

++++THE OBSERVER++++

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE—CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 150
NEWARK DELAWARE

MEETS AT 7 PM IN DINING HALL OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
GENDER ROAD & ROUTE 4, NEWARK
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS



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Faithful Navigator's Message

Greetings my brother Sir Knights.

It's been a while since our last news-letter and I want bring you up to date on some things that are coming up on the calendar. We will be participating in the monthly VA happy hours that occur on the second Saturday of the month. The annual Color Corp competition will be held in Marydel on March 26. Come out and see the team from Delaware compete against the other teams from the province. More details are enclosed.

We will be electing officers for the next Columbian year in May. There is a preliminary list in the newsletter of candidates. If you would like to hold an office next year, please contact one of the trustees. It's very important that we fill all the positions to ensure the smooth operation of the Assembly in the coming year.

As always, may God bless you and your families and God bless the men and women that keep our country safe for us to enjoy this way of life.

Barry E Swain
Faithful Navigator

Permanent Information Column

New Castle Co. Affiliated Councils

St. Michael's	4548
Coffee Run	6768
Our Lady of Fatima	11469
St. John the Beloved	11796
Holy Angels	12104
St. David's	12842

The Grand Knights of each Council are asked to submit newsworthy items and Council events for publication in **The Observer**, in addition to publishing in their respective Council News Letters.

Material can be given to the Editor at a monthly meeting or E-Mailed directly to rez38@verizon.net.

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The Meeting Minutes and current Observer are also published on the Assembly web site at:

www.de-kofc-150.org

The Observer is sent by US Mail and can also be sent by E-Mail Attachment on request or by .PDF format. An update membership E-Mail address roster is available on request. Members changing E-Mail addresses are asked to sent those changes to: rez38@verizon.net. Thank you.

The Observer is being published 4 times a year to control costs. In light of this, contributors are asked to look ahead and submit material in a timely manner....in anticipation of scheduled events, etc.

COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES AS SUBMITTED BY OUR FAITHFUL CAPTAIN

December 12—Viewing for S.K. Joseph J. Karwacki At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church R. Zeigler, W. Lawler, Al Ware

December 13—Viewing and Mass of Burial for S.K. Joseph J. Karwacki at Mother Seton Church B. Swain, W. Lawler, R. Novak, Al Ware

December 18—Escort the clergy at Mass of Christian Burial for Helen D. Flanigan at Holy Angels Church. W. Laler, J. Gardner, R. Novak

January 17—Viewing & Mass of Christian Burial for S.K. George W. Gott at Our Lady of Fatima B. Swain, W. Lawler, R. Novak, F.Pecoraro, H. Steenkamer, Al Ware

February 9—Family request for Barry J. Baldwin, Jr. at viewing at St. John Beloved 10 AM. R. Zeigler, Alware

February 10—Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Beloved at 10 AM, J. Gardner, R. Novak, A. Ware

February 28, Blessing of an improved Ultrasound Machine purchase by the K of C, at the Door of Hope Pregnancy Center in Wilmington. Bishop Malooly Presiding. A. Ware represented Assembly 150.
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Sunday, March 13 is the occasion of the State Free Throw Competition. The Color Corps is asked to present the flags at this event. 1 PM in the gym of St. Peter's School in New Castle. [5th. & Harmony] ***

***This announcement may be too late for distribution.

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January 31, 2011

VA Automating Educational Benefits under Post-9/1 1 GI Bill

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has successfully deployed a new automated system that is delivering faster, more accurate payments to Veterans attending school under the Post-9/1 1 GI Bill.

“VA is relying upon the latest technology to provide a high-tech solution for administering the most generous educational benefits since the original GI Bill in 1944,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The technology relies upon information from Veterans and specialized rules-based software to streamline the process for calculating Veterans’ benefits.

“The new GI Bill is the first example of VA’s use of an agile approach to software development,” said Roger W. Baker, VA’s assistant secretary for information and technology.

