



Christopher Council, No. 3182

Meetings Held on the First and Third Tuesdays of each Month at 8 PM

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Youth

John Pankowski

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Families:

I am hopeful that this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. The first five months of this Columbian Year have passed very quickly, not surprising as the busier we are, the faster the time goes.

Much has been accomplished during this time, and I am extremely grateful to all my Brother Knights and their families for their help and support.

We remain totally committed to our two parishes, Holy Rosary and St. Helena. We continue to support **Father Gayton** at Holy Rosary, and we are ready for another busy Christmas season at St. Helena with the Holiday Festival and Christmas Bazaar.

Our monthly poker nights on the fourth Friday of every month are a long-standing mainstay of the council and are a major source of providing the necessary funding of many of our charitable works throughout the year. Chairman, **Brain Dennis** and the many cooks, bartenders, card dealers, money room helpers and, of course, card players make this endeavor a success month after month. We are grateful to all who help. There will be no poker game in December.

I want to acknowledge **Mike Panfile and family** for their efforts in providing outstanding foods and organization for our annual Italian Night last month. A great time was had by all.

Membership blitzes are being planned for both St. Helena and Holy Rosary churches.



Rick Johnson, Grand Knight

Our Council Membership Director, **Dom DiChristopher** has aggressive plans that will enable us to achieve our membership goals and to obtain another Star Council Award this year. Please do your part in signing up a prospective family member or friend.

I would ask all members to make every effort to respond generously to our Annual Community Care Program. It gives us an opportunity to help those less fortunate in our community in this poor economic time.

Our Council Christmas Party is planned for all members and wives on Tuesday evening, December 21 at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us on this occasion for fun and holiday cheer. Also, Santa Claus will be visiting with children, nine years of age and under, on Saturday morning, December 18 at the Club. Reservations are required. Look for the sign-up sheet at the club.

As this beautiful season of Christmas approaches, we can rejoice in all that we have accomplished in the name of charity. We can all be truly grateful for the many blessings that God has given us. Let our hearts and minds focus on the agenda before us and dedicate our efforts in the true spirit of Christmas.

Patti and I extend our sincere wishes to all our Brother Knights and their families for the true blessings of Christmas and for the happiest of New Years.

Fraternally yours,

Richard S. Johnson
Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus!

Council News

Chaplain's Message

from **Father Oscar Frundt**

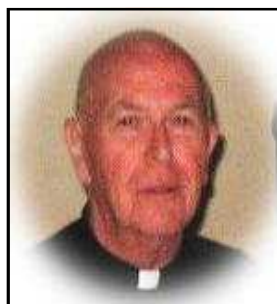
CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS !

The words that follow are from the Mass of Christmas Day. "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord". "Today in Him a new light is dawned upon the world; God has become one with man, and man has become one again with God".

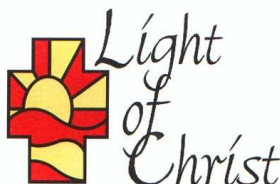
The following words were written by a monk and

they sum up the beautiful message of Christmas.

"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the king and princess are home, when the shepherds are back with the flock, the work of Christmas begins".



Like Saint Francis we will experience the joy of Christmas and we will begin to give peace to others, to sow love instead of hatred, and offer pardon where there is injury, to inspire faith where there is doubt, to bring hope where there is despair, to enkindle light where there is darkness and to inject joy where there is sadness.



On behalf of the Christopher Council, Knights of Columbus, our wish for each and every Knight, their families and friends is that the light of Christmas will continue to burn brightly in your hearts and homes each and every day of the New Year.

God bless.

Father Frundt

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM**

CONGRATULATIONS !

Our sincere congratulations are extended to Brother Marcos E. Rivera on receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree on November 20 in Dover. Sir Knight Rivera is the newest member of Bishop Mardaga Assembly from Christopher Council. Welcome, Marcos.



