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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE—CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 150

NEWARK DE

MEETS AT 7 PM IN DINING HALL OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

GENDER ROAD & RTE. 4

1ST. MONDAY OF THE MONTH EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS

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Faithful Navigator's Message

Christmas Greetings to all Brother Sir Knights & their Families:

We've had a very busy fall and is a great time to reflect on our many accomplishments, give thanks for all our Blessings, begin planning for a busy spring. I truly hope everyone is having a Holy and Joyous Christmas season and celebrate the Birth of Christ. Further I hope that everyone has a happy and healthy New Year.

First I would like to congratulate our new 4th Degree Sir Knights: Frank Frumento, Angelo Chiari and Fred Desio.

There are a number of important events coming up: the "Right to Life March" in Washington, D.C., Chaplains Appreciation Dinner on January 30, and Winter Weekend on February 3-5. Please Join us and have an "Experience of a Lifetime".

This New Year will bring some exciting activities: Veterans Administration Hospitality and our new Bus Trip to NY City. We look forward to your participation.

Many Thanks for the help on Macy's Shop for a Cause, the VA Hospitality, 4th Degree Hospitality room (guess this past month we were into Hospitality!), and all Grand Knights and their Councils who generously supported our 4th Degree Ad booklet, all Assembly Officers and their wives, and Special Thanks goes out to our Commander, Al Ware, for the organization of all the color guard activities.

Finally, at this time of year, please remember in your prayer our military personnel and their families. We appreciate the enormous sacrifices they are making to ensure our many freedoms. We wish them God's special Blessings. Please also offer an extra prayer for the continued recovery of Our Faithful Friar, Rev. Philip Siry.

I am extremely grateful to all my Brother Sir Knights and their families for their continued help and support.

From my family to all our Brothers, families & friends,
We wish you a Very Happy & Blessed Christmas,

Gerry Safranski
Your Faithful Navigator

VA Report

Sir Knights:

We conducted a very successful Happy Hour at the VA Hospital on December 10, 2011. We played volleyball with 10 residents participating. The Knights ball retrievers got a real workout. My team consisted of Al Ware, John McCormick, Hank Steenkamer and Rick Novak. All the pies and cookies were consumed, but there is sufficient beer, wine, soda and paper goods left over for the next time.

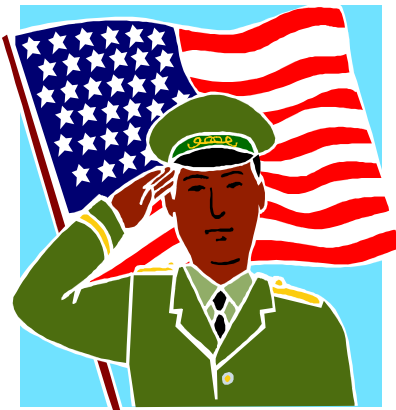
The residents and the Sir Knights all had a good time.

Vivat Jesus, Jim Gardner

NOTE: Assembly 150 is scheduled to go to the VA the 2nd. Saturday of each month.

A comment from your Editor:

These residents in the VA have suffered many physical and mental hardships in service to our United States. They are to be saluted. Please remember those who have and continue to suffer in your prayers.



A Message from our Faithful Friar and the State Chaplain

As you are aware, Father Siry has been very ill and unable to attend recent Assembly meetings. Therefore, the Chaplain's message is reprinted from "Delaware Knight" as follows:

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for His Goodness to me during my recent illness.

I would also like to thank the Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers and all Brother Knights for your kindnesses and prayers during my illness and rehabilitation. Thanks for the flowers, Mass Cards, Get-Well cards, your visits and kindness in offering your prayers for me. I sincerely and deeply appreciate it.

The Advents season is upon us, a time of preparation, reflection and reconciliation as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. As Knights and as Catholics, we prepare not only for the solemn Feast of Christmas, but also for the second coming of our Lord. At Christmas and during its Octave, we celebrate God's greatest gift to us—the gift of love, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior manifested in the flesh at the Incarnation. Jesus came to us to save us from our sins and lead us to His Heavenly Father.

Let us live our faith to the fullest and share with others the great gifts God has given to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ. Vivat Jesus!

† Father Philip L. Siry, State Chaplain



Assembly fund raising needs and solutions

The following was proposed at the December 5, regular meeting and will be again brought up for continuing discussion. **New York City on your own.**

It is proposed that Cardinal Gibbons Assembly sponsor one day bus round trips to New York City. Buses would leave from the parking lots of St. Mary of the Assumption, St. John the Beloved, Holy Angels and Holy Family parishes and return the same day. They would leave Delaware at 9 AM, arrive in NYC and drop off near Times Square about 11:30 AM. Buses return to Delaware at 7 PM from 49th. Street & 7th. Avenue.

Round trip cost per passenger is tentative at 50.00 Wednesday is the choice day of the week because theaters have afternoon matinees on that day and half price tickets are available about noon at Times Square.

