



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. John The Beloved Council 11796

Dear Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus have designated this Columbian Year the “Year of the Volunteer”. Do I hear groans in the background? Did someone just say “Man, I have so much on my plate right now I barely have enough time to shower and sleep – I just can’t add anything else.”? OK, I’ll grant you those are not entirely unreasonable (or unexpected) responses. You can relax though, you’re not being asked to sign up for a weekly 5K marathon and race in 26 cities in 25 weeks. No, your Order is simply asking that you take a moment to reflect on our motto - *In service to one. In service to all.*

Our second of four core values is Unity. In its simplest form, it means 173 of us working together over time can accomplish a heck of a lot more than each of us working alone. It also means we don’t each have to spend an enormous amount of time trying to participate in every event – we just need to pick one or two of those events spread over the year.

For instance, you may not be a morning person or you may by tradition visit grandma on the second Sunday of every month so helping at a pancake breakfast is out. But you might have a couple of hours available on one of the five Saturday afternoons that Delaware has a home game to park cars (and get into the game free). Maybe you work evenings and can’t come to any of our Wednesday evening meetings but that leaves you available to spend an hour early in the afternoon on September 30th to help set up the Garden of Crosses. Maybe, well never mind, you get the point. Look at your schedule. Look at the Events Calendar. See what interests you and where you can volunteer an hour or two and then take it from there.

Remember too that we are a parish and opportunities to help abound. Our Religious Education Department still needs a couple of teachers for this year’s CCD program. An hour and a half on Tuesday evenings and you get to spread the faith to 12 – 15 of our church’s future generation. Contact Pauline Berlingieri at 994-7757 for the details. Our new Youth Ministry Program has been an overwhelming success. A couple of adult volunteers on Sunday evenings would help to ensure its continued success. Give Greg Boulden a call at 998-5525 ext 229 for more information.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Duffy
Grand Knight

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You Didn't Think It Would Last Forever Did You?

Our summer schedule of social meetings only that is. Well it's September and it's back to business. That means we resume our normal schedule of business meetings on the first Wednesday of each month starting September 2nd at 7:30. Our social meeting will be on September 16th at 7:30.

Knight of the Month

David A. Eppelheimer has been awarded Knight of the Month honors for August. Dave joined the Knights of Columbus nineteen years ago. He is a charter member of our council and has served as an officer or director every year for the past thirteen years. A fourth degree knight, Dave was our first Deputy Grand Knight in 1996; assumed the post of Grand Knight upon the death of Mike DiCostanza in 1997 and was then elected to his own term as Grand Knight in 1998. Since then, Dave has served as Trustee, Youth Director, Family Director and, since 2003, as Warden. He lives his faith and personifies what each of us strives to be as a knight through his attendance at mass each Sunday. He has further proven he is an indispensable member of our council through his years of service as an officer and his regular participation in events such as our pancake breakfasts, Lenten Fish Fry's, the annual parish carnival and others. He has for years also ensured that members attending our twice monthly council meetings are sustained body and soul through his provision of nutritional food and drink at those meetings. Dave's quiet persona and selfless demeanor often belie his value as a council member but we know and recognize that, like other constants in the universe such as gravity and the silent energy of the sun, he is always there. Congratulations Dave and thank you.

Family of the Month Award

Carl and Irene Klein have been awarded Family of the Month honors for August. Carl is a third degree knight and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus who is celebrating fifty-two years of membership in the Order this year. He has regularly participated as a volunteer in many of our council events such as our breakfasts and fish fry's. He also serves in parish ministry and can be seen and heard providing the readings at mass as a Lector. Equally active in service to our parish and our council, Irene is a regular kitchen volunteer at many functions. And for the past twenty years, she has lifted our spirits and led us in song as a member of the parish choir. Carl and Irene are two of the gentlest and most self-effacing people you will probably ever meet so they don't stick out in a crowd but we know what standouts they are for our council and our parish so we thank them for their contributions and congratulate them on a well deserved honor.

Your Homework Assignment

As promised last month, the proposed by-laws for our council are attached. Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to read them and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. And no, this newsletter will not self-destruct in five seconds. At our May meeting, the council voted to set ten as a quorum. We'll save you reaching for your trusty copy of Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum is the minimum number of active members needed to conduct council business and vote on resolutions. (Don't tell your kids we gave you the answer or they'll expect the same from you when they're doing their homework.) If you have comments or questions, contact Kevin Duffy at 366-1655 or americor.duffy@comcast.net. The finalized by-laws will be voted on at our October 7th meeting.

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Don't Forget

We have volunteered to staff the luncheon reception in the hall on Sunday September 20th. It follows this year's diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the 12:30 mass for those celebrating 25 and 50 or more years of marriage. We anticipate needing 8 to 12 volunteers between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. Contact Kevin Duffy at americor.duffy@comcast.net or 366-1655 to sign up for this event.

