

# KNIGHTLY NEWS



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#### <u> Upcoming Special Events</u>

08/12/15 - Birthday of Msgr McGivney

08/13/15 - Council Meeting 7:30 PM

08/15/15 – Feast of the Assumption\*

08/15/15 – End of Year Picnic

08/23/15 - Rosary Sunday~ 9:45 AM

08/27/15 - Officer Installation 7:00 PM

09/07/15 - Labor Day

09/10/15 - Council Meeting 7:30 PM

09/13/15 - Parish Festival

09/24/15 - Council Meeting 7:30 PM

09/27/15 - Rosary Sunday~ 9:45 AM

\* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation



Dear Brothers.

I would like to share some good news with everyone, it is official, Supreme

Council has approved PGK Eric Perucki as our Financial Secretary. I want to thank PGK Eric Perucki for stepping up and taking this position.

Thank you PGK George Becker for your years of service to our council as our Financial Secretary. I am sure he will stay active in the council and I thank him for helping me transition to Grand Knight with all his advice.

I would like to thank PGK Mike Carle and all the knights who helped with the blood drive last Thursday. We didn't have a good turnout, possibly because of summer. I really encourage all the brothers to donate blood, if you are physically able to.

Saturday, 8/15, End of Year Picnic hosted by the Balsamo Family, please make every effort to attend. This is a great opportunity to get to meet the family of our brothers and make new friends.

Thursday, 8/27 Installation of Officers at 7:00PM, families are invited and dinner will be served after the ceremony. Please come out and support your new slate of officers.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Guimaraes Grand Knight

# A Message from Our Chaplain



The recent visit of Pope Francis to South America highlighted some of the genuine concerns of his papacy. He is zeroing in on issues that should concern all of us. Remember he is the spiritual and moral leader of us Catholics, but he speaks for all who are interested in the well-being of the world with which we have been gifted by a loving Creator.

He advocated for a number of issues we will hear more about when he comes to bless our dear country with a visit in September. This courageous and deeply spiritual man spoke glowingly for his environmental encyclical, "Laudato Si, on care for our common home." He told a gathering of university students and educators that care for the environment is a "God-given mission." It is a requirement, not a recommendation. He also called on us "to intensify their prayers for the October Synod of Bishops on Family -

life issues – the point is to mature a true spiritual discernment and find concrete solutions to the many difficult and important challenges families must confront in our times.

He returned to his exhortation that clergy must be the "servant leaders." "Those who chose the path of service are always at others' service. Not a moment belongs to them. What you get free from Jesus, give it away for free. We can no longer turn our backs on our reality, on our brothers and sisters, on Mother Earth. It is no longer licit for us to ignore what is happening to our surroundings, as if certain situations did not exist or have nothing to do with our reality.".

Again and again comes the strength of that question of God to Cain: "Where is your brother?" Francis said, "I ask if our response continues to be: "Am I my brother's keeper?" With such a strong reference to the Old Testament story of Cain's slaying of his brother, Abel, Francis appeared to be saying that humanity is destroying the earth but it is not taking responsibility for the destruction.

Finally, in a positive and optimistic note, Francis called on people to believe that things can always get better, that the best lies ahead. "The best of the wines are yet to be drunk. The nicest, most profound and beautiful things for the family are yet to come."

To all that I say, Amen! Thank you Lord for such a fine person as our Holy Father!

God Bless him and all of you!

Fr. Ton

O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, mercifully look upon Your servant Francis, whom You have chosen as the chief Shepherd to preside over Your Church. We beg You to help him edify, both by word and example, those over whom he has charge, that he may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### **END OF YEAR - AWARDS PICNIC**

As we embark on the beginning of another Columbian year it is time to kick back, relax and celebrate another great year our council can be proud it completed. This time our end of year council picnic will be on August 15th at 1:00 PM. This year's picnic will graciously be hosted by **Mike and Ellen Balsamo**. Last year's event was huge fun and chock full of great memories. So please come out on Saturday, August 15th at 1:00 PM to the Balsamo house on **461 Freehold Road**, **Jackson** and share in new memories with all our brothers and sisters of Council 11529.



# **Knight of the Month**

Please join me in congratulating PGK Mike Carle for being selected Knight of the Month. We had a successful blood drive at St. Monica's on 7/16/15. I would like to thank all the donors and brothers that came out to help with the drive. I would also like to thank Brother Mike Carle and his family for their time and dedication in putting together this event and providing the delicious M&M Cookies.

