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CHAPLIN'S CORNER Deacon John Smith

WHY A RETREAT?

This is a question often asked. Unfortunately the person giving the answer is not always fully informed as to all there is to be gained on a retreat.

The most important aspect is it gives YOU an opportunity to be with Jesus on a one-on-one basis. It is a time to recharge your spiritual batteries. Something we all need.

Most retreats are held from a Friday evening to a Sunday afternoon. How you respond to the weekend schedule is up for you. The makeup of the weekend is quite simple. You are assigned a private room (simple but comfortable). Meals are taken in community, family style. The food is good and plentiful. A suggested program is set up. You may follow it as you wish. There is time for talks, prayer, reflections, and devotion. There is a Retreat Master available if you want to talk one-on-one. A donation is requested. This is entirely up to you. You are welcome at no-cost, if necessary.

This is your retreat to respond to Jesus as you wish. The action items are suggested but are not required.

One might say, I go to mass, say the rosary, pray often, and help at church and in the community. Why go on a retreat?

In all of the above you are responding in community with others sharing the same things.

On retreat you are with others or alone. It is your choice. You have mass, pray the rosary, walk the Way of the Cross, listen to spiritual talks, and spend as much time as you wish with the Blessed Sacrament at an oratory. The grounds have plenty of wooded areas where you can be alone with Jesus.

One thing I assure is you will be a much happier, more spiritually fulfilled person come Sunday. You will be looking forward to the next retreat.

Our Lord is waiting for you. Don't disappoint Him.

Deacon John

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT Dennis Huss, 227-9454

Can you believe that nine months of the Fraternal Year are gone? What a year! So far, without my Brother Knights it would not be successful. Thanks to all of you. First off-- I would like to thank everybody for the cards, phone calls and prayers after my surgery. I would like to welcome again all the new knights and the transfers to our council. Carl LoRicco accompanied Deacon John Smith to the Chaplin Dinner Jan 31 in Newark - fun was had by all. Our January social was well attended. All had a great time. The cleaning of the kitchen, repair of the dishwasher, and calibration of the ovens were completed. Had a breakfast Jan. 9 when the 7 and 8 grade CCD class did all the serving and clean up. They donated \$300 to the Little Sisters of the Poor. . Great job kids! On March 25 there will be a Mass for the Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child. March 25 is also is the Feast of Annunciation. After the 8:30 Mass the knights will pray the rosary-- hope to see many Knights in attendance.

Vivat Jesus,
Dennis Huss, Grand Knight

SUPREME COUNCIL NOTES

50 Years Later, President Kennedy's Inaugural Words Are Still Important to Americans

A new Knights of Columbus-Marist poll finds that Americans overwhelmingly believe that key themes from President Kennedy's inaugural speech are still important in America today – 50 years later.

The survey focused on several memorable passages dealing with the importance freedom, of service to the country, and the role of God in our national life. The results show that 85 percent or more of Americans still consider each of these ideas important for the United States.

The following are the percentages by which Americans say each quote surveyed is still either very or somewhat important:

- 96 percent for "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

- 95 percent for “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”
- 86 percent for “Here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”
- 85 percent for “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.”

“Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy stirred a nation with these important words, Americans continue to recognize the importance of what he said of his definition of what it means to be an American,” said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. “President Kennedy reminded us then that we must be at the service of God and country and that message – as Americans clearly understand – is still very important to our nation today.”

John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic elected to the presidency, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2010, the Knights funded the restoration of the inscriptions from President Kennedy’s inaugural speech located at his grave at Arlington National Cemetery.

Knights of Columbus Museum

Established in 1982, the Knights of Columbus Museum, Inc. is a not-for-profit institution serving the educational interests of the general public through periodic exhibitions of art and artifacts. Located in New Haven, Conn., where the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, it also serves as an archive, repository, and gallery for documents and artifacts pertaining to the Catholic fraternal organization’s foundation, history and activities.

The Museum features world-class exhibitions of artwork and history, particularly those representing the heritage of Catholicism. It also maintains a permanent gallery of the K of C’s annals, as well as one dedicated to its founder (and sainthood candidate), Father Michael J. McGivney (1852-1890). Its permanent collections of Christopher Columbus and papal memorabilia are also on regular exhibition.

Renowned for its annual Christmas exhibitions, the Knights of Columbus Museum is located a short distance from the organization’s international headquarters. The spacious, contemporary and family-friendly facility features state-of-the-art visitor services. It is fully accessible, open year-round, and offers free admission and onsite parking.

Tucson Shootings

As you recall the mass shootings in Tucson on January 8, remember to keep in your prayers one of the victims, U.S. District Judge John Roll. Judge Roll was a devote catholic who attended daily noon mass near his federal office and was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL NEWS PGK Carl LoRizzo, District Deputy, 644-3693

February 28, 2011 - great day for the Knights of Columbus in Delaware!

