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The *Star*



Serv the Soc Council # 371

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May / June

From the Office of the Grand Knight:

Brothers, Our 112th Communion Breakfast was held on Palm Sunday, March 28th. The day began with mass at St. Mary's where the council was well represented. Thanks to all who attended. We went on to our breakfast where we had in excess of 170 guests in attendance. Our guest speaker was Brenda Blackmom, news anchor for channel 9 eleven o'clock news. She spoke eloquently about faith and the belief in God and in miracles. She went on to tell her witness of a miracle. Her daughter, Kelly, was stricken by Lupus which caused her body to shutdown and be on life support. After seeing numerous doctors Brenda & her family were told there is no hope and to make a decision to remove her daughter from the machines. On the day they were to do this, Kelly opened her eyes. Today Kelly is leading a normal and productive life. Brenda acknowledged the work of the Knights and thanked us for giving her the opportunity to speak before us. I presented Brenda with a check payable to the Kelly Fund for Lupus that she founded to help others and to make more people aware of this terrible disease.

As this will be my last message as Grand Knight, I want to express my thanks to the Board of Officers who helped me lead our council. Brothers I am greatly appreciative of all you have done. I also want to thank the Past Grand Knights whose guidance and assistance helped me make the right and proper decisions. I haven't always been on course but I always tried to do what was best for the council. Although I didn't follow through on some items, I did my best.

I'm pleased that during my term we began the raffle to help support our scholarship fund. This year we made a donation to Deborah hospital thanks to a great job done by Mike Polacastro and Peter Cresci the Inside and Outside Guards with the Knight of Comedy show. Also we have had good success in recruitment and bringing in some young men who will be able to step in to the chairs in the future. Finally to all the Brothers of the Council I want thank you for supporting all of our functions during the year. In closing I wish the new Grand Knight and his board of Officers good luck and best wishes for a great year. You can always count on my help in anyway needed

Fraternally,

Rich Ludwiczewski GK

Council 371 will only have one meeting in the months of July and August.

Calendar of Events:

May:

- 3rd Monday - Council Meeting 8:00 PM.
- 14th-15th-16th Thursday, Friday, Saturday -
State Convention Wildwood, NJ.
- 17th Monday - Council Meeting 8:00 PM.
Nominations of 3rd Degree Officers
- 20th Thursday - Columbia Holding Co.
Meeting 7:00 PM
- 24th Monday - Council Officers Meeting 7:30PM.
- 26th Wednesday - 4th Degree Officers 7:30 PM.

Meeting 8:00 PM

31st Monday - Memorial Day Parade

June:

7th Monday - Council Meeting 8:00 P.M
Nominations and Elections of 3rd Degree Officers
also Columbian Holding Corp. will have
Nominations and Elections.

21st Monday- Council Meeting 8:00PM.

New 3rd Degree Officers move into Chairs

23rd Wednesday -4th Degree Officers 7:30 PM.
Meeting 8:00 PM.

24th Thursday - Columbian Holding Co.
Meeting 7:00PM.

28th Monday - Council Officers Meeting 7:30PM.

July:

19th Monday - Council Meeting 8:00PM.

22nd Thursday - Holding Co. Meeting 7:00PM.

28th Wednesday 4th Degree Officers 7:30PM.
Meeting 8:00PM.

August:

16th Monday - Council Meeting 8PM.

19th Thursday - Holding Co. Meeting 7:00PM.

25th Wednesday - 4th Degree Officers 7:30PM.
Meeting 8:00PM.

Dues are being collected for the new year, 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

Knights of Columbus

Star of the Sea Council #371

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First & Third Monday

of month



Meets on the Fourth

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Eyes for the Needy: We will be collecting old eyeglasses again, for information call Ted Hojnowski, FS at the council office 201-436-1440.

