



# NASSAU CHAPTER NEWS

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## *Chapter President's Message*

Happy St. Patrick's Day! My grandmother always told me that the Irish had special clout with God because they could eat meat on St. Patrick's Day even though we are in the middle of Lent.

Our February meeting was hosted by Memorare Council. Prior to the meeting the members present prayed a living rosary. I want to thank the brothers of Norton Council for lending us the use of their rosary beads. If you have never seen this devotion, each individual holds a bead in the rosary and leads the group by reciting an Our Father or Hail Mary. The recitation continues until the entire rosary is completed.

The nominating committee is considering candidates for the officers of the chapter. To qualify for an elected position in the chapter a candidate must be a third degree member in good standing and a member of a council in Nassau County whose membership dues with the chapter are up to date. You do not have to be a delegate to the chapter to qualify. Additionally, every elected position is open to nomination. If you would like to be considered please contact Steve Tommony, Ed Ciulla or Tom Kopetic.

There are two important pieces of business on the agenda for our March meeting. The first is the report of the semi-annual audit of the chapter's finances. The second, is modification to the chapter's bylaws to comply with changes that have been made since the original bylaws were drawn up and approved by the Supreme Council.

In the past month we received word from the IRS that the Nassau Chapter meets all the requirements to be classified as a 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation. As far as we know, the Nassau Chapter is the only chapter in the order that has received this designation.

Our annual ball will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Stewart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale. Now is the time for councils to reserve tables. The ball is the major event of the chapter. The proceeds fund our high school, grammar school and religious education scholarships. Each year the chapter awards \$5,000.00 to Catholic education through these scholarships. To make reservations contact Tom Kopetic, Reservations Chairman, or Bob Hartman, Ball Chairman.

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## *Chapter Calendar*

Friday, March 20th, Chapter meeting, New Hyde Park Council.  
Monday, March 23rd, Nassau Board of District Deputies meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council.  
Friday, March 27th, Third Degree (East) Memorare Council  
Sunday, March 29th. Fundraiser for Sal Restivo for State Warden, Barry Council.  
Tuesday, April 14th, Chapter Executive Meeting, Corpus Christi Council.  
Friday, April 17th, Chapter meeting, Floral Park Council

**The Nassau County Conference invites you  
to a fundraiser for our Favorite Son  
and Candidate for New York State Warden  
Salvatore A. Restivo  
Sunday, March 29, 2009  
3PM to 6PM  
At Joseph Barry K of C  
45 Heitz Place  
Hicksville, New York 11801**

**Hot and cold Buffet, Tap beer, wine, soda  
and music**

**Donation \$25.00 / person**

**For reservations please contact:**

**Tony Ippolito      or      Charlie Guarnieri  
516-707-4061                      516 285-7462  
516-256-7799**

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Looking ahead to our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at Floral Park Council, Pat Shea of Mamma's House will be making a brief presentation about the ministry to the unwed mothers-to-be in our communities. The councils should consider making a donation to Momma's House that evening. We will collect any contributions at the April chapter meeting.

Our March meeting will be held at New Hyde Park Council on March 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there  
Vivat Jesus,

*Jim Bellotti PGK, FDD*

### NASSAU CHAPTER HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

**PURPOSE:** To provide Financial Assistance to dependent children and grandchildren of members in good standing of the Nassau Chapter for the furthering of their Catholic High School education.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Scholarships are awarded based upon the scholastic aptitude of the child and the child's activities within their Church and community. The scholarship is awarded without consideration of financial need. The scholarship is awarded to incoming freshman and may be renewed yearly provided the recipient's scholarship, attendance, behavior and community service is far above standard. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: One renewable scholarship of \$1000.00 payable directly to the school in two payments (usually in September and January). Two one time scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded to the second and third place students.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a child, grandchild, or legal ward of a Knight of Columbus or Columbiette, whose council is a member of the Nassau Chapter in good standing. A Squire or Squirette, whose organizations are sponsored by a council in good standing in the Nassau Chapter, may also apply. Children of deceased members whose demise occurred while in good standing are also eligible.
2. Acceptance in a Catholic High School for the year beginning September 2009. Proof of registration will be required.
3. Financial Secretary must verify the good standing of member.
4. Signature of Parent is required to certify the accuracy of all answers on the application.

**FILING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:** Financial need is not a factor. The filing of a scholarship application MUST be accompanied with **four (4) documents**:

1. **A letter of recommendation** from an educator of the school currently attended by the applicant. The recommendation should specify the student's scholastic achievements and activities in the school.
2. **Proof of registration** in a Catholic High School for the academic year beginning September 2009.
3. **Transcripts** of the students final marks for grades 6 and 7 and the mid-year grades for grade 8 (at least 2 semesters or trimesters).
4. **A composition** written by the student describing his or her understanding of the Knights of Columbus and his or her activities within the student's Church and community. *Word processors or computers may be used for this purpose.*

NOTE: DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL **NOT BE** CONSIDERED.

