



**KNIGHTS  
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**St. John The Beloved Council 11796**

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As a child, Christmas was my favorite holiday - gifts, Santa Claus, candy canes, and carols- what was there not for a kid to love? As I've grown older, though, I find that Thanksgiving has become tops on my list. With my maturity I've learned that the life is less about things and more about people. Thanksgiving allows us to stop and take a breath before the mad rush at the end of the year. Time spent with family gathered from near and far is now more important than the next "must have" electronic gizmo and thanking God for his blessings is more fulfilling than asking Him for things I don't really need.

One of the traditions in our family is, before digging into the Turkey Day dinner, we all identify some of the things for which we are most thankful. Much to my delight, the children often mention things we adults are either too busy to notice or too jaded to appreciate. Their words certainly help me with my perspective.

So if I were to ask in the next council meeting "What, as Knights, are we most grateful for?" what would our answers be? Besides the obvious answers of the love of our Lord and the blessings of our families, I think we have many other things for which we should be thanking God:

- A parish blessed with three caring and energetic priests. Last month we showed Fathers Charlie, Cocco, and Adrian our gratitude on Priesthood Sunday. We should also remember to thank God for sending them to us.
- A strong council backed by a slate of proactive State and Supreme officers. It is their guidance that helps us provide support and assistance to our Mother Church.
- The spiritual and physical support of our brother knights. Our prayers provide comfort during dark times and our material assistance eases the burdens on our families in times of need.

So during November, as we are thanking our King for all he has given us, remember to thank Him not only for our physical blessings, but also for the spiritual and fraternal gifts He has sent to us. But don't limit giving thanks to that prayer right before feasting; remember to thank God everyday for the countless good He has sent our way.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Harris

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## A Brother Passes

Council member Peter J. Beaty, 63, died October 6<sup>th</sup> when the small private plane he was piloting developed mechanical problems and crashed shortly after take-off from the New Garden Airport in nearby Chester County PA. An engineer, Peter was retired from the DuPont Company. He was a third degree knight and charter member of our council who lived in Newark with his wife Dianne. Members are asked to keep Peter, Dianne, their three adult children Christine, Karen and Matthew and the entire Beaty family in their prayers.

## Honors Bestowed

We offer our congratulations to Thomas Pollutri, who made his Second Degree on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The newest member of our council and a man on the fast track, Tom plans on getting his third degree this month.

## Another First

Our council's First Degree Team will conduct an exemplification on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM. This time however they will be at the Pius X Council home located at Scott and Lancaster Streets in Wilmington. Members are encouraged to attend to support the team. Pius X is a ten minute drive from SJB. Turn left onto Scott Street to access the parking lot right behind the building

## Date Change for Third Degree

The third degree originally scheduled for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Elizabeth Ann Seton has been moved. The correct date and time is 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Elizabeth Ann Seton. Candidates need to be present at 5:30 PM. Contact Kevin Duffy at [americor.duffy@comcast.net](mailto:americor.duffy@comcast.net) or 366-1655 if you plan to attend as we will need to provide a head count prior to the degree.

## November Meeting Changes

Being the busy parish that we are, scheduling conflicts are bound to occur. So, our business meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the Gerres Building. Times remain the same however – the rosary at 7:00 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM. (For our newer members, the Gerres Building is the small red brick building directly behind the church.)

The November 21<sup>st</sup> social meeting is cancelled in lieu of the council's Mass of Remembrance the following week on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Only Two Chances Left

For those of you longing to experience the joys of a fresh autumn morn or the burst of colors that a fall afternoon provides in the bucolic fields enveloping the halls of academe, you have just two chances left to accomplish your goal this season. Just contact Joe Mahoney at [dmyhoney@peoplepc.com](mailto:dmyhoney@peoplepc.com) or call him at 998-1774 and let him know you want to help park cars at a Blue Hens football game. (What, you thought we were giving away Monet originals?) Check the Events Calendar below for dates and times.

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## Knights and Parish Express Their Appreciation

The parish expressed its thanks to our three terrific priests – Father Charlie, Father Cocco and Father Adrian – on Priesthood Sunday in a variety of ways this year on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. There were of course the roadside billboards that thanked our clergy for all they do for us. There was the banner over the main entrance of the church. Students from both the school and the religious education program made thank you cards. The cards were then presented and a poem read at the 9:30 mass on the 28<sup>th</sup> with all three clergymen present and there was a picnic for our priests and parishioners that afternoon. And, lastly, money was provided by our council and several parish organizations to purchase gift certificates to Conely's Steakhouse on the Christina Waterfront.

A hearty round of applause goes to Steve Oldiges, statewide chairman for the event, for arranging for the signs and to Deputy Grand Knight Pete Leccia and Kathy Parlamenti, from the Education Committee, for organizing the events at the parish level. Thanks also go to Tom Dawson; Kevin Duffy; Vinnie Fritton; Bill and Karen Harris; Pete and Vicky Leccia; Steve and Valerie Oldiges; Kathy, Elvira and Richard Parlameti, and Mike, Mary and Tony Solomon for set up and cleanup for the picnic.

