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



The Saint Michael

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

February 2010

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Fran McManus

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all is well with everyone as we enter the Lenten season. As we all reflect and pray during this Lenten season, our council has many opportunities to volunteer for projects. We need volunteers to help with the Friday Fish Frys and we have two more dates needing volunteers for basket ball parking. The dates are 16 and 24 February and we need four people to report at 5:15 pm to the Bob Carpenter Center. Please let me know via email or phone if you are able to help with parking (badbak35@yahoo.com, 302-294-1245). Our council is preparing for our next golf tournament and volunteers are needed for the April track meet (10 April, 8:15 am). This year we will be helping at Delaware's men's lacrosse games.

Please check the website and newsletter for more information around the end of February. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Code Purple events so far this winter. If you see Brother Ronald Cahill, congratulate him on being the Family of the Month – January 2010.

Brothers, please take advantage of the wonderful opportunity Father Joe is offering on 13 March 2010 and attend the Day of Reflection. This will be similar to the Day of Reflection we had last year during Lent. Also, make room on your calendars for the Policeman of the Quarter Social on 22 March 2010 to thank officers of the Newark Police force for all the fine work they do protecting us. Please come and enjoy the First Degree ceremony on 22 February 2010.

Keep safe and warm as we slog through the rest of the snowy winter!

Brian

Chaplain's Message

As many of you know, Fr. Joe is with CRS in Ethiopia for nine days. Please pray for him and his safe return. I am sure he will have a lot of report on when he gets back.

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Insurance

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Membership

St Michael Council is holding a 1st Degree on Monday, February 22.

Program Activities

Church - Malvern Retreat

The 77th annual Archbishop Fitzmaurice Retreat Weekend will take place on April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010 at our Malvern Retreat House.

Our Retreat Masters this year will be Fr. Gregory J. Hickey (St. Joseph's side), Rector of St. Joseph's In-The-Hills, and Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ (Our Lady's side).

This year's retreat theme is "Whom Can I Send ? . . . Send Me Lord." Isaiah 6:8

With our ultimate goal of bringing over 300 men back to the feet of Christ during our weekend at St. Joseph's In-The-Hill's, let me remind you once again that, with a lot of dedication and prayer, together we will accomplish this challenging task ahead of us. Registration letters will go out to all active retreatants from the past 3 years at the beginning of February.

For more information contact Brother Frank Strawser 593-2362 or Brother Larry Bucci 584-3379

COMMUNITY -

Code Purple Volunteers

(Contributed by Br. Fran McManus)

St. Michael Council Knights have again put into practice the three principles of our order (Charity-Unity & Fraternity) along with their Christian Faith; by supporting Holy Family Parish efforts in providing food and lodging to the homeless of Newark. This has occurred when the weather reached the low 20 degrees. To date 11 brother knights have supported 5 nights from 5pm thru 5am. With this winter setting all records, they will be involved several more times before it comes to an end. Our brothers know who they are, and also should know how much they are appreciated by the parish, homeless and our council.

COUNCIL -

(No report)

FAMILY -

(Contributed by Br. Paul Selestok)

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:

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2. Providing Service of time and talents to the Church, council and Community
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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.

Ron Cahill was recently recognized for January 2010.

Ron is a 4th Degree Knight. He has helped with the Tootsie Roll Drive, collected tickets and checked bags at U of D football games, is a lector at Holy Family, has helped with the Fish Frys. Ron also serves food for the needy at Hope Dining Room on the first Wednesday of the month. He is a member of the maintenance committee at Holy Family and has helped at Holy Family's Summerfest. He also assists with activities at various nursing homes and the Little Sisters of the Poor, 4 to 5 days a month.

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. If you have any questions or suggestions contact St. Michael Council Pro-Life Couple Jim and Ann Gardner 737-7364 or jgardner91@yahoo.com.

YOUTH -

(Contributed by Br. Dave Feaster)

We had to cancel our annual Super Bowl Sub sale due to the snow storm. Look for a sub/sausage/meatball sale in the spring.

The kids did a great job helping with the Parish Spaghetti Dinner. They earned tips which go towards the YM budget. Thanks to all Brother Knights and their families who came out to support the parish and have dinner.

We are kicking off the 2010 confirmation class with an overnight lock-in Feb. 26+27. We will have about 44 10th grad-

Events and Meetings

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

FEBRUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14	15	16 Basket Ball Parking @ U of D	17	18	19	20 Basket Ball Parking @ U of D

21	22	Basket Ball Parking @ U of D	24	25	26	Basket Ball Parking @ U of D
28	Council Meeting 7 pm— 1st Degree		Basket Ball Parking @ U of D			

State Council News

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

Special Olympics Delaware names the Delaware Knights of Columbus as the Outstanding Organization for 2009.

What started as a charitable contribution from the Knights of Columbus' annual Tootsie Roll drive in 2000 has grown to an annual donation in excess of \$40,000. And now the Delaware Knights of Columbus' contributions go far beyond just a check presentation. The Knights provide volunteers for the soccer skills and bowling competitions, and the Fourth Degree Color Corps present colors at several events throughout the year. The organization's effort has expanded to year-round in every corner of the state, including the beach area every February, when many Knights together with family members and friends participated in the Polar Bear Plunge.

Mission Breakfast 2010 Christ Our King Church Sunday, March 7, 2010

The Fifty-Third Annual **William J. McClafferty III**, Breakfast of Champions for the Missions will be held on Sunday, **March 7, 2010**. The breakfast will take place at Christ Our King Church starting with Mass at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by The **Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, DD**, Bishop of Wilmington. Immediately following the Mass breakfast will be served in the Social Hall located under the church. The Mass and breakfast is in honor of students in Diocesan grade schools and religious education programs who have championed the mission fund drives in their parishes and schools. As Knights, we set an example for the children through our personal donations to this annual

Supreme Council News

[Knights a big part of annual March for Life in Washington](#)



Thirty-seven years after the Supreme Court handed down its decision in Roe v. Wade, well over 100,000 pro-lifers marched in protest of the decision legalizing abortion on January 22 in Washington, DC. Knights of Columbus were, as always, numerous among the marchers, as you'll see in the [photo gallery here](#).

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