



Knights of Columbus

St. Martha Council



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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brothers,

I would like to thank the Council for showing their faith in me by electing me to another term as Grand Knight. My last term was a wonderful experience and I am sure this time will be also. I hope to bring some new ideas to the Council, as well as some of the ones that worked well in the past.

First on the agenda, I must thank those that helped with the Golf Tournament run this past July for the benefit of various organizations in our Church. The St. Vincent DePaul Society received \$10,000, the majority of the money raised. The rest was split between the Church of St. Martha, Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly, the Holy Name Society and our Charity Fund. Thank you to the Committee that worked hard on this program, there are too many names to list. Thank you to PGK Bill Wright for giving them the go ahead on this. We hope to make this an annual Tournament.

One idea I have for this year is one that keeps in line with the Pope's declaration of this being the Year of the Priest. For our Council, I would like to make this the Year of the Church, and run some events for the benefit of the Church of St. Martha. This Parish has been very good to us, and I would like to see us give something back to it. We are currently looking at ways to make some improvements around the building, beginning with the carpeting. We will take any ideas you might have under consideration.

Our next affair will be our annual "Italianfest", scheduled for October 10, after the 5 p.m. Mass. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office.

Our next Communion Breakfast has been moved to Sunday, October 18, so as not to interfere with the Columbus Day Parade in Seaside Hts. I would like to see this Council have a presence in the parade this year. Please consider coming out with us and strolling up the Boulevard.

Richard "Rick" Mastronardi
Grand Knight

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Council Meetings

8p.m. Thursday

October 8, 2009

November 12, 2009

December 10, 2009

District Deputy Comments

Brothers,

Summer is over and with it comes the cool weather, football, the World Series and indoor events. This could be a great time to bring in a new member to the Order. When you are talking about the things in your life that keep you busy and brings you joy, mention the Knights. Talk about the things you enjoy doing with your Council, the fundraisers, breakfasts, dinners, social gatherings, Church functions, all the things that Knights do.

I recently attended the Supreme Convention, held this year in Phoenix, Arizona. The weather out there, though warm, was beautiful. The Brotherhood shown during that week was fantastic. Many new friendships were made, as well as renewing older friendships, made during previous conventions.

We heard from our Supreme Knight, who gave a wonderful speech detailing how the Knights of Columbus Councils donated 3.5% during 2008 than they had before, despite tough economic times. These donations were not only made through the Supreme Council, but through local Councils, such as ours. This is something we can all be proud of as Knights.

This month, the Councils and Assembly's in the Ocean County Chapter will be marching in the Annual Columbus Day Parade in Seaside Hts. This is another great way to show your pride in being a Knight. Please consider marching with us, wear your Knighthood proudly. Family and friends are invited to march along with us also. If you cannot march, please bring a lawn chair and sit along the parade route on the Boulevard, cheering those that are marching. This could be another way to bring a new member into the Order. If a friend is thinking about joining, bring him to the Parade, let him see your pride in being a Knight.

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 wont 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.

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First Annual
KofC 7926
Golf Outing

The first – ever Knights of Columbus Council 7926 Golf Tournament was a success, raising almost \$14,000 for charity. The main benefactor, St. Martha's St. Vincent DePaul Society, was given a check in the amount of \$10,000. The Church of St. Martha, Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly, St. Martha's Holy Name Society, each received a donation in the amount of \$1,000; the balance went into the Council's Charity Fund, to be used for various charitable causes.

In the picture below, members of the Council present the check to Joe Williams, SVDP President, at a recent Parish Communion Breakfast.



Birthday Boys

The following Brother Knights are celebrating birthdays in the upcoming months.

OCTOBER

ANTHONY GRATO, FDD	10-01-1947
JOHN FLEMING	10-04-1935
MICHAEL BOCCHINO	10-05-1927
ROBERT SCHMIDLING	10-05-1943
WALTER TRACEY	10-05-1943
JAMES MCCABE	10-08-1920
JAMES BRADY	10-08-1926
JOSEPH ABICCA	10-08-1934
ROBERT BURKE	10-09-1927
MICHAEL DOELGER	10-10-1966
JOSEPH GALLO	10-12-1926
THOMAS NAPOLITANO	10-12-1938
RALPH HOLTHAUSEN	10-13-1933
JAMES BARBIERI	10-13-1955
KEVIN SHEA	10-17-1970
CHRISTOPHER OBRIEN	10-18-1988
GERARD MALARA	10-19-1960
ROBERT SUGRUE	10-26-1953
JOHN GAZIS, DD	10-26-1957
LEO BURGER, PGK	10-27-1948
RICH MASTRONARDI, GK	10-27-1956
WILLIAM WRIGHT, PGK	10-30-1943

Milestones

The Officers and Members would like to congratulate the following Brother Knights who have reached, and surpassed, an important milestone in their journey through Knighthood, 50 yrs of uninterrupted service as a member of our Order.

Name	First Degree Date	Yrs of Service
Fred Rom	May 1953	56
Robert W Coda	May 1955	54
Rev Gerald Marchand	October 1955	53
James Larkin	November 1955	53
Sigmund Klinowski	March 1957	52
Francis Sanok	November 1957	51
Thomas Doonan, Jr	December 1957	51
Henry Weismantel	November 1958	50
Edward Gargiulo	April 1959	50

The following Brothers will be joining the 50 yr club in the coming year

George Rusciano	November 1959
Thomas Tamburo	January 1960
Joseph Palmieri	January 1960

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<u>Oct 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Assembly Meeting	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's Council 7926 Meeting	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> <i>Italianfest</i>
<u>11</u> Columbus Day Parade – Seaside Hts.	<u>12</u> Columbus Day Ocean County Chapter Meeting	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Children's Halloween Party
<u>18</u> Breakfast	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Halloween

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 1	2 Assembly 2143 Meeting	3	4	5 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina	6	7
8 Family Breakfast ~ 7926 4th Degree Exemplification	9 Ocean County Chapter Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Council 7926 Meeting	13	14 Former District Deputy Dinner @ Council 1672 Freehold
15	16	17	18	19 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Dinner at St Martha Church	27	28
29	30					