



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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East Hanover Council 6504

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## Grand Knights Message:

Hello My Brothers: We had a great showing for our Deceased Brothers Mass and Repast on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Over fifty family and friends attended the mass and repast in honor of our brothers that have gone before us. I would like to thank Father Owen for a wonderful service and East Hanover Police Officer Johnny Fox for his rendition of Amazing Grace on the bag pipes. I don't think there was a dry eye in the church! Then, at the repast the ladies helped Santa by wrapping all the gifts he will give out at the tree lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, to the Ladies. Everyone in attendance had a great time.

The Oldies Dance was a big success and all those who came loved the group the "Symphonics." The music, food, drink and camaraderie truly made for a magical night. In addition, we, the Knights of Columbus donated \$250 to the St Rose Youth Center! I would like to thank all the brothers that made the night such a huge success: the committee of DGK Chris Virginio, Mike Molle, PGKS Rich Truzzalino, Tony Giuliano and Ron Angelo and all the Brothers, that, as usual, pitched in to make the night a success.

I am pleased to announce the names of five new Brothers that were sworn in on

November 28<sup>th</sup> at our council's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Not only did our council have five new members but our ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> degree swore in 25 first degree and 35 second degree candidates! We had the pleasure of hosting councils from Chatham, Whippany, Florham Park, Denville, Long Valley, Morristown and Flanders. What an outstanding turnout and subsequent ceremonies. DGK Chris Virginio and his 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree team again did an outstanding job with the back-to-back degrees. And, thank you to our kitchen staff, PGK Rich Truzzalino and Fred Fischer for the wonderful preparation of the food. I would like to congratulate our newest Knights: Carl Anderson; Mario Accumanno; Marshal Covert; John Klein and John Mellage! On behalf of our Brothers from Council #6504 I welcome you all.

The Officers of your council and our families would like to take a moment to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a very blessed New Year

The following are some of the events our council is planning:

- ❖ Christmas Tree lighting  
December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

- ❖ Bus Ride to NYC to Rockefeller Center Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm
- ❖ Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:00 pm
- ❖ Spelling Bee February 2012 Details to follow
- ❖ Wives Appreciation Night Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Ravello's Restaurant with music by "MARK AND TED"
- ❖ Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 4, 2011
- ❖ St Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ❖ April 19 to April 22 Children with Special Needs Weekend

Until I see you at the Christmas Tree Lighting, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,

*Joe P*      *Grand Knight*

## FROM THE PULPIT:

### A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.  
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,  
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,  
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.  
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,  
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,  
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.  
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,  
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,  
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.  
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the  
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,  
and I crept to the door just to see who was near.  
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,  
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,  
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.  
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,  
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

'What are you doing?' I asked without fear,  
'Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!  
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,  
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!'

For barely a moment I saw his eyes  
shift,  
Away from the cold and the snow  
blown in drifts..  
To the window that danced with a  
warm fire's light  
then he sighed and he said 'Its really all  
right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here  
every night.'

'It's my duty to stand at the front of the  
line,  
That separates you from the darkest of  
times.  
No one had to ask or beg or implore  
me,  
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers  
before me.  
My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in  
December,'  
Then he sighed, 'That's a Christmas  
'Gram always remembers.'

My dad stood his watch in the jungles  
of ' Nam ',  
And now it is my turn and so, here I  
am.  
I've not seen my own son in more than  
a while,  
But my wife sends me pictures, he's  
sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled  
from his bag,  
The red, white, and blue... an American  
flag. **I can live through the cold and  
the being alone,  
Away from my family, my house and  
my home.**

**I can stand at my post through the  
rain and the sleet,  
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to  
eat.  
I can carry the weight of killing  
another,**

**Or lay down my life with my sister  
and brother..**

**Who stand at the front against any  
and all,  
To ensure for all time that this flag  
will not fall.'  
'So go back inside,' he said, 'harbor  
no fright,  
Your family is waiting and I'll be all  
right.'**

**'But isn't there something I can do, at  
the least,  
'Give you money,' I asked, 'or  
prepare you a feast?  
It seems all too little for all that  
you've done,  
For being away from your wife and  
your son.'**

**Then his eye welled a tear that held  
no regret,  
'Just tell us you love us, and never  
forget.  
To fight for our rights back at home  
while we're gone,  
To stand your own watch, no matter  
how long.**

