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My Brother Knights:

I was reflecting about this past year a few days before Thanksgiving. The sad part was the memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers. I took a moment to say a prayer for them and their families. My thoughts then turned to the actions of our Council. I had a warm feeling in my heart as I called to mind how wonderful a group is Star of the Sea council.

Once a month, for most of the year, you are up early Sunday morning to offer a breakfast to welcomed guests. You fed a few transients who were hungry but had no funds. You had a special breakfast for First Communicants. You supported so many groups who need help for themselves and for others. You supported our Seminarians as they prepare for the priesthood. You worked out in the cold weather to erect a beautiful Christmas crèche. You were selling Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets when you could have been home having a hot cup of coffee. I could go on and on about what you have, and will continue to accomplish. God the Son has blessed you all in a special way and you have chosen to respond to that blessing constantly.

May God continue to bless you so all will be blessed by your giving of yourselves to others.

Deacon John



Dear Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving celebration! As we start Advent and look forward to the Christmas season this is a great time to demonstrate charity.

In order for us to assist in supporting the Knights of Columbus principal of charity, the Star of the Sea Council sponsors Sunday breakfasts; and this year we held a German Dinner. Due to our members continuing display of volunteerism, we enjoyed great success in these endeavors. Remember, charity comes from the heart.

I am certain that as our year progresses, we will continue to meet and exceed our goals. We have Sunday breakfasts scheduled; and our Lenten soup dinners are on Friday nights during lent, prior to Stations of the Cross. The St. Patrick's dinner will be our next big event.

On Jan 30, 2012 I will be accompanying our Chaplain, Deacon John, to the annual Chaplin's Recognition Dinner in Newark. It should be an enjoyable evening.

We have had several new members admitted to our Council. Please join me in welcoming them.

Congratulations to Joe and Ingrid Torres for being selected by the Supreme Council as one of the 100 Families of the Year.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Wishing you and your family the Happiest of New Years!

Vivat Jesus,
Dennis Huss, Grand Knight

SUPREME COUNCIL NOTES

Knights Announce Second Responders Program

One month before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Supreme Council introduced a new initiative called the Knights of Columbus Second Responders.

This program will help local councils prepare to serve as "second responders" by providing food, clothing and shelter to those affected by disasters. Retired New York Fire Department Capt. Alfredo Fuentes, a Knight who survived the 9/11 attacks in New York City, will serve as the program's director.

At present, program organizers are working to establish a framework for the initiative as Capt. Fuentes and other members of the Supreme Council staff identify individuals and K of C units that would be willing to assist if and when a disaster occurs.

Some councils, based on their geographic locations, already have some experience dealing with disasters. For instance, councils in Florida are often adept at hurricane preparedness, while those in the Midwest may have experience with tornadoes.

Though still in its early stages, response to the program so far has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Capt. Fuentes. For now, organizers are limiting the initiative to the United States, though Fuentes would like to see it expanded in the future to all the countries where the Order is present. "I like to say that we're building the bridges we walk on," said Fuentes.

More information about the program will be made public as it becomes available. In the meantime, Capt. Fuentes is thrilled to be combining two of his great passions: disaster response and the Knights of Columbus.

DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL NEWS



The State Council Family Picnic on August 21st was a huge success. Thanks to everyone from our Council who attended. The Soccer Skills competition held on October 11th at the Ennis School in Georgetown was also very successful, and I extend my appreciation to those brother knights of Star of the Sea who participated in the Color Corps and to those who assisted with the event. The Fourth Degree Exemplification held on November 12th at the Dover Sheraton was, as always, a beautiful ceremony with twenty-four brother knights advancing. There are plans to conduct an abbreviated version of the exemplification this coming spring; I will inform you as soon as information is available. The State Council Christmas Party will be held on December 10th, at the Marydel Fire Hall. The cost is \$20 single or \$35 per couple. This is a wonderful affair, so if you wish to

attend please contact me for details. Mark your calendars for the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. on January 23, 2012. There will be more details as the date approaches. Right to Life is one of the six service categories of the Knights of Columbus which Supreme Council now calls "Culture of Life". Because of the extreme shortage of priests in the Archdiocese of the Military Services, Supreme Council has announced plans for a scholarship program for seminarians, which, if accepted, would result in a commitment by the future priests to serve a portion of their respective priesthood in one of the military services. In order to sponsor this scholarship program, Supreme Council has directed that each jurisdiction (Delaware being one) give a contribution of \$4,000 to Supreme Council for the scholarship fund. Each council and assembly in Delaware, therefore, has been requested to donate \$125 for this initiative. There are 33 councils and 6 assemblies in the Jurisdiction of Delaware. Dede and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all you do: you make me proud to be a knight, a member of Star of the Sea Council, and your District Deputy.

