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**St. John The Beloved Council 11796**

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From Your Editor

Dear Brother Knights,

April promises to be a spectacular month. Christ is risen and the gates of heaven are open. Everywhere we look, we are reminded of what He has given us and how forgiving he can be as nature pours out His bounty in lavish displays of color and the death that winter represents yields once more to rebirth all around us. Appreciate the wonder of it. Revel in the joy of it all. Most importantly, give Him thanks as you remember who it all came from.

Think too of all we knights have to participate in on this temporal plane. We have three new members to meet, greet and welcome into our council. We have a challenge to respond to as we knights defend our undefeated streak at the annual Trivia Night contest on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have the opportunity to help those with their own special challenges as we conduct our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for the mentally handicapped on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We have the chance to reach the next level of knighthood or observe our fellow knights reach them at a second degree on April 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> or the third degree on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We can get a little smarter about insurance by attending the social meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. There's also an opportunity to remember when we could demonstrate our athletic prowess by helping the current generation demonstrate theirs at the Knights of Columbus Track Meet at Bayard Stadium on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Then we can swap exaggerated memories with equally memory challenged brothers while helping out at the pancake breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

In between the activities mentioned, you'll also have a chance fill your lungs with fresh air and get a jump start on your tan by applying the first round of fertilizer and grass seed to your emerging lawn, clear the yard of winter debris and discuss with your better half whether the windows really need to be cleaned this year. A word to the wise though, you're going to end up on the losing end of that last one so you might as well just add it to your list of things to do.

Now you might think all of this a little overwhelming. But then you had months to rest up (not counting the two grueling days you spent stringing the lights just before Christmas) so you should be ready. If you still need encouragement or moral support, go back to the first paragraph. He's not going to pass out tootsie rolls or do the windows for you, but He's always there to support and cheer you on.

Vivat Jesus,

Kevin Duffy  
Editor

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## Welcome to Our Newest Members

We extend a hearty welcome to our three newest knights and council members who made their first degree here at St. John the Beloved on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Arthur McCarthy, 33, is an accountant at Astra Zeneca. He and his wife Margaret live in Woodmill. Art can be reached at 999-1676 or [ajmaciii@aol.com](mailto:ajmaciii@aol.com). He was sponsored by Vinnie Fritton.

Chris Ryan, 42, is the Director of Facilities for the YMCA of Delaware. Chris, who also coaches here at St. John the Beloved, lives in Belford Manor with his wife Monica. Chris was sponsored by Ray McAllister. He can be reached at 994-6707 or [cryan@ymcade.org](mailto:cryan@ymcade.org).

Roger Thompson, 38, is a carpenter with Copeland Surveying. He and his wife Lou Ann live in Limestone Acres. Roger can be reached at 998-2522 or [thompson3130@netzero.com](mailto:thompson3130@netzero.com). He was also sponsored by Ray McAllister.

## Has Anyone Seen Bob?

Bob Donofrio is missing. An APB (All Points Bulletin) has been issued. The council is considering the merits of posting a reward for information leading to his safe return. The authorities are pursuing two theories that may explain his disappearance. The first is that Bob is in hiding. They think that after six days and nights of relentless questioning he finally snapped and sought refuge in the woods. The second theory is that Bob is the victim of foul play since he disappeared shortly after being seen talking with a group of men who looked like they were ready to cause him serious bodily harm just prior to the end of the last Fish Fry.

Now, the first theory has merit. How many perfectly normal men can hold up against a withering barrage of questions like “Do we have any more salt shakers?”; “How much pickle relish do I put in the tartar sauce?”; and “Are we really out of the baked fish?” Under this theory, the query that may have sent Bob seeking solace in the forest was “How does this taste?” The presumed motive in the second scenario has merit too though. Bob was heard to wonder “Should I open another box of fish?” about fifteen minutes before the end of the last event on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Witnesses have reportedly told investigators that he was immediately surrounded by three nearby knights. They claim Bob Dayett was wild eyed and waving an empty cigar box; John Keating looked like an enraged Errol Flynn as he lunged at Bob with his rapier (i.e. his brass handled cane); and Kevin Duffy appeared menacing as he approached with a roll of 50/50 tickets clenched in his hand. The witnesses did say Ann Matt seemed to have defused the situation over the next several minutes by placing herself between poor Bob and the somewhat animated council members. She was originally thought to have been shouting at the men and attempting to disarm them. The investigators determined however that she was just trying to get the 50/50 tickets back and calling to the diners exiting the hall “One for a dollar, three for two dollars and sixteen for ten dollars!”

Whatever the reason for his disappearance, we hope Bob turns up before the next Fish Fry since he’s the only one with the recipes. The reward being discussed by the by is a ten pound box of frozen fish.