**For when we come home, either  
standing or dead,  
To know you remember we fought  
and we bled.  
Is payment enough, and with that we  
will trust,  
that we mattered to you as you  
mattered to us.'**

**PLEASE, would you do me the kind  
favor of sending this to as many  
people as you can? Christmas will be  
coming soon and some credit is due  
to our U.S. service men and women  
for our being able to celebrate these  
festivities. Let's try in this small way**

**to pay a tiny bit of what we owe.  
Make people stop and think of our  
heroes, living and dead, who  
sacrificed themselves for us.**

**LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN  
30th Naval Construction Regiment  
OIC, Logistics Cell One  
Al Taqqadum, Iraq.**

*Taken from a forwarded E-Mail from  
Brother Deacon Bob Lang.  
Thanks!*

### **Our Field Agent Speaks**

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I'm at 973-539-0109 or [john.stabile@kofc.org](mailto:john.stabile@kofc.org) Call me – let's talk.

## **December! One Knight at a Time!**

**A Knight for 7 years, Neale Baxter, is a Member of the Color Corp and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the East Hanover #6504 Council. Neale, who resides on Chicjon Lane, serves as Warden on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team, as well as holding the position of Outside Guard.**

**Neale, whose occupation is Distribution Clerk, is a big time sailing buff, whose hobbies include collecting lighthouses, water color paintings, lighthouse paintings and reading.**

**Among his sailing activities, he has sailed around St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Peter Island, Jost Van Dyke, Sandy Cay, the Florida Sun Coast and Barnagate Bay, NJ.**

**Birthdays:  
From all of our Brother Nights**

**Happy Birthday to all listed here:**

Michael H.	Gibbons	12	1
Michael	Lomio	12	10
Vito	DiAntonio	12	11
Martin	Keating Jr.	12	12
Joseph	Mantineo	12	14
Francis	Falivene	12	16
William	McCarthy	12	19
Joseph A.	Carvagno	12	20
Edward H.	Correale	12	20
Michael	Kiszka	12	21
Kevin C.	Gardiner	12	25
Eugene	Nostrame	12	25
Joseph	Forlenza	12	26
Anthony	Ryan	12	30

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

**From:** Rwfurlong@aol.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2011  
4:11 PM  
**To:** agiuliano1@optonline.net  
**Subject:** News letter

Hi Tony,

Vivienne is a lot better than she was and you can remove her from our prayer list.

Thanks to everyone and Prayers Do Work!

Thank you Bob Furlong

Update on some of those in Need of prayer: Chemo treatment has started on John Racik son in law to Larry and Audrey, Please continue your prayers for his recovery.

Vincent Maggiulli, Howard Doshcer, Robert Markoski, Brother, Brother, John Brennan and his wife Ann. Henry Smolen , Sister Ann, Sister Doloris Alfano Peter Grasman PGK, Larry Jr. son and Son in-law John and Racik also Donna Wife of John - Daughter of Larry Colasurdo PGK., Jack Tomasullo PGK, Des and Ann Brennan's Grand Daughter, Kayliegh Edson, Des Brennan PGK. Des Brennan and His Wife Ann, Four-Special Intentions, Father Sean, Marty Keating PGK, Kevin and Joan Gardiner, Jack Citarelli, and Marie Citarelli's, daughter Andria Ottaiano, Jack Citarelli, 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, Bob Groeger, Micheal Tria, Lisa Guarino, Dorothy Sikora John Hoffman, John Spain, Angela Cavado, a Special Intention. Barbera Gassner, The Danny Lennox family,

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 is Infinite." 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 the Lord" will never turn his head away from you or your prayer. So in and through Prayer

ask for forgiveness **“Confession is good.”it is always the Season to Reconcile.**

You may not understand the response we get from God - But –“He is the final judge in the end.” There is no squeaking by, no lying your way in, to your promised eternity in Heaven with our savior. So get right with God. Just do it NOW!

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*The Editor:  
Brothers,  
We are in need more good Catholic Gentlemen that want to join our East Hanover Council as Knights of Columbus. You can do this by going to our web site and give your info on how we can contact you. Our Membership Director Joe Carvagno will contact you.*