“Our success on this project is already being leveraged to ensure the success of other large software projects within VA.”

The new processes and software available to VA’s claims personnel replace the interim tools in use since August 2009, when the Post 9/11 GI Bill became effective.

VA has issued more than \$8 billion in Post-9/1 1 GI Bill benefit payments to nearly 440,000 students and their educational institutions.

The Post-9/1 1 GI Bill pays schools directly for the tuition and fees incurred by eligible Veterans and active-duty personnel. Those payments are based upon the maximum rate in each state for tuition and fees at the in-state level for undergraduates. A monthly housing allowance is also provided.

Also included is a maximum \$1,000 annual stipend for books and supplies, and a onetime payment of \$500 for students who reside in specific rural areas. Further information about the Post-9/1 1 GI Bill is available on the Internet at www.gibill.va.gov.

Knights of Columbus
Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #150
Newark, Delaware
Minutes –March 7, 2011

Faithful Captain called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call –	_P_Friar	_P_Comptroller	_P_1 Year Trustee
	_P_Navigator	P_Purser	_P_2 Year Trustee
	_P_Captain	P_Scribe	_P_3 Year Trustee
	_P_Admiral	A_Inner Sentinel	_P_Commander
	_E_Pilot	P_Outer Sentinel	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after corrections. Bill Baker's reception was held at Holy Family, not Holy Angels and there were 30 unpaid members, not 20.

Faithful Navigator's Report – The officer's slate for the new Columbian year will be discussed. Elections will be held in May and the new year will begin July 1. Mark Goldberg is running for Faithful Navigator and we are looking for the Scribe, Purser, and Comptroller positions to be filled. Our first VA happy hour will be Saturday, March 12 from 2-4 PM. Sir Knights, Barry Swain, Al Ware, Jim Gardner, and Gerry Safranski will host the happy hour.

Archbishop Fitzmorris Assembly spoke to the F.N. about getting a bowling team together.

Friar's Report – Faithful Friar discussed Supreme's four day State Chaplains meeting. Forty-five State Chaplains and seven Chaplains from Poland attended. Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminded attendees that our order is a fraternal organization based in Jesus Christ. not just doing good works but doing them in the name of Jesus. A number of revisions were discussed including changes in the Third Degree ceremony. A message from the Pope will be included in future 3RD degrees. A State Deputies meeting will take place in Houston on March 26. An informal 4th degree will be held on May 22. Ash Wednesday will begin the discipline of our Lenten journey. We use this time to prepare for the holy day of Easter.

Purser's Report – Bank balance on 2/24/11 was 2709.07. Checkbook balance including five uncashed checks for a total of 514.99 was 2709.07. We have 35 for the Chalice Fund.

Bills and Communications –36 for refreshments.

Comptroller's Report – Comptroller will send the current assembly roster to the newsletter editor to update it for distribution of the newsletter. To date there are 209 members, 40 honorary life members and one disabled member. There are 18 unpaid members as of March 7.

Service Program Report – Gerry Safranski reported on the gift of the ultra-sound machine to the Door of Hope. Bishop Malooly and the State Chaplain were present at the ceremony. The ultra sound machine will detect a heartbeat at 6 weeks into a pregnancy. Jim Gardner reported on Chalice Fund's account. 15250 in Edward Jones CD, 3300 in money market fund and 13500 CD in Wilmington Trust. We have 3 chalices left. Bob Ziegler needs info for the March newsletter.

Al Ware reported on the activities of the Color Corps which included Barry Baldwin's viewing and funeral and the blessing of the new ultra sound machine. Also the flag team will compete March 26 against several other states.

Unfinished Business – None.

Report of Trustees – Reviewing bills.

New Business – Jim Gardner pointed out the flag pole should be replaced since it is too short. Mark Goldberg has one that he will check out as a replacement.

