moving at 1,037 MPH. Newark DE is 39.67801 degrees North latitude. All objects around that place are moving at about 792 MPH. We don't notice how fast we are travelling. Why don't we experience "motion sickness"? At 792 MPH, why don't we humans and our property fly off the earth. An airplane flying at 792 MPH going in the opposite direction of earth's rotation....is he going anywhere?? Remember the plane is not "on the earth". SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

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

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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



"OLD GLORY!"....but never outdated

This famous name was coined by Captain William Driver, a shipmaster of Salem, Massachusetts, in 1831. As he was leaving on one of his many voyages aboard the brig CHARLES DOGGETT - and this one would climax with the rescue of the mutineers of the **BOUNTY** - some friends presented him with a beautiful flag of twenty four stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, he exclaimed "Old Glory!"

He retired to Nashville in 1837, taking his treasured flag from his sea days with him. By the time the Civil War erupted, most everyone in and around Nashville recognized Captain Driver's "Old Glory." When Tennessee seceded from the Union, Rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but repeated searches revealed no trace of the hated banner.

Then on February 25th, 1862, Union forces captured Nashville and raised the American flag over the capital. It was a rather small ensign and immediately folks began asking Captain Driver if "Old Glory" still existed. Happy to have soldiers with him this time, Captain Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt -top to the batting unraveled, the onlookers peered inside and saw the 24-starred original "Old Glory"!

Captain Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned with the soldiers to the capitol. Though he was sixty years old, the Captain climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag. The Sixth Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted - and later adopted the nickname "Old Glory" as their own, telling and re-telling the story of Captain Driver's devotion to the flag we honor yet today.

Captain Driver's grave is located in the old Nashville City Cemetery, and is one of three (3) places authorized by act of Congress where the Flag of the United States may be flown 24 hours a day.

A caption above a faded black and white picture in the book, The Stars and the Stripes, states that " 'Old Glory' may no longer be opened to be photographed, and no color photograph is available." Visible in the photo in the lower right corner of the canton is an appliquéd anchor, Captain Driver's very personal note. "Old Glory" is the most illustrious of a number of flags - both Northern and Confederate - reputed to have been similarly hidden, then later revealed as times changed. The flag was given to his granddaughter or niece and she later donated it to the Smithsonian.



REMEMBERING OTHERS---GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 150

A PERMANENT PAGE

Pope Francis —Bishop Malooly—Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters in Diocese & Universal Church

All armed services members—all peace officers & EMT's, The President of the United States

The families and members of the K of C, especially those of Cardinal Gibbons Assembly

Peace in the Korean Peninsula, The Churches in the Middle East

Diane Lawler, Ann Gardner, Patricia Miller

For all the ill and disabled in our parishes

In your heart and mind please pray for all the intentions on this page.

Should you have others, send me notice at: rez38@comcast.net

CARDINAL GIBBONS COLOR CORPS PARTICIPATION DURING MAY 2018

May 10, Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial for Knight Eugene J. Sinko, Sr. at St. Mary of the Assumption

Gerry Safranski * Tom Green * Bill Marino * Larry Maguire * Al Ware

May 19, 40th Anniversary Time Capsule Celebration Mass at Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Tom Green * Ted Godsell * Al Ware

May 20, 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass St. Polycarp Church.—Al Ware

May 28, 59th Annual Memorial Day Mass and Military Tribute at All Saints Cemetery with Bishop Malooly presiding. Plus special processing to bless the Garden of the Good Shepherd.

Gerry Safranski * Tom Green * Bill Marino * Ted Godsell * Walt Charowski * Al Ware

May 30, Flag Presentation for ground-breaking Ceremony at Christ the Teacher Catholic School and St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Tom Green * Bill Marino * Al Ware





It was raining when I was there so the scene is dismal. This is Heroes Square, the scene of a failed attempt to oust the communists in 1956.

Can anyone tell me what is the City and Country in which this photo was taken? Hint: This city was originally two cities divided by the Danube and united in 1873.