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Lou Anderson, District Deputy, 227-4871



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The dues notices for next year have been mailed out. The format of the bill is slightly different than last year. This year, Supreme's database was used to generate the notices. This year the dues were set by the council as follows:

Regular \$25.00
Honorary \$10.00
Student \$12.50
Deacons No Charge

If you have any questions on the dues notice, please give me a call.

We made several donations this past quarter:

Delaware Council Nun Run \$50.00
Youth Essay Contest \$75.00
Rosaries for St. Edmonds \$149.50
Boardwalk Buddywalk \$150.00
Youth Pizza \$254.15
Casa San Francisco food \$300.00
St. Vincent DePaul \$500.00
Seminarian Mark Patrick \$500.00

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Spotlight on Membership

Our Worthy Grand Knight, Dennis Huss was presented the Star Council Award on October 13th for the 2010-2011 Columbian Year. I send my sincere appreciation to all who sponsored new members into our council during the first two quarters of the fraternal year, and who participated in and assisted with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies at St. Edmond Parish. We welcome Tom Conway, who transferred from Monsignor Desmond Council, and Joe Franchella, who reactivated his membership and joined our council. Congratulations to Gavin Radka who received his 1st and 2nd degrees on August 16th, and to Charles Theologus who received his 1st degree on September 20th. Special congratulations are extended to the following members who received the 3rd degree on September 24th: Bill Drake, Bob Worthing, Vern Gehris, Kevin O'Brennan, Bill Cullin, and Sal Curci. In addition, we congratulate the following members who received their 1st and 2nd degrees on November 15th: Ron Krajewski, Larry Miller, Joe Wright, Mike Dolan, Jim Horn, Kevin Mumford, Don Evick, Charlie Rogers, and Luke Wiedmann, and the 2nd degree to Charles Theologus and Joe Franchella.

We presently now have 12 new members against our quota of 11, and 2 insurance members against our quota of 4. We have also hosted three 1st degree ceremonies against a quota of 4 and we have a number of events in each of the 6 categories of the Columbian Award. We are on our way to a banner year in service, membership and insurance. Our next degree ceremony will be scheduled after the first of the year. If you have candidates, please get the form 100s to me so I can get them voted. If you need materials or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 227-4871 or dedeanderson@comcast.net.

Vivat Jesus.
PGK Lou Anderson

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SOCIAL NIGHT – As a reminder, our second monthly meeting night is a social meeting where wives and family are invited. Dinner is pot luck with people bringing a favorite dish. Everyone is having a great time. Nearly 40 people have been attending this event. Come and join us.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST - We will be serving breakfast on January 8 and February 19. Our previous breakfasts have sold out! We have had over 100 people each time. Come join us from 8 AM to 12 Noon for some early morning camaraderie.

ITALIAN DINNER: Scheduled for September, this dinner had to be cancelled.

GERMAN DINNER – On Saturday, October 29, 2011 our Council held a German Oktoberfest Dinner. Featured were a garden salad, two types of German sausage (bratwurst & Weisswurst), sauerbraten (German pot roast), warm German potato salad, Bavarian sauerkraut, rolls, cake, and coffee/tea. Beer and wine were offered for a donation. Live entertainment and door prizes were provided. A fun time was enjoyed by the 137 paid attendees and our several invited guests. A profit of \$2010 was realized.

POOR MAN'S SUPPER: On each Friday during Lent we will be hosting a "**Poor Man's Supper**" for the parish prior to Stations of the Cross in the church. The supper, which is free to the parishioners, will include a delicious soup and bread made by several of our dedicated council Brothers. Come and join us.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Members of our Council will be assisting as Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Super Giant and Kmart on Friday, December 9. It is an easy job and you get a lot of nice compliments from shoppers. Please plan to help. Call Charlie Tumini at 227-2937 to set up a time and place to help with ringing the bells.

