



NASSAU CHAPTER NEWS



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Chapter President's Message

Now that the summer is officially over, it's time to gear up for Knights of Columbus events all over Nassau County. The installations of officers and PGK testimonials are well underway. The Chapter will make every effort to attend if invited by the host council. Please understand that scheduling conflicts sometimes makes it impossible for one of the Chapter officers to attend. We try to make them all, but there are only four of us.

Our September meeting will be devoted to presenting, discussing and voting on the chapter budget for the 2008-09 Columbian year. The October meeting will present amendments to the Chapter Bylaws.

At our November meeting we will honor the chaplains, associate chaplains and spiritual directors of the council, assemblies, chapter and board of district deputies. Please contact George Raplee, PGK, FDD, PFN, PNCC, with the names of the honorees who will be attending. Please note that due to a scheduling change of the third degree, the Chapter will meet on November 14th at Hartigan Council in Bethpage. I would like to thank the officers and members of Hartigan Council for stepping up and assisting us with this schedule change.

Our annual Memorial Mass will be held on November 23rd at 9:00AM at St. Raymond's Church on Atlantic Avenue in East Rockaway. The installation of Chapter Officers and repast will follow.

On Saturday, September 20th, the Knights of Columbus of Nassau County will be participating in the Tomorrow's Hope Bike-a-thon at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh. Tomorrow's Hope supports and promotes Catholic education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Our Chapter meeting on September 19th will be hosted by Bellmore. I hope to see you there..

Vivat Jesu, *Jim Bellotti PGK FDD*

Chapter Calendar

Friday, September 19 Chapter Meeting, Bellmore Council
Saturday, September 20 Tomorrow's Hope Bike-a-thon
Sunday, October 12 Fourth Degree Exemplification
Tuesday October 14 Chapter executive meeting, Corpus Christi Council

Friday, October 17th Chapter meeting, St. Therese the Little Flower Council

Sunday, October 19th Board of District Deputies Communion Breakfast, St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

Friday October 14 Third Degree (East), Bellmore

Sunday October 26 District Warden's Installation, St. Joseph's Parish Center, Hewlett

Tuesday, November 11 Chapter executive meeting, Our Lady of the Island Council

Friday November 14 Chapter meeting, Hartigan Council

Sunday November 16 C & B Bowling, North Levittown Lanes

Friday November 21 Third Degree (West) St. Marty's/Maris Stella Council

Sunday November 23rd Chapter Memorial Mass and Installation, St. Raymond's Church, East Rockaway

Chapter Publicity

We'd like to get to get the word out about all the good works the Nassau Chapter has done, and will do in the year to come. So if you chair a program or event for the Chapter, please send it to me, and I'll put it in.

This also goes for major council events. If you're running a big event, and we have the space, we'll mention it here. Also, feel free add the Chapter to your council's mailing list.

So for now, feel free to send me what's happening, and I'll get the word out. That's all, folks!

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Nassau Board of District Deputies needs our help to help Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

My Brother Knights:

On Saturday, September 20th, the 'Tomorrow's Hope Foundation' will hold their 3rd Annual Laps-for-Learning Walk\Bike-a-Thon at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford, NY. The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

Since the inception of the event, K of C councils from Nassau County have supported the foundation with donations to make the day a success. Your funds have enabled your Brother Knight volunteers to provide hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, ice cream, etc. to those kids that are there and eager to participate and support the cause for Catholic education in the Rockville Centre diocese.

So, how can you help? Brother Knights are needed to assist at the event by helping with the set-up and breakdown, clean-up, and as bar-b-que cooks, race marshals, crowd control, etc.

Your monetary donations are urgently needed to make this day a success.

Councils are asked to please donate at least \$25 to help supply the repast for the racers and to provide funds for the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation's greater goal of raising funds to keep alive the dream of a good faith-filled Catholic education.

To help things run smoothly, **please make your checks payable to** the **Nassau Board of District Deputies.**

This will enable us to buy the food and supplies needed, and with the excess, to provide an additional monetary donation from our councils in Nassau County. You can give your checks to your District Deputy or mail them to the treasurer of the board of District Deputies John Bois (address below).

