

Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

Council 7926

St. Martha's Church

May 2007

Grand Knight's Message

Spring has finally sprung, so I hope everyone's enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having, despite the high pollen counts affecting those of us that have allergies.

I'd like to first welcome our newest member, Eugene Leahy, who made his first degree last week. Eugene came to help with our Mother's Day breakfast, and it was nice to see and meet his wife, children, parents in law, and other family members that came and had breakfast. Welcome Eugene!

We've had several activities since the last newsletter and I'd like to thank everyone who helped in making what we do possible. We ended March with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a huge turnout and several people who had never attended any of our functions raved to me about what a great time they had and what a great job Ed Callahan and his crew did. Eugene joined the council as a result of bringing his family to the Easter Egg hunt, and another man is seriously considering joining us. Everyone also enjoyed the pizza, which was a last minute decision to serve after a shopping mixup. In fact, Ed wants to have pizza at all our children's parties! Many thanks to Ed and all who helped him have another successful party. Pictures from the party and many of our past events are on our council website, www.kofc7926.org, courtesy of District Deputy and Past Grand Knight John Gazis.

We completed the breakfasts for the Religious Education program with a teacher appreciation breakfast on April 29. The Religious Education office extends their thanks to all of us for helping them with these breakfasts, an important part of their program.

We completed the first part of the Drive for People with Mental Retardation with collections at HomeTown Market on Bridge Avenue and Quick Chek on Rt. 88. The next collections will be after all the Masses at St. Martha's and Sacred Heart, Bay Head, on June 9-10. Please call Bob Molzon to schedule a Mass to help at, or when you see us at the Mass you're attending, please feel free to help. We are looking into another collection at either the OB Diner or on the boardwalk in July. We will let you know when details are finalized.

On behalf of Bob Coda and The Center at St. Anselm's in Asbury Park, thanks to all who came and helped at their benefit dinner on May 4.

Thanks to all who helped at the Mother's Day breakfast. All the mothers ate free, and it was my pleasure to hand out carnations to all of them. We had an excellent turnout and everyone had a great time.

We have been invited to march in the Pt. Pleasant Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 27. In these troubled times with the ongoing War on Terror and even in our own country, Catholicism and Christianity are under attack, I'd like to encourage as many of you as possible to come and march. It would be a great opportunity to show our town what a strong Catholic organization we have. The parade route is on Bridge Ave. from STS Tires to the new community park at Bridge and Beaver Dam Road. There is then a wreath laying ceremony at the park. If you would like to march, please call or email me. When I get the details from the town about the time and gathering spot, I will let you know.

We will have our Father's Day breakfast on June 17. All fathers eat free, so it would be a great opportunity to invite your dads and have a family breakfast.

Our summer flea market will be Sunday, June 24. It's a chance to either find some treasure or get rid of things you want to get rid of. Tables can be purchased through the church office.

It's hard to believe almost 2 years have gone by, but my term comes to an end next month. At our June business meeting on June 14, we will have the election of officers for the 2007-2008 Columbian year. Chaired by Past Grand Knight Mike Tuohy, the nominating committee has put together an excellent new slate which I'm happy to see includes some of our new members. The committee consisted of PGK Mike Tuohy, PGK Rick Mastronardi, Tony Decresci, and John Pierro. The list of nominees appears later in this newsletter.

There are a couple of trips coming up I'd like to tell you about. Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly is running a river boat cruise on the River Queen. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Please call PGK Mike Tuohy for details and reservations.

Several months ago, Brother Anthony Verile, who is a travel agent, spoke at one of our meetings about running trips that could benefit the Knights. Anthony has a 6 day Royal Caribbean cruise out of Bayonne in September. The trip is already attractively priced, and there is an additional discount for Knights. Details appear later in the newsletter.

I have a couple condolence notes this month. Brian Harper's grandfather, Al Brady passed away in April. Please continue to pray for Brian and his family and the repose of his grandfather. Many of you know Epiphany PGK Jim Stoeber. Jim used to be our District Deputy and he is now Special Programs Director for the State Council. Jim's wife Marlene lost her mother a couple weeks ago. Please pray for them also.

I'll conclude by letting you know May is Mary's month, so please try to say the rosary a little more often for the Blessed Mother's intentions.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Morris
Grand Knight

Delays with the May Newsletter

Mailing of the May newsletter was deliberately delayed in order to include the Slate of New Officers which was not finalized until the 10 May Council Meeting.

