



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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East Hanover Council 6504

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## Grand Knights Message:

Brothers, it has been a long time since I wrote my newsletter. So much has happened; I hope I don't miss anything. I will try to recap in chronological order.

First, our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance and Super 50/50 raffle (yes it has been that long since our last newsletter) were very successful. Thanks, to John MacTaggart and all who helped with the St. Patrick's Dinner, it was a great night. Everyone enjoyed loved the music provided by "The Celtic Balladeers." This was the first time in a long time that we had Irish music at our St. Patrick's Dance.

I want to thank Rich Truzzolino and Tony Giuliano for a very successful Super 50/50 Raffle. All 400 tickets were sold. If you have not heard by now, the first prize winner was Audrey Colaurdo. Second prize winner was George LaVecchia. Third prize winner was John Roselle. Wow, will we have a hard time selling tickets next year. Also a special thanks to Neale Baxter, who sold the most tickets.

Our Blood Drive was also successful. Thanks to Neale Baxter and Larry Colasurdo for their wonderful work. We did not break any records, but had 41 donors. Thank you for all that donated and thank you brothers for getting the donors.

I would like to congratulate the five (5) brothers from our council who took their Second Degree on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are: Jason Cleffi, Edward O'Connor, John MacTaggart, Anthony Ryan and Gregg Taylor. Congratulations brothers.

I would be remiss, if I did not thank our Second Degree team of: Barry Halloran, Joe Cusano, Chris Virginio, Neale Baxter, Joe Carvagno and Joe Pasquarosa. Thanks brothers and I understand that you have take your show on the road. Thanks for all your sacrifices and hard work. Our council really appreciates it.

I would like to thank Tony Giuliano and Joe Cusano for running a very successful Handicapped Citizens Drive. With the help of about twenty (20) brothers we managed to collect \$ 13,590. Image what we could have collected if we had more help. We had a great summer weekend for the collections and again want to thank all of you who helped out on the streets, at the stores, and those who helped straighten and count the money. Brothers, you did an excellent job.

I would like to congratulate Sir Knight, Neale Baxter, who made his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Neale.

I would also like to welcome into our Council, Michael Kiszka, who made his

First Degree on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to our council Mike.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Cargavano, Neale Baxter and I had the privilege of escorting nine (9) brothers to Notre Dame Church, in Cedar Knolls for their Third Degree. I congratulate: Nick Caponegro, Ron Corey, Mike DeSantis, Robert Furlong, Danny Gamba, Clem Mandorlo, Andy Liebauser, Greg Taylor and Robert Ventola. Congratulations brothers.

I am currently looking for brothers and their wives to assist in the serving of the refreshments at the reception following our deacons' first mass on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please give me a call if you can assist. If you remember, the Knights along with members of Parish Council will be hosting a reception of cake and coffee after deacons concelebrate their first mass at 12 Noon on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. This will start at 2 PM, in Fahey Hall. Deacon's Adam, Marcin and Hubert will be ordained priests on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> by Bishop Serratelli, at the Cathedral of St. John's in Paterson.

Remember, we will be meeting on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, at Town Hall to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Please let me know if you will be attending. Those marching the attire for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree members will be tuxedos. For all other brothers the attire is jacket and ties. We will have a float, so no excuses about walking.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> that is the day in which we have the Mass in the Park.

Finally, I have decided to stay on another year as Grand Knight. In another section of this newsletter you will see the slate of officer's in which the nominating committee will be recommending for the year July 2009 to June 2010. Please give them your support.

*Here is this month's quote:*

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German playwright, novelist and poet

Fraternally yours in Christ, Ron

## **FROM THE PULPIT:**

### From The Pulpit

To My Brother Knights:

As most of you know by now Don Sherman, my very close friend was called home to Our Lord, on March 15, after a six week long sickness. He was our neighbor and a friend to most of us in the Knights. Up to six weeks ago, as you know Don, was not Catholic, but his family was. I baptized all of his grandchildren except the oldest one, (I wasn't a Deacon at that time) but, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don was admitted to Morristown Memorial, seriously ill. On February 6<sup>th</sup> I baptized Don into our faith. It was apparent that he was in a

fight that he possibly would lose. What follows is my homily delivered at his funeral mass on St. Joseph's Day (Don's middle name was Joseph) and I wanted to share it with all of you, because there are so many TEACHING POINTS that just need to be shared.

We have come here today, at this mass, to celebrate the life of Don, his 73 years, and his six short weeks as a Catholic Christian. We will remember Don as loyal friend, a loving father to his three sons and their wives, and as a Grandfather to six beautiful grandchildren. We all can take home a lesson or two on the loving relationship he and Joan have shared all these years, almost 50 of them.

His life over all those short years and in particular in the last six weeks, is and should be a teaching moment for all of us. We read in the first reading. The Book of Wisdom, "Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness".

Six weeks ago Don gave me the wonderful gift of being able to Baptize him into our faith and he in turn became a closer friend of Jesus Christ. His soul, we believe became dazzling white, with no stain of sin that he may have committed. Yes, he got a free ticket straight to Jesus Christ himself. I have at least one Priest friend who couldn't believe that he has had to all of those things throughout his 76 years to be a good Catholic, and Don walks right in. But Don did all of those things too. He showed love to everyone who called

him friend and to some who called him other than friend.