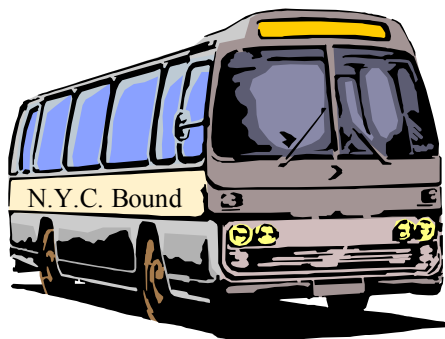
The first trip is tentative for the second Wednesday in May, 2012. If that is successful, a second trip can be set for the second Wednesday in December 2012.

Each filled bus can generate 400.00 profit for the Assembly.

Volunteers from the Assembly are needed from each parish to supervise the arrangements for their parish bus. Volunteers ride free.

An information meeting for those interested in taking on the assignment should attend the regular assembly meeting on Monday, February 6. Bus trip details will be explained following the regular business meeting. Handouts with details will be provided. A Q & A session will be held. **LATEST ADDENDA ▼▼▼**

2 bus companies called. Each bus seats 56. One quote was 1,597.00, the other 1,350.00 Driver tip is 100.00 Cash advance is 100.00 per bus reserved at time of initial reservation. Final payment due 14 days prior to trip. Sages, Inc., formula divides cost of bus by 35 and round to nearest 5.00 We should restrict to 54 passengers as rear seat does not incline.



Captain Al Ware's Color Guard Report

THIS IS AN UPDATE FROM THE MEETING MINUTES

October 8, Columbus Celebration Activities with Mass at the Chapel at the Ursuline Academy and wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus Monument.

W. Charowsky
T. Godsell
A. Ware

October 18, Special Olympics Delaware, Soccer Skills at U of D.

G. Safranski
W. Cherowski
A. Ware

October 22, Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace with Mass at Holy Spirit Church with Bishop W. Francis Malooly and rosary at the Shrine.

J. Gardner
R. Novak
A. Ware

October 23, Annual Memorial for Aborted Babies at the Cathedral Cemetery.

W. Charowsky
T. Godsell
A. Ware

October 26, Annual Tree Planting at the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford.

A. Ware

November 3, Memorial Mass for the deceased members of St. Michael Council 4548 at Holy Family Church.

W. Lawler
J. Gardner
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Knights of Columbus
Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #150
Newark, Delaware
Minutes –November 7, 2011

Faithful Navigator- Gerry Safranski called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Friar - Father Phillip Siry – E , Navigator - Gerry Safranski – P, Captain - Albert Ware – P, Admiral - Barry Swain - P
Pilot - Frank Pecoraro – P, Comptroller - Mark Goldberg – P, Purser - Robert Zeigler - P, Scribe - Carmelo Palazzo – P
Inner Sentinel - Roger Fucilli - P ,Outer Sentinel - Frank Strawser - A,1 Year Trustee - Henry Steenkamer – P
2 Year Trustee - William Lawler- P,3 Year Trustee - John McCormick - P, Commander - Albert Ware - P

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Faithful Navigator's Report – Gerry Safranski talked briefly about the need for fund raising. Henry Steenkamer said he is doing research on a fund raiser plan to sponsor two bus trips. He plans to present a plan in more detail in the next issue of the Assembly Newsletter.

Gerry spoke about the status of the hospitality room, for November 12, at the Dover, Fourth Degree Exemplification. He said a plan to share the cost with the three Northern Assemblies, each to pay \$500.00 Monies from Ads placed in the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Calvert Province, District of Delaware Exemplification program, will help offset the Assembly's share of the cost.

The Assembly is scheduled to provide activities at the VA Community Living Center on December 10th, between 2-4:00 PM. James Gardner, Al Ware and John McCormick stepped to cover that event.

Gerry reported on the health status of Father Siry, Two greeting cards, were passed around by James Gardner, to get signatures and send to Father. He is allowed visitors, at any time; his cell telephone number is 302-528-8706. His mailing address is: Cadia Rehabilitation / Broad Meadow, 500 S. Broad Street, Middletown. DE 19709.

Bills and Communications – None

Comptroller's Report –Income from ads was 720.00, Mark said that after deducting the Assembly share for the hospitality room, will leave a balance 220.00. Membership dues statements had been mailed out. An Honorary Life Membership card from Supreme, was given to Robert Zeigler. In addition he was presented with a new Pursers jewel.

Faithful Purser –The opening check book balance was 871.29. There are two checks that have not been cashed, Martin Reynolds – 150.00 and Bill Lawler for 43.55.
\$900.00 was received this meeting from Comptroller and \$500.00 was disbursed for the Ad Book for Exemplification. The balance is now \$1,271.29 going forward to the December 5, 2011 meeting.

Service Program Report –Committee Reports - Al Ware mentioned that Father Siry is receiving speech therapy, needed as a result of his bout with chicken pox.

The Color Corp performed at the following events.

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November 3 Memorial Mass for the deceased members of S. Michael Council 4548 Holy Family Church.

Robert Zeigler, was commended for his outstanding work in the publication of the Assembly Newsletter.

