



# NASSAU CHAPTER NEWS

WWW.NASSAUCHAPTERKOFK.ORG

JANUARY 2009



## *Chapter President's Message*

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas and New Years were joyful and spent with family and friends.

Our December meeting was cancelled due to the weather. I hope everyone got the word in time. This was the first time we had to cancel a meeting. The cancellation procedure was never tried before.

Our January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Corpus Christi Council in Mineola. I want to thank Grand Knight, Ken Lyons, and the members of Corpus Christi Council for volunteering to host our January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a change from what was listed in the directory (orange book).

At this meeting, we will be drawing the winner of the Fraternal Assistance Committee raffle. We are asking \$10.00 per three tickets that appear at the bottom of the letter. Please be as generous as you can. The proceeds of this raffle fund our Fraternal Assistance program which provides assistance to brother knights, sister Columbiettes and their families when in need. Due to the difficult financial times many in our area are experiencing, your support is needed. Please think of your brothers and sisters in Columbianism. If you haven't returned your raffle tickets or would like to purchase more, we will be accepting raffles prior to the meeting.

Also, we will be announcing the winners of the Grammar School and CCD grants. We will be accepting applications prior to the meeting also.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> the Chapter will be hosting a fundraiser for Autism Speaks at Corpus Christi Council. The cost is \$30.00 per person with the entire proceeds of the ticket sales to be donated. There is more information included in this newsletter.

The position of Ball Journal Chairman is still vacant. This position may be filled by one or more brothers who would be interested in helping out. We are in critical need of brothers to assist us in soliciting advertisers and boosters and compiling the book for the printer. The revenue from the journal funds our scholarship program and makes up any shortfall in the revenue from the Ball. Please contact me if you can contribute some time to this most important fund raiser for the Chapter.

I hope to see you all at the January meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

*Jim Bellotti PGK. FDD*

## *Chapter Calendar*

Friday, January 16th, Chapter Meeting, Corpus Christi Council, Mineola

Sunday, January 18th, New York State Council Pro Life Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

Thursday, January 22nd, March for Life, Washington D.C.

Friday, January 23rd, Third Degree (Eastern half only) Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville

Saturday, January 24th, Nassau Chapter Autism Night, 7-11pm, Corpus Christi Council

Monday, January 26th, Nassau Board of District Deputies Meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council, West Hempstead

## *Jack O'Grady*

Jack did a lot of service for a lot of people. Here at the Chapter he was known as a Past State Deputy, a Past Conference Chairman, and also brought the State Bowling Tournament to the old Plander lanes in Uniondale. At our Council, Robert W. Powell, he was a lot more. He was one of our Past Grand Knights, and also founded the Uniondale Football League. After his year as Grand Knight, Powell Council's membership reached its all-time high. He also served many as NYPD Sergeant, and head of Security for then-EAB (now Citibank at Reckson) Plaza. His contributions were numerous and will not be forgotten.

From one Sir Knight to another, Jack passed the torch. We at Powell Council, and Nassau, will keep the sword bright for liberty's sake.

*Mike Dragonetti. PGK. 3488*

**Get well wishes go out to our  
bulletin's former Editor, PGK DD,  
and Treasurer to Nassau's Board of  
District Deputies, Steve Higgins.**

*Pro-Life Mass and Pro-Life March: Be there!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS AT St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL NEW YORK CITY SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009 10:15 A.M. MASS CELEBRANT HIS EMINENCE, EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN, Plan Now To Attend: Reservation & information for local bus transportation Call: Ed Mc Kee 1-516-454-0993

36<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 Washington, D.C. The Gift of Life, God's Special Gift the Unborn Children. Plan Now to Attend, Protect God's Creation the Unborn Children. Reservation & information for local bus transportation call: Ed Mc Kee 1-516-454-0993 Also, as of press time, Bellmore Council has a few seats available, \$25 per person, first come, first served. Call PGK Hank Holzworth, 516-221-4530 or (cell) 516-698-2138.

*Father McGivney Day in Lynbrook*

Paul Labozzetta, Chancellor for St. Mary's/MarisStella Council, sent in the following:

Mayor Brian Curran has informed (the council) that on **Monday, February 9, 2009** the Incorporated Village of Lynbrook will be celebrating "Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney Day". As you well know, Fr. McGivney was the founding father of the Knights of Columbus.

On February 2, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven Connecticut, he founded the Knights of Columbus with a small group of parishioners and on **March 29, 1882** the Knight of Columbus was incorporated under the laws of the state of Connecticut. The Knights celebrate this date as Founder's Day.

As an active K of C member, the mayor, invite all Brother Knights to attend this village meeting. It begins at 8 PM at the Village Hall (corner of Peninsula Boulevard and Merrick Road).

