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Chapter President's Message

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

I hope that the summer has shined warmly upon you and your family. For most, this is when we try to relax and take time for ourselves. For many of us in the Order, this can be a very busy time - especially for our newly elected leadership. This is the time for planning and getting organized in hopes of making the coming Fraternal year run smoothly and efficiently. I promise you, Brothers, your Chapter officers and committee chairmen have been working hard to make this coming year a great one.



I want to thank two of our Brothers for their hard work. First is DD Larry Lombardo for his organizing Brother Knights to compete on Telecare's Divine Intervention. We filmed two episodes on August 4. Everyone involved had a great time. I also thank Ed Willie for his outstanding work on the Orange book. This item has become a lifeline for our Brothers. A HUGE amount of time and work goes into this. I speak for everyone with one giant, unified THANK YOU! Books will be distributed at the August meeting at St. Mary's/ Maris Stella Council.

I've recently met with the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies and the Conference Chairman to discuss our County and what we can do for our members. We're each in agreement that WE MUST BE UNIFIED and keep the politics out!

As I mentioned in my last letter, we have a lot of great programs this year, including a few new ones. These include Blood Drives, chaired by Charlie DiPrima, 4th Degree chaired by Charlie Vigliotti and the Veteran's Affairs chaired by Kevin Moran. We're also working on a program with the NY Islanders. In addition, we'll be expanding Pro-Life, still under the expert watch of Ed McKee.

IN closing, I would encourage you to look for something offered by the Chapter that interests you and sign up. The Chapter will be better off thanks to your talents, and I know you'll have a blast!

God bless!

Steve Connelly, PGK

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

Chapter Calendar

- August 14th Third Degree, St. Therese the Little Flower Council
- August 18th Chapter Executive Meeting, Corpus Christi Council
- August 21st Chapter Meeting, St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council
- August 25th Countywide First Degree, Joseph Gorman Council
- August 25th Knights for Life meeting, Delaney Council
- September 12th Mini-Golf for Special Olympics, Eisenhower Park
- September 15th Chapter Executive Meeting, St. Francis de Chantel Council
- September 18th Chapter Meeting, Bellmore Council

August Chapter Meeting

This month's Chapter meeting will take place Friday, August 21st, **AT 8:00 PM** at **St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council in Lynbrook**. For those who've never been there, here's how to get there, courtesy of St. Mary's/Maris Stella Chancellor Felix Dinelli:

From the Meadowbrook take Sunrise Hwy. west about 3 miles then just past the King Kullen in Rockville Ctr take the Merrick Road exit and as you pass the cemetery on the right (Ocean Ave) stay on Merrick about 3/4 mile then past the Shell station turn right on to Hempstead Avenue, and continue across Peninsula to the council on the right about a block past Peninsula Boulevard.

From Southern State take exit 19S **from the East** and take Peninsula south until Merrick (about 2.5 miles) and make the right on to Hempstead Ave (Flinch & Bruns Funeral home is on the left).

From Southern State take exit 15S **from the West**, go straight past the light and make a right on Franklin Ave near hospital, stay on Franklin until reaching Hendrickson Avenue, do not turn right at Hendrickson but follow arrow bearing to the right with the Dairy Barn on the right and that is Hempstead Ave, follow about 3/4 mile to the council on your left.

From Hempstead Tpke. you can take Peninsula south past Mercy Hospital and follow Peninsula as noted above.

From Valley Stream just take Merrick east and turn left on to Hempstead Ave (Shake a Paw pet shop is on your right), go past Flinch & Bruns across Peninsula to the council on your right.

Steve Higgins Memorial Golf Outing

The Nassau Conference is sponsoring a golf outing in memory of FDD PGK Steve Higgins on Monday, September 28, at Calverton Links Golf Course.

Unlimited driving range from 10 a.m.-Noon

1:00 p.m. shotgun start

50/50 raffle and prizes

Lunch with beer and soda at Noon

Clams on the half-shell around the turn

Deluxe barbeque dinner 7:00 p.m.