Our State Deputy, Larry Gardner, together with His Excellency Bishop W. Francis Malooly, presented checks to A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center in Wilmington for their new Ultrasound Machine that was funded by Knights of Columbus in Delaware and by Supreme Council’s Culture of Life Fund. State Deputy Gardner thanked everyone who contributed toward the purchase of the ultrasound machine and to Coffee Run Council for spearheading the fund-raising efforts in the state. In the ultrasound program, after gaining approval for the center from the Diocese and Supreme Council, half of the cost for the ultrasound machine is raised by the Knights in their state. When half of the cost is raised, Supreme Council then contributes the remaining half from the Culture of Life Fund. Look for an article on the ultrasound check presentation in the Dialog.

February Goal Achieved – Supreme Membership Racing Series

Thanks to a very strong finish in recruiting new members in February (we added 7 new members to our Supreme Rolls on February 28) we hit our goal number of 29 new members right on the nose for February. Even though we did not finish first in our division for February we will earn \$200 to be used in our membership programs. Grand Knights thank you very much and please pass along thanks to your membership chairman for the outstanding month of recruitment in Delaware. At this time Delaware is ranked 22nd out of 72 jurisdictions in achieving their new member goals. I feel we can be a Circle of Honor State if we continue with the outstanding recruiting that was shown in February. At this pace we would need to recruit 32 new members each month in the remaining 4 months of this Columbian Year. Please get any prospective new members to a First Degree in March and please remember to go to our web page at <http://www.de-kofc.org/index.html> and fill out the Schedule a Degree information so all of our degrees show up on the Degree Calendar.

On February 27th there was a 3rd degree ceremony held in Marydel. Congratulations to our new Third Degree members Bryan Barnes and Tom Carter.

Vivat Jesus.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT PGK RUSS ALLEN, 644-8943

Annual Financial Report for Star of the Sea Council for 2010

Our cash balance on December 31, 2010 was \$15,996, which was down by \$1,572 from the year before. We had 149 members which is up from the 136 in 2009. Our income was a total of about \$19,250 consisting of \$2,200 in dues; \$11,000 in meals; a couple of nice donations, about \$1,300 in Christmas Cards; about \$2,200 in roses

and tootsie rolls; and the rest miscellaneous. Our expenditures came to about \$21,000 with almost \$7,800 of that being in charitable donations, \$8,200 in cost of food and projects (breakfasts, dinners, etc.), \$4,400 in council expenses (refreshments, stamps, per capita, misc), and about \$600 in advertisements

Dues Payments

We still have about two dozen members who have not paid their dues for this year. Second notices will be coming out shortly.

Fraternal Survey

Our Fraternal Survey reported that we made 2,820 visits to the sick; 440 visits to bereaved, we donated 36 pints of blood, and we gave an estimated 9,892 hours of volunteer service for Church Activities, 6,660 hours for Community Activities, 3,056 hours for Youth Activities, 80 hours for Habitat for Humanity, and another 3,608 hours for Miscellaneous Service activities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

PGK Lou Anderson, 227-4871

Brother Knights, I am pleased to report we are doing well with membership at this point in the Columbian Year. We have reached midway in our efforts to obtain our assigned objectives for membership and insurance, and I am certain we will reach our ultimate goal and obtain Star Council recognition. I extend a welcome to those Brother Knights who have transferred to our council since my last report, Joe Signorelli, John Roslin, Frank Capelli, and Jim Benner. Congratulations to our new Insurance Field Agent, Bill Cullin, who has taken his 1st and 2nd degrees and is up and running to serve your needs as pertain to insurance. Congratulations to Brother Knights Tom Carter and Brian Barnes who participated in the 3rd degree ceremony in Marydel on Sunday, February 27th. There will be a 4th degree mini-exemplification the latter part of May. Time, date, and location will be forthcoming. I will keep those of you who are eligible informed as I receive more information. Please let me know if you wish to participate. As the current Faithful Navigator for the Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly in Georgetown, I would love to have you become 4th degree members during my tenure. Presently, we have one individual awaiting a 1st degree ceremony, Gavin Radka. If you know of potential candidates for our order, please feel free to contact me or have the candidates contact me at 227-4871 or dedeanderson@comcast.net; I am always available. Fraternaly yours and God bless.