K of C Members Bowling League: Still in need of bowlers, if interested. please call John Vida 201-858-4433

Insurance: Any questions you have on these matters call Field Agent, Daniel Kurek at 201-615-4975 or E-mail daniel.kurek@kofc.org

Wake Services: Brothers wishing to participate in a prayer service for a deceased member, please contact and leave your name, phone number or E-mail address with Bob Garritano at 201-887-1145 or

bob.garritano@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus: Special Thank You; It's has been a great year for the Knights of Columbus and especially for Council #371 of Bayonne. I want to thank the Holding co. and East Coast Catering for working with the 3rd and 4th Degree in all their fund raiser, you made it a pleasure.

Comedy Knight fund raiser proceeds, Council 371 made a donation of \$1,500.00 to Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital and \$1,500.00 to our High School Scholarship fund. A great job by Peter Cresci and Michael Policastro.

Veterans Canister Collections, The 4th Degree had a canister drive for the V.A., proceeds of \$2,500.00 was donated to Veterans Hospital. Great job, Jack Vida FN and 4th Degree Assembly 675.

Pasta Night was a great success, thank you to all that helped and all the donations of food. It was fun and we made a profit to help a worthy cause.

Right to Life, Thanks to all who helped with eight weekends of church collections. This year's total was \$2,200.00. Proceeds will be distributed to worthy charities. Also \$500.00 was donated towards the bus trip to Washington, DC.

New Ideas: Any members who have an ideas on fund raiser let the council know. We are open to new ways and will work together for a good cause.

The 4th degree and 3rd degree marched in this years St. Patrick Day parade, after the parade we had a great time at the Council hall with corned beef sandwiches, beer and great music. Proceeds went to Jersey City Detective Marc DiNardo three children and the Mar DiNardo Scholarship Fund.

Job Well Done: Thanks to our Chancellor for the last two years in doing an outstanding job. It's not easy getting men to attend wake services, but he as a way of making you get there and on time. Also in many other functions that come with this difficult Chair. Our thanks, Bob Garritano, a job well done.

Working Together: What a pleasure to see our Brothers old and new working together for better of the Order. Keep it going, we are looking good. Come to a meeting, see what is going on in the council, we welcome old and new members to get involved. Hope to see you at the next meeting.



Up Coming Events:

25 and 50 Year Reunion and Award Meeting
N.J. Knights of Columbus State Convention, May 13-14-15th
Nominations of Officers, 3rd Degree, May 17th
Nominations & Election of Council #371, Officers, June 7th at 8:00PM.
Columbian Holding Co. will have Nominations and Elections June 7th at 8:00PM.
Beetle Mania fund raiser coming in the Fall
Knights / Mason Charity Softball game in the Fall

NJ. Convention 2010: 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.

Nominations and Elections, Any Third Degree member in good standing wishing to get involved in the Council Chairs, Nominations will be held on June 7th. Call Ted Hojnowski FS, at 201-436-1492.

Grand Knight selected Hal Delaney PFN,PGK.FDD as Knight of the Year. Hal is active in the council and also at the state level. This years Special Service Award went to Pat Pecoraro PGK for his work on the Star and also as Right to Life Chairman. My thanks to all the men that help with these events, it's time and effort by many.

Scholarship Winner: Congratulations, this year winner of a \$500.00 scholarship for four years is Alexander Gill, his parents are Mr. and Mrs Christopher Gill. Alexander will attend Saint Peters Prep in the fall.

Paying Dues: We are all members of Star of the Sea Council #371 and part of every member is to keep your dues up to date. We know times are hard, you don't have to pay the full amount all at once. Try and send installments of \$5.00 until your dues are paid. We want all our members to be upstanding.

A True Hero: Many thanks to Ted Hojnowski FS, PGK who has been with the Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea council 371 forever. He is the corner stone to Bayonne's Council, his time and effort in running and keeping business ends of the council is thankless. His input in helping the Past Grand Knights during their terms never stops, he is truly Mr. Knight of Columbus. Thanks Ted in all you do.