Two hour premium open bar

... and it's all for \$150 per golfer.

Sponsorships are available for \$40.

To find out more, call Conference Treasurer Mike Muirhead PGK FDD PFN (516) 608-8460, or Conference Warden Kevin Coleman PGK FDD, (516) 679-2209. Make checks payable to the Nassau Conference.

Tomorrow's Hope Laps For Learning

Nassau Knights have always helped in the past, and we're needed again this year. Tomorrow's Hope's was created by the Diocese of Rockville Centre to support Catholic Education in the Diocese. Their fourth annual Bike-a-thon will take place on Sept 26th.

Donation of \$25.00 or more will be appreciated from each council. Also, help will be needed for transportation of the food, setting up for cooking, and breaking down afterwards, and placing signs along the highways. Save the date: 8:00 am till 2:30 at Cedar Creek Park on Merrick Road in Seaford

For more information, contact Nassau Conference Warden Kevin Coleman, at KColeman10@aol.com or by calling (516) 679-2209.

Special Olympics Mini-Golf

The New York State council has set aside the month of September for fundraising efforts specifically directed for Special Olympics and their programs. Here in Nassau there will be a Mini-Golf fundraiser to support Special Olympics on Saturday, September 12th, 8:30—10:00 a.m. at Eisenhower Park.

8:30 Shotgun start, \$20 per adult, \$12 per child. You can also come just for breakfast (no golf) for \$10. You can also sponsor a hole for \$60.

To find out more, call PGK FDD Rich Laws at (516) 481-1460, or e-mail KnightLaws@aol.com. Make checks payable to St. Thomas K of C # 11588.

Knight of the Year

You name it, this Knight Of The Year has been there. Grand Knight for Fr. Daly Council. Faithful Navigator for Bishop Kellenberg Assembly. Former District Deputy. Nassau Conference Chairman. Nassau-Suffolk Chapter Treasurer. Nassau-Suffolk Chapter Knight of the Year. For the past several years he's been involved with the Nassau Chapter, first as a delegate to the Long Island Chapter, then on the Audit committee, and in 2007 became Lecturer to the Chapter President. This past year he also took an active role in the chapter newsletter contest.

Through the years he's always been there for the Knights, and now it's time to stand up and cheer the Nassau Chapter Knight of the Year for 2008-2009:

George F. Raplee, PGK FDD PFN PNCC

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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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 2010. 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:**

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.

Proof of registration in a Catholic High School for the academic year beginning September 2010.

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 16, 2010 Mail application and supporting documents to:

Ralph Plaisance, Jr., PGK, FDD, Scholarship Chairman,

507 Andover Court, Massapequa, NY 11758

Nassau Chapter
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name (student) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Current School _____

High School to be attended _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Membership Status K of C _____ Squires _____ Columbiettes _____ Squirettes _____

Financial Secretary's

Certification of membership

In good standing _____ Council _____ Date _____

Member's Signature _____ 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 2010.

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

Deadline for applications: April 16, 2010

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR FILING INSTRUCTIONS

NASSAU CHAPTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANT

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance for the Catholic Elementary School education of dependent children or grandchildren of members of the Nassau Chapter.

GRANTS: The grant is awarded based upon a lottery drawing. The grant is awarded without consideration of financial need. Eligible members may participate every year a dependent child or grandchild is attending a local Catholic Elementary School. Two \$250.00 grants will be awarded each Columbian year.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Eligible members must have a son, daughter, grandchild, or legal ward, attending a local Catholic Elementary school as a **full time student for the school year 2009/10.**
2. Financial Secretary must verify the good standing of the member and provide the member's membership number.
3. Submission of a completed lottery ticket to the scholarship Chairman on or before the deadline of December 18, 2009

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

All completed Lottery Tickets are to be presented or sent to:

