



# THE MARINER



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### My Brother Knights:

Here we are again. Ash Wednesday has just past, Lent has just begun, and the Easter Triduum will be upon us shortly. This is a time to recharge our batteries, dust off our lazy habits, and reaffirm our love and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a challenge for each of us to realize what it means to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. By virtue of how we conduct ourselves at church and in the community says who we are as a Knight. To my Brother Knights, I can happily say you leave a lasting impression no matter what it is you accomplish. The Hallmark of a good Knight is the support his family gives when he is serving the church and the community.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your concerns and for the support you have shown my family with regards to our granddaughter, Riley's medical condition. It meant so much to all of us. With your prayers I know God will be good to her and us. I promise to save a special time for prayers to our Blessed Mother for each of you.

May God Bless you, and may you have a Holy and Happy Easter.

Deacon John



Dear Brother Knights:

I would like to thank all my brother Knights and their wives for the support during the last nine months. We are on a positive track, in spite of having to cancel some of our events early this year. We will reach our goals through unity.

Our socials have been very successful. What a wonderful time with our Knight families. Great fellowship and food!

We will be doing an event with the Lewes Consortium on April 20, 2012. We will be cooking for approximately 325 children and their parents. Needless to say, we will be needing help.

'Jesus, show me how your death has brought me life. I want to take hold of all your grace as I prepare to enter the holiest days of the year. Help me experience the power of your resurrection in my life today' *Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 69:8-10, 21, 22 31, 33-34.*

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,  
Dennis Huss, Grand Knight

### SUPREME COUNCIL NOTES

#### Pope Benedict XVI creates 22 new cardinals

Pope Benedict XVI has created 22 new cardinals, including three members of the Knights of Columbus, during an "ordinary public consistory" at St. Peter's Basilica.

Cardinals are the Holy Father's closest advisors, and those under 80 have the responsibility of electing the pope's successor.

Among those inducted into the Sacred College of Cardinals are two Americans and a Canadian, all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem; and Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

### **New U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains is a Knight**

Soldiers "are making life and death decisions" every day in Iraq and Afghanistan, and military chaplains "are out there in the field with them day in and day out," said the Catholic priest who has served as the new U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains for the past nine months.

"We are taking care of people who are most in need at a time when they're far away," added Father Donald Rutherford, a member of Albany (N.Y.) Council 173 who was promoted July 22, 2011. He had served as deputy chief since November 2007.

Father Rutherford's own military career began with Army ROTC at Catholic-run Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. He graduated in 1977 as a commissioned officer but put his military commitment on hold to attend the seminary. He was ordained in 1981 and went into the Army Reserve.

After his bishop gave him permission to become an Army chaplain, he went on active duty in 1990.

His path to the Pentagon included serving in the Persian Gulf War, and in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has been with the 3rd Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne, among other units. He has also earned a number of decorations, including the Bronze Star.

According to 2010 statistics, the latest available, the Army has about 2,900 full and part-time chaplains. Among them are about 180 Catholic priests, with 99 priests on active duty. Many of these are older, and several are retiree recalls. The Chaplain Corps also includes nine rabbis, six imams, two Buddhists and one Hindu; 139 chaplains are female.

In the Army, one in five soldiers is Catholic, but only about one in 16 chaplains are Catholic priests.

### **DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL NEWS**



Once again the Delaware Knights of Columbus had record participation in the Polar Bear Plunge on February 5th, raising \$18,000 in contributions. As always, Star of the Sea Council (GK Denny Huss along with Russ Allen, Charlie

Tumini and Carl LoRicco) served complimentary hot dogs and chili to the plungers which was much appreciated.

The forthcoming Delaware State Council 69th Annual Meeting and Convention will be held at the Atlantic Sand Hotel May 11-13, 2012. Star of the Sea Council will be represented by GK Denny Huss and DGK Dave Wilson. It is anticipated that David P. Haney, Saint Pius X Council # 4425 in Wilmington, will be elevated to State Deputy for the Columbian Year 2012-2013. Brother Haney will bring superior organizational skills and a wonderful personality to the position. The convention always seems to take place Mother's Day Weekend, so the Knights of Columbus, statewide, will be selling roses for the Birthright of Delaware. I encourage your participation with the selling of the roses.

Presently, District # 2 is the leader among the six districts in the Jurisdiction of Delaware in recruiting and insurance. My personal thanks to all you because you have brought us that success, and I encourage you to continue in those efforts. Members, of course, are vital to council support of the six service program areas which we devote to charitable endeavors.

