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My Brother Knights,

I must begin this message with a sad note. Our Council and Parish lost a great man recently, with the passing of Deacon John "Jack" Haney. Jack fought a long, fierce battle with cancer, but in speaking to him, you would have never known it, he never complained and always had a kind word to say. Jack was a wonderful man and Deacon. Jack served our Parish as Deacon for 25 years, marrying many Parishioners, burying some, but his greatest joy was performing Baptisms. He estimated recently that he performed over 4,000 Baptisms in his time at St. Martha. Jack's viewing was held at the Church, and well over 400 people attended his funeral service. The Color Corps of Msgr Baldwin Assembly joined with Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly to stand watch at the wake on Friday evening. The Council prayer service was attended by 22 members. Godspeed Jack.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their help during my term as Grand Knight.

When I was re-elected Grand Knight in 2009, I pledged the Council would help the Church in any way we could. I feel we have accomplished that, working with Father Mike to make some renovations and improvements in many areas. We purchased a carpet for the All Purpose Room, renovated the area of the Statue of the Blessed Mother in the worship area, and renovated the benches outside in the grotto's. I would like to thank Tony DeCresci and Frank Cicalese for overseeing the improvements. But we are not finished, we will continue to be of valuable help to our Church and Community, as long as we are a K of C Council here at St. Martha Church.

We recently held our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Church, serving many dinners to those that would have either been alone that day, or not had any hot food at all. Many Knights were there to assist us, as were the Parishioners. We also prepared dinners to be delivered to the homebound or picked up by those that could arrange to get to the Church to accept the dinners.

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Council Meetings

8p.m. Thursday

January 13, 2011

February 10, 2011

March 10, 2011

Grand Knight's Message (continued)

We also prepared dinners for Christmas, as we have done the last 2 years. The dinners were delivered on Christmas Eve, the dining room was not be available to us, having been prepared to use for Christmas Masses. Over 800 dinners were delivered, I would like to thank our kitchen crew and the delivery staff. Great job, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your help.

We will be hosting a Fellowship Dinner, free of charge, in the Parish Hall in January.

We are planning a dinner honoring Past Grand Knight William Wright for his service as Grand Knight, in February

Also, remember that at this time of year, we will be experiencing some inclement weather. Some of your neighbors may not be able to remove snow and ice from their walkways and cars due to health conditions or other reasons. Please extend a hand and help them out. You will not only be helping them, but you will feel good about yourself.

With the passing of Brother George Hildner, the Holy Name Society at St. Martha Church has been disbanded and our Council now operates the bus trips to Atlantic City twice a month. The Trips are usually the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. If you would like to attend, contact John Gazis, PGK, (732) 477 - 6304. The cost is \$20 per person.

On behalf of the Council Officers, and my family, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Rick Mastronardi,
Grand Knight**

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Newsletter Committee Message

I would like to apologize for the lack of a newsletter lately. I got caught up with other things and unfortunately, the newsletters got caught in the mix. I will try to get one out every month, as we did in the past.

John A. Gazis, PGK, FDD

Membership Committee Message

Congratulations to our new members that joined the Council since July.

We are still looking for new candidates to join our Council, as that is what keeps a Council vibrant and enjoyable. They bring new ideas and perspectives to our group, as well as bringing new hands to our events. If you know of someone who would be a great addition to our Council, bring them to one of our functions, introduce them around, give them an application and ask them to join.

The Committee thanks our Insurance Agent, [Michael Permuko](#) for the work he has done in promoting not only our Council, but the Knights of Columbus as a whole. Mike has worked hard to bring the K of C to those that had not joined previously.

We will be reforming our First Degree Team. Anyone wishing to assist us with this, should contact the Grand Knight [Rick Mastronardi](#) or the Team Captain [Michael Tuohy](#)

From the Webmaster – John A. Gazis, PGK, FDD

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, contact me via e-mail at john.gazis@kofc7926.org, 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. This was done because some members and Officers, did not want their phone numbers and 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.

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 Assembly 2143 Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	11	12	13 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina Council 7926 Meeting	14	15
16 7am-Family Breakfast ~ 7926	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal	28	29
30	31					

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Assembly 2143 Meeting	8	9	10 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina Council 7926 Meeting	11	12
13 7am- Family Breakfast ~ 7926	14 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina	25	26
27	28					

Birthday Boys

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

January 2011

Robert W. Coda	1/ 1/1934
Ronald L. Nobile	1/ 1/1948
Dale S. Powell	1/ 1/1966
Richard W. Trainor	1/ 1/1974
Raymond Zuhowski	1/ 3/1962
Frank D. Haight	1/ 4/1926
William F. Prestia	1/ 7/1927
Edward P. Lavan	1/ 8/1947
John E. Barrett	1/ 8/1969
James Dougherty	1/11/1961
Mario Pontecorvo	1/19/1933
Edwin A. Suchcicki	1/20/1947
Henry W. Longo	1/21/1950
Louis Letizia	1/22/1958
George Gallo	1/25/1953

February 2011

Joseph Felber	2/ 1/1933
Ronald C. Bond	2/ 9/1955
Michael Kluxen	2/ 9/1964
Thomas H. White	2/19/1953
Stuart R. Easter	2/21/1941
Mark S. Bros	2/25/1964
Kevin F. Przystup	2/25/1967
Theodore J. Kotz	2/26/1955
Kenneth D. Genalo	2/27/1936
Donald M. Byington	2/28/1967

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Vincent E. Spada	3/ 3/1966
Dennis Maxwell	3/ 4/1950
Joseph J. Palmieri	3/ 6/1927
John P. Nista	3/ 6/1963
Charles D. Rossi	3/ 7/1947
John A. Fiorelli	3/ 9/1934
Anthony N. Rufo	3/10/1961
Thomas A. Rufo	3/10/1967
Henry R. Weismantel	3/11/1933
Michael S. Permuko, FA	3/11/1969
Thomas M. Nichols	3/15/1982
Alan Bogdzewicz	3/16/1947
Robert P. Vicari	3/18/1950
Joseph T. Magnona	3/20/1927
Charles D. Pettineo	3/23/1943
Paul L. Maione	3/26/1969
Paul A. Shaughnessy	3/27/1926
Vincent F. Scerbo	3/28/1947
Stephen J. Foley	3/30/1927