Spatial Reckoning & Geometry

You read about our agreement with the U of D folks to park cars in last month's newsletter. No, no, you're not parking cars in the newsletter, you read about it in the newsletter. Ok, I got an "A" in English, but my sentence structure didn't count against me back then. Anyway, we have three games in September - Friday the 4th, Saturday the 12th and Saturday the 19th. Volunteer for one or more games and you get to watch someone try to put a 16 foot pickup truck in a 10 foot parking space while you're telling him "It ain't gonna fit" or someone else try to park a car shaped like an 8 foot rectangle in such a manner that it takes up the space of a circle with a 12 foot diameter. Contact Joe Mahoney at dmyhoney2@verizon.net or 998-1774. Tell him you want to be one of the 11 volunteers needed for each game. You'll be telling friends and co-workers for weeks afterward about the spatially and geometrically challenged drivers you saw at the university. With the correct hand gestures and just a little embellishment on your part, they'll have a good laugh and you'll earn the reputation of being the funniest person in the company.

You Don't Need It Now – But You Will

American men can now live to be nearly 80 and American women to be more than 85. Most of the money you will spend on healthcare costs in your entire lifetime will be spent during the last ten years of your life. That's the point when you will be least able to afford it. Long term care at that point will cost \$40,000 a year or more. Medicare won't cover it. Your kids will be paying college tuition for your grandchildren so they won't be able to help much if at all. What about your retirement savings? How much is left after the current market meltdown? If you sell the house to pay the bills, where will your spouse live? Isn't it time you considered the Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance? You can choose from multiple options - just nursing home costs; assisted living costs; or an all-encompassing plan that includes home care costs. Premiums are discounted if you're married and discounted further if both of you are enrolled. You can spend less on premiums in 20 years than what you will spend for just one year in a nursing home. Think you won't need it? Every brother we've lost in the past two years has needed extended care over the past few months of his life. You may get "lucky" and go quick if you meet the proverbial bus, but it's not likely. And, if you think you can't afford it right now, consider that you're not getting any younger and it won't get any cheaper. Protect yourself, your spouse, your kids and your assets. Contact our council's field agent Jim Mullen, Jr. at 302-373-0372 or james.mullenjr@kofc.org and see what the Knights can do for you.

Event Calendar

September

2	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
2	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
2	7:00 PM	Second Degree – Seton Council	St. Eliz. Ann Seton, Bear
4	2:45 PM	U of D Parking (West Chester)	Lot 9
6	7:00 PM	First Degree – Pius X Council	Scott and Lancaster Streets
10	7:30 PM	State Council Meeting	Pius X, Scott and Lancaster Streets
11	7:00 PM	Second Degree, Pius X Council	Scott and Lancaster Streets
12	11:15 AM	U of D Parking (Richmond)	Lot 9 (Band Day)
13	7:15 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
16	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room
19	7:45 AM	U of D Parking (Delaware State)	Lot 9
20	1:00 PM	Anniversary Mass Reception	Parish Hall
22	7:00 PM	Second Degree, Holy Angels	82 Possum Park Rd, Newark
30	10:00 AM	Set up Garden of Crosses	SJB Garage (Behind Parish Hall)

October

4	7:00 PM	First Degree – Pius X Council	Scott and Lancaster Streets
7	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
7	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
10	1:45 PM	U of D Parking (U Mass)	Lot 9 (Parents Weekend)
11	7:15 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
13	7:00 PM	First Degree – Holy Angels	82 Possum Park Road, Newark
15	9:30 AM	Soccer Skills Competition	U of D @ Rollo Field (Rtes 4 and 896)
16	7:00 PM	Second Degree, Pius X Council	Scott and Lancaster Streets
20	7:30 PM	First Degree – Christopher Council	135 Princeton Ave, Claymont
21	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Social Meeting	Conference Room
25	9:00 AM	Priesthood Sunday	
29	6:30 PM	Sandwich Prep for Emmanuel DR	Parish Hall
31	7:45 AM	U of D Parking (James Madison)	Lot 9 (Homecoming)

November

1	7:00 PM	First Degree – Pius X Council	Scott and Lancaster Streets
4	7:00 PM	Council Rosary	Conference Room
4	7:30 PM	Council 11796 Business Meeting	Conference Room
7	7:45 AM	U of D Parking (Hofstra)	Lot 9 (Hall of Fame Day)
8	7:15 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
18	6:30 PM	Council 11796 Memorial Mass	Conference Room
21	9:00 AM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Sheraton Hotel, Dover

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Bylaws are available upon request from the Webmaster.

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