### Robert Guimaraes, GK







# **World Meeting of Families Prayer**

God and Father of us all.
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
You have made us
Your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May Your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled,

to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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# Knights of Columbus Apparel

Knights of Columbus apparel for order are available through Kampus Klothes. Contact Ron Borrello at <u>tinman1017@optonline.net</u> or (732) 713-8841 to place an order. All prices include shirt and embroidery (first name & K of C logo). PGK under first name is an additional \$1.50 per garment.

# **Devon & Jones Polo shirt**

This shirt will come with our Knights of Columbus logo on the left side and your first name on the right side of the shirt. The color of the shirt will remain Navy Blue. Shirt prices are:

<u>Price</u>	Sizes	Chest size	Price	Sizes	<u>Chest size</u>
\$25	Small	34-36	\$27	2X Large	50-52
\$25	Medium	38-40	\$28	3X Large	54-56
\$25	Large	42-44	\$29	4X Large	58-60
\$25	1X Large	46-48	\$30	5X Large	62-64

# **Navy Blue Timberland Fleece**

Size	Price
S-XL	\$40
2XL	\$42
3XL	\$43

- Nylon zipper with storm flap
- Elastic cuffs with Velcro
- Collar stays
- Underarm gusset
- Access zipper on inside left chest
- Knights of Columbus embroidery with first name on left side of the fleece



# UltraClub Men's All Weather Navy Blue Jacket

Size	Price
S-XL	\$42
2XL	\$44
3XL	\$45

- 100% nylon shell with fleece lining
- Nylon zipper with storm flap
- Elastic cuffs with Velcro
- Collar stays
- Access zipper on inside left chest
- Knights of Columbus embroidery with first name on left side of the fleece



The deadline for this order is <u>September 24th 2015</u>. Any orders requested after this date will be placed on the next order date later in the year. Payment of apparel must be submitted to Ron Borrello prior to the deadline date noted above. Payment can either be cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

Ron Borrello, PGK

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT SIR KNIGHT JIM MASTRIAN 123456789 IS A 4th DEGREE MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY NO. 29-0658 BRICK, N.J. 08723 OUT STATE 2015 CHIEF PAID TO DECIMBER STATE 2015 CHIEF CALLED A GRANDING TO JUMP A GRANDING TO

#### MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF

During the last Fraternal year, fifteen (15) new and three (3) re-entry Brothers joined our Council. How many of them do you know or made an effort to get to know?

Fraternity, the third principal of our Order, teaches us not only to casually know but to become fraternal brothers that share both the joys and sorrows of their lives and be ready to help and assist each other in times of need. So I encourage each of us to go up to a new Brother, introduce yourself and seek a common interest that will develop into a lasting friendship. Get to know his wife and family and make an effort to greet then in public and at our weekend Masses.

I am very pleased to congratulate Brothers Lane Morell and Charlie Palladino on their completing all the requirements for the Shining Armor Award. There are six (6) other Brothers with less than one year of service that need three or less requirements to attain this prestigious award. I will be contacting each of them separately and advise them of the remaining requirements. Hopefully, we will have six more Brothers to honor.

Fraternally, Jim Mastrian PGK, PFN

# The Fourth Degree- Part 1

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established on February 22, 1900 on the principal of Patriotism - love and devotion for one's country.

In our Council there are 40 Fourth Degree Knights and they are formally addressed as "Sir Knight" and their spouses addressed as "Lady".

We all belong to MSGR. John F. Baldwin Assembly headquartered at the home of Council 836 on Cedar Bridge Road in Brick.

Activities and programs that have long been part of the Fourth Degree include Columbian Squires, Know Your Community Night, Patriotic Essay Contest and Get Out The Vote. Celebrating Patriotic holidays by participation in parades, displaying the flag, conducting flag ceremonies and assisting veterans are encouraged.

When you become a Fourth Degree Knight, you join an Assembly, a group of Catholic Gentlemen similar to our Council. The Assembly officers have similar duties as Council officers; Faithful Navigator (GK); Faithful Capitan (DGK); Faithful Admiral (Chancellor); Faithful Pilot (Warden); Faithful Comptroller (FS); Faithful Purser (Treasurer); Faithful Scribe (Recorder) and Inner & Outer Sentinels (Guards).



The Color Corps is an optional group of Fourth Degree Knights that perform patriotic ceremonies at Masses, wakes of Sir Knights and escort dignitaries, at command functions. Their colorful regalia distinguishes them and the different colors of their capes and chapeau plumes denote rank.

The exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and all Third Degree Knights in good standing are invited to join. I will be writing more about the Fourth Degree in the September and October issues of our newsletter but if you are interested, please see or contact me at your convenience.