Finally, I do not plan to seek reappointment as your District Deputy for the forthcoming fraternal year owing to the continued deterioration of my speech. If you know of any brother knight who would be interested in filling the position, please make it known to me and I will follow up. As with any position it has its rewards and its anxious moments, but I can truly state the rewards are well above the issues. I will continue to serve you faithfully and vigorously, as I hope I always have, until the end of this fraternal year and I will continue to serve Star of the Sea Council, the Father Capodanno Assembly and the Delaware State Council in every way I can.

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Lou Anderson, District Deputy, 227-4871



### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

This past fraternal quarter, some of the more notable donations our council made are as follows:

Jor-Lin Tour and Charter – Pro-Life March - \$1019  
Meals on Wheels – Donation - \$100  
St Edmond Church – Dishwasher repairs - \$390  
K of C Supreme – Per Capita - \$641.30  
DE State Council – Per Capita - \$502.30  
DE State Council - Breakfast of Champions - \$100  
St. Edmond Church - Rosaries - \$128.42  
St. Edmond - Youth Group - \$400

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



### Spotlight on Membership

Congratulations and welcome to Marvin Lohr, who received his 1st degree on February 21, 2012 and congratulations to Charles Theologus, Larry Miller, Joe Wright, Mike Dolan and Don Evick who received their 3rd degrees at Marydel on February 26, 2012. For those brother knights eligible, and who wish to receive the 4th degree, there will be an abbreviated 4th Degree Exemplification on Sunday, April 22nd, at Monsignor Dwyer Hall (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), 801 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE. Candidates should arrive not later than 1:15 PM and the ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM. Presently, we have two brother knights from our council who plan to take the degree, Joe Polinski and Sal Curci. If you wish to take the degree, please contact me as soon as possible as I must have you initiate a Form 4 and get it approved by the membership of the Father V.R. Capodanno Assembly. For those Sir Knights attending, the attire is tuxedo. Please contact me with any questions you might have if you are attending as a candidate or a Sir Knight. Brother Knights who wish to join the 4th degree must have been a knight for 6 months prior to the exemplification. For those of you who are just outside the window for the April ceremony, there will be a long version of the exemplification in Dover around the November time frame.

We presently have fourteen new members against our quota of eleven and remain at two insurance against a quota of four. We have hosted four first degree ceremonies, which fulfills the requirement for Star Council and we have completed all our service programs in the six categories of the Columbian Award. If we achieve a membership total of 22 and acquire the additional two insurance/annuity members, we would be awarded Double Star Council. If you have candidates for membership, please let me know and we will schedule another 1st degree ceremony to bring them into our Order. If you need assistance in any way, please contact me at 227-4871 or [dedeanderson@comcast.net](mailto: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 our final breakfast for this Fraternal Year on May 20. Our March and April breakfasts had to be canceled because of

scheduling conflicts. Come and join us on May 20 from 8 AM to 12 Noon for some early morning camaraderie. Our previous breakfasts have sold out!

**ITALIAN AND POLISH DINNERS:** Our Council provided manual support to the St Edmond Parish Life Ministry when they sponsored their Italian Dinner in Feb. We understand they had 118 attending the dinner. Due to a scheduling conflict, we had to cancel our Polish Dinner this February

**ST PATRICK'S DINNER** – This coming Saturday we will be sponsoring our St Patrick Day Dinner. We will be serving great Irish foods, and Kevin O'Brennan will be hosting us with his great Irish music. We need to make up for the revenue we lost due to the canceled dinner, so come out and bring some friends

**POOR MAN'S SUPPER:** Starting on Feb 24, and continuing 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 is free to parishioners and includes a delicious soup and bread made by several of our dedicated council Brothers. Come and join us.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – Members of our Council participated in the Special Olympics of Delaware **Polar Bear Plunge** on February 5, 2012. Our Brothers provided hot dogs, chili and refreshments for council members and visitors. A good, but chilly, time was had by all attending.

**SALE OF ROSES** – On Sunday, May 13th, which is also Mother's Day, our Council will be selling roses after **all** the masses at St. Edmond. We will man two locations, one at the main entrance to the church and one at the side entrance. Net revenue from the event will be sent to Birthright of Delaware. This has become an annual tradition for us on Mother's Day.

**COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAMS** – We are working to establish a common understanding of the role of the six Directors of our Service Committees. After that, we can turn our attention to the mission of each committee, and a more refined planning process.