All completed applications should be sent to the High School Scholarship Chairman. Applications are available from the Grand Knights and the Scholarship Chairman.

**DEADLINE FOR FILING:** April 17, 2009 Mail application and supporting documents to:

Salvatore A. Restivo, Chairman Nassau Chapter Scholarship Committee

18 Quiet Lane

Levittown, New York 11756

**Nassau Chapter  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**APPLICATION  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicant Name (Student): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School  
to be attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: \_\_\_\_\_ K of C                      \_\_\_\_\_ Columbiettes

\_\_\_\_\_ Squires                      \_\_\_\_\_ Squirettes

**Financial Secretary's  
certification of membership  
in good standing:** \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ Membership  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Documents to be attached: Student's composition describing his or her understanding of the Knights of Columbus, and his or her activities within the Church, school, and community. Please use a separate sheet of loose leaf and attach to application.

Transcript of final marks for grades 6, 7 and 8

Letter of recommendation from an educator of the student's elementary school

Proof of registration at the above named High School for the academic year beginning September, 2009

**All applications must have applicant's sponsor's membership number and Financial Secretary's certification in good standing.**

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**April 17, 2009  
see other side  
for filing  
instructions**



*Nassau Free Throw Championships*

By *Mike Galgano*, PGK, FDD, FN  
 Nassau Auxiliary Chairman for Youth

The Nassau County Free-throw Championship was held on Sunday March 8th at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. Once again this year we had a turn-out of over 85 boys and girls, all ready to compete for the title of Nassau County Champion. The winners and the Councils they represented are listed below. An event like this can not be successful without the help of many people. My thanks to all of the District Deputies, and Brother Knights who showed up to help out. Special thanks to Bill McGough (Vice-Chairman for Youth) and Andres Escobar (State Deputy Chief Squire) and John Klos for all their help at the registration table. Good luck to all our winners at the LI Regional Free-throw on March 15th at Holy Trinity High School.

Boys 10	Conor Nelson	Daniel J. Bradley Council
Boys 11	Tyler Musgrove	Joseph Lamb Council
Boys 12	Brian Hatt	Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymonds Council
Boys 13	Ryan McGuire	Our Lady of the Island Council
Boys 14	Brendon Beiersdorder	Holy Innocents Council
Girls 10	Tameika Jackson	Fr. F.B. Carroll Council
Girls 11	Keira Vassallo	St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council
Girls 12	Emma Nadel	Port Washington Council
Girls 13	Gina Fader	Holy Innocents Council
Girls 14	Elizabeth Fiechter	St. Paul the Apostle Council



### *Your Tax Day Cometh*

By Dan Garcia, Fraternal Benefits Counselor

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does a GUARANTEED retirement income that you cannot outlive – *"That's right, Guaranteed"* – sound to you?

With the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute** safety of principal), really will provide you with peace of mind.

We're happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

We're your Knights of Columbus Agents. Call us – it could be one of the best calls you make.

Western Nassau County  
The Connolly Agency 516 872 6262

Eastern Nassau County  
The Lyons Agency 516 287 4739

Get well wishes go out to our

bulletin's former Editor, PGK DD, and Treasurer to Nassau's Board of District Deputies, Steve Higgins.



## *Nassau Chapter Bulletin Contest*

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.

As of March, the following councils have qualified for the contest:

St. Mary's/Maris Stella, Westbury, Hempstead, Alfred E. Smith, Pope Pius XII, Msgr. Delaney, Our Lady of the Island, Memorare, Oyster Bay.

In May, the following will qualify: Holy Innocents, Robert W. Powell

There's still time for everyone else. As stated above, a minimum of three between the summer and this May.

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

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

Or you can give them to me at the Chapter meeting.

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

## *2009 Catholic Men's Conference*

By *Austin Cannon*, PGK FDD PFN FM Vocations/Scouting Chairman

I am writing on behalf of the 2009 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The conference which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 8:30 a.m.—6 p.m., seeks to recognize and heighten the role of Catholic men in today's society. Men from across the diocese will gather at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville to listen, dialogue and pray about where they fit into Catholic Family Life and the 21st. century.

The theme for the day is You Have what it Takes, and among the featured speakers for the day will be, former All American, NFL All Star and New York Giant, Mark Bavaro, and New York City Detective Steven McDonald. Most Rev. William Murphy, Bishop of Rockville Centre will preside at the concluding Mass.

The mission of the Men's Ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is to evangelize, encourage and strengthen Catholic men to live their call to be powerful sons of God and to lead their families and others closer to the Lord. Whether in the home, workplace or society, each man is called to respond to the authentic image of masculinity found in Christ Jesus and an example such as St. Joseph, patron of husbands and fathers. The Catholic Men's Conference of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will gather men in prayer and fellowship to be inspired to go out into the world to fight for the dignity of every human being and to protect those entrusted to their care.