Activities of the various councils were reported. Holy Angels will have a dinner dance March 12 and a crab cake sale April 14th. St. Michael's council will honor police officers on March 28. Coffee Run council will have fish and crab cake dinners on Fridays during Lent except Good Friday. Meeting was closed with reading of the Good of the Order and prayer. Adjournment was at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting will be April 4 starting at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, John E. McCormick, Faithful Scribe – Vivat Jesus

WORTHY COMMENT OF SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

A PERMANENT COLUMN OF APPRECIATION

On occasion readers will notice particular attention given to individual Assembly members for their endeavors and contributions. Members who, on a regular basis, involved in patriotism, Church work, public service, service on behalf of the Assembly, civic duties, education, etc., are some criteria considered. Such articles cannot happen unless others or the contributing members bring these matters to the Editor. We can run a continuing message of support for these worthy endeavors.

The history and facts behind the Annual Blue Mass were printed in 2010, however we will again provide a standing reminder of the need for funding for the logistics of the Blue Mass and amenities provided to attendees.

As to the funding received by Sir Knight Tasker, Sr., contributions come from many sources, friends, professionals in medicine, law, Councils, businesses and the State of Delaware. The majority funding is earmarked for food and drink for all attendees. Carolyn Tasker coordinates that activity. Other funds are used for banners, plaques, rosaries and assorted awards. For the purposes of contributions and other comments, contact: S.K. Terry L. Tasker, Sr. at myirish@aol.com Or: 2718 N. Robino Drive, Wilmington DE 19808-2256

S.K. Strawser manages our Assembly web site at discount. Many Assemblies do not have their own dedicated site, let alone an in-house member who is an expert Webmaster. Anyone seeking assistance in site development, contact: [First State Web Design.com](http://FirstStateWebDesign.com) or Strawser@firststatewebdesigns.com

Appreciation is given to our Faithful Scribe for his timely submission of the Minutes and other materials to Brother Strawser for web site publication.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Some say these are "pious platitudes", others refer to a wise person who has NOT written these as "platitudes".

One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

2] Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4] All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.

5] Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!

6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

AMEN!

COFFEE RUN COUNCIL LENTEN EVENTS

Six Lenten Fish Frys

Fridays March 11 through April 15 - 5-7PM

[except Good Friday]

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
 Downstairs Parish Hall
 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin
 S.K. John McCormick—Coordinator

Eat in....or

Take out is available.

Fried or baked white fish in beer batter
 Crab cakes, cole slaw - mac and cheese - steak fries

Coffee, tea, soda, beer & wine available beverages.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH AT 7 P.M.

Month of March

Mar-07-11, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present
Mar-09-11, Wed	Ash Wednesday
Mar-09-11, Wed	Council Business Meeting
Mar-09-11, Wed	State Council Service Program Awards
Mar-10-11, Thu	State Meeting at Dover Council
Mar-11-11, Fri	Lent Fish Fry
Mar-13-11, Sun	State Basketball Free Throw contest at St. Peter
Mar-17-11, Thu	St. Patrick's Day
Mar-18-11, Fri	Lent Fish Fry
Mar-19-11, Sat	Chess Tournament at St. Pius
Mar-24-11, Thu	Coffee Run Anniversary
Mar-25-11, Fri	Lent Fish Fry
Mar-26-11, Sat	4 th Degree Drill Team Competition at Marydel
Mar-29-11, Tue	Founders Day March 29, 1882
Mar-28-11, Mon	Knights OPEN HOUSE

Month of April

Apr-01-11, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry
Apr-03-11, Sun	First Degree Ceremonies
Apr-04-11, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon Knights Present
Apr-08-11, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry
Apr-09-11, Sat	K of C Membership Drive
Apr-10-11, Sun	K of C Membership Drive
Apr-13-11, Wed	Council Business Meeting
Apr-14-11, Thu	State Meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe Marydel
Apr-15-11, Fri	Lent Fish Fry
Apr-16-11, Sat	Ronald McDonald House dinner (90 persons)
Apr-17-11, Sun	Palm Sunday
Apr-24-11, Sun	Easter Sunday
Apr-27-11, Wed	Council Social Meeting
Apr-30-11, Sat	Adopt A Highway

**HOLY ANGELS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12104
FUNDRAISER SALE**

Featuring, Chucky's Jumbo Lump crab cakes, Crab Critter Appetizers and Maryland Crab Soup.