'Venerable' Does Not Mean 'Old'

When Father Michael McGivney was declared "Venerable" in March 2008, many asked what exactly that means. We know the title "Blessed" or "Saint," but "Venerable" sounds like a waystation for old souls, sort of a limbo for those hoping for canonization. Nothing could be further from the truth; so we need to look at the title a little more closely.

We don't use the word "venerable" often in daily speech, and when we do it is usually in reference to a practice that is kept more for its age than its relevance, as in "venerable tradition," or a "venerable old man" who is respected more for longevity than activity. Yet these dusty concepts are not what the Church means when it uses the title "Venerable" for Servants of God. In the Catholic context, Venerable means not something antiquated or past its prime, but something bold and dynamic, and worthy of respect and even *veneration*.

Far from the notions of "old and dated," Venerable denotes "heroic and virtuous." When a Servant of God, whose cause for sainthood is being studied by the Vatican, is given the title "Venerable" it means that the candidate's "heroic virtue" has been recognized by the Holy Father, based on the best information on the person's life and reputation. The Venerable person has lived a life of virtue above and beyond the normal Christian calling, and is a model for others today, with a way of life that should be studied and emulated by all, and in a special way by the young.

Far from old and stodgy, Venerable Michael McGivney is a man for our times, a priest worthy of imitation, and a visionary ahead of his time in terms of empowering the laity to take leadership positions in the Church.

Here is what the Congregation for the Causes of Saints declared about Father McGivney:
"Concerning the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love both toward God and neighbor, as well as the cardinal virtues of Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude, and those others joined to them, they existed to a heroic degree in the Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest and founder of the Fraternal Order the Knights of Columbus." "Decree Concerning His Virtues" upon the declaration of Father Michael McGivney as Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI
March 15, 2008

June 14 is celebrated as FLAG DAY

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the American flag by Continental Congress in the First Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777. Although the 200-year anniversary of this date was celebrated by flying flags on public buildings and holding remembrances in several cities, Flag Day wasn't officially recognized until President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1949.

Bernard J. Cigrand, known to the general public as the "Father of Flag Day," worked as a school teacher at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. He held the first unofficial observance for Flag Day at that school in 1885, and today a bust of Cigrand stands in Waubeka at the National Flag Day Americanism Center.

Cigrand delivered speeches around the country about patriotism and holding an observance for the flag on June 14. He later became the president of the American Flag Day Association and the National Flag Day Society. He continued to promote his cause with backing from those organizations. According to amateur historian James L. Brown who wrote the booklet, "The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: Father of Flag Day," Cigrand once claimed he had given 2,188 speeches on the flag and patriotism. The *Chicago Tribune* noted that Cigrand "almost single-handedly" established Flag Day.

Although Cigrand is perhaps the most recognized candidate, several others have also claimed to be founders of Flag Day. In 1889 the principal of a free kindergarten, George Bolch, celebrated the anniversary of the Flag resolution at his New York City school. Soon the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day too.

In 1893 Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution passed deeming June 14 as Flag Day. That same year the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania were responsible for a resolution passed requiring the American flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. In 1937 Pennsylvania was the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

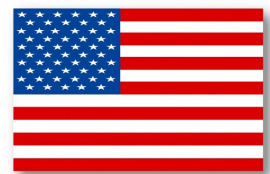
After much persistence and the support of many individuals, organizations, mayors, governors and five presidents, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation requesting that June 14 become National Flag Day. In 1927 President Coolidge issued a second proclamation, and finally in 1949 Congress approved it and it became a law.

Soon after Flag Day became official, another law passed requiring the state superintendent of public schools to make sure patriotic holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day, Lincoln's birthday and Washington's Birthday are observed in schools.

How to Observe Flag Day

The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of our national flag and everything it represents. It's also a time to remember and honor military men and women who defend our flag and our country.

The National Flag Day Foundation holds an annual observance for Flag Day on the second Sunday in June. The program includes a ceremonial raising of the flag, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem, a parade and more.



