



# NASSAU CHAPTER NEWS



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CHAPTER!

## *Chapter President's Message*

At our November meeting we recognized the chaplains, associate chaplains and spiritual directors of the councils, assemblies, chapter and board of district deputies. I want to thank George Raplee, PGK, FDD, PFN, PNCC for coordinating this event. Due to an illness, George was not able to attend, but the evening was a huge success. I would like to thank Grand Knight, Charles DiPrima, and the members of Hartigan Council in Bethpage for hosting the meeting.

Our annual Memorial Mass was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Raymond's Church in East Rockaway. Bishop Walsh was the principle celebrant, assisted by our chaplain, Fr. Innocent, and Deacon Thomas Connolly, western Nassau's general agent. The installation of Chapter Officers followed. I would like to thank Frank Stallone PGK, PFN for chairing the Mass, his assistant Steve Higgins PGK, DD, host GK Ed Corrado.

The Nassau Chapter Fraternal Assistance raffle tickets should have arrived in the mail before Thanksgiving. We are asking \$10.00 per three tickets that appear at the bottom of the letter. Please be as generous as you can. The proceeds of this raffle fund our Fraternal Assistance program which provides assistance to brother knights, sister Columbiettes and their families when in need. Due to the difficult financial times many in our area are experiencing, your support is needed. Please think of your brothers and sisters in Columbianism this Christmas season.

Prior to our December 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, the choir from Sacred Heart Academy will present a program of Christmas carols. The young ladies will perform between 8:00 and 8:30 so plan to arrive early. This is the same group that performed for us last year. I received many compliments about the performance. Here's your chance to get the Christmas season off to a joyous start.

Mike Murtha has resigned his position of Ball Journal Chairman. We are in critical need of brothers to assist us in soliciting advertisers and boosters and compiling the book for the printer. The revenue from the journal funds our scholarship program and makes up any shortfall in the revenue from the Ball. Please contact me if you can contribute some time to this most important fund raiser for the Chapter.

## *Chapter Calendar*

Friday, December 19th Chapter meeting, Fr. O'Connell Council  
Tuesday, January 13th, 2009, Chapter Executive meeting, St. Francis de Chantal Council, Wantagh  
Friday, January 16th, Chapter Meeting, Corpus Christi Council, Mineola  
Sunday, January 18th, New York State Council Pro Life Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Thursday, January 22nd, March for Life, Washington D.C.  
Friday, January 23rd, Third Degree (Eastern half only) Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville  
Saturday, January 24th, Nassau Chapter Autism Night, 7-11pm, Corpus Christi Council  
Monday, January 26th, Nassau Board of District Deputies Meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council, West Hempstead

## *Chapter Business Card Directory*

There isn't a businessman alive who couldn't use more business or leads, especially in this economy. Why not use the Nassau Chapter to get you more business? We'd like to start a directory of businesses by Brother Knights, and we'll put them both here in the Chapter News and on the Chapter's website, [www.nassauchapterkofc.org](http://www.nassauchapterkofc.org). Feel free to bring your business cards to our next meeting, or send one to us.

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I want to thank Grand Knight, Ken Lyons, and the members of Corpus Christi Council for volunteering to host our January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a change from what was listed in the directory (orange book).

Our Chapter meeting on December 19th will be hosted by Fr. Joseph O'Connell Council in Oceanside.

May all of you and your families have a happy and blessed Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus,

*Jim Bellotti PGK, FDD*

*In support of our retired priests: can you help?*

Worthy Chapter President,  
 Worthy District Deputies,  
 Worthy Grand Knights,  
 Fellow Officers,  
 Brother Knights,

A Committee has been formed regarding the retired Priests of Rockville Centre who need our help. Fourteen of our Priests are in the process of relocating from St. Pius X Residence in Uniondale (our former minor seminary) to the Dominican Assisted Living Residence in Amityville by Thanksgiving. Msgr. Tom Mulvanerty is in charge of the care of the retired Priests. Msgr. Tom is looking for volunteers to help drive the Priests to their medical appointments after the move to Amityville.

As Msgr. Tom explains it, their current medical care is at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre at least for the next few months until such time as Msgr. Tom can relocate their medical care to Good Samaritan Hospital in Islip. Initially, he needs our help driving the Priests between Amityville and Mercy Hospital and then more permanently between Amityville and Islip.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SPREADING THE WORD THAT WE NEED RELIABLE DRIVERS TO VOLUNTEER AND/OR ADOPT A PRIEST.