**Ralph Plaisance, Jr., PGK, FDD, Scholarship Chairman,
507 Andover Court, Massapequa, NY 11758**

DEADLINE FOR FILING: December 18, 2009

cut along dotted line and submit to scholarship committee chairman

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANT LOTTERY TICKET

Member's Name _____ Membership Number _____

Council Name _____ Council # _____

Student _____ Grade _____

Catholic Elementary School _____

Financial Secretary verification of member's good standing _____

F.S. signature

Must be completed and submitted to scholarship chairman on or before December 18, 2009

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C.C.D. GRANT

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance for the Catholic education of dependent children or grandchildren of members of the Nassau Chapter.

GRANT: The grants are awarded based upon a lottery drawing. The grants are awarded without consideration of financial need. Eligible members may participate every year a dependent child or grandchild is attending a local Catholic CCD program. Two \$125.00 grants will be awarded each Columbian year.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Eligible members must have a son, daughter, grandchild, or legal ward, attending a local Catholic Elementary school as a **C.C.D. student for the school year 2009/10.**
2. Financial Secretary must verify the good standing of the member and provide the member's membership number.
3. Submission of a completed lottery ticket to the scholarship Chairman on or before the deadline of December 18, 2009

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

All completed Lottery Tickets are to be presented or sent to:

**Ralph Plaisance, Jr., PGK, FDD, Scholarship Chairman,
507 Andover Court, Massapequa, NY 11758**

DEADLINE FOR FILING: December 18, 2009

cut along dotted line and submit to scholarship committee chairman

C.C. D. GRANT LOTTERY TICKET

Member's Name _____ Membership Number _____

Council Name _____ Council # _____

Student _____ Grade _____

Catholic CCD program (name of Parish) _____

Financial Secretary verification of member's good standing _____

F.S. signature

Must be completed and submitted to scholarship chairman on or before December 18, 2009

Pro-Life: It's everybody's business

We speak to you today about one of the primary goals of the Knights of Columbus - to protect the life of the unborn child. As you know, the Knights of Columbus have been in the forefront in fighting against all forms of legislation which advance the abortion holocaust, e.g. partial birth abortion, freedom of choice act and the latest including mandatory coverage for abortions in the proposed healthcare plan.

WE are also a very strong presence at the March for Life held in Washington, D.C. every January 22 protesting the Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision which overruled the vast majority of state laws restricting abortion. The Supreme Court, in an act of judicial legislation, held that a woman's "right to privacy" was more important than another individual's right to life. Without question, the worst decision in the history of the Supreme Court.

The Long Island Coalition for Life has scheduled 40 days for Life beginning on September 23rd and ending on November 1st. They have asked us to assist in peacefully praying in front of the abortion mill located at Planned Parenthood at 540 Fulton Street, Hempstead, New York during this time. We have agreed to do so. Accordingly, each council will be assigned a day to witness to the truth in front of that Planned Parenthood facility. The prayerful protest in front of the building will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. each day. The schedule will be provided to you shortly. We are asking for each Council's Pro-life chairman to schedule brothers during their assigned date to help show a UNIFIED Catholic Presence. This will be the ultimate show of support for LIFE.

For far too long, the protesters in front of these abortion mills have been two or three people. Most times, there is no one there. We want the Knights of Columbus to have a continual presence in front of this Planned Parenthood facility during the entire 40 days for Life. We are the strong right arm of the Catholic Church. How better to serve our Lord, and one another that with our rolling up our sleeves and standing up for what we believe in .

Bob Dougherty

Pro-Life Co-Chairman

Nassau Knights for Life

If you were at the July Chapter meeting, you heard Keith Wilson and Ed McKee speak on the subject of Pro-Life. Of course you don't need me to tell you what's going on out there today, and how our nation's leaders are feeling about the subject. Their actions are speaking loudly, and our voices are needed in turn. Join the Knights for Life, or even better, become a part of it, on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 at Delaney Council. Their website will be coming soon: www.nassauknights4life.org.

