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Grand Knight's Message by Thomas J. Liddy, GK

Dear Brother Knights,

Saturday Nov. 8th and Sunday Nov. 9th were banner days for our Council as the membership put their own spin on multitasking. Councils often work very hard to have one successful event on a weekend. On this particular weekend brothers were involved in C&B sales, a pancake breakfast, membership drive, and a blood drive at Notre Dame. At Holy Spirit Council members were busy with "Keep Christ in Christmas" sales. If that were not enough, brothers, family and friends were voyaging to the East End of the Island for a well-planned winery tour. Then, on Wednesday, Nov. 12th brothers came to Notre Dame to help ready the

missalettes for the coming liturgical year. My thanks go out to the organizers of these events, namely, Bros. Ed Long, Dan Garcia, Frank Smith, and Joe Renta and of course an indebted thank you to all the brothers who helped with these activities, some of whom were multitasking between events and even parishes. Again, I thank all of you. Did I hear, "The Can Do Council."

On Nov. 12th our Council once again hosted a 1st and 2nd degree. The degree teams performed flawlessly in exemplifying our brothers in the principles of charity and unity. New Hyde Park was fortunate to welcome 3 new members, Ken Quigley, David Capodanno and Michael Pietromonaco as we work towards our goal of fifty new members for the Columbian year. Following the first degree Bro. Armando Cervona joined our other first degree knights in taking the second degree of our order. On Friday, Nov. 14th, these same four men were exemplified in the 3rd degree; thereby, becoming fully qualified Knights of Columbus.

October 22nd was an important date for the Council. The night was marked by a driving seemingly relentless storm. As I looked out the back doors of the Council. I could see a number of women waiting in their cars for a break in the rain before attempting to brave the walk to the Council. That break was not to be realized and one by one the ladies made their way to the organizational meeting of the Columbiettes. After a presentation by Jean Mucci, New York State Columbiette President the ladies set about organizing themselves and were able to elect all of the necessary officers. This fledgling group is working very hard to meet all the necessary requirements to establish the auxiliary. Over recent weeks, I was routinely stopped by women who are interested in joining. Our president Margie **Continued on Page 4**

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Christmas Wishes



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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The Grand Knight, the Columbiettes President, the Officers, and the Clarion Staff extend their heartfelt wishes for a Joyous and Blessed Christmas to the Knights, Columbiettes and their families, to all the Priests and Religious of our Parishes, and to all our readers. As we celebrate the Birth of Our Savior with friends and family

lets continue to remember His Life well into the New Year!

Lawn Signs Available



As we approach the Christmas season, please consider a "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign for your home. Again, they will be sold at \$10 each. These beautiful signs come in red or green and they are the perfect "icing on the cake" for your beautiful outdoor Christmas displays. The signs will be available at our Council at the annual Mass for Deceased Members, the annual "Light Up for Christ" and the November and December council meetings.

In addition, volunteers will be selling them at Notre Dame, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Snows. Check your bulletin for details. All proceeds helps to support the council's undertakings. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Liddy at 354.0793 or email tomjude2@aol.com.

Thank you in advance and may you and yourfamily have a Blessed Christmas.

New York State Council Right to Life Mass and Brunch

Next month on Sunday, January 18, 2015, members of our Council will join other faithful followers of the Pro-Life movement at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan in an effort to bring attention to the Supreme Courts horrific 1973 landmark decision of Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion in the United States. The 10:15 AM Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of New York, His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Councils from throughout the state will be well represented and accompanying us to the city will be the Fourth Degree Honor Guard. Upon our return to the Council Hall, we will be served a hot and delicious brunch.

If you plan on attending please give me a call at 516-352-9004. If you have several people in your group please have one person act as the Captain. Please keep in mind that the tables accommodate up to ten people (we have, on a limited basis, some twelve's). For the past several years the cost has remained the same: \$25 per person.

We will meet at the council at 8:30 AM - coffee and donuts to warm us up; the buses will depart 9:00 AM sharp!

It's unfortunate that the abortion debate continues as the atrocities against our unborn children continue - hopefully for not much longer.

Fraternally, Tom McGowan, PGK Chairman

Fraternal Corner

"Let us pray for our sick and deceased."



Please pray for those who are ill: Brothers: Ben Massa, PGK, O.G. Ed Falowski, George Bock, Larry Centola, Peter Astrup

Family Members: Nancy Cavanaugh (Sister-in-law of Bro. Victor Cunneen), Julius Bodzas (Brother-in-law of Bro. George Pellechia, PGK), Vincent, Joseph and Robert Leis (Brothers of Bro. John Leis), Ninabeth Palces (Daughter of Bro. Jude)

Please pray for those who have passed away:

Brothers: Kenneth Messer Family Members: MaryAnn Ammerman (Wife of Adv. Howard), Jorge Correa (Father-in-law of Bro. Dan Garcia), Rose Caligiuri (Sister of Bro. Al)

Please notify George Pellechia, PGK at 516.248.7741 or email GFPellechia@aol.com of sickness or death of any of our members.