**Sir Knight Marcos Rivera being knighted by
Andrew M. Elisee, Master of the Fourth Degree**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please remember the following brothers and their families in your daily prayers for a speedy and full return to health:

**Harry Brand, Jim Mc Clellan, Charlie Prettyman,
Barry Collins, Frank Pedelini, Virginia Brandt,
Dina Shafer, Adele Igo, Tony Bolin, Jim Wilson,
Mike English, Marcia Rivera and Bill Baker.**

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep in your prayers:

Rita McCarthy
Wife of Patrick McCarthy

William Mousley
Father of John Mousley

Council News

CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL WINS CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS AWARD

In addition to receiving Star Council Award for 2009-10, Christopher Council also received the State Contest of Champions Award for the highest gross membership gain for the same period. The membership gain was 24. Congratulations on this notable achievement.

COUNCIL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY - DECEMBER 21, 2010

The Christopher Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 21, 2010 at the Council home. Festivities will get underway at 6:30 p.m. We are hopeful that all members and their wives or guests will plan to be on hand to join in the fun and seasonal merriment.

This party will also provide us with an opportunity to show our appreciation to members who have contributed to the success of our many programs to-date. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on this occasion.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY - DECEMBER 18, 2010

Word has just been received from the North Pole that Santa will be visiting the children at the Club on **Saturday, December 18**. Festivities will get underway at 10 a.m. Santa will have a sleigh filled with presents for all the children and the elves will be serving ice cream, sodas, cookies and candy canes.

The party is open to the children and grandchildren of members up to and including those **nine (9) years of age**. To make certain that Santa has sufficient gifts for all the children attending, **reservations for the Children's Christmas Party are required**. A sign-up sheet is available at the club through December 10 where the name and age of each child is listed. Make sure to sign up now so that no children are disappointed.

BRANDYWINE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2009

Food - Eagles/Giants Game - Friends 1-5 PM

COUNCIL POKER NIGHTS

Fourth Friday of Every Month

December - NO POKER

Friday, January 28, 2011

Friday, February 25, 2011

Great food and free beverage from 6:30-12 p.m. Our friendly games provide a community camaraderie and continue to provide Christopher Council with a major source of funds for charitable works.

We always need help with food preparation and card dealers. Please contact Chairman, **Brian R. Dennis**, at (302) 798-3008 if you are able to assist in this program.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2011 Annual Dues Being Collected

Our Council Financial Secretary is a key officer of the Council. Besides maintaining the council records and collecting annual dues, he likewise coordinates all information among members.

Please keep him informed when a member is seriously sick, hospitalized or dies so that our entire membership can be advised. Also, any member with a hardship should let the Financial Secretary know accordingly so that his membership status is not jeopardized, and we can assist that member where possible.

Our Financial Secretary is:

Michael F. Panfile, PSD
100 E. Parkway Avenue
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610 874-5064

Annual dues of \$20 for 2011 should be forwarded to Financial Secretary, Michael Panfile at your earliest opportunity.

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In order to receive this newsletter electronically, send your email address to the editor.

Membership Awareness

Submitted by: Dominic DiChristopher, Council Membership Director

My Brother Knights:

I was blessed a few weeks ago by having one of those 'life changing events' ... the birth of my first granddaughter. To add to my experience I was in the birthing room and actually witnessed the miracle of her birth. I immediately thanked God for the good health of both her and my daughter; however, it wasn't until after all the excitement winded down that I actually began to reflect on the entire experience and to praise God for the opportunity to play a vital role in teaching her the immense love of our Lord manifested daily throughout our entire family and circle of friends. With each visit, feeding and changing you could feel the love consume our entire home.

We all have life changing experiences in our lives. Unfortunately they are not all as joyous as this one, but life changing nonetheless. Whether it is the marriage to the woman of our dreams, the birth of a child, a terrible illness, or a near miss collision, our lives are changed forever.

I know this will sound corny to most, however joining the Knights of Columbus was another life changing event in my life. It opened my eyes to the needs of our churches and communities and made me a much more caring person to the needs of others as preached in the gospel. I would like to think each of you had a similar experience when you joined Christopher Council. If you didn't, I ask that you take a few minutes to reflect on the lessons you learned that first day. Also remember that you only get out of it what you put into it. If you allow yourself to experience that heartwarming feeling when performing service to others, you will be sure to come back for more.

For many of us, including yours truly, it is easy to get caught up with our own lives; the challenges we face and the incredible demands on our time just making ends meet. It is easy to forget about our duty to serve those less fortunate than us. Why we stay away is a personal decision, many times for all the wrong reasons. For me, the Knights of Columbus and the unity and fraternity that are there for the taking made the service to others more fun, more enjoyable than ever before. Many times, as in prayer, all we need is time for reflection. Again, it is easy to forget that joy when we allow ourselves to be totally consumed by the trials and distractions of our daily lives.

