



The Star



Star of the Sea Council #371

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March / April 2011

Grand Knight's Message:

We have endured and survived a record level of snowfall over the past months of winter. The windy and rainy season has now arrived, and all are huddled indoors awaiting its' passing. But just like in all things, once the hardships have passed, a fresh and rosier time is born. Take heed, springtime is nearly at hand when all things become rejuvenated, the sun shines warmly upon us, and the cool spring air replenishes our desire to get outside and become active once again.

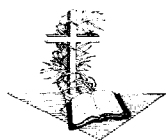
Let us each harness that re-invigoration by putting it to good use for our Church, community and Council. Let us direct that new found energy to fulfill the fundamental purposes of this Order. My Officers and I have planned a number of activities designed to achieve those ideals. We have scheduled activities for our youth, our Church, our Council and our community that deserve and require your participation to make them each a success.

For our children, we have just completed our Free Throw Contest, a Scholarship Examination is upcoming as well as our Spelling Bee, and we have just attended our first NHL Hockey game as a group of 80 from this Council. Our Church related activities include our Deceased Members Mass just recently held, and well attended, in addition to our upcoming 113th Annual Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast. I am proud to announce that our Deputy Grand Knight and his committee have enlisted the services of this year's guest speaker, a former NJ Devils Player, Prince of Wales Trophy and Stanley Cup Trophy winner, Jim Dowd. We look forward to a great day and a record turnout for this event. I would like to commend Msgr. Lawrence Miller for his past and continued spiritual guidance, he always keeps us pointed toward our mission of family, faith and fraternity. Thank you, Father, from all of us.

On the home front, we are running several events which benefit our membership in a social context, and the proceeds of which will be used to assist our local community and special charities. A Comedy Knight is scheduled in late February, a bus trip to Mt. Airy Lodge is also planned, and a Super 50-50 is being conducted to be drawn on April 17. A Members' Room will once again be open for the enjoyment of our Brother Knights each Friday at 7pm in the Gold Room beginning on February 25. Please take advantage of this fraternal benefit and spend some quality time with your peers. Our annual State Convention is only a short time away in May. If you choose to attend, you will then see how the Order operates on a State and National scale. Truly something you want to do if you have intentions of someday occupying an Officers Chair.

We have initiated 10 new members since our last newsletter and have prospects of many more before this fraternal year is out. Ceremonial Degrees are scheduled, so please keep asking your friends, family and co-workers to join our Organization. I am sure they will find something of interest to them here, and will also add their own respective talents and personalities to our ever growing ranks. Along those lines, my appreciation goes out, as always, to our Degree Teams for the magnificent job they do in edifying each man as he becomes a full fledged Knight of Columbus.

This building and this Order we call the Knights of Columbus is becoming what it once was in the past, a pillar of this community, a haven for men with a charitable purpose in life, and a family environment that we can be proud to pass along to future generations. Please help us continue this growth and progress, there is no end to what we can do if we stick together as a group. There is strength in numbers. God bless you all.



Happy Easter

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Lipari Grand Knight

Wake Services: Members who want to attend prayer services, look in the paper for time and place. Men meet 7:30 PM. at funeral home on the last night.

MEMBERS: We are asking our members to come out and support all events that the Knights hold at our building. These events are to raise funds for Scholarships, Right to Life, Free throw, Spelling Bee, Keep Christ in Christmas Essay, Special Citizens canister drive plus Degree's and other donations that we make all year. With out your help we can not keep these functions alive. Please show your support in the different fund raiser we hold. Paying your dues is just not enough.

Eyes for the Needy: We will be collecting old eyeglasses, for information call Ted Hojnowski, FS at the Council office 201-436-1492.

Insurance: Any questions you have on these matters call Field Agent, Anthony Genova 201-978-9591.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Come and join your Brother's and family's, in the waring of the green, to march or cheer them on, in this years parade.

An Old Irish Blessing,

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face and
until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Reunion 25 and 50 year Members

Will be held at our council meeting on April 4th.
All members are welcome.

Operation Cardiac Arrest

This event is a fundraiser to supply our building with a Cardiac Defibrillator and to benefit the Police Vest Fund and McCabe CPR Training Course. It is planned to take place this coming Spring. Participants from our Club and Community will pledge to raise a certain dollar amount for this cause. They will be voluntarily arrested and brought to our Columbian Lounge by the Bayonne Police Dept. where their bail will be set at the amount of pledge each has made. They must get on their phones and raise those funds from their friends and contacts. And for the duration of time it may take each to do so, we will offer food and beverage to make their prison stay as comfortable as possible. Anyone wishing to participate in this fundraiser, please contact the Grand Knight at 551-697-3095.

Annual 50 / 50 Raffle: Once again we will have our annual 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held at our annual Palm Sunday Communion breakfast. Please help support our scholarship fund.

K of C Members Bowling League: We are in need of bowlers and is open to all members and non-members, if interested. please call John Vida 201-858-4433.