To find out more about the program, visit: <http://www.catholicmensministry.net/>

You may also contact Austin Cannon either at the March Chapter meeting or at [Scouting@drvc.org](mailto:Scouting@drvc.org)



Mayor Brian Curran and Trustees of the Village of Lynbrook , Long Island, are seen presenting a Proclamation to Grand Knight Charlie Rosaschi of St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council #2228, Lynbrook, New York, proclaiming March 29th, 2009 as Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney/Knights of Columbus Day in the Village of Lynbrook. At a well attended public meeting, it was proclaimed that the Knights of Columbus is the legacy of Father McGivney and that he dedicated his life to the spiritual and physical welfare of others, creating the Knights of Columbus. It was further proclaimed that Father McGivney is known as the APOSTLE TO THE YOUNG and DEFENDER OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE and since his cause for canonization began in 1997, spreading his story of holiness and priestly service, popular devotion to him has increased. Standing in unity and support of St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council in acceptance of the Proclamation are New York State Scholarship Director Kevin Coleman, 4th Degree Master 1st New York District Richard Steimle, Marshall Jay Abbondondelo, Cardinal Mercier Assembly Faithful Navigator Mike Muirhead, and the 4th Degree Honor Guard of the Cardinal Mercier Assembly.

## *Round the councils*

Ray Tangorra from Our Lady of Mercy Council wrote to let us know about his son Rafe. Rafe, a sophomore at Bishop Kellenberg High School, is putting together a Rock Out Autism fundraising concert on Saturday, April 4th. The February 11th Long Island Catholic had a nice article on his efforts: [http://www.licatholic.org/news/021109/rocking\\_out\\_autism.html](http://www.licatholic.org/news/021109/rocking_out_autism.html)

Floral Park Council and the Floral Park Fire Department are having their Annual Keith Fairben Memorial Blood Drive. Keith Fairben was a member of the fire department and he was killed on 9/11. The Blood Drive will take place on Good Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm in the school basement of Our Lady of Victory in Floral Park.

Corpus Christi Council will be running a joint fundraiser on Sat April 18th 7 pm—11 pm for the Paddy Brown Foundation/Special Olympics. Paddy Brown is the brother of a girlfriend of one of our Brother Knights who died 9-11. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. All net proceeds will benefit wounded veterans, their families, and the Special Olympics. Contact GK Kenny Lyons, at [Kenny@kofc2502.net](mailto:Kenny@kofc2502.net)

Every Saturday morning Our Lady of the Island Council packs boxes of donated articles to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. They've been doing their "Adopt a Battalion" program for a number of years. On Mondays they also have a "Monday night rosary" program at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Massapequa Park. Contact them at [www.kofc6911.org](http://www.kofc6911.org).

Hempstead Council will be celebrating K of C Day of the Unborn Child by kicking off their Adopt-A-Baby prayer program, where we can pray each day for nine months for a spiritually adopted baby. For more information contact Bob Eifler PGK [Eiflerrob@aol.com](mailto:Eiflerrob@aol.com) They're also planning a trip to Mackinac Island at the end of June.

Memorare Council is collecting pennies. Later in the year they'll donate them to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Contact the council at their web site, [www.memorarekofc.org](http://www.memorarekofc.org).

Timothy Jaccard for Children of Hope will be the guest speaker at Pope Pius XII Council's Communion Breakfast on April 19th. Contact [www.popepiusxii.com](http://www.popepiusxii.com) for more details.

Alfred E. Smith Council is in this month's Knights in Action on Supreme's Web Site for their fundraising to support their Seminarians. In their latest Record, they also had a column on "What the Popes have said about the Rosary."

San Gennaro Council in Island Park is selling Easter signs. The signs say, "Jesus our savior has risen" and cost \$7 each. Contact PGK John Marino at [JFMarino@bigfoot.com](mailto:JFMarino@bigfoot.com)

. . . And this is just some of what's going on around your councils. Feel free to keep the Chapter on your council's mailing list. This also goes for all us Chapter Committee chairmen. Please send me your articles as well.

We want to get out the word about all the good works Nassau Knights have done, and will do for the year to come! We're also trying to get meeting notices into the local mom-and-pop papers. Are they appearing in yours?

We're also putting Nassau-wide events on the Chapter website's calendar page. Check it out: [www.nassauchapterkofc.org](http://www.nassauchapterkofc.org). We've included just about all the known Nassau-wide events through the end of the Columbian year. If I missed any, please send them to me, and I'll put them on the calendar.

It's more important than ever to show everyone what a difference we Catholics are making in our respective communities. It's one of the best ways to show prospective members why they should become Knights.

"that's all, folks!"

*Mike Dragonetti*