The Priests are:

FR. FRANK CASEY  
 FR. SERAFINO CORALI  
 FR. WILLIAM DAILEY  
 FR. JAMES DOLAN  
 FR. CHARLES GARTNER  
 FR. FRANK HOURIHANE  
 FR. JOHN MCCABE

FR. FRANK NUSS  
 FR. DENIS SHERIDAN  
 FR. EDWARD SULLIVAN  
 FR. JOHN WILUTIS  
 MSGR. THAD ROONEY  
 MSGR. JOHN SKELLY  
 MSGR. ANTHONY SAVASTANO

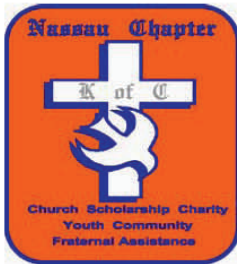
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*Planning ahead*

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



# Nassau County Chapter Knights of Columbus

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**James Wall**  
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**Michael T. Murtha**  
PGK  
Treasurer

November 22, 2008

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes

You are cordially invited to share in a celebration for our second benefit for Autism.

Nassau Chapter Annual Fundraiser to Benefit Autism  
Saturday, January 24, 2009  
Corpus Christi Council 7 pm to 12 midnight  
186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, New York  
DJ, Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Wine & Soda, Tap Beer  
Drinks at Council Prices  
Raffles and 50/50  
Door Prizes

\$30.00 per person

We would be very grateful for your support!

All Raffle proceeds will go directly towards benefiting children with autism. We will advertise your efforts throughout the fundraiser in appreciation for your efforts. Please feel free to contact me for tickets and information.

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism.
- It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups.
- It is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year Than with AIDS, diabetes, and cancer **combined!**

Sincerely,

Michael T. Murtha  
Past Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
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Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism



*Nassau Chapter Bulletin Contest is underway*

It's our latest way to reward our councils for all the good works they do. You know what Supreme says, "brag a little, brag a lot," and now your council just might get an award for it! And now we have guidelines:

- 1) Newsletters must be written, edited, and published by council members.
- 2) Interested councils must submit a minimum of three between the Summer of 2008 and May 1st, 2009. That's our deadline. If you haven't already done so, add us to your council's mailing list!
- 3) Please list on each issue, the Council's name and number, the Editor's name, and the District number (this is what New York State uses in their bulletin contests. They judge it by districts)
- 4) All entries must be in no later than May 1st, 2009. We'll start judging them in April and May, and award the winners at the June Chapter meeting.
- 5) Send them in as printed. It's much easier to judge.
- 6) There will be plaques for First, Second, and Third Place. We'll also give certificates to every council which participates.
- 7) As recommended by the committee, we'll grade newsletters on a 100 point system:

Editing 20 points

Format 10 points

State News 10 points

Supreme News 5 points

Insurance News 5 points

Membership (this may include drives, member profiles, members name in local news, prayer requests, etc) 15 points

Chapter/Conference news 5 points

Council News and Committee Reports 15 points

Fourth Degree 10 points

Fr. McGivney 5 points

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.

Of course not every issue may feature something about the 4th degree, your chapter, or KofC insurance. That's why we ask for a minimum of three issues per council. This should ensure the variety of news that your council bulletin presents.

Most of these guidelines are already in place for the State Council Bulletin contests, so don't forget to submit to them as well.

You may send issues to me,

*Mike Dragonetti*

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In addition to thanking you in advance for taking part, I'd also like to thank 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



*In solidarity with our priests-the November Nassau Chapter meeting at Hartigan Council.*



Thanks to PGK PFN FDD PNCC PCC George Raplee for a great job in putting it all together.

And thanks, as always, to Paul Doyle PGK, FDD, PFN for the photos.

## *Chapter Publicity*

We'd like to get out the word about all the good works the Chapter has done, and will do in the year to come, so if you're a Committee Chair, please send me news on what you're committee's doing. We also invite all of Nassau's councils to add us to their mailing list. If your council has a major event, send it along to us!

*Mike Dragonetti*

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Out of all the Christmas greetings, this one's my personal favorite, courtesy of "the morning mayor" Harry Harrison:

<http://www.musicradio77.com/mayyou.html>

Merry Christmas! *Mike Dragonetti*

## *Nassau Soccer challenge*

The Nassau County Soccer Challenge was held on Sunday November 16 at St. Paul's Church in Brookville. Although it was very cold on the field we at least stayed dry! My thanks to Jim Black PGK from St. Paul the Apostle Council for arranging and rearranging the use of the fields, and to DD's Ed Willie and Tony Marengo for their help with set-up/scoring/spotting etc... The winners, as listed below, represented Nassau County in the State Finals at West Point.

*Mike Galgano, PGK, FDD, FM*



10 year old boy Jim Kim St. Paul's Council  
12 year old boy Joseph Genova St. Paul's Council  
13 year old boy Andrew Wals Baldwin  
14 year old boy Gianni Monteleone St. Paul's Council

10 year old girl Cassi Galante St. Paul's Council  
11 year old girl Lisa Maybie Massapequa  
12 year old girl Emily Sparrow Baldwin  
14 year old girl Stephanie Maybie Massapequa