



# NASSAU CHAPTER NEWS



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## *Chapter President's Message*

Our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, hosted by Floral Park Council, was jam packed with programs. First, we recognized many of the individuals who worked on the Autism Speaks event in January. We also presented a check to Autism Speaks for the proceeds from the ticket sales.

Second, we featured a presentation by Pat Shea of Mamma's House about the ministry to the unwed mothers-to-be in our communities. The councils should consider making a donation to Momma's House as part of their charitable work.

Third, Sean Dolan, the director of communications for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, explained the two pending pieces of legislation in Albany that can impact Catholics in the state. Mr. Dolan favored the adoption of the Lopez bill over the Markey bill. There is a video on the subject on the diocese's website, [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

Fourth, the nominating committee presented the slate of chapter officers for the 2009-2010 Columbian year. The slate is:

Steven A. Connelly, PGK	President
James Wall, PGK	Vice President
Michael T. Murtha, PGK	Secretary
Steve Driscoll, PGK	Treasurer

Nominations can be made from the floor up to the actual elections at our meeting in June. 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. The second reading of the slate of officers will be made at our May meeting.

Lastly; Sal Restivo, PGK, FDD, PNCC and recently elected State Warden; presented the changes to the Chapter's bylaws. The membership approved same. The bylaws have been sent to the Supreme Advocate for review and adoption.

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. The table reservations are not going well. We may have to cancel the ball if we don't get more councils participating. To make reservations contact Tom Kopetic, Reservations Chairman, or Bob Hartman, Ball Chairman.

## *Chapter Calendar*

- Tuesday May 12th Albany Prayer Rally
- Friday May 15th Chapter Meeting, Powell Council
- May 17th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine
- May 18th Nassau Board of DDs meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council.
- May 29th Third Degree (East) Hartigan Council
- May 30th Chapter Charity Ball, Stewart Thomas Manor
- June 16th Chapter Executive Meeting
- June 19th Chapter Meeting, TBA
- June 26th Third Degree (West) O'Connell Council

**The Nassau County Chapter invites you  
to our Seventh Annual Charity Ball  
And fundraiser for our  
Student Scholarships  
Saturday, May 30, 2009  
7PM to 12AM  
At Stewart Thomas Manor  
Boundary Avenue  
Farmingdale, New York 11735**

**Deluxe cocktail Hour,  
dinner, and dancing**

**Donation \$60.00 / person  
For reservations please contact:  
Bob Hartman or Tom Kopetic  
516-741-2332 631 423-7988**

**You're also encouraged to take out an ad in  
our journal. Rates are on page 2**

Our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by Robert W. Powell Council and be held at the American Legion Hall at 545 Uniondale Avenue. We will be presenting this year's high school scholarship winners. Hope to see you there.

Vivat Jesus,

*Jim Bellotti*

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**Please send Journal Ads in care of**

**Mike Murtha and Steve Driscoll, co-chairmen**

**166 Toronto Avenue**

**Massapequa, NY, 11758**

**516-798-0373**

**Make checks payable to Nassau Chapter, Knights of Columbus**

**Please forward your journal ads ASAP**

**Reservation information can be found on page one**

*My Brother Knights,*

An ad in the Orange Book is still the same great deal! It's just \$100 for a full page ad (plus 2 free Orange Books) or \$50 for a half page ad (plus 1 free Orange Book). It's a fantastic place for your council, assembly or your business to get some great visibility with the Knights in Nassau and beyond. So if you are interested in either renewing your ad in the Orange Book or placing an ad for the first time, please either drop me an email or give me a call.

Ed Willie

Orange Book Editor

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516-628-3215

## Knights Of Columbus



Nassau County Chapter Presents

### A Day Out At The Ball Park

Have friends and family join us at CitiBank Park on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 @ 7:05pm as the Long Island Ducks take on the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs.