Made Fresh Daily

3.25 oz Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes 5.00 (ea)

Contains: Crab, eggs, wheat, soy, milk

The "Best of the Chesapeake" crab cake uses only Jumbo Lump crab meat, seasoned perfectly with our blend of spices. No Breading.

Heats in 10 minutes. Sold in boxes of 4, 6 or 12. Comes Fresh

Crab Ball Appetizers (50) 14.00

Contains: Crab, egg, wheat, soy, & milk. Great for parties, just reheat.
Comes frozen

Maryland Crab Soup (QT) 10.00

Made with vegetables & lots of crab meat. **RED.** Comes Frozen

To order please fill out the form below and present to the Knights of Columbus after Mass: Taking orders
4/2 & 4/3, 4/9 & 4/10, 2011

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Payment must be received with order. You can make Checks payable to the Knights of Columbus Council #12104. When **ordering crab cakes**, the minimum order is 4 and they will be sold in boxes of 4, 6 or 12. Orders can be picked up Thursday 4/14 at Fremont Hall **from 5:30 PM to 8 PM** The crab cakes can stay fresh up to 5 days in the refrigerator, or frozen to last longer.

Not responsible for orders not picked up

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Print Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of Crab Cakes: _____ x \$ 5.00 = Total \$ _____
(Box of 4,6 or 12)

Crab Appetizers (Bag of 50) _____ x \$14.00 = Total \$ _____

Maryland Crab Soup (Quart) _____ x \$ 10.00 = Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

PRO LIFE NEWS**[Taken from the Coffee Run Council NewsLetter]
Courtesy of G. Safranski**

Bishop Malooly presented the Coffee Run Council check of \$7500 to Carol Doherty of A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center on February 28, and State Deputy Larry Gardner presented the check from Supreme Council of \$6250 to complete the purchase of the center's Ultrasound machine. Thanks again for the very generous response of Coffee Run Council brother Knights, and other councils from all around Delaware which made this donation possible. Watch for a related article in the Dialog and in the Delaware Knight. <http://www.cdow.org/030311.pdf>

Birthright of Delaware will again benefit from the 'Bottles for Babies' campaign starting after all masses March 5 and 6. Pick up a bottle and fill it with coins or cash to help support Birthright. 40 Days for Life will begin on Ash Wednesday with a prayerful and peaceful demonstration outside Planned Parenthood at 6th and Shipley in Wilmington. Watch for announcements of when St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will fill the slots for a day (most likely a Saturday in March).

This is one of the pictures that did not make it into the Dialog. Pictured from left to right: Paul Bryant, Door of Hope Board Member, Our FS John Baldo, Kayla Holland RN Door of Hope, Andy Elisee, Master 4th degree, Carol Doherty — Director Door of Hope, Our Bishop His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Francis W. Malooly, Our State Deputy Larry Gardner, Our State Chaplain Reverend Phillip Siry, Fan Urick — State Pro Life Director, Gerry Safranski — State Warden, and Al Ware — Commander of Cardinal Gibbons Assembly



Fridays During Lent

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 01

April 08

4:00 PM till 7:00 PM

Holy Family Parish Hall



**Sponsored by St. Michael Council #4548
Knights of Columbus
and Youth & Parish Ministries**

Parish Fish Fry

MENU

Two types of fish - choose fried or baked
Scalloped potatoes & Hush puppies
Macaroni & cheese
Potato Salad
Grilled Cheese for the kids
Coleslaw
Deserts
Drinks—lemonade, coffee, milk

What a deal—hope to see you there !!

Adults: \$10.00

Seniors: \$8.00

Children ages 4-11: \$5.00

**Add Fried Shrimp
For just \$4.00**

Take-outs available