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My Brother Knights,

I am humbled by the vote of confidence by the delegates of the 66th Annual State Convention, electing me as the 62nd State Deputy for the Jurisdiction of Delaware. I thank our outgoing IPSD Andy Elisee and Connie and our new IPSD Ed Lichman and Kathy for their friendship and guidance that has made this transition almost seamless. With the full support of my wife, Marina, and all my brother knights and their families around the State I pledge to give my best effort to continue to move Delaware forward in prestige amongst our brother State Councils around the world.

Each new Columbian year presents its own challenges and I am sure that this Columbian year will be no different in that regard, however, with your help we shall overcome the obstacles as they present themselves and continue our movement forward to offer each and every devout Catholic man the opportunity to join us to do the work of supporting our Church, our families, our youth, and our communities.

As Knight's our ministry is service. Our theme this year is "*Veris per Opera*" which literally translates as "Strength through Service". The Latin, however, better encapsulates the multifaceted way in which we serve the church, family, youth, and community through our service in good works.

In this time of great social and economic turmoil, we must remain constantly vigilant to lend our talent, dedication, and financial resources to uphold and defend life, the sanctity of marriage, family values, and social justice. We must remain cognizant that many of our brothers have been adversely affected by the downturn in the economy and resolve to provide them and their families whatever help we can.

July and August are very important months in our calendar. Starting with the installation of State Officers on Sunday, July 12th at Holy Cross Church in Dover in which we will be privileged to have both Bishop Malooly and Bishop Emeritus Saltarelli in attendance, the month continues with District Deputies scheduling Council officer installations and District meetings. On July 19th, we shall show our support for our Brother and Bishop-designate Barres as he celebrates his farewell Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glasgow before moving on to become Bishop of Allentown, PA. July 26 will help close out the month with the installation of Fourth Degree Assembly officers at St. Polycarp's Church in Smyrna. In August, two very important and significant events are the annual Leadership Seminar and State Council Picnic.



Sherman Mitchell III
State Deputy

State Deputy Message - Continued

The Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday, 15th August at the Dover Columbian Home in Camden. This Seminar is especially important for all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. Other Council officers who intent to move up the leadership ladder are also encouraged to attend. The second event, the Annual State Picnic will be held on Sunday, 16th August at St. Anthony-in the-Hills. Last year we had close to 400 in attendance for a great family day out with good food, fun, swimming, and games. We hope that you will put this date on your calendar as a great family outing.

Our members are our greatest asset and resource, because there is strength in numbers. As our membership grows our ability to evangelize and serve becomes easier. For the month of July, I challenge each Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight to recruit one new member each, and for the month of August, I present the same challenge to each Council's Chancellor and Warden. Your enthusiasm and response will provide the example for your Council and will jumpstart your Council's pursuit of its new membership goal.

Vivat Jesus!

Sherman Mitchell III

State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

Once again dear brothers we bring another Columbian year to its conclusion. We celebrated our 66th annual state convention at the Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. We heard of the accomplishments, charity, and of the service to Church and the Community. Once again the Knights of Columbus have come forward and have shown their best. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my special thanks for your dedication and service.

During this Columbian year we also saw and participated in the installation of our new bishop, Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly and we look forward to working with him in the years to come. We also like to thank our former bishop Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli for his support and encouragement to all our Knights.

And so we begin a new Columbian year and ask Almighty God for His continued blessings and graces as we go forward to His greater honor and glory and His heavenly Kingdom, as we serve all our brothers and sisters and as always in solidarity with our Holy Father, bishops and priests

Congratulations to those elected for the upcoming Columbian year 2009-2010, State Deputy – Sherman Mitchell III, State Secretary – Larry Gardner, State Treasurer – Leon Gratowski, State Advocate – David Brown, Warden - David Haney, and Immediate Post State Deputy – Edward Lichman. Our new State Deputy's theme this year will be: "Veris per Opera" – Strength through Service.