Also, don't forget that the annual **Polar Bear Plunge** will be held on February 5, 2012. Members of our Council will be serving hot dogs and chili to Brother Knights and their families who take part in the plunge or who visit us at the Sands Hotel.

CHURCH TOUR – On Oct 23, Brother Jim Benner conducted a tour of St. Edmond's for several Brother Knights and their wives. The tour provided a description of items inside the church such as the Stations of the Cross, the sacred Vessels, and the vestments and what the liturgical colors mean when they are worn. Brother Benner hopes to extend the tour to include a description of the sacred oils, the Pascal candle, etc. Look for more info in the future.

VETERANS DAY CONTEST – In October our Council sponsored a Veterans Day Essay/Poster Contest for all St. Edmond students in grades one through twelve. The contest theme was: **Why It Is Important To Honor Veterans**. The rules required the students to interview a Veteran and to submit an essay or poster depicting information gained from their interview into why it is important to honor a veteran. The winners were: Elise Westbrook (1st grade), Emma Westbrook (2nd grade), and Nicole DiAmico (3rd grade). Each student won a \$50.00 Savings Bond.



To our many Brother Knights who helped with the socials, the breakfasts, and the dinners, we extend a sincere thank you for a job well done. Without

your assistance we would be unable to raise the funds for the many charities that we support.

Vivat Jesus.
Bob Worthing, 227-4384

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands; protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



GOD BLESS AMERICA
And
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



Family of the Month

AUGUST 2011 – Ed & Maggie St. Jean
Our family of the month for August is Edward and Maggie St. Jean. They have seven children, namely, Eddie,

Jeannette, Maggie, Joan, Jane, John and Jason providing them with 14 grandchildren. Recently both Ed and Maggie have been plagued with medical problems but with the prayers of all their friends and relatives, they have pulled through. Ed served in Navy submarines and owned his own machine tools business and Maggie was a registered nurse. Ed says his passion is the Knights of Columbus but his hobbies include music, playing in folk groups, and collecting ancient coins which focus on the Roman Empire.

SEPTEMBER 2011 – Andy & Theresa Palumbo

Our Family for the month of September is Andy and Theresa Palumbo. They have been married almost 44 years and have three daughters and a son (Michele, Christina, Maria Lynn, and Andrew, Jr.) and four grandchildren with one on the way. All their children live in New Jersey. Andy retired after 35 years with the FBI and 10 years with Johnson and Johnson. He is a Past Grand Knight and has been a Eucharistic Minister for 18 years. He also served on St. Jude's Parish Council. Since transferring to Star of the Sea, both Andy and Theresa have been active with the council attending our socials and taking on our K of C Shirt project. Theresa works as a social worker and volunteers at Beebe Hospital's Gull House providing intermediate care to the elderly. Their daughter Maria Lynn is currently attending nursing school. Congratulations!

OCTOBER 2011 – Joe and Ingrid Torres

Our Family of the Month for October 2011 is Joe and Ingrid Torres. They have been married for 47 years and have two

sons, Ezio, who lives in New York, and Steffen, who lives in Pennsylvania. Joe was born in Palermo, Italy and is currently a building contractor (who does great work). Joe and Ingrid love to cook, travel, and listen to classical music and the opera. They are a big help at all our breakfasts and dinners. They are members of St. Edmond and UNICO. Joe is also a Fourth Degree Knight

Vivat Jesus.
PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

PRO-LIFE



St. Edmond Church - Pro Life Highlights (Local):

Star of the Sea Council is once again assisting the Respect Life Ministry by providing the bus to transport ministry members from St. Edmond's and St. Jude's to Washington on Monday, January 23, 2012 for the national "March for Life." Attendees will be assessed a \$10.00 per person fee to reimburse the Knights for up to half of the transportation costs.

St. Edmond's baby bottle campaign to assist the Sussex Pregnancy Care Center in Georgetown is wrapping up and a report will be available soon.

St. Edmond's Respect Life Ministry participated in peaceful vigils at the Dover Planned Parenthood office from late Sept thru early Nov. More vigils are planned in the future.