Fraternally, Jim Mastrian, PGK:PFN



# Some Thoughts.... From Lecturer Bob Purcell

#### RESPECT FOR LIFE – Abortion on Demand

We are living in an evil age. Like most of you I have witnessed the barbaric videos of Planned Parenthood doctors and managers speaking in the most casual way, of how to dismember an unborn baby, (I will not use the term fetus), for the purpose of selling body parts in able to obtain profits for the organization. This entire operation was based on the concept of permissible abortion. How can anyone casually speak about taking part in carving a baby for profits while eating a salad and having a glass of Chardonnay? It took the "slippery slope".

Hitler took the path of desensitizing people by telling the populace that Jews really were not people, rather they were underdeveloped humans. "AUCHTUNG WE MUST HAVE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM"...We will send them to camps and they will be productive citizens. The state will have an answer to this problem. First they were not people, then they were a problem, and then we have a solution. We will make a better society. And what did the world do? Not a lot, until it was too late.

How did we become so desensitized? How did we allow doctors, nurses to kill babies? First they became not babies but merely a fetus. Next we needed to perform operations that will provide scientific experiments that will save lives. Then guess what --- we will have marvelous happenings - we will be able to turn profits by selectively selling "baby parts". Good Lord I remember going to the butcher shop with my mother and buying a whole chicken. Now we pick out the breasts, legs, wings and oh yes the thighs. Does this remind you of something? We can create greater profits by offering choice. That is another way of making things easier for customers..."Choice" – it is such a nice democratic offering Women should have the opportunity of choice, to have control over their bodies, often at the urging of men. Get lots of people involved, everyone but the baby has a vote in the matter.

One of my favorite columnists is Charles Krauthammer MD. He has a fantastic history not only as a doctor but also provider of common sense. \*In a recent article he gave an alert to what is happening in the Netherlands. Abortion critics have warned us that a problem exists not only with what happens to the baby (fetus), but also what happens to us. It is the same type of desensitization that has engulfed the Netherlands with another mass exercise in life termination...assisted suicide. It began as a way to prevent suffering of the terminally ill. It is now so widespread and wanton that 20% of all Dutch assisted suicide patients are euthanized without their explicit consent.

#### \*Taken from an article by Krauthammer

There have been many articles written and TV has been filled with videos regarding the killing of babies, all very explicit and very freighting. So what are we to do with these developments? Answer - press your elected officials. There are those who say abortion should be illegal after a certain period of time. Politically speaking they are right – how do you eat an elephant - one bite at a time...or does that leave a very viable problem. Why is it OK to kill a three month old baby, but we will let four month and older babies live. Do we choose political expedience and save many lives or do we continue the fight and save all of them.

God help us fight the slippery slope of human regression.

God Bless, Bob



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#### Dear Brother Knights:

On Monday, August 3, the U.S. Senate held a key vote on S. 1881, a bill to defund the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The Senate voted down the bill 53-46, falling seven votes short of the 60 needed to pass the bill. We strongly urge you to contact your Senators and encourage them to overturn this vote and support this bill.

Planned Parenthood is America's largest abortion provider, performing well over 300,000 abortions annually. Over the past few weeks, video evidence has emerged suggesting that they are selling the organs of aborted unborn children for profit. These videos reveal the stark brutality of the abortion procedure and the callousness with which Planned Parenthood seeks to profit from the harvesting of the organs of unborn children. These revelations have shocked the conscience of our nation.

Planned Parenthood receives over \$500 million in taxpayer funding annually. S. 1881 removes taxpayer dollars from Planned Parenthood, while leaving funding levels for health care programs the same; the bill channels taxpayer dollars through other organizations.

Pope Francis has called abortion the product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many." S. 1881 ensures that our tax dollars and healthcare programs are not made part of this mentality.

Please <u>email your Senator</u> immediately. Encourage them to support S. 1881, the bill to Defund the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Share this link and encourage your family, friends, and members of your community to do the same. Thank you for all you do to build a culture of life.

Fraternally,

The Knights of Columbus



Congratulations to Jim Mastrian, PGK, PFN who with his 25 years of service and being over 70 years young earned his Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Knights. Here's to another 25 years!

# Good of the Order

- t Allen Caldwell
- t Larry Ferrero
- Jack Purcell
- t Jackie Wilson
- t Bob Wilson

# In Memorium

- t Robbie Caputo
- Jean Colbert

Remember.... if you know someone in need of our prayers and would like to add them to the Good of the Order list you can now do so via email. A special address has been set up at Goodoftheorder11529@gmail.com for you to add to the list. Names will stay on for 3 issues unless otherwise requested. Or you can always contact me with your request.

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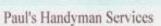
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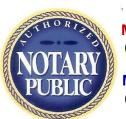
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