Don ran the great race, and he finished the course. And our Lord waited 73 years for him to get to him where he now enjoys that eternal friendship of Jesus.

In the Gospel reading we heard the promise of Jesus that there are many rooms in my Father's House. Jesus welcomes all of us to be close to him with no exception. And he also gives us directions on how to get there. "Where I am going you know the way. For I am the way and the truth and the life." Don knew that, he heard it from all of us, especially his family.

I thought of getting a shovel or a gardening tool out of his garage to show you some symbol of Don's life, but then thought "no" - remembering, "I really don't think he knew how a shovel worked". So I brought this cork remover. He knew how that worked! For it was around each of our tables, his or yours, that we enjoyed each other, came to know each other, and came to love each other. This is what Friendship is, and we have tasted it. Now we approach the table of the Lord to share in wine of the Blood of Jesus so that we may taste the friendship that is promised to all of us who share in His Body and Blood.

Deacon Vincent Leo Jr.  
Council 6504 - Charter Grand Knight

## **Our Field Agent Speaks:**

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### **The Nominating Committee:**

Consisting of:

Rich Truzzolino PGK, Larry Colasudo PGK, Des Brennan PGK, Tony Giuliano PGK. Ron Angelo Grand Knight. Have a slate of officers for the up coming fraternal year.

The nominations are:

Chaplain: Owen B. Moran  
Grand Knight Ron Angelo  
Deputy Grand Knight: Joseph Pasquarosa

Warden: Joe Carvagno

Chancellor: Celeste Virginio

Treasure: Barry Halloran

Advocate: Vincent Maggiulli

Fin. Secretary: Ray Patnode

Recorder: Rick Fredholm

Inside Guard: George La Vecchia

Out Guard: Neale Baxter

Trustee: 3 yrs. Larry Colasurdo

Trustee: 2 yrs. Anthony Giuliano

Trustee 1 yr. Rich Truzzolino

Elections off new Officers will take place on the first Meeting in June; the date is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for any of the above officer's slots. Those who are nominated from the floor must be present and accept the nomination prior to any vote.

## Birthdays:

Happy Birthday! To all Brother Knights.

Michael	Malkinski	4	1
James	Racioppi	4	6
Vito A.	Pascarella	4	6
Henry	Smolen	4	8
Bernard	Radomski	4	14
Harry	Banker	4	18
Charles	Waller, Pastor	4	18
Thomas	Schimminger	4	20
Edward	Freeman	4	21
Thomas V.	Dougherty	4	23
Michael	Pichowicz	4	30
Vincent	Maggiulli	4	30
Dan M.	Distasio	5	2
Clem F	Mandorlo	5	7
Anthony	Crecco	5	8
Michael	Ditta	5	10
James	Giordano	5	13
Anthony	Giuliano	5	14
Ronald	Dellen	5	15
John G	Mactaggart	5	20
Marc	Porrizzo	5	26
Philip A.	Maenza	5	26
Ray	Patnode	5	28
Robert	Ventola	5	28
Greg	Donofrio	5	28
David	Caldwell	5	31
James	Silvestri	5	31

## IN NEED OF PRAYER:

### Good of the Order:

Prayer does work so please pray for the following that are in need. Prayer does work!

Father Owens, Father – Lives in Ireland, Sister Ann, Past Grand Knight Larry Colasurdo mother Marie, Larry Colasurdo PGK. Vincent Magu

Dolores Angelo Mother of Ron Angelo, Jak Tomasullo, Daniel Piccolo, Debbie Edson Daughter of Des and Ann Brennan has two babies Kayliegh , 4 Special Intentions, Tom Dougherty Jr. Diana Rickert, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli’s daughter Andria Ottaiano, Vivian Baxter Mother of Neal Baxter, Al Lasso, Doris Friedholm, Rick Friedholm Dad, Angie and Charlie Del Fava, PGK. Joe Larena, Henry Smolen, Father of Charlie Napoli, of C&L Towing, Karen Brown, Carmen Malgieri, Irene Holmes, Sheila Gallo and for baby Cara Guerine, Mike Ganinni, Ernie Esposito, Philip Esposito, Balnjina Fernandez, Chris Knapik and Rose Knapik wife of Andy Knapik, R. Barton PGK, Anthony Fiscetti, Linda Miele, Micheal Tria, Terry Pizzano Dorthy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, Special intentions. Barbera Gassner, Joann Musso, Clara Sodowski, Cora a friend of Barry Halloran SA Special Intention, Christopher McTagart,.

Pray for our troops that are in harms way and are protecting our way of life in These United States. Pray that God will grant them safe return to their families. Pray for everyone’s, “Special Intentions” - **and we mean everyone. God must be Infinite the proof is that he does listen to each and everyone’s intentions and then with his unique senses of each individuals need handles all problems in ways we could only hope to understand. Amazing isn’t it that even as we sin - He will never turn his head away from your prayer. You may not understand the**

**response we get from God but he is the final judge in the end, there is no squeaking buy no lying your way in to eternity.**

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