In recent decades, conservative Catholics have argued that the theological imperative to oppose abortion is stronger than any teaching against the death penalty. And they are correct that the longstanding position of the Church has been that a state should have the right to use capital punishment in order to protect society. However, in the 1990s, the Church took the extremely rare step of revising the catechism to reflect the view, put forth most forcefully by Pope John Paul II, that modern states have so many other ways of protecting their citizens that "the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity" are, in John Paul's words, "very rare if not practically non-existent."

Just this past November, Pope Benedict XVI voiced support for political actions around the world aimed at eliminating the death penalty, reflecting his stance as an opponent of capital punishment. During his weekly public audience he said he hopes "... deliberations will encourage the political and legislative initiatives being promoted in a growing number of countries to eliminate the death penalty."

St. Edmond's Respect Life Ministry is considering expanding its focus to include the Catholic positions on the death penalty, euthanasia and domestic violence. Any Knights who are interested are welcome to investigate how they can help make a difference. Contact me or Bob Wolhar.

Deacon Jim Walls, 945-0945

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE



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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

I wish to congratulate Worthy Grand Knight Dennis Huss and all the other dedicated Knights elected and appointed to lead this great council. The year will be full of triumphs and challenges. I know you intend build upon the many successes of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm here to help. Among many goals this year is the attainment of the Star Council award again - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I am committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also very glad to help on the membership side as well. Star of the Sea council is well on the way to obtaining this year's membership objectives but there is still work that needs to be done. If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order, as many of us do, he's probably waiting to be asked. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. There are many fraternal benefits available of which many Knights may not be totally aware. Knights of Columbus Insurance (not available to non-members is one of them. It has many insurance products, and is one the highest rated Insurance companies in the United States. They may have something that could help fill that special need in your financial plans and it will also help support the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Here are just a few products that are offered:

- a) New Members can become an insurance member for as little as \$100 (and current associate members \$300) for a tax differed annuity.
- b) The Single Premium Whole Life plan offers several advantages for use at any age (issue ages 0 -80):
 - Pay once and done, GUARANTEED
 - Immediate GUARANTEED cash value
- c) Graded Life Insurance Policies are available for members that may not qualify for insurance elsewhere (Available up to age 65).

If you are interested in talking with me about these products or to find out what else is available just give me a call.

May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas this year!

Bill Cullin, Insurance Agent, 841-7147

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Another calendar quarter has come and gone. We are seeing the geese migrating, the leaves falling, and the winter season is nearly upon us. Before we know, the Christmas and New Years holidays will be here.

At our October meeting we welcomed Bob Worthing as the new Program Director for our Council. Congratulations Bob, and please accept our wishes for much success. We also want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Bob

Frankenberry who worked tirelessly as he held this position in the past.

Our quarterly schedule of events is as follows:

Sunday, January 08, 2012	Breakfast
Tuesday, January 10, 2012	Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	Social
Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Meeting
Sunday, February 19, 2012	Breakfast
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Initiation
Friday, February 24, 2012	Soup
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Social
Friday, March 2, 2012	Soup
Friday, March 9, 2012	Soup
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Meeting
Friday, March 16, 2012	Soup
Saturday, March 17, 2012	Irish Dinner
Friday, March 23, 2012	Soup
Tuesday, March 27, 2012	Social
Friday, March 30, 2012	Soup
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Meeting



Upcoming Sales – This year our Council has been selling Christmas Cards and the “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnet. If you haven't bought yours yet, be sure to get them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

K of C Golf Shirts - We have had much success with the purchase of short sleeved golf shirts having the emblem of the K of C and Council Star of the Sea #7297. There have been requests for long sleeved shirts. The golf shirt is navy blue with a navy blue collar.

They come in all sizes. The cost for the long sleeved shirt is \$27.00 and for the short sleeved shirt it is \$25.00. If you elect to have your name on the shirt, it is an additional \$5.00. The shirts are very high quality.

If interested, contact me, or place an order at our next meeting. To make a purchase, I need six orders of any combination.

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Andy Palumbo, 645-9719

Pot of Gold – At each meeting, a member's name is called and if that member is present, he will win all the accumulated Council Share of the 50/50 tickets. Joseph Whitney won in September, Tom Colucci won in October and Frank Vito won in November however, none of them were present to collect their pot. The pot for December will be around \$100.

Remember you **MUST** be present to win!

Football Frenzy

Once again our Council is participating in the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes. This year we have 28 participants in a group of 1435 playing the game. Unfortunately, through the Week 6 games we have had no winners from our council.

