
The Saint Michael

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Holy Family Parish

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Grand Knights Report

The 2007 / 2008 Columbian Year is about to come to a close. For me as your Grand Knight it was truly remarkable and a very rewarding experience. I thank you for all the support provided. It was outstanding and very much appreciated.

To highlight this years accomplishments would take more than the space allotted but to mention just a few would help us all understand just how special belonging to and participating in all the activities at your St. Michael Council can be.

- ❖ July 07 began with the Summer Fest and many Knights and Lady Knights helped contribute to its success, and one was a featured performer - our own Charlie Elvis Kopishke.
- ❖ September things got into full gear with our 50th Anniversary Planning, which carried forth with a Super Celebration at Cavaliers Country Club. Thanks to the leadership of Bro. Joe Mc Cann, Herb Bessey, Charlie Kopishke, Dave Feaster, yours truly and our wonderful wives.
- ❖ November Father Joe provided a very special Memorial Mass dedicated to our deceased Brothers. If you missed it this year – be sure to attend this November for a Mass you will always remember.
- ❖ December was devoted to special efforts to the needy with donations and gifts to those less fortunate. Also, a focus of “Keep Christ In Christmas” was well received.
- ❖ January was Councils recognition of our Chaplains in appreciation for all they do.

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A Message from our Chaplain, Fr Joe Wisniewski

Dear Brother Knights,

What a wonderful year we have had: a year of service, a year of prayer, a year of living out our commitment to family, church, and country. You are all to be commended for your dedication, perseverance, and your constant willingness to help out wherever you are needed. Everywhere I look, I see “Knights In Action” and it is a testimony to your love and loyalty. On behalf of Fr. Nash, Fr. Kenny, and the people of Holy Family...thank you!

With that said, I want to challenge you to continue to be strong Catholic men over the upcoming summer months. As you take you well-deserved vacations, don't take a vacation from God or the Church. As you travel, make it a point to find the local Catholic church and attend Mass. As you find that restful spot, take in all the ways that God has blessed you and your family. As you hike through the woods or stroll down the beach, pray your rosary. As you spend time with you family and friends, find a way to let them know how much you care about them. May this summer be for a restful and regenerating time for you and your family.

See you at Summerfest!

Fr. Joe

Quick Hits

We need K of C members to help at and attend the July Summer Fest

St. Michael Council is participating in the Garden of Hope at Holy Family. We are supporting and maintaining a garden plot for the Out Reach Program.

The Council received recognition for Community and Membership at State Convention

Good of the Order

GOOD OF THE ORDER- Two of our Brothers are in dire straights with family illness, incredible medical and home bills and are in need of **HELP**. Our Council has appropriated a donation but they both will need more. They both have worked and supported St. Michael Council and Holy Family Parish for many years. May I ask if you can make a personal contribution to assist- please make your check out to St. Michael Council and send to: Bro. Tom Duffy, 416 Haystack Dr. Newark De 19711. Thanks in advance.

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Grand Knights Report

Code Purple was implemented through the guide of our Chaplain and Parish Outreach. Those homeless were housed at the Parish Hall two nights when temperatures were 15 F or below. Our Council received the State Community Services Award at the State Mtg. May 2008.

Easter was early this year –25 of your Brothers helped other parish groups with preparing the church during the Triduum. What a wonderful way to conclude Lent and celebrate Easter.

Membership Team was formed and did an outstanding job recruiting 25 New Members. I am pleased to report many have remained active doing great things for our Council. Bros. Lynch, Hageman, Strawser, Mitchell & Gardner deserve our special thanks.

You can see, this has been a truly outstanding year and as the great Philosopher and Supreme Papam said “You ain’t seen nothing yet”

Come out to a meeting and rekindle your K of C Spirit. Second & Fourth Mondays – See you.

Election News

June 9 Council Meeting members approved St. Michael Council officers for 2008 / 2009 Columbian Year. They are:

Grand Knight	Fran McManus
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Johnstone
Chancellor	Frank Strawser
Recorder	Perry Best
Treasurer	Robert McLean
Advocate	Dave Feaster
Warden	Ed Hageman
Inside Guard	Ray Bodnar
Outside Guard	Robert Stopyra
Trustee 3 Year	Charlie Kopishke
Trustee 2 Year	Joseph McCann
Trustee 1 Year	James Gardner

We extend a SPECIAL THANKS to Bros. Al Ware (DGK) and Rick Judd (Chancellor) who will be vacating their respective post after several years of exemplary service to our Council.

Garden Plots-

If you can spare an hour a week to look over our two plots, which have been planted with vegetables for the needy of Holy Family Parish, please call Bro. Fran Strawser at 737-1916. The work includes watering and pulling any foreign growth. Easy and know you can do it. Please call Frank and

Upcoming Events / Activities

International Night June 23, 2008

Come one come all to Holy Family Parish Hall at 7pm to help celebrate the camaraderie and conclusion of this Columbian year. Bring your favorite dish / dessert of your ethnic heritage and plan sharing with 6 others. It should be a fun evening- please call Bro. Pete Lisinski by June 20 at 378-3200 to let him know your coming. See you there.

SummerFest July 10 to 13

Please plan to lend a hand in helping make this Parish event the most successful one yet. There is need for you to volunteer your services for set-up, take down or working at the Fest. Please call Bros. Mike Handlin at 731-5554, Matt Mitchell 286-0211 or Pete Zarycki 378-1018 to sign up. Yes, just two hours would be great, of course if you can spare a few more that would also be nice.

