



**KNIGHTS
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St. John The Beloved Council 11796

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Although February is the shortest month of the year, the perpetual grayness, the bone-chilling weather, and the lack of daylight somehow make it seem like it goes on forever. It's appropriate that Groundhog's Day is in February - like the movie of the same name, every day in the month can seem like the one before it.

For us Knights, however, February provides many opportunities to break out of this rut - in fact I find it hard to believe we can cram so many things into such a small month!

Ash Wednesday comes early this year - February 6th. It is the third earliest date for Ash Wednesday (and it hasn't been this early in over 100 years!), which means we will be observing Lent for most of the month. For the third year in a row, our Council is sponsoring a Fish Fry three times during Lent: February 15th, February 29th, and March 14th. Not only does the Fish Fry help supplement our coffers, it also provides our parish an opportunity to break bread as a community. Bob Donofrio, Steve Oldiges, Brian Maahs and Pete Leccia have done a knock-out job planning for this year's meals but, as always, they need our help in manning the event. Please consider spending some time helping out.

Once again, the Parish will be having a Lenten Retreat, starting with all Masses on February 23rd and 24th, with prayer services on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening. Lent is about reflection and recommitment and the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to stop and assess our progress.

Finally, the University of Delaware basketball teams continue to play throughout the month and the Council has the opportunity to pick up some extra "pin money" by helping with the parking. Please let Joe Mahoney know if you can spare a couple of hours to help out. Besides being rewarded with the knowledge that you've helped the council, you'll also be rewarded with a ticket to the game and a great meal!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Harris
Grand Knight

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Congratulations Due

We offer our hearty congratulations to Barry Baldwin and Brian Moore who received their second degrees at the exemplification held at Seton Council 7990 on January 31st. Both are looking forward to getting their third degrees as soon as circumstances allow.

You Can Score Too

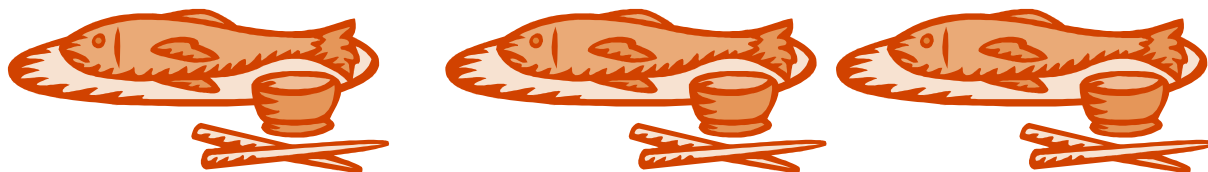
No, you don't get a walk on in the last two minutes of the Super Bowl. (This isn't the movies, it ain't Notre Dame and you're not Rudy.) You can help out by collecting food donations before any mass on Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd though. All donations go to our parish food closet. The points you score doing something good are those that help feed the hungry as Jesus encouraged us to do. After all, we're all going to need a few extra points when we get to that security check point manned by St. Peter. Contact Matty Lennon at 998-4863 or geodisplayart@comcast.net to let him know you can help or just show up twenty minutes before any mass.

♪ Are You Ready For A Miracle? ♪

♪ *Ready as I can be!* ♪ (It's the theme song from the 1992 Steve Martin movie *Leap of Faith*) and the "miracle" referred to here is the loaves and fishes – or in our case the fries and fishes. Yes, worthy brothers, it's Fish Fry time again and our eager, nay, exuberant, erstwhile and energetic emissaries (that's Bob, Steve, Pete and Brian) of our annual event are once again in need of the many and varied talents of their fellow knights to staff the Fish Fry's on February 15th and 29th and March 14th. Each night will require 45 volunteers. Those of you who enjoy being ambassadors of good will, with a smile always at the ready, can staff the hall and those of you who just can't wait to dazzle the rest of us mere mortals with your culinary expertise can staff the kitchen. (For you brothers who would like to work the kitchen but are afraid your good wives will remember it the next time they need your help in the home kitchen, we have a form that spouses are required to sign that says they can't remind you of the skills you demonstrated at the Fish Fry the next time they need your help preparing dinner and you use that well worn line "I don't know how.")