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 Military

Lord Jesus, Savior of the world and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of our Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers of military life. Keep them close to You and help them live the Commandments. **Amen.**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**  
**And**  
**GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



### Family of the Month

#### NOVEMBER 2011

Our family of the month for November is Tom and Mary Jane Deets. They have been married for 30 years and have two sons, Tom and Douglas. Tom lives in Florida and Douglas and his wife Melissa live in Pennsylvania with their son, Chasen. Tom is a retired pharmacist and is active in UNICO, the Knights and the Children's Beach House in Lewes. Recently he was instrumental in establishing Greve in Chianti, Italy and the town of Rehoboth Beach DE as sister cities. Greve was the home of the explorer Verrazano who explored Delaware in 1521. Tom and other members of UNICO have established a memorial to Verrazano in both Rehoboth and Lewes.

#### DECEMBER 2011

Our Family for the month for December is Bill and Fran Drake. They have been married 47 years and have two adult sons, Edward and Greg, both with disabilities and living at home. Bill retired as Staff Manager from Verizon in PA and Home Health Hospice in NJ. Fran has a Master's degree in Special Education, and was a school teacher and bus driver.

Their volunteer work reflects their home life. Besides being very active with the Knights, Bill serves on the Board of Directors of Chimes De which is a non-profit organization supporting those with severe disabilities, and he is leading a capital campaign for the local Chimes Group in Millsboro, DE. Both Fran and Bill are very active with the Downs Syndrome Boardwalk Buddywalk organization where Bill also serves on the Board of Directors.

#### JANUARY 2012

Our Family of the Month for January 2012 is Mike and Denise Boswell. They will be married 42 years and have three children, Matt, Maura and Catherine, a granddaughter, Sophie, and a grandson on the way. Mike is a retired Civil Engineer for the Washington Suburban Sanitary

Commission in Maryland. He is very active with the Knights, Parish Outreach (Salt and Light) Ministry, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Bethany Beach Community Activities and Planning Commission. He is also a Son of the Revolution and the First Families of Maryland. Denise is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, active as a Lady of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Sepulcher of Jerusalem, and is on the Bethany Beach Budget Commission.

#### FEBRUARY 2012

Our family of the month for February is Frank and Mary Cappelli. They have been married for three and a half years but their families have merged together into one big happy family. They now have six children and nine grandchildren, five girls and four boys. Frank is retired from United Airlines where he worked for 36 years and Mary retired from her lifelong job as a beautician. Before moving to Milton, DE last year, they were very much involved in delivering food at Our Lady of Fatima in New Castle and now have been very active in all our council activities. Besides babysitting (and spoiling) their grandchildren, they love gardening and cooking.

Vivat Jesus.

PGK Russ Allen, 644-8943

## PRO-LIFE



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

#### Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child

All members of the Council, their spouses, their friends and all others who believe in a culture of life at St. Edmond are encouraged to participate in the Day of the Unborn Child by attending the 8:30 AM morning Mass on Monday, March 26rd, 2012 (the celebration of The Feast of the Annunciation this year) to pray for the unborn. Immediately following Mass, all in attendance will be 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.

Strength in numbers gives everyone the courage to speak up and also lets the community know there is a group willing to help women in crisis pregnancies.

The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child was instituted as an addition to the Order's commitment to build a culture that respects and protects every human life, from conception to natural death. For more information on the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child see the "community" section of [www.kofc.org/service](http://www.kofc.org/service).

#### National Pro-Life Highlights:

The federal government's new mandate requiring Catholic charities, schools, universities and hospitals to supply employees with health insurance that covers birth control, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs has become maybe the most controversial issue of our day.

The bishops of almost every diocese in the country have spoken out. So have our largest Catholic institutions. Many individual Catholics of every political opinion have united in opposition.

Other religious groups and many other Americans have also joined the protest because this new mandate, of course, affects every employer in America.

As this debate continues, it is important to remember that the Catholic Church did not choose this conflict. The Church wants to be a partner with our neighbors and our government in building a more just and peaceful society a society more worthy of the dignity of the human person who is the image of God. The Church's mission in our society is to teach, heal and to care for others; to pray and to lead our neighbors to God. (Catholic News USA, 02-2012)

Deacon Jim Walls, 945-0945

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE



We want to acknowledge the services of Brother Bill Cullin who has served as our Insurance Agent for the past two years. Although he will remain in our Council, Bill has said he will no longer be able to provide insurance services to us. We wish him success in his new endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus is truly a remarkable, one-of-a-kind organization, and our insurance program continues to show its strength and stability in spite of economic turmoil. In fact, 2011 marked the eleventh consecutive year of growth in many categories. This accomplishment illustrates the faith our members have in the products and services we offer to protect their families.