Vivat Jesus

Father Philip Siry,

State Chaplain & District Friar



Rev. Philip L. Siry
State Chaplain

Associate State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights it has been an honor to serve as Fr. Siry's assistant during this past year, and I humbly gave an enthusiastic "yes" when asked to continue in this role for another year by our incoming State Deputy. Be assured of my continued prayers for each one of you and your loved ones, and I know that God will continue to bless all of us who are "dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Vivat Jesus!

Father Steven Giuliano

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Leadership Seminar 2009

The Leadership Seminar will be held at Dover Columbian Home in Camden, Delaware on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 8:30am. A continental breakfast will be available before the meeting, and lunch will be served immediately after. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries are expected to attend this kick-off meeting for the new Columbian year. A full program detailing both Supreme Council and State Council agendas will be presented. This meeting will get everyone on the same page working toward a successful 2009-2010 Columbian year. See you there!

State Council Meetings

State Council is not a Council unto itself, but the governing body made up of representatives for all Councils in the State. Therefore, participation of each and every Council is essential for a successful year. While each Council is involved with their particular parish and local community activities, it is important to remember the lessons of our Degrees, that each Council is also a part of the whole Knights of Columbus Order and has a stake in State and Supreme activities. State meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at varying locations throughout the State. These locations are listed in the State Newsletter, on the State Yahoo e-group, and on reminders sent by the State Deputy. Every Grand Knight has the responsibility to attend these meetings, or to send their Deputy GK and Financial Secretary, when necessary. All Delaware Knights are invited and encouraged to attend State Council meetings. Participation at State Meetings is the surest way of ensuring that you and your Council are kept abreast of Knights of Columbus activity throughout the State of Delaware. Holy Cross Parish, Dover will host the **Installation of State Officers and District Deputies on Sunday, July 12th** and Dover Council will host the first meeting of the State Council for the new Columbian Year on Thursday, July 9th. There will be no August State Council meeting due to the numerous events taking place throughout the month: the Supreme Convention, the Leadership Seminar, and the State Council Picnic. Get involved and start your Council off on the right footing for the new Columbian year.

Installation of Assembly Officers

Newly elected Assembly Officers for the 2009-10 Columbian Year will be jointly installed on Saturday, 26 July 2008, in Smyrna, DE. District Friar, Rev. Philip L. Siry, will concelebrate the Installation Mass at noon with Assembly Friars at St. Polycarp Church.

State Council Football Pool Fundraiser

Tickets for the State Council Football Pool fundraiser have been distributed to the majority of Grand Knight's in the State. This can be a great fundraiser for the State Council and individual Councils. If every Delaware Knight purchases at least one ticket and sells one ticket, this will be a winning activity. If you have not received or need more tickets contact Ralph Rossi, VSM at (302) 492-3590.



Annual State Council Family Picnic

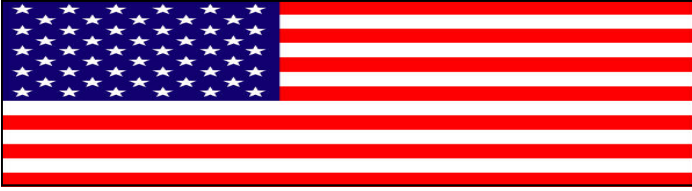
Our Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 16, 2008 at St. Anthony's in the Hills. Plenty of great food and refreshments, games, raffles, and swimming in the Olympic-size and children's pool will be available from 1 PM to 6 PM. The cost is \$7/adult and \$3/child under 12 years of age. There is a \$20 maximum for a family (all living at the same address). St. Anthony's in the Hills is located on Route 7, a quarter mile north of the DE-PA line. Picnic Chairman Brian Dennis (302) 797-3008 is busy planning a fun day for all, so mark your calendar, grab your swimsuits and plan for a super fraternal day with your fellow Knights of Columbus families.