Please let your District Deputy know that you want to join your Brother Knights and be a part of this very important event.

Thanks in advance for your help now and in the past.

Fraternally,
Rich Laws, DD 17th NY District
Chairman
Nassau Board of District Deputies.

Checks made payable to:
Nassau Board of District Deputies
Should be sent to:
Treasurer John Bois, DD
Nassau Board of District Deputies
34 Taft Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563-1429

Celebration of Life Dinner Dance

On Sunday, November 2nd, Memorare Council will hold a Celebration of Life Dinner Dance in honor of Tom Quinn, PGK and those who were instrumental in saving his life. On August 3rd Tom was in an accident where he fell from an inflatable boat and was run over by that boat in Zack's Bay. an suffered critical injuries to his head and hand. Tom had major surgery and faces additional surgery on his hand in the future.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER DANCE

**Guests of Honor TOM QUINN, PGK
and the Nassau County Professionals
who assisted in his time of need**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
2 to 7 PM**

**Roast Pork & Vegetable Dinner
Dessert**

**Wine, Beer & Soda included
Cash Bar & Raffles**

DJ for your dancing pleasure

\$20 per person

Please contact:

John Campanaro @ 796-0307

Walter Becker PGK @ 798-0652

**Tickets on sale every Tuesday @ 8PM
In the Columbian Room**

Save the dates:

Sunday, October 19th: The Nassau Board of District Deputies is having their annual Communion Breakfast at St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel (the one near Southern State, not the main one) in West Hempstead. We'll begin with Mass at 9:30, the breakfast to follow. The breakfast will be \$10 per person, and tickets available from your District Deputy. This year instead of two raffles, there'll be one raffle for \$20 each raffle ticket, and there will only be 100 raffle tickets sold. They're also available from your District Deputy.

Sunday, November 23rd: The Nassau Chapter will be having their annual Memorial Mass at St. Raymond's in East Rockaway. The Mass begins at 9am, followed by the installation of chapter officers. To make sure Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes who entered eternal life are remembered at this Mass, please send your council listing to PGK PFN Frank Stallone at Rock1934@aol.com

Chapter Bulletin Contest

In the past I'd asked councils to add the chapter to their mailing list. In addition to helping spreading the good word about your council, now your council might even get an award for it! Chapter President Jim Bellotti has asked me to form a committee to judge the best council bulletins in Nassau, and I could use a few helpers. I'd like to form a committee of about 4-5 brother Knights. This is still in the planning stages, and I'm wide open to suggestions. Let me know if you're interested. You can also see me after the Chapter meeting in Bellmore.

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Planning ahead

If the weather's bad at 7 pm on a Chapter meeting night, the meeting's cancelled!

Round the Councils

Father Farrell Council # 5962 has started a new tradition this July to support local veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport. The council collected non-monetary donations, such as toothbrushes, other toiletries, phone cards, clothing, and postage stamps as a way to thank the veterans for their service to our country. The parishes of St. Joseph's in Hewlett and St. Joachim in Cedarhurst (part of the council's Roundtable) took part in the donation drive. The council delivered the donations on July 27 and provided the veterans with thank you cards written by the children of St. Joseph's parish. Grand Knight, Oliver Giannotti stated "the veterans were overwhelmed by the show of support and this drive continues a tradition the Knights of Columbus has already established in acknowledging the sacrifice of our veterans in defending the freedom we all cherish."

On August 9th, Father Farrell also held a comedy night fund-raiser for the Long Island Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis foundation at Mother Kelly's restaurant in Cedarhurst. The event raised \$3,000 for the foundation.

Msgr. Seidenschwang council is raffling a pair of tickets for the November 2nd Giants/Cowboys game. \$25 per ticket, and only 200 raffle tickets will be sold. Contact PGK Bob Guida (516) 352-2457.

Corpus Christi Council is having an Italian night on Friday, October 3rd. \$40 /person, \$75/couple. Raffles are available at \$10 each. Contact PFN FDD PGK Nick Pennacchio at nfrankp@aol.com

Floral Park Council will have a wine tasting on Saturday, October 4th. \$25/person, \$45/couple . Proceeds go to their RSVP and Ronald McDonald House. Call the council at 516-352-9770.