Prizes will continue to be awarded through and including the New Years Day games. Good luck to all participants for the last few games.

Christmas Crèche – Our thanks go out to Brother Knight Bob Frankenberry and his Team for setting up the Christmas Crèche at St Edmond.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

God of all creation, we praise You for this tree which brings beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home. May Your blessings be upon all who gather around this tree, all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights. We wait for the coming of Christ, the days of everlasting and of peace. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen

Happy Birthday Brother Knights and Wives



Please extend cordial birthday wishes to:

JANUARY

Mrs. Lee Ealey	6	Kevin Munford	21
Mrs. Barbara Franchella	8	William Geppert	22
Mrs. Helen Cumberland	10	Mrs. Denise Westbrook	23
Dr. Joseph Patin	10	Mrs. Ethel Cooke	27
Michael Boswell	11	Carl LoRicco	27
Robert W Chambers	14	Mrs. Cheryl Walls	27
James Condry	14	Robert Cooke	30
Mrs. Barbara Shaw	17	Mrs. Ingrid Torres	31
Mrs. Susan Brinck	19		

FEBRUARY

Kevin Conlon	1	Mrs. Colleen Casti	11
Mrs. Kimberly Radka	2	Richard Duffy	11
Stephen B Brinck	3	Charles Marowski	11
Giancarla Churchman	5	Thomas Colucci	15
Scott Freber	5	Timothy McCarthy	15
Mrs. Tracy Kelley	5	Kevin O'Brennan	16
Richard Lally, Sr.	5	John Flaherty	18
Mrs. Terry Welsh	6	Donald Vines	19
Mrs. Debra Imperial	7	Vernon Gehris	21
Deacon John Smith	9	Mrs. Norma Geppert	21
Joseph Whitney	9	Mrs. Eileen Deehan	24
Mrs. Marie Myers	10	Brian Delaney	28

MARCH

Bruce Churchman	2	Robert Wareham	20
Deacon Dennis Hayden	3	Robert Wolhar	20
PGK Albert Imperial	3	Mrs. Patricia Mumford	21

Mrs. Annette Bertone	4	Mrs. Carole Farrell	21
Robert Frost	4	Mrs. Margaret Gehris	23
Mrs. Jamie Burns	8	Mrs. Joan Caggiano	24
Garabed Zakarian	9	Mts. Joan Bosin	26
PGK Louis Anderson	10	Mrs. Denise Hayden	28
Mrs. Teresa Walsh	18	Mrs. Joan Laureigh	29
Mrs. Kathleen Bohne	19	Mrs. Sharon Horn	30

Star of the Sea Officers and Directors 2011-2012

The following officers were inducted at our June meeting:

Chaplain	Deacon John Smith, 644-1373
Grand Knight	Dennis A. Huss, 227-9454
Deputy Grand Knight	David Wilson, 227-1718
Chancellor	John J. Boettger, 945-3360
Warden	Fred Nelson, 703-2797
Financial Secretary	PGK Russell G. Allen, 644-8943
Treasurer	Joseph B. Polinski, 227-0577
Recorder	PGK James Benner, 684-3809
Advocate	John E. Watson, 227-7944
Trustees	Charles R. Tumini, 227-2937
	PGK Louis H. Anderson, 227-4871
	Frank Cilea, 226-3778
Guards	Richard Duffy, 260-9575
	Edward St. Jean, 645-8605
District Deputy	PGK Louis H. Anderson, 227-4871
District Warden	PGK Michael J. Donohoe, 947-0287
K of C Insurance	Agent William Cullin, 841-7147
Membership Dir	PGK Louis H. Anderson, 227-4871
Program Director	Robert Worthing, 227-4384
Church Activities Director	John E. Watson, 227-7944
Community Activities Director	David Wilson, 227-1718
Council Activities Director	Michael P. Boswell, 537-1260
Family Activities Director	PGK Russell G. Allen, 644-8943
Youth Activities Director	Richard Duffy, 260-9575
Vocations Director	Frank Cilea, 226-3778
Pro-Life Director	Deacon James Walls, 945-0945
Public Relations Director	Edward Holley, 945-3316
Lecturer	C. Robert Welsh, 226-0526

If you have any comments or additions/corrections for the newsletter, please contact Ed Holley at 945-3316.