

Our Lady Queen of Peace Council # 6139

Grand Knight's Corner



What a great time to be a Knight!

The Country Western Dinner Dance was a success thanks to you and our sponsors. This was the 1st time we had sponsors for a dance. Sponsorship dollars totaled an outstanding \$1,950. Special thanks go to Don Baldyga for acquiring a total of \$1,200 in sponsorship money. And thanks to all of you who hand delivered the sponsorship letters to the local businesses, it really made a difference showing the merchants that the Knights of Columbus are alive and well.

At a recent K of C breakfast, a parishioner said to me, "you know, the Knights are doing many things nowadays and it's good to see." That made my day, as it should yours. ***We're being noticed.***

Now it's time to start planting the seeds and stirring up some excitement about our Casino Night next April. As you know, we will be co-chairing this event with the Rosarians.

As always, thank you for all you do in making the Knights what we are today.

Vivat Jesus!



The Country Western Dinner Dance



Oh, what a night! The food was fabulous, the music inspiring, and the crowd danced the night away.

To all the Knights who volunteered to set up the gym, serve the food, work the door, sell tickets and clean up: Thank you. You are all responsible for the success of this dance. Enjoy these pictures.



Birthday Corner



Let's Wish the October and November Knights a Happy Birthday:

Salvatore T. Fontana, FN, PGK, FDD, John Franetovich, PGK, Thomas G. Bossard, David Hardin, John Guccione, Joseph D. Ragonese, Enrique A. Blanco, James R. Simiscalchi, William T. Oppelt Jr., Michael J. Quinn, Rev. Enrique Corona, Vincent Del Gatto, Edward J. Igielski, Frank J. Licursi, Theodore B. Hajek, and Douglas C. Gaedcke.

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Pride in our Priests Dinner



Our Council was well represented at the Annual Pride in Our Priests Dinner this year honoring Father Fred, Father Adam, and Father Vidal. In this "Year of the Priest" it was most fitting to have such a celebration of their vocations.



Upcoming Events

Council Christmas Party
December 4, 2009
Café Amore on Warwick Tpk.
7:00PM to 11:00PM



Parish Breakfast
December 20, 2009
Our Lady Queen of Peace Cafe
7:00AM to 12:00PM



Parish Breakfast
January 17, 2009
Our Lady Queen of Peace Cafe
7:00AM to 12:00PM



Parish Picnic

The Feast of Saint Francis Parish Picnic was a huge success. As in years past, our Brother Knights prepared and served the food. The Antioch Team was a huge help in arranging and breaking down the tables and chairs.

This year Fathers Adam & Fred celebrated the mass which was heard in English and Polish.

A few of our Polish Parishioners also provided native dishes for the enjoyment of the picnickers.



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District Deputy's Corner

Worthy Brothers of District 40:

The week ending 10/24 was significant for our District. The Echo Lake Council hosted all 3 Degrees within a 24-hour period. Nine new members (many from your councils) enjoyed the exemplification of the 1st Degree and 21 candidates (again, many from your councils) enjoyed the exemplification of the 2nd Degree. We had a sold-out roster of 43 candidates (once more, many from your councils) from all over Northern NJ for the 3rd Degree the following night. And, yes, there were candidates among the nine that went from 'zero' to 3rd degree in 24 hours.

I have heard – almost equally – as many compliments as complaints with regard to the timing of these Degrees. On the complaint side - there is the very valid argument that the Degrees should be experienced over time – 1 by 1 – so that the beauty of each can be digested and enjoyed individually. This way the member Knight gets time to 'mature' in his membership along a journey to full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree. There is a valid concern that 'rushing' the candidates through may cheapen the beauty and the dignity of the overall experience.

On the other hand, there are practical and convincing arguments to employ the timing as we have done. Most convincing – in my mind – is the sheer logistics of the production. We assembled 60 men into one room during the 1st and 2nd exemplifications this past week. The expenditure of gasoline alone for all those vehicles is argument enough not to send them all away after taking the 1st Degree; just to have them return some other day for their 2nd. Another strong point is that, in today's society, time is at a premium like never before; and we must respect the time devoted by the candidates, the sponsors, the Degree Team and their families. Also, it would be rare, indeed, if all the candidates could be reassembled at the next Degree. Having candidates told to 'wait' to take the 2nd Degree is the chief cause of the creation of 'stragglers' - those candidates who sometimes take years or decades to complete all 3 Degrees.

Arguments *for* timing the 3rd Degree the day after the 1st and 2nd Degrees are similar. First, there is an economy in the purchase and preparation of food and beverages when all three events are held on consecutive evenings. Second, there is a momentum in the members of the host council, most of whom participate in the 1st and 2nd Degrees, who are involved for weeks in advance, and the culmination of the time and energy spent adds to the brightness of the 3rd Degree vibe. There are as many as 20 men acting as a unit – focused on the singular goal of hosting all 3 exemplifications as flawlessly as possible, all of whom exhale a collective sigh of exhaustion and accomplishment afterwards – usually with great success. Harnessing the cooperation, focus and energy of that many men in multiple events staged months apart is not easy and may be over-reaching.

From my observations thus far, it seems to me that the 'back to back' timing of the Degrees has been well received by many of our Brothers. I think it's safe to say that the October tradition of three consecutive Echo Lake Degrees will be intact for years to come, as well as the tradition of holding back to back 1st and 2nd Degree exemplifications sporadically throughout the Columbian year. For those who prefer the longer wait between Degrees, there are still many individually staged Degrees offered by other councils throughout the region.

Tempus Fugit - Memento Mori
- DD Jack



Happy Halloween Happy Thanksgiving



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4th Degree Corner

My Brother Knights & Fellow Sir Knights,
Let me begin by congratulating our Worthy

Grand Knight, Dan Janelli and Council 6139 on a successful Country Western Dance. What I remember was everyone seemed to have a lot of fun.

The 4th Degree Exemplification took place at St. Philips in Clifton. There is another Exemplification taking place in April, 2010. It takes place at a hotel and has had as many as two hundred candidates in attendance.

This year, the requirements changed. Only 6 months need to pass after your 1st Degree to take your 4th Degree. That means that all of the brothers that took their 3rd Degree on 10/23/09 at Father Koch Council will be eligible in April.



The great majority of our council members are "Sir Knights" which is the honorific for a 4th Degree member. We also get to call our wives "Lady". The introduction will go as follows: introducing Sir Knight Sal Fontana and Lady Patricia. The ladies seem to like it. Next time I will explain what the various color capes mean.

Fraternally, Sal Fontana, Faithful Navigator, PGK, FDD



Insurance Corner

'Right to Apply' Helps Widows in Need

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from K of C members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the Knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.



As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at (973) 839-5173 or stephen.defilippis@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

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