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My Brother Knights:

VACATION TIME

Here we are at the start of the summer. We put away the winter gear and tools. We clean up all the winter debris, and get the flower beds and lawns ready for spring and summer growth.

We prepare our homes for summer visitors, such as sons, daughters, and hopefully grandchildren. We sit with a cup of coffee and plan what we might do to make their visit enjoyable for all of us. Go to the beaches, the state parks, have lunch on the Boardwalk, or have a special bar-b-cue with friends so we can show off our little ones and have a wonderful time. We may even go to the movies on a rainy day to fill in the day.

These all sound so wonderful, and we are sure the little ones will be impressed by the love shown to them.

I would like to suggest another activity that they may very well enjoy whether it is a nice day or a rainy day. How about a trip to church? Go to daily mass, if they are old enough to comprehend what they see, or later when the church is empty of people. As we know, the church is never empty because Our Lord is in the tabernacle. This is something we can explain that is part of our catholic beliefs. Explain what the different statues represent, what the altar is all about. I could go on and on, but I know you get the idea.

Try it this year. I'm thinking they will enjoy it. I know you will be more than glad you spent valuable time with them. I'm also sure that Jesus will have a smile on His face after your visit.

God bless you all.
Deacon John Smith



Brother Knights:

As we come to the end of the 2010-2011 Columbian Year, I would like to thank all who gave so generously of their time and efforts. These include all officers, committee members, and Brother Knights.

The Star Award was granted to our council due to the hard work of all. Our recruitment of new members is an accomplishment of which we should be proud.

Our new team is in place for the coming year. We anticipate the 2011-2012 Columbian Year to be very successful. We are working with the St Edmond Office Staff to finalize our schedule of events. As soon as that is available, I will get it out to the membership. One final note, the monthly state meeting will be hosted by Star of the Sea Council on September 8, 2011.

Have a great summer and God Bless,

Vivat Jesus,
Dennis Huss, Grand Knight

SUPREME COUNCIL NOTES

In Moving Ceremony, John Paul II Becomes 'Blessed'

Acknowledging the desire of Catholics throughout the world to see John Paul II declared a saint, Pope Benedict XVI took another step in that process by beatifying his predecessor in a solemn yet joyful ceremony in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 1.

The million or more faithful gathered outside St. Peter's Basilica and lining the streets of Rome responded with exuberant cheers as Benedict officially declared, "From now on Pope John Paul shall be called blessed," and established the late pontiff's feast day as October 22 – the day of his inauguration to the papacy in 1978.

Among those gathered for the beatification ceremony was Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, representing the

1.8 million Knights of Columbus throughout the world, including those in the pope's homeland of Poland. The supreme knight also visited the casket of the late pope in St. Peter's Basilica. A bound volume of messages from young Catholics that was received by the Knights of Columbus was placed directly on the casket. The personal messages were submitted by members of the "John Paul II Generation" who grew up during his long pontificate and owe so much of their faith and vision for the Church to the pope who inaugurated World Youth Day.

In a moving and personal homily, Pope Benedict recalled the funeral Mass for the late pontiff six years ago and the popular opinion that his predecessor should be placed immediately on the path to sainthood. Responding to this sentiment, soon after being elected in 2005, Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period to begin the canonization process.

"And now the longed for day has come," Benedict said in his homily. "It came quickly because this is what was pleasing to the Lord: John Paul II is blessed!"

He noted that the beatification was being held on Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast which John Paul II instituted on the Sunday after Easter.

In deeply personal comments, Benedict recalled his long association with the late pope during his years as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. "I was at his side and came to revere him all the more," he said. "My own service was sustained by his spiritual depth and by the richness of his insights. His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me.

Benedict concluded his homily by addressing his predecessor in heaven: "Blessed are you, beloved Pope John Paul II, because you believed! Continue, we implore you, to sustain from heaven the faith of God's people. You often blessed us in this Square from the Apostolic Palace: Bless us, Holy Father! Amen.