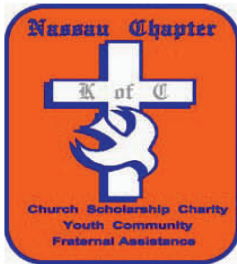
A tip of the chapeau to Webmaster Joe Mattina PGK, Joe Bonarrigo GK, and all the guys at Our Lady of the Island Council for being awarded website of the year from Knightsite.com! Jack Impellizzieri, Brian Ennis, and I can tell you that's a major accomplishment indeed. Check 'em out: [www.kofc6911.org](http://www.kofc6911.org)

Tim Mulhearn, Warden for Hempstead Council wrote to inform us about an upcoming reception for United New Yorkers for Choice in Education (UNYCE). The reception will be February 8th, 2:30—4:30 pm at Bishop Kellenberg High School. The Guest Speaker will be Sr. Joanne Callahan, O.S.U. she's the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. UNYCE has been supported by the late Bishops John McGann and John McHugh, and current Bishop William Murphy. Auxiliary Bishops Emil Wcela (Retired) and John Dunne are also members of UNYCE, and the goal is to help parents afford Catholic education for their children. Reception is \$20, the raffle is \$100. Contact Tim for more information, (516) 292-1224.

Basil Bliss, Grand Knight for Msgr. John Seidenschwang Council, wrote to inform us about Deacon Richard Larossa, who handles development and financing of a seminarian program in Guatemala., where it costs \$750 annually to pay to educate one Seminarian. Contact Basil for more information, [bbliss@optonline.net](mailto:bbliss@optonline.net)

*Planning ahead*

If the weather's bad at 7 pm on a Chapter meeting night, the meeting's cancelled!



# Nassau County Chapter Knights of Columbus

PO Box 250, Massapequa, NY 11758

**James Bellotti**  
PGK, FD D  
President

**Steven Connelly**  
PGK  
Vice President

**James Wall**  
PGK  
Secretary

**Michael T. Murtha**  
PGK  
Treasurer

November 22, 2008

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes

You are cordially invited to share in a celebration for our second benefit for Autism.

Nassau Chapter Annual Fundraiser to Benefit Autism  
Saturday, January 24, 2009  
Corpus Christi Council 7 pm to 12 midnight  
186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, New York  
DJ, Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Wine & Soda, Tap Beer  
Drinks at Council Prices  
Raffles and 50/50  
Door Prizes

\$30.00 per person

We would be very grateful for your support!

All Raffle proceeds will go directly towards benefiting children with autism. We will advertise your efforts throughout the fundraiser in appreciation for your efforts. Please feel free to contact me for tickets and information.

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism.
- It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups.
- It is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year Than with AIDS, diabetes, and cancer **combined!**

Sincerely,

Michael T. Murtha  
Past Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
516-798-0373  
166 Toronto Avenue  
Massapequa, NY 11758



Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism



*Nassau Chapter Bulletin Contest is underway*

It's our latest way to reward our councils for all the good works they do. You know what Supreme says, "brag a little, brag a lot," and now your council just might get an award for it! And now we have guidelines:

- 1) Newsletters must be written, edited, and published by council members.
- 2) Interested councils must submit a minimum of three between the Summer of 2008 and May 1st, 2009. That's our deadline. If you haven't already done so, add us to your council's mailing list!
- 3) Please list on each issue, the Council's name and number, the Editor's name, and the District number (this is what New York State uses in their bulletin contests. They judge it by districts)
- 4) All entries must be in no later than May 1st, 2009. We'll start judging them in April and May, and award the winners at the June Chapter meeting.
- 5) Send them in as printed. It's much easier to judge.
- 6) There will be plaques for First, Second, and Third Place. We'll also give certificates to every council which participates.
- 7) As recommended by the committee, we'll grade newsletters on a 100 point system:

Editing 20 points

Format 10 points

State News 10 points

Supreme News 5 points

Insurance News 5 points

Membership (this may include drives, member profiles, members name in local news, prayer requests, etc) 15 points

Chapter/Conference news 5 points

Council News and Committee Reports 15 points

Fourth Degree 10 points

Fr. McGivney 5 points

Council bulletins (and websites) are invaluable in getting the word out about your councils, especially to members who can't make meetings, but want to know what's going on. What better way to keep members interest in their council? And in addition to our Chapter, the State and Supreme Councils have many programs that can put your council over the top in their member's eyes. And it goes without saying that Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, and now it's our turn to say thanks by helping publicize his canonization efforts. And as bulletin editor for my own council and assembly, I can tell you first hand that every member reads every word, and members love to see their brother's names in print.

Of course not every issue may feature something about the 4th degree, your chapter, or KofC insurance. That's why we ask for a minimum of three issues per council. This should ensure the variety of news that your council bulletin presents.

Most of these guidelines are already in place for the State Council Bulletin contests, so don't forget to submit to them as well.

You may send issues to me,

*Mike Dragonetti*

496 Greengrove Avenue,

Uniondale NY, 11553-2131

[towncrier@mindspring.com](mailto:towncrier@mindspring.com)

(516) 481-2578 or (516) 884-7768

In addition to thanking you in advance for taking part, I'd also like to thank my Committee members:

Ed Willie, PGK, DD 12th District

George Raplee, PGK, PFN, FDD, PNCC, PCC, Lecturer to the Chapter President

Paul Doyle, PGK, PFN, FDD

Larry Lombardo, PGK, Warden to the Nassau Board of District Deputies

Bill Mitchell, GK