June 2018---MONTH DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART

- 3... Corpus Christi Sunday
4... Assembly Meeting...
7... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
- 10 thru 16...** Celebrate FLAG WEEK! Fly our FLAG, do something Patriotic each day!
14... **FLAG DAY! FLY OUR GRAND OLD FLAG WITH PRIDE?**
- 14... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
17... **FATHER's DAY**
21... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
28... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm

July 2018---MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

- 4... Fourth of July, **INDEPENDENCE DAY**, God Bless the United States!
5... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
11 ... Holy Family Carnival thru Sunday July 15....5 days!
12... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
- 16... **Assembly Meeting at Holy Family, time to be announced! And Annual Audit, time to be announced!**
- 19... Bingo at The Little Sisters of the Poor, 6:45pm
26... Bingo at The Little Sister of the Poor, 6:45pm

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER INDIVIDUALS HAVE HONORED OUR VETERANS AT THE 4TH. DEGREE BINGO GAMES AT THE ELSMERE VA HOSPITAL ON MAY 12, 2018

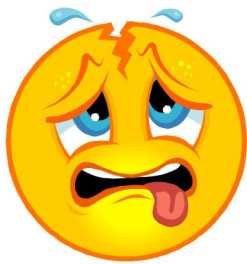
**CARMELO PALAZZO
WALTER CHAROWSKY
THOMAS GREEN
JOHN McCORMICK
JOHN McCORMICK, JR.
PAUL SMITH
ALBERT WARE**



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

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

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



IT'S ME AGAIN, GOD

Remember me, God?
I come every day
Just to talk with You, Lord,
And to learn how to pray.
You make me feel welcome,
You reach out Your hand
I need never explain,
For You understand.



I come to You frightened with care
So lonely and lost
And so filled with despair,
And suddenly, Lord,
I'm no longer afraid-
My burden is lighter
And the dark shadows fade.

Oh God, what a comfort
To know that You care
And to know when I seek You.
You will always be there.



Robert's Ramblings

Year-end Report to Delaware State Council
Saint John the Beloved Council 11796

Membership

Our council is comprised of 186 members

In addition to one-on-one efforts, we have used our Lenten Fish Fries & Soup'er Bowl Food Drive and Super Bowl Sub Sales to recruit new members

We have gained four new members and one insurance member this Columbian Year

We are in process of reviewing status of members in arrears for possible suspension.

Forty-seven members are behind in dues ranging from current year to as many as five years

Council Activities

Council meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

Presentation of Rose for Life Prayer & Rose at all Baptisms

Participation in Prayer Vigil to support life, Planned Parenthood

Annual Chaplain's Recognition Dinner

State Council Mid-Year Meeting & Year-end meeting participation

44th March for Life

Family Promise Dinner in conjunction with Limestone Presbyterian Church

Soup'er Bowl Sunday Food Drive

Super Bowl Sub Sales

Three Lenten Fish Fries

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Preparation for Emmanuel Dining Room

Knights driving Knights to medical appointments (new program to be opened to the parish)

U of D Football Parking

Saint John the Beloved Carnival Parking

Fraternally, we have held 2 Social Events, bowling and movie night, to great success, and are planning an upcoming fishing trip.

Council has an active website and Facebook page, as well as frequent use Supreme bulk email, to maintain good communications among the membership

Charitable Giving

Through many of our council activities we raise annually ~\$14,000

The majority of these funds (~\$13,000) are dispersed to charitable causes, with the remainder supporting council functions. Our Charitable Disbursements for the current Columbian Year were:

Saint John the Beloved School Tuition Support for families in need - \$3,000

Delaware Right to Life - \$500

RSVP - \$1000

Saint Vincent de Paul Society - \$500

Saint John the Beloved Food Closet -\$2,000

Little Sisters of the Poor - \$500

Little Sisters of the Poor Golfing fund raiser - \$150

Youth Ministry - \$1200

Saint John the Beloved Student DiCostanza Scholarships – 2 x \$250

Hall Kitchen Food Warmer - \$1,500

Kennedy Program - \$250

Bayard House - \$500

Knight in need to Saint Vincent de Paul Society - \$500

Diocese Sustaining Hope for the Future - \$600

Supreme Council Hurricane Relief Fund - \$250

April, 2018 Joseph E. Koskol, G.K.