



The Saint Michael

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Editor's Note

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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

First I want to thank the council for the wonderful breakfast at the breakfast of Champions at the beginning of the month. Patti and I enjoyed the mass, food, and opportunity to meet other Knights and their families. Please join us for a social event on 22 March and bring family and something to share. We need volunteers for the Blue/Gold game on 20 March (2 shifts, 5 each shift). I hope everyone has enjoyed the warmer weather and has had a meaningful Lenten season so far. Please contact Brother Matt Mitchell about volunteering after masses this weekend for our membership drive. It may be nice to invite potential candidates to our social so they could meet other Brothers and their families in a more informal setting. Finally, Father Joe is speaking at the Soup – and – Speaker series this coming Sunday (21 March).

Enjoy the good weather and God Bless!
Brian

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

As the penitential season of Lent comes to a close, I pray that you have had a fruitful journey. As your Chaplain, it was a joy for me to walk beside you as you prayed, fasted, and did good things for others. You supported our Lenten Vespers, the Stations of the Cross, the Soup & Speaker Series, and worked tirelessly to make the Fish Fry a huge success and a wonderful time for everyone.

Now we get to celebrate all the effort as we walk that last road together with Christ through the Paschal Mystery. What a beautiful four days: Holy Thursday and the Lord's Last Supper; Good Friday and commemoration of the death of Christ; Holy Saturday and the great Easter Vigil; and finally, what we've all been preparing for...Easter Sunday and the Lord's Resurrection! I cannot wait until we can all sing the "A" word again together.

Before we celebrate, we have a ton of work to do to make the church look beautiful for the Sacred Triduum and I know I can count on you help! Matt Mitchell is our volunteer coordinator this year and he will be in touch with each of you to give you an opportunity to help. Thanks in advance for all you do...we are, "Knights In Action!"

Enjoy this wonderful weather and may the Risen Lord bless you and your families.

Fr. Joe
Chaplain

Membership

St. Michael Council welcomes:

Roger M. Fucilli as a transfer from Ocean City, MD Council 9053.
John Tharen as a readmission, St. John the Beloved Council.
Ian Johnstone and Julian Stankiewicz as new members of the Knights of Columbus.

Membership Blitz will be on 3/21. All materials received; will need volunteers after all Masses.

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 -

Parish Fish Fry

St. Michael Council Knights have teamed with Parish Ministries to offer a fish fry every Friday during Lent. So far this has been a great success both in funds raised and more importantly in building up the community we call "Holy Family".

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:

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.

Vince Morris was recently recognized for February 2010.

Vince is 2nd degree Knight who has volunteered for the Tootsie Roll Drive, parking cars at the U of D, St. Michael Pancake Breakfast and Mother's Day Breakfast. He also helps at Food Bank Holy Family. Vince is a Sacristan and Lector at Holy Family helps in Holy Family office. He has volunteered at Holy Family's Summerfest. All of this since he completed RCIA program in 2008 at Holy Family

YOUTH -

(Contributed by Br. Joe McCann)

The 41st annual Knight of Columbus Track Meet will be held on Saturday April 10th at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington. Help should report by 8:30 AM. Please contact Meet Director Joe McCann, PSD if you can help at joemccann8@comcast.net.

Council Activities

The first night of the Fish Fry was quite successful; had 41 volunteers on Friday. We sold 221 tickets, and served 240. Out thanks to the Howard Culinary Students who volunteered their time and talent.

Our Golf Tournament is May 3. Signs from the Course will be posted at Holy Family. We will be doing the helicopter ball drop at 1:00pm on May 16. Maybe have refreshments and golf displays and activities for the kids. Need corporate sponsors.

Dedicated the First Degree to Br. Bill Baker, had a kidney removed this past Friday.

Br. Ian Johnstone is working with a Program called "Fishers of Men" for 10 to 13 year old youths Will be involved with fundraising and camping with Gospel Will be asking for funds in future.

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](#)

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