



Knights of Columbus Council #6526



Chantal Chatter

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 19th at 7:00pm

Free Throw Contest

Help Needed!!!

Wednesday, January 20th at 6:00pm

Bunko Night

Saturday, January 23rd at 7:00pm

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7th

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers & Friends,

There are many things to be grateful for in November. We started with the Council Memorial Mass on Nov. 10th. It was a well attended and the touching mass filled with pleasant memories of those that were called Home this year. My thanks go to PGK Dick Campbell for all this efforts to make the evening memorable.

On Nov. 21st we had an extremely successful ***Knight at the Races*** and cleared an amazing \$1,000 for the night. We had a full house and everyone had a great time. Many thanks go to the committee chairman, Outside Guard, John Casella, Outside Guard Mike Montoro, Paul Deluccio, Joe Dalto, PGK Charlie Buonocore (who won the 50/50 raffle) and those I have forgotten to mention.

November ended and December began with the Christmas Magnet Sale. I am happy to say that almost all 400 magnets were sold. Many thanks to PGK Mike Alliksen for the herculean effort selling the magnets three weeks in a row at all the masses practically by himself. My thanks also go to Grace Totten and those brothers who pitched in and helped. Also, thanks to Mike for chairing our C & B Drive as well as service as Vice Chairman for C & B for the Nassau Chapter. Special thanks to PGK Dick Campbell, Warden George Sargent, and all those who sold C & B Books.

As you saw on Page 1 we have the Christmas Party coming up on Dec. 19th and I hope to see many of you there. It has always been a fun time. Thanks to Joe Dalto and his committee for putting this together. Also, we are planning a Bunko Night on Sat, Jan. 23rd which Paul DeLuccio is chairing and a Super Bowl Party on Feb, 7th that PGK Charlie Buonocore is chairing. That is two new or resurrected events back on the calendar. It is great to see people stepping up and getting more activities going.

Finally, I along with my wife Diane and my children Marianna & Nicholas want to wish you and your families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year, because we all know the Reason for the Season. There is no "Holiday" without **Christmas** and there is no **Christmas** without **Christ** our Savior and Lord.

Vivat Jesu,

Peter Coleman

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Dear Knights and Ladies All,

Amidst all of the hustle and bustle of the Advent Season; anticipating the coming again of the Christ, the Messiah, we often stop and ponder, "What is this all about?" Then, perhaps in a chance encounter with a child, your child, your grandchild, even a stranger's child; we see in their eyes; we watch in their body language; we hear in their joy – filled squeal, the incredible sense of wonder and awe at the very thought and mention of **Christmas, of Jesus, of Saint Nicholas, of Santa Claus!**

We may pause and wonder, "Is the magic still in the air? Can it be felt? Tasted?"

Back on September 21st 1887, Virginia O'Hanlon of 115 W. 95th Street, NY, NY wrote to the editors of the New York Sun.

"Dear Editor--I am eight years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Francis P. Church, editor penned this timeless response:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. *Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.* He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, *but* that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that

neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and un-seeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

I take this opportunity to add that Santa Claus lives in the hearts and souls of Knights in all of our works and charity. That is the true presence of Jesus Christ in our hearts as we go about this Christmas Season spreading the joy of **"The Word made flesh that dwells among and within us."**

I take this very special opportunity to pray that all our Brother Knights, their families and loved ones experience the joy and happiness and love of **Christmas** throughout the Season and into the **New Year**.

Peace and Joy,

Deacon Bob

Letter from the Editor

Dear Brothers, Families, & Friends,

November was a very busy month. We had a very successful "Knight at the Races". It was a pleasure to see everyone leave with a smile on their faces!

The Memorial Mass was well attended and appreciated by all.

Congratulations to Kevin Gorman, John Casella and The Squires for an extremely successful Food Drive.

