

# **Navigators Thoughts**

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

For the past two years I have had the honor and the privilege of being the Cardinal Gibbons Assembly. I thank all of my brother Sir Knights for this. It is now time for me to step aside and let the next man take his turn.

Thank you.

Martin Reynolds

Faithful Navigator

## **Patriotic Affairs**

### **Main Street, USA**

Faithful Pilot Mike Handlin is continuing to spear head the Flag Day efforts. He has maintained contact with the Middletown High School Junior ROTC to encourage area businesses to fly the American flag. Last year we targeted Flag Day as a day for this project. This year, at Mike's request, we are targeting all federal days. If you are able to help expand this worthy project to your own neighborhood, call Mike at 731-5554.

### **A Day for World War II Vets**

Reynold Cierniak, PGK Coffee Run, is working with Master of the Fourth Degree, William Lawler to honor all World War II vets. All of the fourth degree assemblies in Delaware are identifying their members who served in this war. Those veterans so identified will be honored at a gathering at St Pius X Columbian Home, Lancaster and Scott Streets in Wilmington on My 21 in the afternoon. If you were in this war, please, call Reynold at 302 239- 5182.

### **Iraq and Afghanistan Participants**

The Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree sent me a letter asking for information on any members of the Knights of Columbus who have served, or who are still serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The Knights of Columbus wants to recognize each member of the Order who have served the United States in either of these two wars.

## **Iraq and Afghanistan Participants Continued**

The information requested by the Supreme Council is the member's name, address, membership number, council and/or assembly number, branch of service and rank. If you do not have all of the information, please, send what you do know.

This request pertains to all members of the K of C, not just 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. They may be members of other councils or assemblies. While preference should be to give the information to the home assembly/council, feel free to use this contact if you do not know what that contact may be.

Many people sought by the Supreme may not read this letter, since they are in the war zones. Therefore, I ask that you send the information for them to Martin Reynolds, 32 Tyre Ave, Newark, DE 19711; or (302) 366- 8086.

## **Assembly Affairs**

### **Corporate Communion**

The members of Cardinal Gibbons Assembly are invited to join the members of Holy Angels Council for a corporate Mass, Sunday May 21, 2006 at 9:00 am. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information call Martin Reynolds, 368-9753.

### **Website**

Cardinal Gibbons website is <http://150.kofc-de.org>.

Thank you to Jim Mason from St Michael Council. Email him items of interest at [jim.mason@state.de.us](mailto:jim.mason@state.de.us).

### **Emails Wanted**

While on the subject of websites, we should mention that we would like to get your email address for more rapid communication of this and other stuff of interest to Knights of Columbus. We do not intend a commercial use of the email. The intended use would be to get this letter out to all more rapidly; notify of special events; call for help; notify of death of members. We may also use the email to rally the membership for action such as for legislation before the Delaware General Assembly or US Congress.

Please send me a letter at [Martin.Reynolds@verizon.net](mailto:Martin.Reynolds@verizon.net).

I do not need this email from you if you have received this newsletter from me on your email.

### **Chalice Program**

While we are talking about dues, I believe that it is worth saying, that \$5.00 of the \$25.00 which you pay is held as a "chalice fund." That is, we reserve that much money to buy a chalice, ciborium or pyx to be given to your family on your death. You may designate now which one you prefer. Otherwise, the choice will be made by your family, or by the assembly.

Many families are not aware that we have this program. So it comes as a surprise to your family members. We do ask you to talk to your family about this now, so that they are aware of the program.

## **Dues**

If not paid yet please send your \$25 to Bill Mousley, 828 Jeffrey Pine Drive, Bear, DE 19701. Not sure? Call Bill at 836-0887.

## **Blue Rocks Baseball**

PLEASE POST THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

We need 20 to 30 people at each of these Blue Rocks baseball games. This means I need you, and you, and you. (Imagine a finger pointing.)

Day	Date	Game time	Arrive
Sunday	April 30	1:35	11:30 am
Thursday	May 11	6:35	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 24	11:05	9:00 am
Friday	June 16	7:05	5:00 pm
Tuesday	July 4	2:05	12:00 noon
Thursday	July 20	1:05	11:00 am
Saturday	August 5	6:05	4:00pm
Saturday	August 19	6:05	4:00pm
Monday	September 4	1:05	11:00 am

Some faq's

Can I bring my wife?

Can I bring my son?

Can I bring a friend?

The answer to each is Yes.

Some general rules for safety and sanitation include:

Show up on time.

No drinking alcohol while working.

Do not eat in front of the customers.

No smoking at the stand.

Wear close-toed shoes, not sandals.

Dress neatly, which means no short shorts, no spandex pants, no ripped, torn, or patched, clothes, no tank tops, and no open midriffs.

## **Color Corps**

Commander Paul D'Antonio 999-0995.

Do you have any equipment that you do not use? Do you have a tuxedo that still looks good, but is too small? If so, please, consider donating it to the assembly so that it can be put back to use.

Are you interested in becoming active in the Color Corps? This interesting and rewarding ministry is open to all members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Whatever Catholics do, the Knights of Columbus do in large numbers. Whatever Knights of Columbus does, the Color Corps does very visibly. Participation does not mean that you must come out every time, or even every second or third time. You participate when you are able. If you have restrictions, as to standing too long, or long walks, just tell the Commander, so he knows to skip past you on events that are unsuitable.

## **Meetings**

Cardinal Gibbons continues to meet on the first meeting of the month. We gather at 7pm for sups and business at 7:30.

The parish bulletin for Holy Family Church show that we have the room at 6:00 pm, but we do not meet until 7:00 o'clock.

Next meeting is Monday, June 5,2006. Election of officers is on the agenda.

## **Assembly Officers Nominated**

The acting Navigator Ken Kirk filled in for Navigator Reynolds who was absent. He received the report of the nominating committee. The committee did an excellent job finding willing and able candidates for each of the elected positions in the assembly.

They have nominated

Faithful Navigator Ken Kirk

Faithful Captain Michael Handlin

Faithful Pilot Reynold Cierniak

Faithful Admiral Martin Reynolds

Faithful Purser Andrew Hutson

Faithful Scribe Richard Fox

Inner Sentinel Richard Novak

Outer Sentinel Terry Logue

Three-Year Trustee Leon Gratkowski

Nominations are still open and will continue to be open until the election.

## **Biennial**

The Biennial meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of Delaware was held April 26 at Dover Columbian Home. Nominations were accepted for Ralph Rossi and N Joseph Hunter for Master for the upcoming term.