The funds we raise through dances, events, raffles and Bingo enable our council to be an important part of the community. Our charity committee voted to donate \$1500 to each of our three parishes: Holy Spirit, Our Lady of the Snows and Notre Dame in addition to small tokens of appreciation to our parish priests and seminarians...\$200 for the Molloy College Chapter of the Midnight Run to buy socks and underwear for the homeless...and \$1500 to Hour Children; a faith based halfway house for mothers (and their children) who are trying to get back on their feet after spending time in prison. *Knights of Columbus* New Hyde Park Council #2852

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Restivo is calling each prospective member inviting them to our annual Light Up for Christ meeting where she and the other officers will be to greet them. Let me illustrate how a Columbiette auxiliary benefits their Council. One prospective Columbiette told Margie that she will be bringing her husband, a long dormant inactive Knight, and some of his friends, to our Light Up for Christ. Simply put, the Knights are a recruiting platform for the Columbiettes and equally as well, the Columbiettes help the Council in their recruitment efforts.

Last winter I asked Bro. Ed Long to serve as this year's C&B chairman and without hesitation he accepted. The C&B program launches in late May and culminates in December. It is a labor intensive undertaking as brothers sell the chances at the Street Fair, at all three parishes, and prepare multiple mailings. Along with his co-chair, Bro. Artie Mikowski, we sold close to 900 books, a truly banner year. Once again, to all the brothers who helped a heartfelt thank you.

Last Spring I discussed the importance of establishing a youth program in our Council with Bro. Jim Bush, who then agreed to become the Youth Director and work towards establishing a Squires Circle, Bro, Jim has some unique ideas centered on a common interest of all young men, namely, music. I am encouraging Bro. Jim to leave no stone unturned. In January, Bro Jim will be conducting a free throw contest for both boys and girls. Another benefit of having a Squires Circle is drawing fathers and mothers into Columbianism. How do I know! When my son joined the Cub Scouts I went to his first pack meeting and at the end of the meeting I joined the pack as an adult leader. I felt my time would be better served as a *contributor* rather than a spectator; any thoughts?

From the Liddy Family, wishing you and yours a Blessed, Holy Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Recruit a new member. Thanks for all you do!



Supreme News

Approximately 2,000 children throughout Connecticut were treated to brand new coats free of charge the day after Thanksgiving. The Knights of Columbus distributed the new winter coats to children in need free of charge at six sites throughout Connecticut on "Black Friday," Nov. 29.

The Knights' Coats for Kids distributions ran from 10 a.m. to noon at sites in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Norwich, Stamford and Waterbury. As many as 500 coats were distributed at each location, with the total reaching 2,000 statewide.

The effort builds on a successful program held the day after Thanksgiving

last year in Bridgeport. And since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has given away 150,000 coats to children throughout the United States and Canada.

"As we begin the Christmas season, this program helps us to remember Christmas is a celebration of the gift of love God gave us in his son. Meeting the needs of children and families throughout the state in this way, allows us to share that Christmas spirit with our neighbors in a meaningful way," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "With more than 2,000 coats distributed, today's program was an enormous success, and will make a real difference in the lives of these children."

Merry Christmas to All

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As you may know, the Columbiettes have been invited to start a new auxiliary in New Hyde Park Council. Our initial meeting was held on October 22, 2014. Grand Knight Tom Liddy and New York State Columbiette President Jean Mucci were in attendance as well as about 25 ladies from the previous auxiliary.

GK Tom, has graciously permitted us to set up a Columbiette information table at the "Light Up For Christ" on December 2, 2014. Any Catholic woman, 17 or older, who is interested; please join us as we celebrate the coming of the Christmas season with friends and family.

On a different note: Madam President Mucci made her case with the supreme officers who agreed that previous members of the NHP Columbiette Auxiliary need only observe the 1st and Major degrees and afterwards recite an oath of affirmation.

I am looking forward to joining with our Brother Knights in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the "Light Up for Christ" ceremony.

With Warm Wishes and Prayers,

Margie Restivo President (designee)



Columbus Club Briefs

By Tom McGowan, PGK, President

My Brother Knights:

And Sister Columbiettes - welcome back! It is my obligation to keep you up to date on our financial condition and the operation of our council building. I think it is time to prepare you for the worst possibility. On average it cost about \$11,000 a month to operate our building; taking into account property taxes, sales tax, permits, insurance, gas and electric. Keep in mind the Columbus Club pays for everything associated with the building and property. From the small expenses such as garbage pickup, cablevision,



Dear Brothers:

The 2015 dues notices have been mailed out. Please send in your dues payment as soon as possible.

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Frank Smith 1045 North 4th Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 ...or leave in the Council office.

Thank You. A Very Merry Christmas to all!

exterminators, and the security system to the larger expenses like: building and equipment repairs, payroll expenses to just name a few. It is increasingly difficult to bring in the level of income needed to cover costs and have some profit left over for a rainy day. Our building has aged and we have not been able to make any major improvements. We need to clear at least \$11,000 from revenue generated from parties and hall rentals. Although there are good months we also encounter some very lean months; usually January to March and July and August. The parties are not what they used to be; they have gotten smaller and less frequent. Although the economy has improved there are still plenty of people watching what they spend and having large parties is not what they are spending their money on. And for the last several years our members have not utilized our council hall to the point of downsizing would not have any effect on the K of C mission and goals.