Dates to Remember: July to September 2009

July 1 st	Start New Columbian Year
July 4 th	Independence Day
July 5 th	First Degree @ St. Pius X Home 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
July 9 th	State Meeting @ Dover Columbian Home 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Meeting
July 12 th	Sunday Installation for New State Officers 3:30 PM Mass at Holy Cross with dinner to follow at St. Thomas More, Magnolia, De.
July 13 th	First Degree @ St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 Degree
July 21 nd	Second Degree St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 Degree
July 26 th	Sunday Noon Mass; 4th Degree Installation of Officers @ St. Polycarp's, Dinner to follow
Aug. 2 nd	First Degree @ St. Pius X Home 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Aug 4-6 th	Supreme Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
Aug 10 th	First Degree @ St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Aug 15 th	Leadership Seminar 8:00 AM - 1:00PM @ Dover Columbian Home, Camden
Aug. 16 th	Annual State Picnic, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ St. Anthony's in the Hill's
Aug 25 th	Second Degree @ St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Sept 6 th	First Degree @ St. Pius X Home 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Sept 7 th	First Degree @ St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Sept 10 th	State Meeting @ St. Pius X Home 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Meeting
Sept 19 th	Third Degree @ St Jude's Parish Hall 1:00 PM Candidates, 1:45 PM Degree
Sept 22 rd	Second Degree @ St. Polycarp's 7:00 PM Candidates, 7:30 PM Degree
Dec 5 th	State Christmas Party after 5PM Mass @ Holy Cross Parish, Dover Party at St. Thomas More 6:00 PM Cocktails, 6:30 PM Dinner

Support State Community Programs

Recommit to supporting the great charitable programs sponsored by the State Council. Consider getting involved in these activities if your Council currently is not participating, or stepping up participation if your Council is involved.



Veterans Affairs

Visit a vet in the VA Hospital; volunteer to take him down to Mass. What better way to thank them for all they gave! Contact your council's Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative.

Delaware K of C License Plates

Proudly display your membership in the Knights of Columbus by placing a K of C license plate on the back of your vehicle. It is inexpensive (one time \$10 fee), easy to obtain and transferable to a new vehicle at no cost. Call the License Plate Coordinator Jim Gardner at (302) 737-7364 to handle the processing of the paper work.

What Is Life?

- Life is a challenge _____ meet it!
- Life is a gift _____ accept it!
- Life is an adventure _____ dare it!
- Life is a sorrow _____ overcome it!
- Life is a tragedy _____ face it!
- Life is a duty _____ perform it!
- Life is a game _____ play it!
- Life is a mystery _____ unfold it!
- Life is a song _____ sing it!
- Life is an opportunity _____ take it!
- Life is a journey _____ complete it!
- Life is a promise _____ fulfill it!
- Life is a beauty _____ praise it!
- Life is a struggle _____ fight it!
- Life is a goal _____ achieve it!
- Life is a puzzle _____ solve it!

Delaware Pro-Life

The KofC is a Pro-Life organization. Stay informed of Pro-Life issues, call and write your legislators, plan a Pro-Life Mass and/or Rosary for your Council, get involved in the Life Chains.



Blood Bank



Every brother Knight can be a hero by donating regularly to the Blood Bank. Be a real lifesaver by arranging a Blood Drive at your Parish.

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News Update

The final amount raised for by Bill Nisbet fund-raiser was \$8100. A check with a Get-Well card was sent from Our Lady of Guadalupe Council to Bill and Carol Nisbet. Subsequently, a letter was received from Bill and Carol expressing their deepest gratitude and stated that the money will be spent to get the therapy which Bill desperately needs. Just want to say "Thanks" to all who donated time and money towards the success of this fund-raiser. This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about helping those in need. ... Jim Ward, GK, OLG, Council 12509

Sometimes Superheroes Need Help Too

Growing up most of us have looked up to a superhero, someone like John Wayne, Super Man, Spider Man, or some other fictional character that really wowed us, was an inspiration, and was someone you would impersonate, and imagine yourself one day becoming. Fictional characters come and go, and although their legacies live on, they are often replaced with real life heroes; people that like the fictional superheroes, inspire, lend a helping hand, give a shoulder to lean on, lead by example, and through life show people how traits like honesty, dignity, respect, honor and love make the person. I am turning twenty-six shortly, getting married, and becoming a man myself and I can honestly say my hero is my father.