The menu will be baked or fried flounder fillets with sides of baked potato, macaroni & cheese or French fries; cole slaw, applesauce or string beans; and a dinner roll). Dinners are served from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The Adult meals are \$8.00 and Children's are \$4.00. Coffee, tea and milk are free. The Little Sisters of the Poor will offer heavenly desserts (for an earthly amount).

We sold nearly 1,000 dinners last year. Bob and Steve have streamlined operations so fewer volunteers will be needed. This is one of the council's two largest fundraisers. It is not possible without a lot of help though so if you've been waiting for an event to contribute your time to, this is the one. Check your calendars and then contact Bob at 998-2723 or donfrio5@comcast.net or Steve Oldiges at 234-8150 or sjbkofc@hotmail.com to let them know when you will be available.



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Fraternity, Food and Courtside Excitement

Spend an hour and forty-five minutes parking several dozen cars with your fellow council members at a University of Delaware basketball game. Then go inside for a really good (roast beef or chicken plus a side, dessert and a drink) dinner. Finish up the evening watching a terrific ball game courtside. Interested? See the schedule below in the Events Calendar and then contact Joe Mahoney at 998-1774 or dmyhoney@peoplepc.com to let him know you can help.

Retirement Options Available From The Knights of Columbus

However you want to structure your personal retirement savings, the Knights of Columbus has a plan for you.

Our flexible premium annuity allows for deposits as your budget allows. You can make contributions as frequently or infrequently as you wish, and you'll always earn a competitive rate of interest and enjoy the tax-deferred accumulation that an annuity provides.

Another option is our single premium deferred annuity. That's right—you can obtain a safe, secure retirement annuity for a single deposit. What could be easier? Make one deposit, let it collect interest on a tax-deferred basis until you reach retirement age, then have the opportunity to receive an income off those funds that you can never outlive.

For those who are at or approaching retirement age, our single premium immediate annuity may be for you. With a single deposit, you can immediately begin receiving an income that you can never outlive, while earning a competitive rate of interest on invested funds.

Finally, for those who have more substantial funds to invest in their retirement, the newest addition to our portfolio is our VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity. With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, you can lock in an interest rate for five full years (tax-deferred, of course); with some very flexible options once the five-year term expires.

Every K of C annuity comes with a variety of settlement options that will meet virtually every retirement income need. You may elect to receive a monthly income for a specified period of time. You may elect to receive a monthly income for life (there's the "income you can never outlive" mentioned earlier), or a joint lifetime monthly income (payable jointly to you and your spouse). Under this option, when one of the joint recipients dies, the survivor will receive a monthly sum – for life - equal to two-thirds of the amount paid while both were still alive.

Jim Mullen will be happy to meet with you and help you begin to secure a comfortable, worry-free retirement for you and your family. Contact him by cell phone at 302-373-0372 or at his home/office 410-648-6908 or e-mail at james.mullenjr@kofc.org.

Event Calendar

February

2-3	All Masses	Souper Bowl Sunday	Front of Church
3	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
3	12:30 PM	Polar Bear Plunge / Spec Olympics	Sands Hotel, Rehoboth, DE
6	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
6	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
6	7:15 PM	U D Basketball (UNC Wilmington)	U of D Field House
9	12:15 PM	U D Basketball (VA Commonwlth)	U of D Field House
10	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
14	6:00 PM	Preparation for Fish Fry	Hall Kitchen
15	5:00 PM	Council Fish Fry	Parish Hall
16	12:15 PM	U of D Basketball (Drexel)	U of D Field House
20	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room
24	1:15 PM	Third Degree Exemplification	Marydel Fire Hall
27	5:15 PM	U of D Basketball (Hofstra)	U of D Field House (only 2 needed)
28	6:30 PM	Sandwiches Emmanuel Dining Hall	Parish Hall
28	6:00 PM	Preparation for Fish Fry	Hall Kitchen
29	5:00 PM	Council Fish Fry	Parish Hall

March

2	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
2	11:00 AM	Mission Breakfast	Christ Our King
5	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
5	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
9	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
9	1:00 PM	K of C Free Throw Contest	St Peter's
13	6:00 PM	Preparation for Fish Fry	Hall Kitchen
14	5:00 PM	Council Fish Fry	Parish Hall
19	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room

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
13	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
16	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
27	1:15 PM	Third Degree Exemplification	Holy Child Hall, 2500 Naamans Road

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