



# NASSAU CHAPTER

## NEWS



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### *Chapter President's Message*

Happy Fathers' Day to all my brothers who have been blessed with the opportunity to raise a family. Don't forget your fathers, both living and deceased, for the effort and love they gave to this enormous responsibility.

At the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, hosted by Robert W. Powell Council, we presented awards to this year's high school scholarship winners. The winners are: Meaghan Dobson, Conner Murphy and Kelly Ann Meenan. Congratulations to all and best of luck with your high school career.

Our annual ball was held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Stewart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale. Although the turnout was light, a great time was had by all who attended. I want to thank the ball committee, chaired by Robert Hartman, and committee members: Tom Kopetic, Steve Tommony, John Savin, Mike Murtha, Thomas Gallagher, Steve Driscoll and Sam Rapoli for all their hard work on the ball and the journal. I would also like to thank the Nassau Chapter Columbiettes for their support, especially Doris Rapoli and Lucille Goldfine.

The primary agenda item for our June meeting will be the election of officers for the 2009-10 Columbian year. The nominating committee's slate of chapter officers for the 2009-2010 Columbian year 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. 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.

Also at the June meeting, I will present the Knight of the Year Award for the concluding Columbian year.

One final thought. The close of the Columbian year marks the end of my tenure as Chapter President. I want to thank all the

### *Chapter Calendar*

- June 19th Chapter Meeting, Corpus Christi Council
- June 26th Third Degree (West) O'Connell Council
- July 11th Chapter Day at Long Island Ducks, Citibank Park
- July 17th Chapter Meeting, Our Lady of the Island Council
- July 24th-26th Grand Knight and District Deputy  
Indoctrination, Hudson Valley Resort
- August 21st Chapter Meeting, Joseph Barry Council

### *Orange Book*

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.

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Get-well wishes go out to a few brother Knights:

- PGK DD Steve Higgins
- PGK DD Bill Murphy
- PGK Richie Fox

From your friends at the Nassau Chapter!

brothers and sisters in Columbianism for their support and assistance not only for the two years that I was Chapter President, but also for their unflinching support of the Chapter since its establishment in 2001.

Our final meeting of the year will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi Council in Mineola. Hope to see you there.

Vivat Jesus, *Jim Bellotti*

# JAMES J. MAUNE, PGK MEMORIAL



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

# GOURMET PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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**SUNDAY JUNE 21ST  
BREAKFAST FROM 8AM to 12PM**

**OMELET STATIONS, PANCAKES, FRUIT AND MORE  
TAKE DAD OUT TO BREAKFAST**

## *Nassau Chapter Bulletin Contest*

This past spring 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 this Friday at the Chapter 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 this Friday at the Chapter 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.