A donation per ticket is \$12.00



Please contact one of the following for more information:

Jim Wall, PGK @ 516-541-0655 or via email:  
[jrkmbwall@verizon.net](mailto:jrkmbwall@verizon.net)

OR

Tom Casey, PGK, DD 516-783-9313 or via  
email: [tomkc53@hotmail.com](mailto:tomkc53@hotmail.com)

*Come out and support the Nassau Chapter, so that  
the Chapter can support members in need!*





## *Continuing your family's fraternal benefits*

By Dan Garcia, Fraternal Benefits Counselor

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to the families who have lost their Knight.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things:

First, if you should die, we'll assist your widow and children in any way possible both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have.

Second, we'll provide them our best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As professional Knights of Columbus Insurance Agents and brother Knights, we have no greater responsibility.

Call us – let's talk.

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*

Well, we did it! Over the last two months the committee looked at 74 bulletins from 15 councils-that's almost a third of the Chapter's members! We did our judging on a 100 point system based on: editing, membership, council news and committee reports, format, State news, Supreme news, Fourth degree, insurance news, Conference and (of course) Chapter news, Fr. McGivney news, and formatting. We were quite impressed with the variety of news given in all the council bulletins. And being an editor of three newsletters myself (including the Chapter) I know what a job it can be, and how tough it can be to meet deadlines at times. So at the June meeting we'll give plaques to the following:

First place tie: Joseph Lamb Council's *The Knight* and New Hyde Park Council's *The Clarion* (we honestly couldn't decide which one was best, so we went Solomon-ic and gave first to both. They were *that* good)

Third place: Oyster Bay Council's *The Log 1206*

The remaining councils will receive certificates:

Memorare Council's *The Memogram*,  
Msgr. Delaney Council's *The Knightlight*,  
Msgr Walsh/St. Raymond's Councils *The Cross*,  
Our Lady of the Island Council's *The Lantern*,  
Alfred E. Smith Council's *The Record*,  
Fr. Reilly Council's *The Broadcast*,  
St. Mary's/MarisStella Council's *The Anchor*,  
Corpus Christi Council's *The Clarion*,  
Robert W. Powell Council's *The Powellite*,  
Westbury Council's *WCKC 1012*,  
Hempstead Council's *The Recorder*,  
Pope Pius XII Council's *Council Life*

And we'll give them out at the Chapter's June meeting. Congratulations and thanks to all for a great job keeping your council's members informed!

And a big round of thanks go to 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

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.

*Mike Dragonetti*



*Respect Life*

*(Respectfully Submitted S.K. Ed Mc Kee, PGK, PFN, Pro-Life Chairman)*

**The Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act (RHAPP or RHA)**

Was initially introduced by Governor Spitzer. His successor, Governor Paterson, is also a vigorous supporter. This session, with total Democratic control, the bill is expected by most to pass. A resounding outcry by all readers is necessary to keep this bill at bay. As of this writing the new bill has not been unveiled. It is expected to be like the 2007-08

**RHAPP**, which would:

Establish a "fundamental right to privacy" in N.Y.S. law, giving the right to "bear a child or terminate a pregnancy" as if both options were equally valid.

Allow post-viability abortions to be performed on an out-patient basis at clinics, leaving women and unborn children with no medical back-up services.

Force all hospitals to allow abortions to be done, even if abortion is opposed to their religious beliefs.

Repeal current requirements that only doctors can perform abortions.

Immunize abortion from state regulations or protections e.g. parental notification for abortions performed on minor children or informing women of the risks of abortion and alternatives to abortion.

Refuse to allow an unborn child to be recognized as a victim in an assault case even when the child is the *intended target* of the crime.

**Pro-life people must take the time to speak up now against this bill.**

Visit, call, write or e-mail the Governor and your legislators. Clearly state your opposition to the radical RHA /RHAPP bill. Find local office addresses through your county Board of Election or phone book or use the following Albany information:

**Assembly Member** \_\_\_\_\_ NYS Assembly - Albany, NY 12248 - Switchboard: (518) 455-4100 - [www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us)

**Senator** \_\_\_\_\_ NYS Senate - Albany, NY 12247 - Switchboard: (518) 455-2800 - [www.senate.state.ny.us](http://www.senate.state.ny.us)

**Governor David Paterson** --- Executive Chamber --- State Capitol --- Albany, NY 12224 -- - (518) 474-8390

Thank You, On Behalf of the Unborn.