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Chapter President's Message

My Dear Brothers,

I would like to start off by saying "Thank You" for your confidence in electing me Chapter president. It is a very flattering and humbling experience. I am very proud to serve you with such a fine board of officers. I am also very proud of our past Chapter Presidents. It is an honor to be in these men's company. Please join me in thanking James Bellotti for his past two years of service to the Chapter.

Nassau County has had its share of ups and downs in recent years. However, we are still the strongest Chapter in the state, if not the Order. We are fortunate enough to have great member Councils. Just to give you an idea of our potential, in less than our ten short years of existence, we have given away over \$100,000 in scholarships, FAC and various other charitable programs. This is solely because of YOUR hard work and dedication. THAT IS HUGE!! But it doesn't end there. WE STILL NEED YOU!

We have a lot of great programs in store for the next Columbian year - including some new ones. If we keep working hard, and make sure to keep to our roots, there is nothing we can not do. We must remember the Fraternalism of our Order - we are all brothers! We must keep our personal politics out and serve God and each other...just as Fr. McGivney would have us do.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Grand Knights of our Councils. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and your installations. Know that the Nassau County Chapter is 100% behind in you in all your endeavors. If we can ever be of any service, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

I would also like to congratulate and thank our Retiring Grand Knights, for their past service. Job well done. Don't be a stranger, we'd love to still see you come down to meetings.

Let's buckle up, brothers. We're going to have a great trip!

God bless!

Steve Connelly, PGK

Please note all Chapter meetings now start at 8:00 pm!

Chapter Calendar

July 17th Chapter Meeting, Our Lady of the Island Council
July 18th Officer Training, Bellmore Council
July 24th-26th Grand Knight and District Deputy
Indoctrination, Hudson Valley Resort
July 29th Second Degree, Hartigan Council
August 14th Third Degree, St. Therese the Little Flower
Council
August 21st Chapter Meeting, Joseph Barry Council

July Chapter Meeting

This month's Chapter meeting will take place Friday, July 17th, **AT 8:00 PM** at Our Lady of the Island Council in Massapequa Park. For those who've never been there, here's how to get there:

From the Parkways, go to Route 135 (Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway) Take Route 135 South to Sunrise Highway, (Rte. 27). On Sunrise, go East (left) until you see TGI Friday's and a Texaco station on your right. At that point, Park Lane will be on your left. Make a left at the traffic light and go under the LIRR trestle. You'll see a Big Daddy Restaurant on the corner. That's Front Street. Make a quick right and go one block. The Council is on your left, and their phone number is (516)798-9887. See you at the meeting!

Nassau's Officers' Training is scheduled for this Saturday, 7/18 at Bellmore Council. There will also be a session for Financial Secretaries Training. Registration (with coffee and cake) begins at 8:30 am. Please arrive no later than 8:45 am.

The Officers' Training will be quite different from what you have seen in the past. So all officers (or anyone interested in becoming one) should make every effort to attend. Lunch will be served, courtesy of the NY State Council and the sessions are expected to end by 3 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nassau Members of the NY State Leadership Training
Team Anthony Ippolito, Steve Driscoll & Ed Willie

Orange Book

Dear Worthy GKs,

Congratulations!

Most of you know how useful and valuable your Orange Book directory is for you. Well, think how much you might please your officers and program chairmen by making sure your council has enough Orange Books for each of these hard working volunteers. Every council receives 4 free copies and then extra copies can be purchased at just \$5 each.

Please let either your District Deputy or me know how many Orange Books your council would like to purchase and we'll have them ready for you at the August Chapter meeting. Checks can be made payable to the "Nassau Chapter, KofC".

I pray that you and your council meet or exceed your goals, while having a great year!

Ed Willie PGK DD

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Fraternally speaking

First, a BIG thanks to all the outgoing Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, and our Chapter President, Jim Bellotti for a job well done. Whatever you decide to do from here, the Chapter door's always open to you!

And a welcome aboard to the incoming Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, and our Chapter President, Steve Connolly. Looking forward to a great year working with you! If you know of anyone who'd like to be added-or deleted-from the Chapter e-mail list, please feel free to contact me.

If you're a committee chairman, please send me your news! We want everyone in Nassau to know about the good works we've done, and will do in the year to come. We'll also try to get the Chapter into the Long Island Catholic and your mom-and-pop papers.

And to all the councils, add the Chapter to your mailing list! If space permits we'll run major council events, plus we received the green light from Steve Connolly to run the Chapter newsletter contest again this year. More to come at the meetings and future Chapter news.

And condolences to the families and friends of two good guys and good friends to the Nassau Chapter over the years:

Steve Higgins PGK FDD. Steve did a lot of good for a lot of people. Even with his busy schedule he continued to serve Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond's council as their Financial Secretary, and many remember the fine job he did with the Nassau Chapter News as well. He is, and will be, sorely missed.

Dr. Vincent Genna, PGK. Dr. Vinny was a regular at the Chapter meetings, and at one time was a Chairman for the Chapter's Memorial Mass. He was also a major part of Our Lady of Mercy Council, and Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Our Lady of Mercy is a great example of Knights who support their Parish. He, too, is and will be sorely missed.

And get well soon to PGK FDD Bill Murphy and PGK Richie Fox.

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