Al Ware recognized Carmelo Palazzo, for his part in having a Patriotic Vets Banner done to honor Veterans. He said that this was a joint effort, with St. Michael Council & Cardinal Gibbons Assembly. Mr. Sam Onesi, owner of Promotions Plus, Inc, was approached to inquire about the cost of a banner. Since it was for the Knights of Columbus, he said he would donate the banner. The banner will be on display during the week of Veterans Day.

Chalice Fund Report - James Gardner - A \$6,000 CD matured 10/31/2011 showing that we have \$9,100 in cash. We have a \$6,000 CD maturing 5/21/2012 and a \$13,500 CD maturing 11/15/2012. Total value is \$28,600 and we have 5 chalices in stock. We need to keep \$2,500 in our Money Market to prevent a monthly fee, therefore, we will take \$6,600 of the cash and open an account with the Louviers Credit Union and purchase a \$6,000 24 month CD that pays 1.50 %. The share account pays 0.50%.

Veterans Administration Report - Barry Swain - VA Community Living Center needs 4 Knights to work on the 2nd Saturday of each month, to help with exercises, volley ball and deserts.

Bill Lawler announced that he was appointed to the Veterans Hospital VAVS. He is taking a course, to certify him for the position. He also spoke about gift giving for Christmas, regarding Adopt a Family. He suggested that gift cards. Other programs are, Angel Tree, Toys for Troops and a Thanksgiving Gift Card.

Reading of Applications – Two applications were read, one from St. Michael Council 4548 and one from Coffee Run Council 6768.

Unfinished Business – None ; **Trustees** – Monitoring bills.

New Business – Hank Steenkamer is working on a proposal for a fundraiser, involving running Bus Trips. He will report more details about this in the next publication of the Assembly Newsletter.

Reports of 3rd Degree Councils

4548- Saint Michael Council - Held a Memorial Mass for all the deceased members of the Council. Four members of the Council and the Assembly, worked on setting up the Veterans Day banner on the property of Holy Family Church, facing Route 4.

6768 - Coffee Run -Held a First Degree at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, with live music performed by Kevin Sullivan.

11469 - Our Lady of Fatima Council - Held a Spaghetti Dinner, proceeds went to Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

11796 - Saint John The Beloved - No report

12104 - Holy Angels - Holding a Seafood sale at Holy Angels Church and St. John the Baptist churches.

12842 - Saint David - No report

The meeting was closed with reading of the Good of the Order and prayer. Adjournment was at 8:11PM

Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted, Faithful Scribe - Carmelo Palazzo – Vivat Jesus

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From S.K. Andy Elisee, District Master, please read : [I will call the Navigators as a follow up to hear how your appeals have been received.] To all Worthy Faithful Navigators:

Subject: Military Chaplain Scholarship Program

From: Vice Supreme Master and area coordinator of the Military Chaplain Scholarship Program. Our goal is that each jurisdiction provide 4,000.00 per year for 5 years for a 20,000.00 total. There is no reason why a jurisdiction cannot or should not choose to raise more money earlier and meet their 5 year goal much sooner. I will be contacting each of you?? Soon to discuss any questions or you can call me at 804.378.5301. I look forward to working with you on this program so that we can all support the Supreme Knight in making his pledge to Archbishop Broglio a reality.

Sincerely, Richie Head, V.S.M. rghjpsd@verizon.net

A letter was previously sent by the Supreme Master regarding the above. It is not reprinted here.

Some Notes here:

Our next meeting is January 16 because January 2 is the observed New Years holiday. January 16 is also a national holiday [MLK Jr.]

May 26 marks the Golden Jubilee of Father Siry's ordination. More discussion regarding this celebration in future meetings.

FROM THE EDITOR

THIS NEWS LETTER IS RESTRICTED TO E-MAILING TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

E-MAILS RETURNED FROM THE SERVER BECAUSE OF WRONG ADDRESSES WILL NOT BE RESENT UNTIL THE EDITOR HAS CORRECT INFORMATION. OUT OF 205 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, ONLY 59 HAVE OPTED TO RECEIVE THE OBSERVER BY E-MAIL. SHOULD YOU KNOW OF MEMBERS WHO WANT TO RECEIVE THEIR NEWS LETTER, I CAN BE CONTACTED AT: REZ38@VERIZON.NET. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE ANY MEMBER.

IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE, THE ASSEMBLY WILL NOT SEND THE NEWS LETTER VIA THE U.S.P.S TO ALL MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE COSTS. POSTAGE COSTS WILL ALSO RISE IN 2012 MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

Just A Little Donkey

*Just a little donkey,
but on my back I bore
The one and only Savior
the world was waiting for.*

*Just a little donkey,
but I was strong and proud-
I gladly carried Mary
through the chaos of the crowd.*

*I brought her to a stable
where she made a tiny bed...
A place for Baby Jesus
to lay His little head.*

*I pray the world remembers
that special Christmas night
when just a little donkey
carried Heaven's Precious Light.*

by Rita S. Beer