'Round the Councils, and then some

Cure of Ars parish is raffling off tickets to see the Mets and Florida Marlins, and the Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays.

The Mets tickets include four seats, three rows from the playing field at Citi Field. They include VIP parking and admission to the Delta Sky 360 Club/Lounge. They don't include food or drink. The game is September 8th at 7 p.m., and the drawing will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd.

The Yankees tickets include four Legends Suite box seats, and includes unlimited food and soda (no alcohol) The game is September 15th at 7 p.m., and the drawing will take place on Wednesday, September 9th.

Chances for either game are \$25 apiece, and can be purchased from Former Master Walter Shorak, (516) 781-4961. Make your check payable to Cure of Ars Church.

Congratulations to Bradley Council, who achieved "Double Star Council." That means they **doubled** the requirements for Star Council set by Supreme. Only a handful of councils get this award annually.

Holy Innocents is now the latest council in cyberspace, www.kofc3581.org.

Kudos to St. Paul the Apostle Council, which held their annual AutoFest and Craft Fair in the Sears parking lot in Hicksville. They had 500 cars in attendance, and they've been asked to return next year and have offered three times the space! Their website is www.nyautofest.com

San Patricio Council, #14279 in Glen Cove, hosted a Blood Drive which collected 139 pints. Here's a picture of them. Congratulations, brother Knights!

The Board of District Deputies also has a webpage: <http://nassauids.googlepages.com/>

And for fellow cyber-Knights, Supreme now has a Facebook page. They're also on Twitter!

-Mike Dragonetti



C&B needs you and me

The Quick Start Drawing was held on July 26 and Nassau had one \$100 winner.

The next drawing is the Early Bird on September 20, 2009.

You may drop off books at both the August and September Chapter meetings.

Though we only need the back covers for the drawing, we will take ticket stubs as well if you want to bring them. Each book is \$7.

Anyone needing more books at the August meeting, please let me know.

Keep the date Sunday Nov. 22 for the Annual C&B Bowl @ 12 noon North Levittown Lanes.

Your council can sponsor a lane for \$60 and Bowling is \$25 per bowler (3 games and lunch)

I am now taking reservations. Do not be shut out!! Book your lanes early. It is always a fun afternoon. Any questions please contact me at kjak49@aol.com or 516-781-8710.

Fraternally,

Ken Karchinski PGK

C&B Coordinator

Chapter Newsletter contest

With the blessing of Chapter President Steve Connolly we're going to do this again this year! Last year we had a third of the councils in Nassau taking part, and it was great seeing what the other councils do. I'm happy to report that Ed Willie, George Raplee, and Paul Doyle will be staying on as my committeemen this year, and I'd like to bring on another member or two. I'd like to meet, either later in August or sometime in September, to get each other up to speed as to how we'll judge this year. We'll also meet in April and again in May to go over the newsletters and decide on awards. If you're interested, feel free to contact me or my committeemen. One guideline I can share is a minimum of three council newsletters between now and May will enter your council into the contest, so if you haven't already done so, feel free to add the Chapter to your council's mailing list!

-Mike Dragonetti

Chapter Calendar

(with a big thank-you to Ed Bauer and Bob Guida from Msgr. Seidenschwang Council)

September 18 Bellmore Council
October 16 St. Therese the Little Flower Council
November 8 Chapter Memorial Mass, St. Agnes Cathedral
November 13 Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council
December 18 Fr. Joseph O'Connell
January 15 Corpus Christi Council
February 19 Memorare Council
March 19 New Hyde Park Council
April 16 Floral Park Council
April 24 Charity Ball, Stewart Thomas Manor
May 21 Robert W. Powell Council
June 18 Corpus Christi Council

You can find all these dates and more at the calendar page at the Chapter's website, www.nassauchapterkofc.org

Fraternally speaking

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.

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

Mike Dragonetti

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