

Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

Council 7926

St. Martha's Church

July 2007

Grand Knight's Message

And so opens the book on my term as Grand Knight...

I would like to begin by reading from Mark's Gospel...

"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'" (Mark 12:28-31)

This my brothers shall be both my goal as Grand Knight and how I intend to serve you as Grand Knight. And I invite you to join me in this endeavor. For if we act in accordance with these two Greatest Commandments, then we shall fulfill our Order's Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We shall strengthen our Church and our Order, better our families and community and overall live as adopted children of God.

For the last six years, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve God and our Church with you as Knights of Columbus. During that time, you gentlemen have never ceased to amaze me with your talents and your commitment to our Church and our Order and our God.

With your confidence and approval, it is now my time to serve as Grand Knight. As I serve you as Grand Knight I will strive to do so in accordance with the Two Greatest Commandments. I am your Brother Knight always but I am only your Grand Knight for a time. My hands may be upon the Wheel at the moment but it is you my brother Knights who ultimately drive this ship and Almighty God who points the Way. And with His guidance and your assistance, I shall keep our ship off the rocks.

In serving as Grand Knight, I shall also strive to lead and build consensus and not dictate. This organization is a voluntary one. It is a democracy not a dictatorship. I am not your king or emperor or drill sergeant or boss; I am your Brother Knight. If I ever forget that, if I ever cease to act in a spirit of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, if I fail to uphold the Two Greatest Commandments, then you as a Council ought to remove me from my position and rightfully so.

I shall do all within my power to fulfill the trust that you have placed in me, so help me God.

Vivat Jesus!

Bryan J. Dickerson

Past Grand Knight's Message

It's almost frightening how fast time seems to go by. It's already been 2 years since I became Grand Knight, and now my term is over and we have a brand new, wonderful slate of officers ready to take the reins. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as your Grand Knight during this time, especially during the 25th anniversary year of our council.

I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout my term, as our council has continued to excel in all our endeavors. I especially owe much gratitude to the love and support of my family, where I've seen my daughter grow from barely past infancy to a toddler that is now running around and talking. She has even begun helping at some of our functions already!

I'd also like to thank everyone that was praying for one of the other ministries I became involved in this past year. St. Martha's formed a team to do Pre-Cana sessions for engaged couples from the diocese. We successfully had our first one last week. Several knights and their wives are also on the team. They are George and Nancy Dormanski, Jack & Judy Backes, and Frank & Tony Cicalese. The Holy Spirit was truly present that day and we thank everyone for prayers.

I am very confident in turning the reins to Bryan Dickerson and the other new officers. They already have some great ideas and I know they will do a great job during their term. Please congratulate them and keep them in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Morris
Past Grand Knight

A Special Word of Thanks to Our Newest Past Grand Knight's

On behalf of Council 7926, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Bob Morris for his term of service as our Grand Knight. During this time, Bob has successfully led our as Council as Grand Knight while continuing to fulfill his responsibilities for family, career and other Church ministries.

I would also like to thank the members of Council 7926 for their support and hard work during Bob's tenure as Grand Knight. Council 7926's many acts of charity and faith could not be accomplished without your dedication and service.

With his terms as Grand Knight finished, Bob will be remaining active in our Council. He was recently elected to serve as a Trustee. Also, I have appointed him to serve as Religious and Civil Rights Chairman for our Council. This is a new position created by the State Council in order to keep New Jersey Knights informed of the many threats to our Catholic liberties in our society.

Bryan J. Dickerson
Grand Knight

Installation of New Council Officers

The installation of new Council officers will take place on Thursday 26 July at 8 pm at the Church. Family and friends are also welcome to attend.

Lakewood BlueClaws Games

The Lakewood BlueClaws Minor League Baseball team will be hosting two Knights of Columbus events this summer. NJ Knights of Columbus Night at the BlueClaws will take place on Sunday 15 July. For tickets and more info please call District Deputy John Gazis at 732-477-6304. St. Martha's Council has reserved the picnic section for the 2 September game. Tickets are \$25 each and include admission to the game and a barbeque in the picnic section of the stands. For more information and tickets, please call PGK Rick Mastronardi at 732-899-4428.

St. Martha Feast Day / Parish Picnic 29 July 2007

Once again, our Council will be hosting and running the annual St. Martha Feast Day / Parish Picnic at Windward Beach on Sunday, 29 July. The Picnic is a wonderful day of Church fellowship. It is also a major logistical undertaking. Volunteers are needed for set-up, running the picnic and for clean up. For more information, please call PGK Mastronardi at 732-899-4428.

Help Needed with Baptisms

Help is needed with the Church's Baptisms on the first and third Sundays of the month following the 12 pm Mass. It has been a long-standing tradition in our Council to make a brief presentation during the Baptism to each mother and father of the baptized children. We need volunteers to serve at these Baptisms. Please call the Grand Knight to volunteer.

First Degree Team

In the coming months, we will be re-activating our Council First Degree Team. New members are needed. If you are interested in participating, please call the Grand Knight at 732-295-4574.

New Officer's List

Congratulations to the newly elected Council Officers!!

Grand Knight	Bryan Dickerson	295-4574	grandknight@kofc7926.org
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District Deputy	John A. Gazis, D.D. 31	477-6304	dd31@kofc7926.org

Retarded Citizens Collection

Our annual Retarded Citizens Collection culminated with collections at St. Martha and Sacred Heart Churches on the weekend of 2-3 June. Including the April collections, we were able to collect over \$5,000 for special needs people. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this effort and especially to PGK Bob Molzon for coordinating this project.

Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, Warren Frey, Joseph O'Brien and family, Ed Garguilo, and Tom Tamburo.

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 Past Grand Knight at bmorris69@verizon.net, 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 Brother Leahy!!

Congratulations to Brother Knight Eugene Leahy who made his 2nd Degree in late May at St. Joseph Council in Toms River.

Schedule of Coming Events

- July 12th Council Business Meeting
- July 15th Communion Breakfast
- July 15th NJ State Knights of Columbus Day at Lakewood BlueClaws
- July 26th Officer Installation
- July 29th Parish Picnic / St. Martha Feast Day
- August 9th Council Business Meeting
- August 12th Communion Breakfast
- August 12th 155th Anniversary of Father McGivney's Birth
- August 23rd Council Social
- September 2nd St. Martha Council Night at Lakewood BlueClaws

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