Upcoming Council Elections

The elections of the Council officers will take place at the June Business Meeting. At the April meeting, the Grand Knight appointed PGK Mike Tuohy, PGK Rick Mastronardi, and Brothers Tony Decresci and John Pierro to serve as members of the Nominating Committee. They put together a proposed Slate of Officers which was adopted by the Council at the May Business Meeting. The election of new Council officers will take place at the June 14th Business Meeting.

Slate of Officers for June Election

Grand Knight

Bryan J Dickerson

Deputy Grand Knight

William Wright

Chancellor

Richard Stanton

Treasurer

Robert Kehoe

Recorder

Ted Kelly

Advocate

Robert Brogan

Warden

Brian Harper

Inside Guard

Mario Pontecorvo

Outside Guard

Carl Apgar

Trustee 3-Year

Robert Morris, PGK

Trustee 2-Year

Richard Mastronardi, PGK

Trustee 1-Year

Michael Tuohy, PGK

*** Financial Secretary (Robert Molzon) is appointed by Supreme Council.**

*** District Deputy (John Gazis) is appointed by the State Deputy.**

Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday, 13 May 2007 marks the 90th Anniversary of Our Mother's very important mission in Portugal. On 13 May 1917, Our Blessed Mother first appeared to three peasant children near the village of Fatima, Portugal. Over the next six months, Our Blessed Mother appeared monthly, providing the children with special messages of repentance and faith, and called for special devotion to the Rosary. She also predicted dire consequences for the world if her messages were unheeded. Mary's appearances culminated on 13 October 1917 with a spectacular miracle involving the Sun that was witnessed by hundreds of thousands of people. These apparitions have been approved by the Church, and the late great Pope John Paul II credits the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life from an attempted assassination on 13 May 1981.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima...Pray for Us!

Current Officer's List

Grand Knight	Robert Morris	grandknight@kofc7926.org
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Recorder	Ted Kelly	recorder@kofc7926.org
Advocate	Robert Brogan	advocate@kofc7926.org
Warden	William Wright	warden@kofc7926.org
Outside Guard	Brian Harper	outsideguard@kofc7926.org
Inside Guard	George Dormanski	insideguard@kofc7926.org
Trustee 3-Year	Richard Mastronardi, PGK	3yrtrustee@kofc7926.org
Trustee 2-Year	Frank Cicalese, PGK	2yrtrustee@kofc7926.org
Trustee 1-Year	Michael Tuohy, PGK	1yrtrustee@kofc7926.org
District Deputy	John A. Gazis, D.D. 31	dd31@kofc7926.org

Retarded Citizens Collection

The second round of the Council's annual Retarded Citizens Collection Drive will occur at St. Martha's Church and at Sacred Heart Church on the weekend of 9-10 June. This is one of our most important projects of the year. Please help us out by volunteering for a shift or two. Call the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for more information and to sign up. We are also working on scheduling a third round of collections at a date and location to be determined.

Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, Warren Frey, Joseph O'Brien and family, Ed Garguilo, and Tom Tamburo, and for the deceased brothers and family of Council 7926 especially Mary Kelly (wife of Ted Kelly) who recently passed away.

Need a Prayer?

Do you or someone you know need prayers for health, personal difficulties or a deceased loved one? If yes, please submit your requests to our Grand Knight at morris@adm.njit.edu, or call him at 732-295-1103. He will then send an email to everyone on the council email list to request the prayer.

Congratulations New Brothers!!

Congratulations to our newest Brother Knight – Eugene Leahy – who made his First Degree on Tuesday, 8 May, at St. Bonaventure in Lavallette.

Church Flea Market – 24 June 2007

The Council will host an Indoor Flea Market and Craft Fair at the Church on Sunday, 24 June, from 8 am to 1:30 pm. A Six-foot space rents for \$15. Register with the Parish Office. Brother Tony Decresci is the Chairman for this event.

Schedule of Coming Events

- May 10th Council Business Meeting
- May 13th Our Lady's First Appearance at Fatima, Portugal in 1917
- May 13th Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 17th – 20th State K of C Convention in Wildwood
- May 17th Feast of the Ascension
- May 24th Council Social
- May 27th Pentecost
- May 28th Memorial Day
- June 14th Monthly Business Meeting and Council Officer Elections
- June 17th Father's Day Breakfast
- June 24th Church Flea Market

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VIVAT JESUS!! K of C 125!