IN REMEMBRANCE:

During the past year several of our Council members have left this world in hopes of eternal peace with our Savior. The remembrance of a lost loved one during holiday seasons is often very trying for the surviving family members. During this upcoming season of Lent, please keep our deceased Brothers and their families in your prayers: John Ray Roope, Jr., Norman Powers, PGK Bob Nowicki, Tom Carmody, Bob McGowan, and Fred Wiedmann.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

James C. Kuczinski, 829-8632

ITALIAN DINNER – On January 15, 2011 our Council held its Italian Dinner from 5-7:30 PM in the St Edmond Parish Hall. A delicious garden salad with Italian dressing, Porchetta (pork loin), Italian sausage stuffed with broccoli rabe, peas and pearl onions, penne alla vodka, garlic bread, tiramisu, and coffee or tea was served. Beer, wine and soda were also available for a donation. Live entertainment was provided, and door prizes were awarded. A great time was enjoyed by all 160 attendees.

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. Come and join us on March 22, April 26, and May 24.

BREAKFAST: We will be serving breakfast on March 13, April 10, and May 15. In addition, we will be serving a breakfast for the 1st Communicants and families on April 17. Our previous breakfasts have sold out! We have had over 100 people each time. Come join us from 7 AM to 1 PM for some early morning camaraderie.

IRISH DINNER: On Saturday, March 19, come join your brother Knights, Families and Friends for a combination St. Patrick's & St Joseph's Dinner Party from 5 to 7:30 PM in the Hall. There will be great Irish fare with ham, cabbage, boiled potatoes, candied carrots, Irish soda bread, dinner rolls and delicious desserts. Irish coffee, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for a donation. There will be Irish music and plenty of fun for all. For tickets, or to help, call Bob Frankenberry at 226-0906, Dennis Huss at 858-6152, or Joe Polinski at 858-7056. Cost is \$17 per person. Take out will also be available.

POOR MAN'S SUPPER: Each Friday of Lent we are hosting a "**Poor Man's Supper**" for the parish prior to Stations of the Cross in the Church. We will be serving between 6 PM and 7 PM each Friday of Lent. The supper consists of a delicious soup and bread, and is free to the parishioners.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The annual **Polar Bear Plunge** was held on February 6th. Members of our Council served hot dogs and chili to Brother Knights and their families who took part in the plunge. Because the air temperature was 40° and the water temperature was 36°, everyone had a really "cool" time.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Russ Allen, 644-8943

Family of the Month

December 2010 – Robert and Barbara Frankenberry

Our Family of the Month for December 2010 is Bob and Barbara Frankenberry. They have been married for 51 years and have four children: Joanne Boyd, Christine Hickey, Robert, who all live in New York and Karen Cerno

who lives in Connecticut. They have 11 grandchildren. Bob retired as a Project Manager dealing with construction. They moved to Delaware, joined and joined the Knights and both became totally immersed in volunteer work. Besides serving as Program Director for many years, Bob is currently our Deputy Grand Knight. He is also very active with St Vincent de Paul, UNICO, St Edmond's Parish Counsel, and various Irish organizations. Barbara works at the Thrift Shop, Senior Center, and Parish Book Club. They are both members of Lecto Devino at St. Edmonds. We were also notified that Bob and Barbara were selected as one of 100 Supreme Family of the Year for the month of December. This is usually accompanied by a statue of the Holy Family.

January 2011 – Richard and Charlotte Duffy

Our Family of the Month for January 2011 is Rich and Charlotte Duffy. They will have been married for 40 years this June. They have 2 children, Tara Strausbaugh who lives in PA, and Sean who lives in Wilmington. They also have 5 grandchildren. Both Rich and Charlotte were educators. He was a high school teacher and later was an Administrator, and she specialized in special education. Richard volunteers at St. Edmond as a Eucharistic Minister and Charlotte serves as a Lector and helps out in CCD as an aide and substitute teacher. They are both involved in Pro-Life and the Parish Outreach Ministry. In addition to the church, they are both on the Sussex County Red Cross Disaster Team helping families who are experiencing disasters and are currently training to be on the International Red Cross Disaster Team.

February 2011 – Frederick and Mary Nelson

Our Family of the Month for February is Fred and Mary Nelson. They just joined us in June 2010 and became an integral part of our family. They moved here from Perrysburg, OH where Fred was a regional manager for CSX. They will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in May and have two children, Laura and Peter. Laura is single and lives in Florida and Peter is attending Ohio University. They are both active at St. Edmond where Fred helps with many of the Knights functions and Mary serves as a Minister of the Eucharist and on the bereavement committee.

PRO-LIFE

Deacon Jim Walls, 945-0945

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

The Star of the Sea Council of the Knights of Columbus funded the cost of a bus for St. Edmond Church's Pro-Life supporters to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24, 2011. The bus was completely full and departed at 8:30 a.m. for Washington. Prior to departure, Mass was celebrated at St. Edmond Church at 7:30 a.m. for all those who wished to attend.

