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**St. John The Beloved Council 11796**

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A letter from your Editor

Dear Brother Knights,

“Where haaaaaaaaaaaaave you been?” you might ask of your worthy editor. Good question. Before answering that, let me put you in the proper paleological mindset. You’ve all heard of the La Brea Tar Pits in California. Well, saber toothed tigers and other large toothy critters would chase their prey which, panicked by what was chasing them, would run into the tar pits and sink into the mess. The big boys, ignorant of everything except the fact that they were hungry would follow. No one got eaten and no one ate but each wound up preserved for the ages in the pungent black hydrocarbon distillate. Got the picture? Good. Now imagine me as either the panicked prey or the witless wonder chasing it and think of the Tar Pits as the modern day world of computers and cyber-technology. In plain English, my computer system has not been working as Dell® and Microsoft® intended and your pre computer editor has been as incapacitated as the aforementioned quadrupeds. Anthropologists of the future may find my remains enmeshed in USB cables and clutching a keyboard with my visage frozen in an expression of complete confusion or, more probably, towering rage.

April and May newsletters were done and will be emailed soon. Copies will be mailed to those without email. Some of the information will be out of date but at least you’ll be current on members we have lost and gained and what the council has been up to while I’ve been technologically incapacitated.

Our first meeting this month was not held due to the carnival. The second meeting, scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> will therefore be important. Elections for next year’s council officers will be held and our annual distribution of funds to the causes we support is scheduled. Please make an effort to attend this one.

As for our world at large, what can I say? The president’s address at Notre Dame was more reasoned than we could have hoped for. It wasn’t entirely pro life but it wasn’t personal rights at any cost either. We won’t know what our Supreme Court justice elect really thinks until she begins issuing rulings so all we can do now is pray that reason prevails. The hate mongers are still among us spewing their vitriol and, as the incident at the Holocaust Museum clearly demonstrates, willing to vent that hatred through the barrel of a gun. On the geopolitical front, we can hope that that same blind animus is replaced with a willingness to reach out to others at the polls in Iran and that the nuclear madness in Korea does not result in yet another murderous conflict on that divided peninsula. So, let us pray.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Duffy  
Editor

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## And The Winners Are.....

Congratulations go out to the winners of our first annual Knights of Columbus Michael DiCostanza Memorial Scholarships. They are graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders Maggie Fassano (daughter of council member Joe Fassano) and Patrick Cullington. The \$250 scholarships will be paid to the schools our graduates will be going to in the fall. Maggie will be attending Padua and Patrick will be attending St. Mark's. The winners were selected by an SJB committee following guidelines established by the council and the awards were presented by our Grand Knight Bill Harris during graduation ceremonies on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Newest Sir Knights

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our newest Sir Knights David Knox and Kenneth Tjaden. Dave and Ken completed their Third Degree Exemplification that was held at Holy Child Council on April 26<sup>th</sup>. For those of you not familiar with the situation, it's been a long haul for these two. They've been intending to complete the third degree for years but found their work schedules at the auto plant invariably conflicted with the times previous exemplifications were scheduled for. They're a persistent pair however and that persistence has paid off. Way to go Ken and Dave!

## A Knight's Eagle

Council member Bill Burgess' son will receive his Eagle Scout Award on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill Jr. built the gazebo behind Vianney House to meet the project requirements for this prestigious scouting award.

## Can You Hear Me Now?

Using runners to relay messages between the front and back parking lots at good old St. John the Beloved was getting to be a bit much for our volunteer parking attendants so the council voted at its May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to authorize \$200 to purchase four new radios. Now, they can stand still while yelling "What did you say?" into their new radios instead of running from one lot to another and yelling it over a hundred parked cars. Just kidding, The new radios proved to be a big help at this year's carnival.

## By Laws at Last

For years, our council has been working without a set of written by-laws because no one could find the originals. Due to Grand Knight Bill Harris' initiative and perseverance however, that problem has now been corrected. A set of by-laws has been obtained from Supreme. They will be distributed to the membership for review prior to a vote being taken to adopt them as the council's governing rules. In the interim, a motion was approved at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to set the number needed to make a quorum at ten council members. A quorum is the minimum number of active members needed to conduct council business.

## Membership Directory to be Available

It was decided to make a directory of council members, their addresses and phone numbers available to active members on request at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members should contact the Grand Knight to obtain a copy. The directory is only available to active members and will not be made public.

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## Slate of Officers

New officers will be elected at the business meeting to be held in the conference room at 7:30 PM on Wednesday June 17, 2009. The slate of candidates for council officers for the new Columbian Year that runs July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 is:

Grand Knight	Kevin Duffy
Deputy Grand Knight	Joseph Koskol
Chancellor	Jose Rodriguez
Treasurer	Robert Dayett
Warden	David Eppelheimer
Inside Guard	John Piechoski
Outside Guard	Charles Mealey, Jr.
Advocate	Open
Trustee 3 Year	William Harris
Trustee 2 Year	Richard Steffy
Trustee 1 Year	William Matt

The council Chaplain, Father William Cocco, is appointed by the bishop. The Financial Secretary, James (Ray) McAllister, Sr., is appointed to a three year term.

Deputy Grand Knight Joe Koskol, who was in line to become Grand Knight, has requested a one year stay due to work commitments that he believes will make it impossible to perform the duties of Grand Knight as well as he would like.

## Flapjack Finale

Remember that our last Pancake Breakfast of the Columbian Year is this month. The date has been changed to the third Sunday of the month on June 21<sup>st</sup> to coincide with Fathers' Day. There will be no breakfasts scheduled in July or August to give our volunteers a well deserved summer respite so volunteer for this one if you can. Help is needed anytime between 6:00 and 11:00 AM.

## Summer Meeting Schedule Changes Loom

Remember there are no business meetings on the first Wednesdays of the month during July and August. Social meetings are held however so check the Event Calendar that follows for dates and times.

## Super Scrapbooking Session Scheduled

The council is sponsoring a first ever Scrapbooking Event on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM in the parish hall. Scrapbookers can reserve tables for \$30.00. Vendors can reserve tables for \$10.00. Table fees include lunch, dinner and snacks. Shoppers are admitted free. For additional details, contact Deen Mahoney at 998-1774 or [dmyhoney2@verizon.net](mailto:dmyhoney2@verizon.net) or check out the council website at [www.11796.kofc-de.org/](http://www.11796.kofc-de.org/).

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## Event Calendar

### June

1-6	6:00 PM	Carnival Parking	SJB Front Lot & Athletic Field
13-14		Farewell Reception – Father Cocco	SJB Hall After All Masses
16	7:30 PM	First Degree – Christopher Council	135 Princeton Ave., Claymont
17	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
20	9:00 AM	Scrapbooking Event	Parish Hall
21	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
28	2:00 PM	First Degree in Spanish	Holy Child, 82 Possum Park Rd, Newark

### July

5	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
16	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room

### August

2	7:00 PM	First Degree – St. Pius X Council	Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington
16	TBA	State Picnic	TBA
18	7:30 PM	First Degree – Christopher Council	135 Princeton Ave., Claymont
20	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room