NJ. Convention 2011: Members wishing to attend the Convention in Wild-wood, N.J. and are in need of information, get in touch with Ted Hojnowski at the council. 201-436-1492 or 201-436-5030.

Casino Bus trip: Mount Airy Pa, March 12, tickets are \$35.00. For more information call John Rokicki 201- 437-4994 or K of C lounge 201-436-1492.

Please help us update our records, fill out and return it to the council office.

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Coming Events:

State Deputy Herb Meyers Dinner, March 6th

Bus Trip, Mount Airy Casino, March 12th

Saint Patrick's Day Parade, March 20th

Nationals Bowling Tournament - To be held in Buffalo NY. April 9-10

Annual 25 & 50 year Members Reunion, April 4th

Annual Communion Breakfast, Palm Sunday April 17th

Knight of Honors, 7:00PM. April 30th

Annual Canister Drive, for " Special Citizens " May 5, 6 and 7th

NJ. State Convoention. May 13, 14 and 15th

Recommendations of 3rd Degree Officers, May 16th

Nominations & Election of 3rd Degree Officers, June 6th

Pride in Priest Dinner, June 24th

113th Annual Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast: April 17, 2011 9AM. Mass at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church, Breakfast will follow at the Knight of Columbus Hall 669 Ave. C, 10:AM. The Mass will be celebrated by the Knights Chaplain and Parish Pastor Msgr. Lawrence Miller.

Deputy Grand Knight Bob Garritano is the chairman of the affair. Tickets can be purchased and reservations can be made by contacting the Ted Hojnowski FS at 201-436-5030 or 201-436-1492 or by contacting Bob Garritano DGK at 201- 437-7873. Tickets will be \$20.00 and \$15.00 for children under 13. The Annual 50/50 will be drawn at the affair, which will benefit the Knights of Columbus Catholic High School Scholarship Program.

Spelling Bee: All schools were represented, the students made their parents and schools proud. Once again thanks to all that helped, and special thank you to Dee & Bob Bludges and Maryhelen & Andy Onacilla PGK.

Comedy Night: Went very well, thanks to the Mike Policastro and Peter Cresci for great job. Also to East Coast Caterers and the Holding Co. working together for great cause. All proceeds went to Deborah Heart and Lung Center and the Knights of Columbus Council #371 High School Scholarship Fund.

Basketball Free Throw: The turnout was great, thanks to all that helped with this event. Special thanks to Maryhelen & Andy Onacilla PGK and Dee & Bob Bludges.

Deceased Members Mass: We had a good turn out of members and families for the Mass. Thank you to a great host and a friend of the Knights, Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Miller, Chaplain and Rev. Richard Berbary, Friar and co celebrant of the Mass. Also to John Chrapkowski and Sal Spaltro for the beautiful songs and to the John Vida, FN and Vincent Sciancalepore and the 4th Degree Color Corps for great showing. Once again thank you to Chancellor Gary Bejgrowicz and to Bob Garritano DGK, great job by all.

**Deceased Members in 2010:**

John J. Ahern, Joseph F. Bonner, Alfred C. Borlin, Anthony F. Cardone, William G. Carr Sr., Richard B. Cox, Mathew T. Donovan, William A. Fedak, Walter J. Frankowski, George E. Hogan, Jerome F. Koch, Paul A. Korba, John R. Marangio, James Robert McLaughlin, Joseph M. O'Connor, Dennis S. O'Donnell, Rev. Thomas Francis Olsen, and Frank R. Slivocka. *May they rest in peace.*

Calendar of Events:

March:

- 7th Monday Council Meeting 8:00PM.
- 9th Ash Wednesday
- 12th Saturday- Bus trip to MT. Airy
- 17th Thursday- Columbian Holding Co.
Meeting 7:00PM.
- 20th Sunday - Saint Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM.
- 21st Monday - Council Meeting 8:00 PM.
- 23rd Wednesday - 4th Degree Officers 7:30 PM.
Meeting 8:00PM.
- 28th Monday - Council Officers Meeting 7:30PM.

April:

- 4th Monday - Council Meeting 8:00 PM.
Annual 25 and 50 year members reunion.
- 17th Palm Sunday Mass 9:00 AM. and
Communion Breakfast 10:00 AM.
- 18th Monday- Council Meeting 8:00PM.
- 21st Thursday - Columbian Holding Co 7:00PM.
- 24th HAPPY EASTER
- 25th Monday - Council Officers Meeting 7:30PM.
- 28th Wednesday -4th Degree Officers 7:30 PM.
Meeting 8:00PM.
- 30th Saturday - Knight of Honors 7:00PM.

We are all saddened to learn of the news that our Lord has called his faithful servant, the Most Reverend Msgr. Edward M. Matash. He will be deeply missed by all of us whose lives he touched. Keep him always in your prayers.

Dues are being collected, if you haven't sent in your payment please do so. Thank You

Please submit any information for The Star to Pat Pecoraro, PGK 201-436 3162 / E-Mail papecoraro@gmail.com

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Meetings



First & Third Monday
of each month



Meets on the Fourth
Wednesday of each month

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