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Saint Michael - Knights of Columbus - Council 4548  
Holy Family Parish - 15 Gender Road, Newark, Delaware, 19713



# The Saint Michael

April 2010

## Editor's Note

The newsletter will also be posted to our web site <http://4548.kofc-de.org/> as well as having copies available at the next council meeting. Our hope is that this will make our communications more timely and efficient.

Frank Strawser  
Editor

## Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

Happy Easter! Hopefully everyone is enjoying the return of the warm weather and sunshine. We discussed many different activities at our last meeting and decided to have a social meeting for the last meeting of the month. Spouses are welcome to attend and feel free to bring an activity you enjoy (cards, board game, etc.). Please bring snacks or a dessert to share for the evening. We may have a very brief causal meeting prior to the social meeting to ensure everyone is on the same page for the upcoming golf tournament and state convention. We may have a brief presentation by one of our fellow Knights to kick off the social.

Be prepared to volunteer for helping at the Mother's Day breakfast and Graduation Parking at the University of Delaware. The dates for graduation start 12, 24, 25, 26 May and the UD commencement graduation is 28-29 May. Please check to see if you are available for these dates. We will be splitting the parking assignments as last year and I do not know which exact dates we have yet. I should know sometime soon and will pass this information along to you.

I also believe we are having a First Degree at 730 pm on 10 May.  
Those joining will need to arrive by 7 pm.

Brian

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard around the parish to make the Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful...we couldn't have done it without you!

On a personal note, I have received notice from the Bishop that I have been re-assigned to Holy Family Parish for at least one more year and am pleased to continue as your Chaplain during that time. It truly is a pleasure and honor to work with each of you...you are an inspiration to me and give me hope for our Council and our Church.

Please continue to spread the Easter message that Christ is alive in your personal and public lives.

## Council Officers

### Grand Knight

Brian Kunkel

### Chaplain

Fr. Joseph Wisniewski

### Deputy Grand Knight

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In all things, may God be praised!  
Fr. Joe

## **Insurance**

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And – since 2005 - every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that you and I get together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this valuable, value-added benefit.

I'm at (302) 750-8021 or [Martin.Reynolds@kofc.org](mailto:Martin.Reynolds@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

## **Membership**

Br. Mitchell is contacting the potential Candidates from the recent Membership Blitz. Membership Committee Information Night will be on April 18 at 2:pm or Wednesday 21 at 6:30 pm. The plan is to invite spouses and have a little social.

## **Program Activities**

### **CHURCH -**

### **COMMUNITY -**

### **COUNCIL -**

DGK Rick Johnstone

The Golf Tournament is May 3 and will have silent Auction and gift bags. We are soliciting for items to auction. The Helicopter Ball Drop will be on 5/16 at Holy Family.

Br. Wayne Wilberding

Our Fish Fry – Took in \$6317.88 gross receipts, had \$3677.56 expenses and \$2640. in profit; was a success!

Also, Bishop Saltarelli started the tradition of Knights hosting a dinner for the Outreach volunteers and this year is our year. Will be hosting 152 folks on May 19 and spend \$300 to \$400 for food. Mass at 5:30 pm followed by dinner. Need setup night before on 5/18.

Mother's Day Buffet on May 9 starting at 8:30aam until 12:00 noon. Will need help with tickets, setup crew, and publicity.

GK Brian Kunkel

Parking – We lost \$400 from Basketball parking due to lack of volunteers; \$2260 total with \$610 to Council Considering parking for women's Basketball games in future. Graduation parking is coming up soon. The list was received and will have sign-up sheet at next meeting. Also, noted that the Good of the Order has added Anti-pornography.

### **FAMILY -**

(Contributed by Br. Paul Selestok)

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The Knight of the Month Award is given each month to a person whose contribution to the Council, Church and community is above and beyond the norm. This award is our way of saying thank you for your efforts.

We will select the Knight of the Month based on a combination of Volunteer service hours reported by the Knights each Month, observed service of the Knight's service noted, and nominations made by other Knights on behalf of the individual.