Knights Respond to Tornado Relief Efforts

Devastating tornadoes in the Southern and Midwestern parts of the United States have prompted an impressive local response from K of C councils, coupled with substantial donations by the Supreme Council to aid disaster relief efforts.

When an F3 tornado ripped through Mapleton, Iowa, on April 9, Knights from the Council Bluffs area traveled 80 miles to assist with the clean-up effort.

While the Knights from Council Bluffs attacked the clean-up site with chainsaws and wood chippers, Onawa-Blencoe Council 6249 took a slightly different approach. Members of Council 6249 obtained and delivered hundreds of dollars worth of food and water to the area for distribution to residents who lost their homes or belongings in the disaster.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Council authorized a \$10,000 donation from the Order's disaster assistance fund at the

request of Iowa State Deputy Michael Laake. The money is being used to provide rapid assistance to members and their families, as well as to priests and religious, for food, shelter and immediate need items.

The Supreme Council also donated \$20,000 toward storm relief efforts in North Carolina after tornadoes touched down in 26 counties in the eastern part of the state. According to initial figures from the governor's office, approximately 6,200 homes were damaged and 440 were completely destroyed.

At least 47 people were killed in Alabama, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia and Mississippi in similar storms that began April 16 and lasted throughout the following week.

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. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



GOD BLESS AMERICA
And
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL NEWS

The State Convention was held at the Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach on the weekend of May 6th-8th. It was well attended. Larry Gardner will be stepping down as the State Deputy. Replacing him as State Deputy will be David Brown Sr.

It's been a very busy Columbian year for me and I'm not getting any younger, so I am stepping down as District Deputy. It's been fun most of the time. Lou Anderson will be taking over for me. Give him all the help you can, as you did for me. In closing all I can say is recruit, recruit recruit. It's the backbone of our organization. Thank you for all the help.

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Carl LoRicco, District Deputy, 644-3693

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Financial Secretary News

Congratulations to Joseph M. Perriccio and John C. Flaherty who have both earned Honorary Life Membership in the Knights of Columbus. Honorary Life Membership is attained by reaching the age of 70 years and having at least 25 years of continuous service to the Knights of Columbus. They are exempt from further dues, per capita charges and assessments by the Supreme or State Councils. Members who have reached the age of 65 with 25 years of continuous service are awarded Honorary Membership. Their dues are limited to \$10 per year to pay for Supreme and State assessments.

ST. MARY'S CAR RAFFLE - As some of you may remember, the council bought and sold 100 raffle tickets for five cars at \$5 per ticket. We ended up selling all the tickets making \$250 in the process and paying St. Mary's, Landover Hills, MD the other \$250.

The winners were announced May 21. They were:

Cadillac CTS - Milton Hilliard, Virginia
Chev. Camaro - Rick Garland, Charleston WV
Subaru Forester - Ron Kovalcin Shepherdstown, WV
Mazda 6 - Betty Ritter, Chesapeake Beach, MD
Toyota Corolla - Frances Sharp, Ft Meyers, FL

Although no one from our council won, it was a great fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS - During the last several months our council has made the following donations: \$750 to sponsor a hole for the Children's Beach House; \$1,000 to the Pro-Life Organization towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine; \$732 collected from the sale of Mother's Day Roses was given to Birthright of Delaware; \$150 to sponsor a sign at the Little League ball field; and \$200 to parishioner Michael Wright for his Eagle Scout Project.

Vivat Jesus.
PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Spotlight on Membership

As we near the end of this Columbian Year, I am pleased to report that we have reached 100% of the membership and insurance objective assigned by the Supreme Council. Congratulations and thanks to the Brother Knights who recruited new members and reactivations. Your efforts made our campaign a success; our new members are magnificent additions to our ranks. Congratulations to