So far in this fraternal year, we have had eight new brothers join our council, many of whom have become active right from the start. This is the energy which

allows us to do the things we do in our communities. These new members as well as those who have fallen away, need us to mentor and encourage them to use their diverse talents in the service we provide to our churches and communities. The energy injected into our council by each new member and the return of a recently inactive member fuels us to continue to meet the needs of our community on a much grander scale.

During this Christmas season, please take a few minutes to reflect on the blessings we have all received this year. Also please consider rekindling the gift of Christopher Council in our own lives and share that 'gift' with a relative, friend or coworker. Consider calling another brother and offer him a ride to our next meeting, consider bringing a candidate to the next first degree, or just make an appearance at our next business meeting. I can assure you, you will be glad you did and will be greeted with open arms.

Please accept my very best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas season.

Fraternally,

Dom DiChristopher



Dom DiChristopher

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

July	Joeseph and Rose Zecca
August	John and Helen Jingeleski
September	Barry and Marion Collins
October	Paul and Ellen Coulston

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

July	David Stepnowski
August	Francis Pucylowski
September	Mike Henderson
October	Jason Behl

Discover a World of Good Things
in the Knights of Columbus

BIRTHDAYS: October and November, 2010

Dec 01 Joseph J. Sweeney
 Dec 03 Lawrence J. Boyd
 Dec 03 Kevin K. Perry
 Dec 05 Joseph E. Bower
 Dec 05 Juan W. Alicea
 Dec 07 Harry W. Brooks
 Dec 08 Joseph M. Podgajny
 Dec 08 Bradley A. Berg
 Dec 12 Alfred J. Scarpitti
 Dec 12 James F. Malseed
 Dec 13 John A. Pankowski
 Dec 18 Paul M. Brandt, Sr.
 Dec 20 Kenny A. Ayres
 Dec 20 Brian F. Becks
 Dec 21 Robert D. Stark
 Dec 23 John T. Skehan
 Dec 23 Edward J. Miller
 Dec 24 Robert J. Moley
 Dec 28 John M. Raughley
 Dec 28 William Korpas
 Dec 29 John D. Connolly, Jr.
 Dec 29 Albert J. Euganeo
 Dec 30 Peter J. Worth
 Dec 30 Joseph Santa Cruz, III
 Dec 30 Christopher J. Mulvihill
 Dec 31 William J. Daniels

Jan 01 William L. Nester
 Jan 02 Jose Guerrero
 Jan 03 Joseph R. Patterson
 Jan 04 Raymond J. Kerrigan

Jan 04 Rickey L. Shanaman
 Jan 04 James B. Henning
 Jan 06 Joseph G. Sockolosky
 Jan 06 Kevin P. Holt
 Jan 09 Paul Molitor
 Jan 09 Joseph P. Kupchinski
 Jan 10 Ronald J. Loncki
 Jan 13 Rick Fraatz
 Jan 13 Ronald F. August, III
 Jan 17 Robert B. Murzyn
 Jan 17 Albert J. Minutola
 Jan 17 Timothy J. Meyers
 Jan 18 George T. Burns
 Jan 18 Richard G. Kereszi
 Jan 20 Michael J. Toth
 Jan 20 Domenic A. Casaerta
 Jan 20 Thomas J. Behl
 Jan 21 Ralph H. DaGrossa
 Jan 22 Raymond M. Erickson
 Jan 22 Jay P. LaPointe
 Jan 24 Donald R. Sedivec
 Jan 24 Thomas P. Dodd
 Jan 26 Dennis A. Westman
 Jan 26 William K. Murray
 Jan 26 Clement A. Coulston
 Jan 27 Rev. Edward J. Storck
 Jan 28 Harry W. Kreger
 Jan 29 James F. Cooper
 Jan 29 Rev. Anthony W. Rajayan
 Jan 29 John W. Barnas, III
 Jan 30 Gary S. Sherman