Vivat Jesu,

Michael Montoro

Editor

Calendar of Events

December 2009

Mon, Dec 7 – Officer’s Meeting – 7:30pm

Mon, Dec 14 – General Meeting – 7:30pm

Fri, Dec 18 – Nassau Chapter Meeting – 8:00pm – Fr. O’Connell

Sat, Dec 19 – Christmas Party – 7:00pm

Mon, Dec 21 – 6526 Club Meeting – 7:30pm

Fri, Dec 25 – Christmas Day

Mon, Dec 28 – General Meeting – 7:30pm

January 2010

Fri, Jan 1 – New Years Day

Mon, Jan 4 - Officer’s Meeting – 7:30pm

Mon, Jan 11 – General Meeting – 7:30pm

Fri, Jan 15 – Nassau Chapter Mtg. – 8:00pm – Corpus Christi

Mon, Jan 18 – 6526 Club Meeting – 7:30pm

Wed, Jan 20 – Free Throw Contest – 6:00pm

Fri, Jan 22 – March for Life

Sat, Jan 23 – Bunko Night

Mon, Jan 25 – General Meeting – 7:30pm

February 2010

Sun, Feb 7 – SUPER BOWL PARTY

Knightly News: Info

- The Nassau Chapter is sponsoring three scholarship programs for member’s children who attend Catholic Elementary & High Schools, and children who attend CCD. The elementary & CCD applications for the 2009/2010 school year are due by Dec. 18, 2009. The High School applications are for the 2010/2011 school year and due on April 16, 2010. Please contact GK Peter Coleman at 516-796-1350 for applications & details.
- PGK Ken Iadarola has been collecting rosary beads, (new or used), and sending them to our troops abroad. He has received much gratitude from our soldier recipients. If you would like to contribute any rosary beads, just drop them at the Council or you can contact Ken at 516-826-4574.

- There is a spiritual retreat, January 29th, 30th and 31st, 2010, at Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica Estates (Queens). For more info contact PGK Charles Dawson at 516-781-9610.
- For more info on the Superbowl Pool/Party, call PGK Charlie Buonocore at 516-735-9277.

Circle Squire News

The St. Frances Squire Circle was formed on December 8, 1974 and is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The Circle is looking to contact as many former members as possible so they can be part of the celebrations marking this event. If you know of the address or phone numbers of any former members of the St. Frances Circle, please call 516-826-9889 or 516-785-1663 with the information. You can also mail it to the St. Frances Squires, 1869 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, N. Y. 11793. They can also contact us directly using either method.

The **Squires** are selling vouchers to purchase **\$60 NY ISLANDER TICKETS for only \$35**. Please call 516-826-9889 or 516-785-1663 to purchase or obtain additional information.

The Squires held a very successful Thanksgiving Food Drive on Friday, November 20th from 4PM- 8PM and Saturday, November 21st 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM at the King Kullen locations in Wantagh and Levittown. Thank you for your support.

Those in Need of Our Prayers
Submitted During the Month of November

Sick or in Distress:

Louis Buonocore	Johanna Hensen	David Pierce
Larry Schroeder	Ed "Shine" Scherning	Claudette Brust
Thelma Dawson	Scott Cappone	Lori Ciolla
Agnes Galati	Carol Roselli	Karen Lubiniewski
Lucille Hoffman	Andy DePasquale, Sr.	Brian Schumacher
Katie Dalto	Jim & Mary Anastasi	Robert Hoffman

Armed Forces Wounded in Afghanistan, Iraq and Fort Hood

Deceased and their Families:

Anthony Ciccotto, PGK	Aldo Scavino, PGK	John Sawula, PGK
Mike Affilitto, PGK	Patrick Kitson, PGK	Patrick Hennessey PGK
Carl Tagariello	Ann Genduso	Charlie Carroll
Charlie Randazzo	Nat Genduso	Carmela Dawson
Anna Reichart	Anthony Genduso	Daniel Hoffman
Alice Mueller	Walter Hessling	Rick Pabon
John Casey	Rose Milone	Henry Dawson
Henry Dawson, Jr.	Pat Matragano	The Unborn

Those that Perished at Fort Hood

Armed Forces Killed in Afghanistan and Iraq

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