Vernon Gehris, Salvatore Curci and Robert Worthing for achieving the 1st degree on May 9th; and to Salvatore Curci, William Drake, Vernon Gehris, Don Vines, and Robert Worthing, for achieving the 2nd degree on May 17th. Again, congratulations to Brian Barnes and Thomas Carter who achieved full knighthood during the 3rd Degree Ceremony at Marydel on February 27th. Congratulations to Brian Barnes, Philip Bosin, Thomas Carter, Michael Davis, Edward Holley, John Molitor, and James Walsh who received the honors of induction into the 4th degree and membership to the Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly # 2413 on May 22nd in Middletown. Welcome to Kevin O'Brennan and Frank Lutz, Jr. who reactivated their respective memberships and joined our council. There will be a 3rd Degree Ceremony conducted in our area this fall. As soon as we know of the time, date, and location, everyone will be notified. There are a number of applications for admission to our council in the hands of potential candidates, so we have a promising start to the forthcoming fraternal year. As always, if you know of potential candidates for our order, please feel free to contact me or refer your candidate to me at 227-4871 or dedeanderson@comcast.net.

Vivat Jesus.
PGK Lou Anderson, 227-4871

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SOCIAL NIGHT – As a reminder, our social nights are cancelled during the summer months. We will restart them again on Sept 27.

BREAKFAST: Our last Sunday morning breakfast was held on May 15. They were all a big success. We have always had nearly 100 people attending.

The breakfast for the 1st Communicants and their families was held on April 17. We served 65 people which are about 25 families.

IRISH DINNER: The dinner was held on March 19. It was a delicious Irish meal of ham, cabbage, boiled potatoes, candied carrots, Irish soda bread, dinner rolls and delicious desserts. Irish coffee, beer, wine, soft drinks, and Irish music were also available. The dinner proved to be very successful. We brought in \$2,356.75. Our costs were \$945.23, and we had a profit of \$1,411.52

POOR MAN'S SUPPER: On each Friday during Lent we hosted a "Poor Man's Supper" for parishioners prior to Stations of the Cross in the church. The supper, which was free, consisted of a delicious soup and bread made by several dedicated council member cooks. The attendance at the suppers was generally between 15 and 25. We received \$225 in donations which was donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

To all the Brother Knights who helped with the breakfasts, dinner and suppers, a sincere thank you is extended to you for a job well done.

This will be my last Newsletter article. I am turning over the duties to Brother Bob Frankenberry.

Thank you,
Jim Kuczinski, 829-8632

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



Family of the Month

March 2011 – Joseph and Bernice Polinski

Our Family of the Month for March 2011 is Joe and Bernie Polinski. Joe is currently the treasurer for our council. They have been married 33 years. They have no children except their Jack Russell Terrier, Buddy, who is 13, a teenager and driving them wild. Bernie and Joe are members of St. Edmond's. They are very active in UNICO, the Children's Beach House in Lewes, and their Home Owners Association. Bernie also volunteers at Beebe Hospital and is Chair of the Beebe Foundation Silent Auction for their annual Fall Banquet. She is also trustee for the Children's Beach House which helps children with special needs reach their highest potential.

April 2011 – John and Elizabeth Boettger

Our Family of the Month for April 2011 is Jack and Betty Boettger. Jack is currently the Chancellor for the council. They have been married for 50 years this month. They have two sons, John and Ken, and two grandchildren, their grandson is in Syracuse University and their granddaughter is in Brockport State University. Jack worked as a tax accountant and financial planner and had his own business. He is an avid biker and had biked throughout the US and Canada. He serves as treasurer for his bike club, Milton Lions Club, and the Milton Lions Foundation. He also chairs the Osher Life Long Learning Center for the University of Delaware. Betty is a Master Gardener and volunteers at the Milton Garden Century Club.

May 2011 – Ed and Rose Holley

Our Family of the Month for May 2011 is Ed and Rose Holley. Ed and Rose Holley have been married 47 years. They have two daughters: Kathy Holley and Lisa Hockenbury and one grandson. Ed worked as an Engineering Project Manager for an industrial gas and chemical corporation before retiring to DE. He serves the church as a member of the Pastoral Council, the Usher Ministry, the Building and Maintenance Ministry, and as an offertory money counter captain. He also does Meals on Wheels and volunteers at the Food Basket. He has been a Knight for 35 years and is an Honorary Member of the Knights. Last Month he became a new Sir Knight. He also serves as the council Public Relations Director. Rose serves as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, a Sacristan, an offertory money counter, and volunteers at the Thrift Store and the Food Basket.