Criteria, guidelines to consider when nominating a fellow Knight should be:

1. Promoting the ideals of Catholic Christian fellowship
2. Providing Service of time and talents to the Church, council and Community
3. Practice of the Catholic Faith in thoughts, deeds, actions

The overarching criteria to consider when nominating a Knight is that he went above and beyond the normal duties he may have in the council to support the council.

Family of the month March 2010 is :

**Martin A Drinan was recently recognized for april 2010.**

Martin is 2nd degree Knight. He has helped at fish fries, he checked bags or collected tickets at U of D football games parked cars for U of D men's basketball games, he parked cars for high school graduations at the Bob. Martin also worked Summerfest. He is a Lector at Holy Family. He helps clean up church grounds and decorates the church for each church season. Marty is always ready to help at Holy Family Church as needed. A little known fact, Marty is the man behind the scene at Wilmington-Western railroad by repairing items to keep the train moving.

## ***PROLIFE -***

(Contributed by Br. Jim Gardner)

Did you know?

- For every five children born in Delaware, two are aborted. From 2000-2005, Delaware had an average of 11,196 live births and 4,559 abortions.
- Delaware's abortion rate is nearly 50% higher than the national average. In 2005, Delaware had 28.8 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age (15-44), nationally there were 19.4 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age.

Delaware Right to Life groups are making a difference. The group A Rose And A Prayer (ARAAP) which stopped embryonic stem cell legislation in Delaware has a goal to reduce abortions by 50% in 2 years. They are following examples of Michigan and Missouri which succeeded in this goal. ARAAP has programs like every DART bus has English and Spanish ads offering help to pregnant women, a high school education program is near ready for release and they have developed the African-American Advisory Committee which mobilizes the black minister of Wilmington on Right to Life issues.



You can help by praying for their success and/or by making a donation to ARAAP, PO Box 2587, Wilmington, DE 19805. All donations are fully tax deductible. You can also learn more about them at their web site [www.roseandaprayer.org](http://www.roseandaprayer.org). If you have any questions or suggestions contact St. Michael Council Pro-Life Couple Jim and Ann Gardner 737-7364 or [jgardner91@yahoo.com](mailto:jgardner91@yahoo.com).

## ***YOUTH -***

(Contributed by Br. Dave Feaster)

Rebecca Draper will be presented with the [St. Timothy Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry](#). It is an award for a high school junior or senior who "lives as a disciple of Christ".

Beach Retreat on 4/23-4/25 at Cape Henlopen. About 20 kids going for a weekend of spirituality and faith. Also about relationships with the opposite sex.

Matt 25 continues—we plan a busy summer—working on the outreach building, repainting the youth room in the REC, Summerfest, Jean Hendrick's house and possible graffiti cleanup/repainting.

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## Events and Meetings

Please check the [Council Calendar](#) and the [State Council Calendar](#) for more information.

## State Council News

Check the latest edition of the [Delaware Knight](#)

### DELAWARE K of C LICENSE PLATES

You can proudly display your membership in the Knights of Columbus by placing a K of C license plate on the back of your car. It is not expensive (a one-time fee of \$10), easy to obtain and can be transferred to a new car at no cost. Contact License Plate Coordinator, **Jim Gardner** at (302) 737-7364 and he will process the necessary paper work.

## Supreme Council News

Retention Strategies  
Keeping Members Interested

The key to success in any council is keeping members interested, excited and active. One way you can do this is by encouraging members to participate fully in council activities.

Here are some of the ways to show interest in new and established members alike and to help them become active participants in the council:

- Telephone members and remind them of meetings.
- Offer to provide transportation to members who would like to attend council functions, but don't have the means to get there.
- Answer questions. Members will ask why council activities are done in a certain way and if things can be changed. Provide them with sufficient information.
- Inquire about the particular interests of the members through membership surveys.
- Help new members make new friends in the council by introducing them to all fellow Knights.
- Be aware of personality conflicts and try to avoid them as much as possible.
- Do all you can to help members feel important to the council.
- Get members' names in the council's newsletter, both when they join and as they begin to take an active role.
- Be sure members' names are always spelled correctly, whether in the membership directory, on a name tag at a meeting or in a news story.

Establishing caring and concerned relationships among council membership will encourage your members to participate in council activities. By showing interest in new and old members alike, your council will confirm its commitment to members and will increase their willingness to assist in programs.

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