And for all they do, we say to our three priestly knights

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**Merci      Danke      Grazie**

Father Charlie, Father Cocco and Father Adrian

**Gratia**

## Red Socks and Education Committee Score Sweeps

The Education Committee scored a resounding win with its first ever Bidamania Night on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended; the silent auctions drew lots of attention; the live auction was spirited; and the games were a lot of fun. (Suggestion: Be wary of entering a coin toss competition with our council chaplain – his coin came up heads seven times in a row!) The food was tasty, especially the two fountains that provided a continuous flow of liquid chocolate throughout the night (to Steve Oldiges and Bob Donofrio – Hint, Hint, HINT !!) Many knights and their ladies were there to participate in the fun. Now, that's the scoop on Bidamania. For you baseball fans, you'll just have to read the sports section in the paper. Congratulations to the entire Education Committee for their innovation, hard work and well earned success.

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## Hoops Anyone?

No, we're not challenging you to a game of "Horse"; we're talking about the rapidly approaching University of Delaware Basketball season. Our council provides four men for two hours to park cars at each home game. You show up at 5:30 PM; park cars until 7:00 PM or so; and then go in, get a fabulous (really!) free meal and (if you choose) watch the game for free. It's the next best thing to watching a game at home on your sofa while the wife (no, no, scratch that – the kids) bring you nachos and cheese and a cold drink. Check the Event Calendar below, then contact Joe Mahoney at [dmyhoney@peoplepc.com](mailto:dmyhoney@peoplepc.com) or call him at 998-1774 to let him know you're interested.

## Celebrate, Celebrate, Dance to the Music

Never mind, no one under 40 was around when Three Dog Night produced that one. Anyway, about celebrations, join Bishop Saltarelli, our pastor Father Charlie and your fellow knights and parishioners for the dedication of SJB's new Celebration Garden immediately following the 12:30 mass on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. As a council, we're still looking at how we can contribute to the new garden located between the church and the hall but we can show our knightly support by being there for its dedication.

## Felice Navidad

The council is selling Christmas cards again this year so if you really want your holiday message to remind everyone of the divine reason for the season, pick up a box at a Pancake Breakfast in November or December or contact Pam or Jim Walls at [pamawalls@comcast.net](mailto:pamawalls@comcast.net). These are full size cards that are reasonably priced in boxes of 18 to 25 cards each. You'll like the message you're sending. Those you send them too will appreciate the thought. The council will benefit. And, we will all have done our part in a small and thoughtful way of Keeping Christ in Christmas.

## We Had Such A Good Time...

...last year, we've decided to do it again - our council Christmas Dinner that is. It will on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cavaliers Country Club (100 Addison Drive in Newark). The bar opens at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. This annual holiday event always proves to be fun so plan now to attend. Reservations are required and can be made with Chick Mealey at 420-8777 or [chasomalley1@yahoo.com](mailto:chasomalley1@yahoo.com). or Kevin Duffy at 366-1655 or [americor.duffy@comcast.net](mailto:americor.duffy@comcast.net).



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## Event Calendar

### November

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|----|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3  | 8:00 AM    | U of D Parking (James Madison)    | Lot 9                             |
| 4  | 7:00 PM    | First Degree – St. Pius X Council | Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington |
| 4  | 5:30 PM    | Third Degree – Seton Council      | 345 Bear–Christiana Road, Bear    |
| 4  | 1:30 PM    | Dedication of Celebration Garden  | Church after 12:30 PM Mass        |
| 7  | 7:00 PM    | Council Rosary                    | Gerres Building                   |
| 7  | 7:30 PM    | Council 11796 Business Meeting    | Gerres Building                   |
| 10 | 9:00 AM    | U of D Parking (Richmond)         | Lot 9                             |
| 11 | 7:30 AM    | Pancake Breakfast                 | Parish Hall                       |
| 11 | All Masses | Veterans' Day Gift Collection     | Church Vestibule                  |
| 17 | 1:00 PM    | Ronald McDonald House             | 1901 Rockland Road, Wilmington    |
| 17 | 9:00 AM    | Fourth Degree                     | Sheraton Hotel in Dover           |
| 27 | 5:30 PM    | U of D Basketball (Hampton)       | U of D Field House                |
| 28 | 6:30 PM    | 11796 Memorial Mass & Dinner      | Church & Parish Hall              |
| 28 | 6:30 PM    | Ministry of Caring Sandwich Prep  | Parish Hall                       |

### December

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|----|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2  | 7:00 PM | First Degree – St. Pius X Council | Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington |
| 3  | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Towson)        | U of D Field House                |
| 5  | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Albany)        | U of D Field House                |
| 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  | 6:00 PM | Council Christmas Party           | Cavaliers Country Club            |
| 22 | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Boston Univ.)  | U of D Field House                |

### January

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|----|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2  | 7:00 PM | Council Rosary                    | Conference Room                   |
| 2  | 7:30 PM | Council 11796 Business Meeting    | Conference Room                   |
| 6  | 7:00 PM | First Degree – St. Pius X Council | Scott & Lancaster Sts, Wilmington |
| 9  | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Geo. Mason)    | U of D Field House                |
| 12 | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Old Dominion)  | U of D Field House                |
| 13 | 7:30 AM | Pancake Breakfast                 | Parish Hall                       |
| 16 | 7:30 PM | Council 11796 Social Meeting      | Conference Room                   |
| 20 | 6:00 PM | Chess Tournament Set Up           | Parish Hall                       |
| 21 | 8:00 AM | Knights in Battle Chess Tourney   | Parish Hall                       |
| 22 | 8:30 AM | 35 <sup>th</sup> March for Life   | Washington, DC                    |
| 26 | 5:30 PM | U of D Basketball (Georgia State) | U of D Field House                |
| 28 | 6:00 PM | Chaplains' Dinner                 | Cavaliers Country Club            |

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