I think it is time to seriously discuss about downsizing to another location in New Hyde Park. We can talk about this at our January K of C business meeting. If one of our members has any idea how they can make it work, then come to the meeting and let us know about it.

I am sorry I had to bring this message at this time of the year but there is never a good time for this type of message. On behalf of the Columbus Club Board of Directors: Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.



our cash bar is open at member prices! A Casual, Inexpensive, Fun Night Out! Bring a friend - the more the merrier!

Food for Thought... Challenges in Feeding the World's Hungry

St. Paul, Minn (CNS) - With projections putting the planet's population at 9 billion by 2050, the guestion of how to feed them is taking on ever greater importance. But at the "Faith, Food & the Environment" symposium November 5-7 in St. Paul, held at the University of St. Thomas and sponsored by more than a dozen Catholic and agricultural organizations, some speakers suggest the question may need to be asked differently. "It's the wrong question," shared Fred Kirschenmann, a distinguished fellow at the Leopold Center of Iowa State University, giving people "a moral justification to continue doing more of what they've been doing."

Kirschenmann said enough food is being grown today to feed 10 billion people, yet 1 billion people remain chronically hungry. "It's a problem of poverty, it's a problem of entitlement, it's a problem of inequality," he said. It's also a problem of waste," Estimates put the amount of waste at 40 percent of all food grown.



Midnight Run Clothes Collection

Last year NHP Council began collecting men's clothes and accessories that were distributed by Molloy College Campus Ministries to the homeless on the streets of New York City through the Midnight Run organization. So far the response has been good, however they are still in need of donations: gently used men's clothing items: hats, shoes (sneakers preferably), backpacks, sweatshirts, Tshirts, long sleeve shirts, jeans, belts, and jackets (the larger the size, the better). Also new items such as socks, underwear and gloves. Anything donated will be distributed to those who most need it; donations will be accepted at the council.

If you have any questions or need assistance in picking up donations please contact Brother Knight Andrew Abberton at (516) 395-1480.

Join Our K of C Senior Club

For our brothers that are 59 ½ years of age or older you are eligible to join our senior club.

The dues are \$20 per year. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from January thru June and from September to the first week in December. All meetings start at 11 AM except for special events. We have a repast after each meeting; followed by BINGO.

Our events throughout the year include: Every first Wednesday of the month we honor birthdays for that month. Every third Wednesday of the month we have a guest speaker. We offer many trips and tours to various places. April is our Anniversary Luncheon – it is usually held at Verdes. May is when we have our Memorial Mass and Luncheon; it is held in our council hall. June we honor any married couple 50 years or more; they renew their vows in our council hall; a great repast follows. Our annual picnic is held in August. December we have a Christmas Luncheon, it is held at Verdes.

If you care to join our club please email me at gfpellechia@aol.com or call me at 516-248-7741 and I will give you all the particulars. You may also attend one of our Wednesday meetings and see if it is for you.

> Fraternally, George Pellechia



Special Olympics Basketball by Joe Abberton

Dear Brother Knights:

Next month will be the start of the Special Olympics Basketball Program. Held on Thursday evenings at Manor Oaks School we encourage and appreciate the help from all our volunteers. And our young volunteers use this for community service credit. If there is anyone you know who would be interested in volunteering or would benefit from enrolling in our program, please call me at 516-233-2700.

> Fraternally, Joe Abberton Warden

Knights of Columbus L.I. Wine Tour

On a beautiful sunny day we started off with a nice continental breakfast at the Council, and once the Luxury Coach bus arrived at 10:00 am we began on our journey to the wineries. Our first stop was Raphael's Vineyards, which was absolutely warming to the eyes and the staff was excellent. We tried four types of wines in a private room setting and we enjoyed a gourmet lunch at this winery that we ordered beforehand, which was delicious and served on time. During this visit some of the guests went out to the vineyards and enjoyed the scenery.

Our next stop was Osprey Dominion where they brought us to a private bar area to try their wonderful wines. After the wine tasting, many of us ventured out to the patio area and sat around the fire pits to enjoy the beautiful weather; nibbling on cheese and crackers, enjoying some wine and conversing with our friends until the bus came to pick us up and bring us to the next location.

The next stop was Baiting Hollow winery where we were given tickets to have the wine tastings at our leisure. There was a band playing outside so we sat around the picnic tables enjoying the music and the wine in a relaxed setting. Some people walked over to the Long Island Vodka Distillery; literally next door, to try some of their tastings as well.

Then it was time to come home. On our way back we had door prizes to raffle off; we had bottles of wine and a coffee machine donated by R. Stutzmann & Son Funeral Home. When we arrived back at the Council, we had fresh pizza waiting for us as a lite dinner so we could rest up from our fun-filled day before driving home.

This was a great event, enjoyed by all who attended, and my hope is that more people will participate next year so we can make this an annual outing for years to come. I would like to thank my Co-Chairmen, Meghan O'Connor and Kevin Houst; without them this enjoyable day would not have been possible.

> Fraternally, Joe Renta, PGK

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