Vivat Jesus.
PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

PRO-LIFE



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

Donations by the Star of the Sea Council were instrumental in funding the erection and maintenance of a "Choose Life" billboard on Route 1 near Nassau, Delaware. The original lease term of the Billboard was two years. St. Edmond's Respect Life Committee is currently seeking an additional two year term for the lease. Due to the generosity of our Knights and many other individual, memorial and Council contributions, initial funding for the extended term is already in place. The Committee is also seeking to add lights to the billboard and to remove some trees that partially block the northbound view of the sign.

The 40 Days for Life event during the Lenten season was apparently successful with reports of many women abandoning their abortion plans.

St. Edmond's is planning a presentation on Teen Abstinence in early October, 2011 for students in religious education grades 7-10 in the church hall.

National Respect Life Highlights:

Excerpts from 'Americans for Life, the Committee to Save One Million'

2011 has been a year of unprecedented pro-life victories, especially on the state level. Americans for Life and its allies have been chipping away at and sometimes even hammering off big chunks of Roe v Wade and the so-called right to abortion. In April alone, nine states passed 33 laws to restrict abortion in one way or another. Indiana became the first state followed by Kansas to end taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. This is something our Republican led Congress has so far failed to bring home to its pro-life voter base. But at least at the state level, the fight to protect the unborn is more promising.

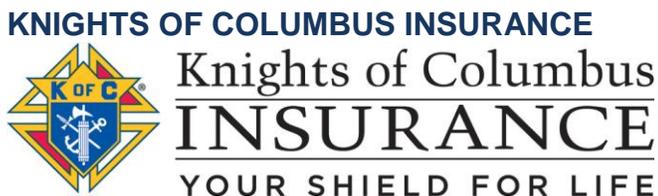
Louisiana already has pro-life laws in place that would immediately ban all abortions if Roe v Wade were to be overturned. And in effect, South Dakota has made abortions difficult to obtain without explicitly banning them. The state requires women seeking an abortion to wait 72 hours and then seek counseling at a crisis pregnancy center.

While this doesn't directly overturn Roe v. Wade, these new laws have drastically lowered the accessibility of abortion in South Dakota. Even so, passing pro-life legislation is an uphill battle. By the time a bill makes its way through both houses of the legislature, it may still face the veto of a pro-abortion governor. This is the case in Minnesota where Governor Mark Dayton is expected to veto two upcoming pro-life bills. In

Montana, Governor Brian Schweitzer recently vetoed a bill that would have criminalized abortions.

But I know you understand what this fight takes. I also know I can count on you to stand with Americans for Life until all unborn babies are fully protected from abortion by passing a Life at Conception Act at the state or federal level.

May God be with you,
Deacon Jim Walls, 945-0945



Did You Know?

For generations, the mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect family financial security. Today, we are one of the most secure life insurers in North America, with more than \$17 billion in assets and \$79 billion of insurance in force. More than 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance? One reason supported by a survey by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association was that 43% of people were afraid to make the wrong decision regarding their life insurance needs.

This problem can be solved by a simple meeting with your professional, full-time agent. Your agent is dedicated to serving members and their families, answering their questions and making personalized recommendations that suit your needs and budget.

Also, do not forget about the Tax Differed Annuity from the Knights of Columbus will give you a Guaranteed Return on your Investment. We are currently paying 3% on deposits of \$300 or more. New Members can start with a deposit as low as \$100! (This rate is guaranteed to March 30, 2012 on deposits made from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011). We can transfer your current IRA also. Take time to look at your current rate of return.

A conversation with your Knights of Columbus agent can help inform about the products we offer. In the end, you'll realize that the only wrong decision was not meeting with him sooner.

