



Knights of Columbus St. Martha Council



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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brothers,

We have really good news! We have reached agreement with the Society of St. Vincent DePaul to raise several thousand dollars for them through a golf tournament to be held on July 13, 2009 at Woodlake Country Club. We owe a tribute to Tony DeCresci for this because he found a friend, Al Saner, football coach at Pt. Pleasant High School, who has held several of these fundraiser tournaments. Al has agreed to chair this project for us. Several Knights were at our organization meeting February 23rd to help us lay out some ground rules. The plan is to have several other K of C charities also benefit from this project as well! If you would like to help with this, give me a call at (732) 920-2420.

William Wright, Grand Knight

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Council Meetings

8p.m. Thursday

March 12, 2009

April 2, 2009

May 7, 2009

Grand Knights Comments (continued)

There are a number of activities coming up in March that I would like to remind you of, including:

- March 2 Assembly Meeting
7 St. Patrick's Dinner at St. Martha Church
9 Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ Council 4969
12 7926 Meeting – Set up nominating committee
13 1st Assembly 2143 Lenten Dinner – St. Martha Church, 5 - 7:00 PM,
 Adults \$7.00, Children \$5.00, BYO Wine
14 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Seaside Hts. (bring the family and friends)
15 Communion Breakfast
 (moved from 3/8 to accommodate the Dinner and the "Time Change")
20 2nd Assembly 2143 Lenten Dinner at St. Martha Church
22 First Communion Breakfast following 9:00 AM Mass
26 Membership Recruiting Training
28 3rd Assembly 2143 Lenten Dinner at St. Martha Church
28-29 Recruiting BLITZ at St. Martha Church following all masses
29 PGK Dinner at Lobster Shanty, Pt. Pleasant

I know this is a busy month, but then, this is a busy Council! God bless all of you who are able to help our Council help others!!!

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District Deputy Message

Brothers,

Let me start by saying the Council is doing well in membership and exceptional in the insurance program. Our new Field Agent, Michael Permuko, has been doing a great job, both in insurance work and in membership. He has brought us new members as well as written many policies. I would like to thank the members, and their families, that have met with Mike and allowed him to show them another benefit of membership in the Order. We had not had an Agent in quite a few years, and his hard work is paying dividends. If you haven't already done so, please meet with Mike and let him see if he can help you with your insurance or retirement needs.

Saturday, March 14, is the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Seaside Heights, stepping off at noon. This parade is usually held on a beautiful Spring Day. Please come out and join us in the Parade. Bring your friends and family members, and take a stroll up the Boulevard, watch all the children's faces light up as they look at the marchers.

On the next page is a letter from Supreme Secretary, Donald R. Kehoe. In it, he explains the Culture of life fund, established at the Supreme Convention in Quebec City last August, which I was a Delegate representing the Membership of the Diocese of Trenton. This fund was established to help financially in the fight against issues which conflict with our Catholic way of life, and what we believe is the proper way for things to progress, which bills like FOCA will destroy. If that issue is passed and signed by President Obama, Catholic hospitals will be forced to perform abortions, which is against Church policy, or be subject to facing lawsuits.

**John A. Gazis
District Deputy**

From the Webmaster – John A. Gazis, DD31

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, contact me via e-mail and I will put your name on the e-mail list, thus saving the Council some valuable funds.

The Council's website, www.kofc7926.org, is now password protected. Members who have contacted me and received their password will have full access to the site. The general public, and members who have not requested access, will be permitted to see some of the site, but won't be able to see certain areas restricted to the membership. I had this done because some members and Officers, did not want their phone numbers and kof e-mail address visible to the general public. Members with passwords will be able to see the phone numbers, but persons without a password will not.

Donald R. Kehoe
Supreme Secretary



**Knights of Columbus
Making a Difference for Life**

To: Grand Knights

From: Donald R. Kehoe, Supreme Secretary

Date: February 27, 2009

Subject: Culture of Life Fund

In order to provide our members information regarding the Culture of Life Fund assessment, please read the following message at your Council meeting and publish it in your Council Newsletter.

Last August, the Delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order's longstanding commitment to the Church's teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida, and Arizona. Today, 30 States have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping State Councils provide pregnancy centers with Ultra-Sound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this life-saving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church's teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion "rights", but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada, the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Please remember that contributions to the Fund from Councils or Individuals remain in the country of origin, and will only be used for projects in that country.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BelMar St Patricks Day Parade	Assembly 2143 Meeting					6pm St Patricks Dinner Dance
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2p.m. – 6p.m. Ciborski Testimonial Dinner	8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ Council 4969			A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's Council 7926 Meeting		12pm St Patrick's Day Parade
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926		St. Patrick's Day				1:00 p.m. Trenton Diocese Free Throw Tournament
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Membership Training Seminar - 7926		1:30pm State Free Throw Tournament
29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4
	Convention Committee Meeting	Trenton Federation Meeting - 7926				

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4
5	6 Assembly 2143 Meeting	7	8	9 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina Council 7926 Meeting	10	11
12 Easter	13 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ 836	14 Convention Committee Meeting	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19 7am- 11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	20	21	22	23 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Convention Committee Meeting	May 1	2