

Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

Council 7926

St. Martha's Church

October 2006

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,

It seems like it was just summer, and now it's already October. This means not only the change in seasons, but that our council's level of activities starts picking up.

I'm very happy to start on a very positive note: we just completed our annual Carnation Sale for Birthright and after several years of declining amounts raised, we raised the second highest total in the eight years that I have chaired the event!

Our next event will be the October breakfast on October 15. If you haven't been to a breakfast lately, we have made some changes that you may enjoy. In addition to our usual fare of scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, pancakes, oatmeal, and cold cereals, we are now offering egg, cheese, and pork roll sandwiches.

Our children's Halloween party will be Saturday, October 21. I have it on good authority that Winnie the Pooh will be attending the party and that when you look at Pooh closely, there is a strong resemblance to my 2 year old daughter Bridget! If you have children or grandchildren that would like to come, please contact Chancellor Ed Callahan.

We will be having an Italian Fest dinner on Saturday, November 4. There will be a great variety of Italian dishes prepared by our own renowned chef, PGK Rick Mastronardi and his helpers. Please contact the church office for tickets and Rick or myself if you'd like to help setting up or cooking.

Later in November, we will have a flea market on Sunday, Nov. 19. If you would like to buy a space to sell those no longer wanted or needed items that we all have laying around the house, please contact the church office or Tony Decresci to reserve a table.

Thanksgiving falls on November 23 and of course we will once again have a dinner at St. Martha's for those that need a place to go for dinner.

That of course takes us into December and the big event of our 25th anniversary celebration. Time is running out for buying space in the ad journal for notes or remembrances. If you still want to buy an ad, please get your ad submitted to Tony Decresci or Frank Cicalese as soon as possible.

I have been going through the archives that we have left for pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. from years past to put together a retrospective of the council's activities through the years. If you have any such items, I'd like to request to borrow them or have copies of them. Please call or email me, or mail to me at 1415 Thomas St. Pt. Pleasant, 08742.

Welcome back to Brother Earl Lind and his wife Jan, who have just moved back to the Shore area down in Tuckerton after a few years in Phillipsburg, PA. They are looking forward to renewing friends and acquaintances again.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather we've been having lately, and hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

God Bless you all, and for now I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Bob Morris

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Anti-Christian bias is alive and flourishing at the NBC television network. The American Family Association (AFA) is reporting that NBC intends to broadcast a concert by Madonna (the trashy blasphemous pop singer – not Our Blessed Mother Mary) in November that mocks the Crucifixion of Our Lord and Savior. “In the show, Madonna, wearing a fake crown of thorns, descends on a suspended mirrored, disco ball-type cross,” reports AFA on their website www.afa.net. “When some Christian leaders complained about the mockery, NBC ignored their concerns.” As sons of the Catholic Church and brothers of the Knights of Columbus, we need to oppose such blasphemous acts. Visit the AFA website to send an e-mail to NBC urging them to not broadcast this offensive scene or write to NBC directly:

Bob Wright, Chairman
NBC
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

Also pray for Madonna and the people at NBC. If they truly knew the magnitude of love for us that inspired Jesus to die on the Cross for us, they would not be perpetrating such an insult.

Vivat Jesus,
Bryan J. Dickerson

Call for Eucharistic Ministers

Saint Martha's is in need of new Eucharistic ministers. If you would like to become one, please contact Mary Ann Collett, Pastoral Associate, at St. Martha's. Many of you already are Eucharistic ministers, but if you know of a parishioner who might be interested, please ask them or submit their name to Mary Ann, and she will send them an invitation.



As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, Outside Guard Brian Harper was named Knight of the Month and his family as Family of the Month, after Brian was profiled in the Asbury Park Press. Above is Brian receiving his certificates from the Grand Knight at the September business meeting.

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Supporting the Troops in Iraq...

At the September Business Meeting, the Brothers approved the spending of \$100 for personal hygiene items for the troops serving in Iraq. The Deputy Grand Knight then went to Costco and purchased such items as disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, and deodorant. These items were then shipped to the Marines and Sailors of Combat Logistics Battalion 5 in Fallujah and will be distributed by a Navy Petty Officer friend of the DGK currently serving there. Please pray for our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere and their families back home.

Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, and for Brother Ed Gargiulo and for the repose of his wife, Ann.

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.

For the Computer Literate

If anyone would like to have your newsletter e-mailed, please drop the Grand Knight a line at morris@adm.njit.edu.

Bryan's New Blog

The Deputy Grand Knight has a new blog online about his thoughts on faith, life and 2,000 years of the Catholic Church. Visit the new blog at <http://faith-for-the-journey.blogspot.com/>

Schedule of Coming Events Fall 2006

- October 8th Ocean County Columbus Day Parade
- October 12th Council Business Meeting
- October 15th Communion Breakfast
- October 21st Children's Halloween Party
- October 26th Council Social Meeting
- November 4th Italian Night
- November 9th Council Business Meeting
- November 12th Fourth Degree Exemplification
- November 12th Communion Breakfast
- November 16th Council Social Meeting
- November 19th Council Flea Market
- December 9th Council 25th Anniversary

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