St. Edmond's Respect Life Committee participated in a protest vigil at Planned Parenthood in the Midway Shopping Center on Monday, February 14, 2011 from noon to 1 p.m. The protest was part of a National Protest that was taking place at every Planned Parenthood office in the United States on the same date and same hour as a result of the

recent undercover reports which indicate that Planned Parenthood is supporting trafficking of minors for sexual purposes in violation of federal law. Approximately 30 people (including several Knights) participated in the vigil.

World Highlights:

Knights' Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child

The Knights of Columbus has been a leader in the pro-life movement for over 30 years. With the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child soon approaching on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation this year, Knights have the opportunity to stand up and speak out against the evils of abortion.

Councils use the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child, always a successful event throughout the Order, to come together with friends and family to host a variety of prayer programs within their parishes and their communities that show our never-ending commitment to unborn children and their mothers.

To initiate St. Edmond's participation in the Day of the Unborn Child, Knights, their spouses, their friends and all who believe in a culture of life are asked to attend morning Mass on March 25th, 2011 to pray for the unborn. Immediately following Mass all are invited to spend 15 minutes together praying the rosary as a petition to Our Lady to intervene for us in our request to halt the genocide of abortion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Bill Cullin, 841-7147

Did You Know?

Did you know that 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 that the Tax Deferred 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. (This rate is guaranteed to December 31, 2011 on deposits made from January 1, 2011 through March 30, 2011).

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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Come and join us for either a Member's meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, for our social meeting - bring your wife - on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, or for one of our many activities. See below for our upcoming quarterly schedule:

Tuesday, March 08, 2011	KC Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Sunday, March 13, 2011	Breakfast
Friday, March 18, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Saturday, March 19, 2011	St Patrick's and St Joseph's Dinner
Tuesday, March 22, 2011	KC Social Meeting
Friday, March 25, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Friday, April 01, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Friday, April 08, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Sunday, April 10, 2011	Breakfast
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	KC Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2011	Poor Man's Supper
Sunday, April 17, 2011	1 st Communion Breakfast
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	KC Social Meeting
Sunday, May 08, 2011	Mother's Day Roses
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	KC Social Meeting
Sunday, May 15, 2011	Breakfast
Tuesday, May 24, 2011	KC Social Meeting
Tuesday, June 07, 2011	Social Meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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. Bob Fitzgerald was not present in December when the pot was worth \$71. Our January meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm. At our February meeting the Pot of Gold was won by Steve Brinck and was worth \$89, however, he too was not present. Our March pot should be around \$109.

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

Football Frenzy

There were no additional Council winners in the Football Frenzy game beyond the five Brothers listed in the Winter Newsletter. We hope that all who participated had a great time following the teams on your cards.

BIRTHDAYS

April

Joseph Cribbin	3	Charles R. Tumini	18
Mrs. Kathleen Molitor	3	Mrs. Mary Jane Deets	19
Mrs. Irene Querey	4	Mrs. Yvonne Bailey	20
Mrs. Catherine Chambers	6	Robert C. Ponton	21
Brian Barnes	8	Edwin A. Connor	21
John Roslan	8	Robert E Carlton	23
Henry Kalinowski	12	Mrs. Cindy Shea	23
Mrs. Denise Boswell	13	PGK John Shea	24
David Gardiner, Jr.	13	Dennis Valentine	25
Mrs. Patty Derrick	15	Michael Davis	26

Mrs. Ellen Sobieski	16	Rev James E Downs	26
Mrs. Tina Ryan	17	Edward McGehrin	28

May

Joseph Perriccio	3	Mrs. Terry Lyons	16
Mrs. Maggie St Jean	9	Donald Cintavey	18
Gilbert Laureigh	9	Dennis Huss	20
Frank Vito	10	Mrs. Joan Ann Boraski	22
Mrs. Charlotte Duffy	10	Mrs. JoAnne Czapracki	25
David P. Ryan	11	James Lyons	29
Michael Kelley	14		
Mauro Correnti	15		

June

William Geppert III	3	Joseph Mule	19
Edward Tucker	7	John Boraski	22
Mrs. Dolores Zakarian	7	Stephen Janosik	22
Mrs. Josephine Cilea	8	Mrs. Josephine Correnti	23
David Wilson	8	Mrs. Peggy Roca	24
Mrs. Gail Allen	9	Mrs. Laurel Capodanno	27
Charles Welsh	9	Mrs. Connie Benko	27
Mrs. Mary Ann Tucker	13	Mrs. Barbara Frankenberg	27
Mrs. Joan Carmody	13	PGK Walter Goering	29
Mrs. Pat Beach	14	Robert Frankenberg	29
Mrs. Joyce Condry	14	Mrs. Annette Iannuccilli	30
Edward St Jean	14	Jasper Westbrook	30
John Sobleski, Jr.	18		

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