Jan 30 Daniel M. Breslin
 Jan 31 William L. Kirk
 Jan 31 John P. Fields

Feb 03 Gene B. D'Ascendis
 Feb 03 Robert P. Adams
 Feb 03 Randall A. Schiccatano
 Feb 05 John J. O'Donnell, Jr.
 Feb 05 Kenneth F. Persing, Jr.
 Feb 07 James E. Kramer
 Feb 07 Walter Wanros, Jr.
 Feb 07 Kenneth J. Quinney
 Feb 11 James J. Sheftz
 Feb 11 Michael F. Panfile
 Feb 11 Stephen R. Daniels
 Feb 12 John A. Lewis
 Feb 12 Richard F. Broadbent
 Feb 15 Thomas R. Dominick
 Feb 15 David A. Overman
 Feb 16 Donald S. Puharic
 Feb 16 John J. Mousley
 Feb 19 Louis A. Robinson, Jr.
 Feb 22 Daniel Caso
 Feb 25 Albert C. Panco
 Feb 25 Brian R. Dennis
 Feb 26 Rev. Stanley J. Russell
 Feb 26 John C. Case
 Feb 28 James R. Roland

MANY HAPPY RETURNS !

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm and fraternal welcome is extended to our newest Brother Knights, **Thomas J. Behl, Nando DiPasquale, Jose Guerrero, Noe Lopez and William R. Moshelle** who took their First Degree in October. In November three more members were added to our roles: **Robert Muller, Jose Luis Estrada and Margarito Perez.**

Our best wishes for a long and active involvement in our Order and Christopher Council.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
 COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM**

FISHING TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL

The fishing trip planned for July was rescheduled for this past September 11 due to a rain out. The fish were afraid of us and not taking the bait this year, but the camaraderie and fellowship with Brother Knights and other guests made the trip a success. We are looking forward to more Brother Knights joining us next July for this annual council adventure.



Schedule of Events

DECEMBER 2010

5	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
5	Sunday	Breakfast with Santa	Pope John Paul II	9:00 AM
5	Sunday	Annual Declamation Contest	St. Anthony Grade School (Workers 12:30 PM)	1:00 PM
7	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
11	Saturday	State Council Christmas Party	Marydel Fire Co. Social Hall	6:00 PM
12	Sunday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe		
14	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
16	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
18	Saturday	Children's Christmas Party	Brandywine Club (Sign-up Required)	10:00 AM
19	Sunday	Brandywine Club Social Party	Brandywine Club	1:00 PM
21	Tuesday	Council Christmas Party	Council Home	6:30 PM
25	Saturday	Christmas Day		

JANUARY 2011

4	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
9	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
11	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
13	Thursday	State Informational Meeting	Christopher Council (Dinner 6:30)	7:30 PM
16	Sunday	Christmas Dinner for Sisters	Council Home	4:00 PM
18	Tuesday	Council Social Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
20	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
22	Saturday	Bartender Bob's Birthday Party	Brandywine Club (DJ, Food, Dancing, Karaoke)	8:00 PM
24	Monday	Annual March for Life	Washington, D.C.	
28	Friday	Council Poker Night	Council Home	6:30 PM
31	Monday	Chaplains' Appreciation Night	Executive Banquet & Conference Center, Newark	6:15 PM

FEBRUARY 2011

1	Tuesday	Council Business Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
5-6	Sat - Sun	"Soup"er Bowl Food Drive	St. Helena and Holy Rosary Churches	All Masses
4-6	Fri - Sun	State Council Winter Weekend	Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth Beach	
6	Sunday	Super Bowl Party	Brandywine Club	4:00 PM
6	Sunday	First Degree	St. Pius X Council	7:00 PM
8	Tuesday	Holy Rosary Bingo Support	Holy Rosary School Hall	6:00 PM
10	Thursday	State Informational Meeting	Christopher Council (Dinner 6:30)	7:30 PM
12	Saturday	Valentine Day Dance	Brandywine Club	8:00 PM
15	Tuesday	Council Social Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
17	Thursday	Mardaga Assembly Meeting	Council Home	8:00 PM
25	Friday	Council Poker Night	Council Home	6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

First Saturday	Pro-Life Prayer Vigil	Abortion Clinic (2809 Baynard Blvd.)	7:30-10 AM
May 7-9 Fri-Sun	Annual State Convention	Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth Beach	