All kidding aside, we really appreciate Bob’s efforts and the hard work of all of our volunteers.

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## Patriotism of Our Young

Our parish Youth Ministry, now 43 members strong, scored a major success with its recently completed Adopt a Soldier program. Under the guidance of Youth Ministry Director Greg Boulden, the group collected all sorts of personal items needed by our troops, packaged them and shipped them to our troops in Iraq. Eleven 65 pound boxes (more than 1/3 of a ton) have been shipped to Lance Corporal Robert Short and First Lieutenant Denny DeFlavis (both parishioners at St. John the Beloved) for distribution to the men and women in their units. In keeping with the Knights of Columbus' support of our youth and our core value of Patriotism, our council contributed \$200 to help cover the cost of shipping the collected goodies to our troops. An anonymous matching donation brought that to \$400. Greg will keep us posted on other projects the group has planned for the future. In the interim, he suggests anyone wishing to support our troops can visit [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com) to find out how.

## Awards for Our Young Writers and Artists

We offer our hearty congratulations to the St. John the Beloved School students who are winners of this year's Council 11796 Vocation Essay Contest. They include:

Owen Schlegel – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (poster) – *What Does a Priest or Sister Do?*

Rachel Stalb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (poster) – *What is Something a Priest Does Besides Teaching?*

Genny Hughes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (poster) – *How Has a Priest or Sister Helped You?*

John Vaile – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (poster) – *How Do You See Yourself as a Priest or Sister?*

Nicholas Smith 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (essay) – *My Unforgettable Story About a Priest or Sister*

Ryan Dias – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Five Character Traits That I Admire in a Priest or Sister*

Maggie Fassano – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (essay) – *Lifestyle Changes That Must Be Made for a Religious Vocation*

James Gleason – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (essay) – *Why We Need Dedicated Leaders in Religious Life.*

Each of our winners will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from the council. Double kudos go to Jimmy Gleason who will also receive a \$50 gift certificate from the state K of C contest for winning his grade.

## Pass the Ammo!

Well, the candy anyway. Join us in front of the church at all masses on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> as we conduct our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The ammo (candy) is given out and donations are accepted. The proceeds are used in the battle against developmental disabilities. Contact event chairman Brian Moore at [brian.moore@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:brian.moore@redclay.k12.de.us) or 239-9355 to help. Volunteers will be needed for about 15 minutes after the mass they attend or after the mass preceding the one they attend.

## Ever Wondered?

Have you ever wondered what an annuity is and how it works; how it's possible to have an insurance policy that's paid up when you retire; taken a hard look at how much insurance you have and how much you need; tried to figure out how you're going to pay for long term care when you need it; or asked yourself what a single deposit PUA rider is? Come to our council meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> and get the answers. Our field agent Jim Mullen will be providing a question and answer opportunity as part of our meeting. No pressure to buy anything; no quotas to be met; just a chance to ask questions and get straight answers. Besides, it's a social meeting which means free food and free beer. See you there.

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## Standing Room Only

Our First Degree Team, comprised of Rich Steffy, Steve Oldiges, Joe Koskol, Kevin Duffy, Jose Rodriguez, Brian Maahs, Bob Porter and Fran Sarro, conducted another first degree exemplification before a packed house on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Twenty observers watched as Art McCarthy, Chris Ryan and Roger Thompson from our council and Lawrence Maguire and Andrew Paulus from Coffee Run Council became our newest Knights of Columbus. District Deputy Martin Reynolds was present as were Grand Knight Gerry Safranski, Bruce Kirk, Ralph Paulus and Hank Steenkamer from Coffee Run Council. There were also the elements of fatherly pride and family tradition as dad Ralph Paulus observed son Andrew receive his degree. Thanks go to our team; well done goes to our observers; and a warm welcome goes to our newest knights.

## Event Calendar

### April

2	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
2	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
4	6:30 PM	Trivia Night	Parish Hall
6	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
7	9:00 AM	Chess Tournament – Pius X	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
12	9:00 AM	KofC Track Meet - Bayard Stadium	West 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington
13	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
15	7:00 PM	Second Degree – Coffee Run Coun.	7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin
16	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room
17	7:00 PM	Second Degree - Fatima Council	New Castle
19-20	All Masses	Annual Tootsie Roll Drive	Front of Church
20	7:00 PM	Second Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
27	1:15 PM	Third Degree Exemplification	Holy Child Hall, 2500 Naamans Road

### May

2	11:00 AM	Blue Mass	SJB Church
2	12:00 PM	Blue Mass Reception & Luncheon	SJB Hall
4	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
7	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
7	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
11	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
21	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room
29	6:30 PM	Sandwiches Emmanuel Dining Hall	Parish Hall

### June

1	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
4	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
4	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
15	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
18	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room

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