Sincerely Yours
Agent Bill Cullin, 841-7147

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Come join us for a Member's meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For the summer months of June, July and August our social meeting will not be held. See below for our upcoming quarterly schedule:

Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Tuesday, August 9, 2011
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Tuesday September 27, 2011

KC Meeting
KC Meeting
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KC Social Meeting



GOOD OF THE ORDER

K of C Golf Shirts - At the May 2011 Council meeting, a motion was made and accepted by the Council members to purchase golf shirts that will have the emblem of the Knights of Columbus, "Star of the Sea", and "Council 7297" imprinted in it. The golf shirt will be Navy Blue, with a collar and short sleeves. You may choose either a small, medium, large, x-large, etc. size. Each member of our Council is invited to consider purchasing a shirt either at each Council meeting, or by submitting your name, telephone number and shirt size to the undersigned. Payment can be made to the Knights of Columbus Council #7297 in the amount of \$25.00. I will be ordering the shirts shortly, and will notify you when your shirt will be available for pickup.

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. PGK Dennis Huss won in April when the pot was worth \$144, which he donated back to the council – thank you Sir Knight. At our May meeting the Pot of Gold was won by Jim Walsh and was worth \$35, however, he was not present. Our June pot should be around \$60.

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

Happy Birthday Brother Knights and Wives



Please extend cordial birthday wishes to the following:

July

Frederick Minasian	1	Mrs. Darlene Watson	17
Mrs. Jewel Flaherty	1	Deacon Dan Ackerson	17
Mrs. Christine Shumate	2	PGK Russell Allen	18
Mrs. Florence Smith	5	Thomas Farley	18
James Sadowski	8	Mario Salgado	22
PGK Andrew Palumbo	10	PGK Philip Ealey	23
James Shumate	10	Mrs. Marion Ponton	25
Mrs. Marian Marowski	10	Mrs. Ann Farley	27
Francis Barnes	11	Deacon Jim Walls	27
Mrs. Angela Marowski	11	James Bailey	28
Mrs. Sally Horvath	11	Philip Clark	28
Mrs. Shelia Ryan	13	PGK John Marchetti	30
Edward Holley	14	John Meyer	30
Rev Edward Gallagher	15	Joseph Polinski	31

Mrs. Carmin Evanoff 16

August

Mrs. Maria O'Neill	3	Mrs. Margaret Cintavey	16
Joseph Duffy	3	Albert Mrowka	20
Ted Serba	5	Kevin Patrick	20
James Walsh	6	Mrs. Susan Davis	21
Mrs. Susan Barnes	9	Roger Pool	23
Christopher Goering	10	Mrs. Nancy Duffy	23
John Fitzgerald	11	Mrs. Bernice Nowicki	24
John O'Neill	13	Mrs. Judith Lally	26
William Drake	15	Thomas Fiore	26
Mrs. Mary Lou Frost	15	James Kuczinski	28

September

Ronald Smith	2	David Berilla	17
Thomas Derrick	3	John Bohne	17
Raymond Querey	4	James McCaskill	17
Mrs. Vita Mule	4	Mrs. Carol O'Brennan	17
John Rhodes	5	Martin Duffy	19
Mrs. Dede Anderson	6	Keith Walpole	19
Nick Caggiano	8	James Minni	20
William Cullin	9	Paul Capodanno	20
Vincent Bertone	10	Thomas Carter	23
Mrs. Judy Seamone	10	Joseph Mathews	23
Mrs. Camella Conlon	12	Tyson Mayers	25
Nick Iannuccilli	12	Mrs. Frances McGehrin	28
Mrs. Betsy Baumeister.	13	Mrs. Patricia Carlton	29
Mrs. Mary Rossi	13	Ronald Farrell	30
Mrs. Rose Holley	16		

Star of the Sea Officers and Directors 2011-2012

The following officers are to be 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	Frederick Nelson, 703-2797
Financial Secretary	PGK Russell G. Allen, 644-8943
Treasurer	Joseph B. Polinski, 227-0577
Recorder	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 Frankenberg, 226-0906
Church Activities Director	John E. Watson, 227-7944
Community Activities Director	Bob Frankenberg, 226-0906
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 P. 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.