Consider the following 2011 achievements.

- During 2011, the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.9 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$83.5 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2000, we stood at \$40.4 billion.
- The Order introduced a new disability income insurance product in April. Called Income Armor<sup>®</sup>, this addition to our portfolio is designed in the spirit of Father Michael J. McGivney, and can provide a steady stream of income in the event of a long-term injury or illness.
- Our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed and there continues to be no more highly rated life insurer in North America.

Take pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father McGivney by caring for the

financial security of our members and their families. Remember, today is a great day to meet your agent to discuss coverage or review the policies you already have with us. If you don't know who he is, please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on "Find an Agent." You'll be glad you did.

If you are interested in any insurance products, please contact our Grand Knight Dennis Huss who will be able to place you in contact with an Agent.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

It's hard to believe that another Fraternal Quarter has gone by. Where does time fly?

Our quarterly schedule of events for April, May and June is as follows:

Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Meeting
Sunday, April 22, 2012	First Communion Breakfast
Tuesday, April 24, 2012	Social
Tuesday, May 2, 2012	Meeting
Sunday, May 13, 2012	Sell Roses at Masses
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Initiation
Sunday, May 20, 2012	Breakfast
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Social
Tuesday, June 12, 2012	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. Charles Marowski won in December, Chad Burns won in January and John Bohne won in February however, none of them were present to collect their pot. The pot for March will be around \$380, and it could be you. What a great incentive to attend a meeting for an hour.

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

### Football Frenzy

Although we had 28 participants in a group of 1435 playing the game this year we unfortunately had no winners from our council.

## Happy Birthday Brother Knights and Wives



Please extend cordial birthday wishes to:

## APRIL

Donald Evick	1	Mrs. Tina Ryan	17
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. Jacqueline Theologus	6	Robert C. Ponton	21
Mrs. Catherine Chambers	6	Edwin A. Connor	21
Brian Barnes	8	Robert E Carlton	23
John Roslan	8	Mrs. Cindy Shea	23
James Benner	11	PGK John Shea	24
Henry Kalinowski	12	Dennis Valentine	25
Mrs. Denise Boswell	13	Michael Davis	26
David Gardiner, Jr.	13	Rev James E. Downs	26
Mrs. Patty Derrick	15	Edward McGehrin	28
Mrs. Ellen Sobieski	16		

## MAY

Joseph Perriccio	3	Mrs. Charlotte Benner	16
Mrs. Maggie St Jean	9	Michael Dolan	16
Gilbert Laureigh	9	Donald Cintavey	18
Frank Vito	10	Dennis Huss	20
Mrs. Charlotte Duffy	10	Mrs. Joan Ann Boraski	22
James Horn	11	Luke Wiedmann	23
David P. Ryan	11	Gavin Radka	25
Michael Kelley	14	Mrs. JoAnne Czapracki	25
Mauro Correnti	15	James Lyons	29
Mrs. Terry Lyons	16		

## JUNE

William Geppert III	3	John Sobleski, Jr.	18
Joseph Wright	6	Joseph Mule	19
Ronald Krajewski	7	John Boraski	22
Edward Tucker	7	Stephen Janosik	22
Mrs. Dolores Zakarian	7	Mrs. Josephine Correnti	23
Mrs. Josephine Cilea	8	Mrs. Peggy Roca	24
David Wilson	8	Mrs. Connie Benko	27
Mrs. Gail Allen	9	Mrs. Laurel Capodanno	27
Charles Welsh	9	Mrs. Cathleen Lutz	27
Robert Worthing	9	Mrs. Barbara Frankenberg	27
Mrs. Joan Carmody	13	PGK Walter Goering	29
Mrs. Mary Ann Tucker	13	Robert Frankenberg	29
Mrs. Pat Beach	14	Mrs. Annette Iannuccilli	30
Mrs. Joyce Condry	14	Jasper Westbrook	30
Edward St Jean	14		

## Star of the Sea Officers and Directors 2011-2012

The following officers were inducted at our June 2011 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
Insurance Agent	To Be Determined
Membership Dir	PGK Louis H. Anderson, 227-4871
Program Director	Robert Worthing, 227-4384
Church Activities Director	Robert Frankenberg 226-0906
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.