Our Council is planning to have a booth at the SummerFest this year to help promote Youth Activities through the formation of a K of C Squires Program in the fall. Young men between 13 and 17 will be encouraged to focus on projects that assist Holy Family Church and parish while having fun at the same time; while preparing them for eventual membership in St. Michael Council at age 18. If this sounds like something you would like to become involved in, please call Fran McManus at 737-0917

Recognition

Family of the Year



Recognition for St. Michael Council went to our Brother Wayne Wilberding Family. He and wife Anne have supported our Council, Church and Community for years in many different areas. Congratulations Anne and Wayne – A recognition well deserved..

Family of the Month

January	Thomas F Duffy
February	Joseph R McCann
March	Rick Johnstone
April	Rich Judd
May	Carmelo Palazzo

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Recognition

State of Delaware Knight of the Year honors went to our PSD Jim Gardner. His untiring efforts in conjunction with A Rose and A Prayer to persuade our State Legislators to vote against embryonic stem cell research. Also, Jim's efforts on State Audit Committee, Retention and K of C License Plate program were all recognized.

State Convention recognized Bro. Joe Mc Cann for his outstanding direction and leadership with Youth Programs to include the State Free Throw Contest where over 100 youth participated and the State Track Meet with 400 + partaking in the days competitions. Joe has led this effort for many years with great support from his wife Carol and entire family.

Special recognition again to Brothers Charlie Kopishke and Rick Judd for their fund raising efforts for the Council with parking at U of D and Mentally Challenged (Tootsie Roll

Council Programs

Degree Programs

We are still seeking members to fill positions on our degree teams. This is an opportunity to impact new members in a positive way, expressing the principles of our order. If you ever wanted to influence someone as to how they can best understand the lessons of our degrees, the time is NOW. Please call Bro. Wayne Wilberding at 368-8996.

Communications

I am pleased to announce that Bro. Frank Strawser has agreed to be our Communication Director. Frank will assist in communicating our events and activities in the parish bulletin and on our web site.

By the way... if you have not been there recently, take a look at our council web site. <http://4548.kofc-de.org/>. Bro. Frank has done an outstanding job upgrading and updating our web site. If there is something you would like to see on our site, contact Bro. Frank – strawser@firststatewebdesigns.com

Membership

The Membership Team continues to do a yeoman's job recruiting and interviewing potential members. If you know of young (and not so young) men who may be interested in joining the Knights, contact one of the membership team for assistance.

Bros. John Lynch, Jim Gardner, Matt Mitchell & Frank Strawser

Knight News

Attention St. Michael Council Business Owners -How about advertising your company's **specialty** in a business listing section of the State Councils Leadership Directory. For just \$10.00 you can insert: Business Identification, Brother Knights Name and Business phone number. E-mail your information to leon.gratkowski@kofc.us What a great opportunity for business exposure.

Pro- Life Booth at Delaware State Fair July 17- 26. Any Brother planning to attend the State Fair please volunteer for a 3 hour time slot at <http://www.derighttolife.org/statefair.aspx> Your active support will be most appreciated.

Fun Night at Baseball Game- Friday August 8, 2008 at 7:05pm with St. Michael Council trip to Baltimore Orioles vs. Texas Rangers at Camden Yards – Baltimore. Cost is \$15. Per ticket with Transportation on your own. Car Pooling encouraged. Contact Bro. Joe Mc Cann at 8 Green Court Newark De. 19702. Deadline for Reservations August 1. Make checks payable to "St Michael K of C"

Summer Council Meeting Schedule: In keeping with past practices, during the month July and August St. Michael Council will meet the second Mondays only July 14 and August 25. Have a safe and most enjoyable summer.

A Message from our Council Field Agent, Jim Mullen

Brothers All without K of C Insurance or a K of C Annuity.

Yes brothers, may I ask if you are an Associate Member of St. Michael, that you consider one of the above plans to help yourself achieve coverage and a great rate of return. At the same time, you can greatly assist your council in obtaining Star Council recognition.

Thanks in advance for helping and please give our

Insurance Agent Jim Mullen a call and read his message below.

Vivat Jesus,
Fran Mc Manus

Reasons for Life Insurance At Retirement

- ❖ **FINAL EXPENSES AND UNEXPECTED COSTS-** An average funeral is estimated to cost \$15,000 and associated costs for medical expenses, unpaid bills, etc. average an additional \$10,000. Why use your own hard earned savings when a basic life insurance plan will cover all of these costs?
- ❖ **MAINTAIN A SPOUSE'S FINANCIAL SECURITY-** Due to a higher unexpected inflation rate, sub-par investment performance and unexpected medical costs.
- ❖ **REPLACE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME LOST-** Life insurance can replace monthly income that will be lost as only the higher social security benefits will be left for your spouse.
- ❖ **REPLACE IRA DISTRIBUTION TAXES PAID-** Life insurance proceeds are income tax-free to spouse and children. It increases the legacy a traditional IRA can pass on.
- ❖ **PREVENT FAMILY CONFLICTS-** Adds flexibility to an estate plan so everyone is treated fairly, not unequally. It eliminates conflicts between spouse and children from a previous marriage.
- ❖ **PENSION PROTECTION-** Allows maximum payout option and protects the income earned over a lifetime.
- ❖ **ASSET & ESTATE PRESERVATION-** Protects assets and investments built and acquired during your lifetime. Pays off estate taxes and efficiently passes balance on to your family.
- ❖ **PROVIDE TAX- FREE BENEFITS TO GRANDCHILDREN-** Life insurance is the easiest way to set up a fund for your loved ones.

**Please call me to schedule an appointment
to review your options!**

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Knights in Action



Preparing for the Easter Triduum.



Council members assisted in preparation of the Mary Garden

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