I am writing this letter because I need your help. My father is a Knight and has explained that his Brother Knights are his new extended family. He loves being a member of the Knights and tells me it gives him value and worth as he struggles with retirement and his illness. I have been hesitant to contact your organization however I feel as though I am becoming helpless, and I am scared I am going to lose my father and need to do everything I can to try and help him live a longer healthier life.

My father turned 62 on June 14th. He was born with one kidney, and has lived his life knowing one day he would be in need of a transplant. Three years ago my father became ill enough that he needed to be placed on dialysis. He goes to the clinic in Lewes three times a week for four to six hours. It is very sad to see my father so exhausted, and I want more than anything for him to have a normal healthy life. It is awful that so many people die each year because of kidney failure, and it absolutely kills me to know that because of my heart condition and defibrillator I am unable to offer my dad this gift.

My dad is a great pop pop (Pi-Pa') to my nephews, and I am not sure sometimes if he will live long enough to see my kids. This is the worst thought in the world for them to miss out on such a wonderful person that is a true inspiration to his friends, family, professional acquaintances and to the patients in his dialysis clinic by maintaining a positive outlook and sense of humor.

My dad has many friends, and I have pleaded with him to ask within his church, and associations like the Knights of Columbus. My father is a selfless man; he is still my hero at twenty-six years old. He will do anything for a complete stranger; he even makes people feel better even when he often feels even worse.

I am not sure what will come of this letter but I believe that the Knights of Columbus is a group of brothers, like my father has told me, and I believe that someone will answer my prayers. My superhero needs help and it kills me that I am unable to physically do anything other than write this letter to you.

You can find more information about Kidney Failure and the living donor process at www.kidney.org. My father is registered at University of Maryland Medical Center the living donor contact number is 410-328-5408 to register you will have to tell them my father's name Ed St. Jean Jr. They will begin by sending a questionnaire. Like any procedure the possibility of complications exist however your research will show the reward greatly outweighs any potential risks.

I would not send this letter to you if I, myself were not willing to offer the same gift if I was able. I am not singling anyone out in this letter; I am informing you of a situation and simply asking for help. I pray and believe that my efforts will inspire someone to research and make the decision to get tested.

I hope that everyone reading this letter has been blessed enough to have a non-fiction superhero; someone who helped you learn by mistake, taught you how to be kind, and made you laugh when you were sad, or give you the confidence to just go for it. Like fictional characters our real life heroes must come and go and their impressions and memories will live on forever. I am not ready or willing to watch my hero go, and it comes down to this fact; Sometimes superheroes need help too and I am willing to ask for it.

I hope my note makes you think of a hero you look up to, and I ask that if you have any questions at all you contact me personally at 410-530-5546. God bless all of you for what you do and Thank you for taking the time to read a story of a Non-fiction Superhero in need.

Yours Truly,

Eddie St. Jean III



Delaware Knights of Columbus Installation of State Officers

Sunday, July 12, 2009

3:30 PM

Holy Cross Church

South State Street

Dover, DE 19901

Celebrant and Homilist:

His Excellency Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D.

Bishop of Wilmington

Banquet Immediately Following At:

St. Thomas More Academy

133 Thomas More Dr., Magnolia, DE 19962

Dinner:

Buffet Catered by Cajun Queens Cuisine

Reservation Form - State Installation of Officers

Return form to: Francesco Cristiano, Executive Secretary, 1112 Seeneytown Rd., Dover, De. 19904

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Members of Christopher Council prepared and served the food at the recently held Little Sisters of the Poor “Share the Care” Award celebration for Bishop Saltarelli. Members of Bishop Mardaga Assembly pose with Bishop Malooly, Bishop Emeritus Saltarelli, and Bishop-designate Barres prior to the Mass at Holy Child Church.