

Knights of Columbus St. Barnabas Council # 8603 Bayville, NJ 08721 <u>WWW.KofC8603.com</u>



#### November and December, 2009

#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

Dear Brother Knights:

Since our last newsletter we have gained a few new members. John Baccione, who made his first degree, and Mike Talian and Ken Gomes who both went through all three of their degrees. Welcome guys and I hope you have a great experience with our council. Remember, Knighthood is what you make of it so get involved in as much as you can, when you can, if you can. I say the word if because family always comes first.

November is Thanksgiving; a month for giving thanks so let me start out with my Thank You list.

First and foremost I'd like to thank Father Kevin for his generous contribution of \$200.00 from the church carnival. You can be assured that the money will be put to good use. We certainly had fun working the beer garden and the money wheel and look forward to doing it again next year.

Thanks to all who put so many long hours in working the summer concerts, Berkeley Pride Day and the church carnival.

Also thanks go out to Pete Fortunato, Gus Schrier, Bill Mackintosh, Don O'Connor, Jim Mlodgenski and anyone else I missed for all their hard work on the manger.

Also a special to Will Jacobs, Gus's son in law for being the DJ at the PGK dinner for Joe. He certainly made the party a great success and everyone who attended had a good time.

And finally a great big thank you to Ron Pikor, who tirelessly gave his time before all the masses to give a very informative speech about the Knights at our membership drive in October. Also thanks to all who helped out at the doors signing potential members up, and all who helped out at the open house.

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Council Officers 2009-2010

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"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, 'Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"" Jay Leno

Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. of each month at St. Barnabas Church in Fr. Brennen Hall. All meetings start promptly at 8 PM. Officers Meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

# **UP COMING EVENTS!!!**

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7	Saturday-November 7	Exemplification of the Forth Degree, Saturday activities starting at 11:00AM,
		Fr. Brennan Hall, St. Barnabas Parish, Bayville (Price to be determined for the
		week-end)
è	Sunday-November 8	Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Eatontown Sheraton, followed by reception
	-	at Staybridge Suites, Route 35 Eatontown (behind the Sheraton). (Price to be
7		determined for the week-end)
	Wednesday-November 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree at St Barnabas in Fr. Brennen Hall at 8:00PM
	Sunday-November 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Communion Breakfast at CB Huntington's after the 8AM Mass
P	Friday-January 8	Council Christmas Party (Details to follow)
	Saturday-February 13	Knight at the Races (Details to follow)

# PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jennifer Fortunato Linda O'Donnell Pardo Spedaliere PGK Herman "Bud" Cooper PGK Brielle Bijoux Veronica Metzler Joe Colleta



VALENTINE KORNAK

Tony Calvitti Martin Pisano Pat Schreier Bill Martin Susan Walton Linda Mackintosh Pat Colleta

### RECECTLY DEPARTED BROTHERS





SK COLUMBUS ARIGON

AUGUST W. KOENIG

## E-Mail Addresses!!!

We are asking all members to update their E-Mail address. This way we can keep everyone up to date on the affairs of the Council. In the future everyone with an E-Mail address will receive the News Letter by E-Mail. By doing this we can save the Council the cost of printing and sending the News Letter through the mail. Also the News Letter will be posted on our web site for all to read. To update your E-Mail address just send an E-Mail to <u>8603@comcast.net</u> Thank you.

#### Grand Knight's report continued:

A few dates to jot down on your calendars. Our second meeting on November 18th will be replaced by our first very own first degree. Anyone who would like to help out is more than welcome. Even if you just want to come out and observe, it can be a great learning experience.

Our Thanksgiving food drive and project joy will be coming up in November and December, dates to be announced. Anyone who would like to help deliver the food baskets and toys to the needy families in the area, your help is always appreciated. -

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Our Christmas party will be held on January 8th. this year in Father Brennan Hall, details to be announced. Please remember to keep in your prayers our sick and deceased members including Val Kornak and August Koenig, who recently passed away. Also Emmit Worthy's son Jeff Worthy who passed away, and also our sick members including John Taylor, John Kelly, Emmit Worthy, Bill Martin Joe and Pat Colleta and Joe Mockapetris. And let's not forget our past members who have gone to their rest including PGK Ed Torcicollo and John Guarascio.

In closing I'd like to wish all our brothers and their families a safe, happy, and blessed holiday season.

Vivat Jesus Vincent Eckersley Grand Knight

## **Hospitalized Brothers**

If you know of a Brother Knight from Council # 8603 who has been hospitalized for three days or more, please contact George Vogt at 732-269-2916 so we can present him with our Council 8603 robe.



- 1- All babies receive gifts at the first Sunday mass.
- 2- Members of K of C St. Barnabas Council #8603 and their immediate families who have a baptism at the St. Barnabas Church, Bayville, NJ in a private ceremony will receive gifts at the ceremony provided that the Brother Knight gives the Council two weeks notice. Should the Brother Knight fail to give the Council two weeks notice the gifts will not be presented at the ceremony but can be picked up at the Parish Office when they are ready.
- 3- Members of K of C St. Barnabas Council #8603 and their immediate families who have a baptism at a church other then the St. Barnabas Church, Bayville, NJ can pick up their gifts at the Parish Office provided that the Brother Knight gives the Council two weeks notice.

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## NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

Do you ride a motorcycle or know a Brother who does? Or do you just want to be involved. Then the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry might be for you. The New Jersey Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry (NJKOFCMM) held its' first State meeting on October 6, 2008 at Vince Lombardi Council # 6552 located in Middletown, NJ. The reason the Lombardi Council held the first meeting was that it is the "birth place" of the Motorcycle Ministry. Two members of the council had the idea of organizing a motorcycle group and after years of planning, the Ministry was formed. The Ministry took to the road in the spring of 2009. The mission of the Ministry is to expand the scope of the Knights of Columbus exposure to the community, expand our charitable works by organizing motorcycle rides and participating in other organizations' rides, and to get our Brother Knights out on their bikes socially. The Ministry follows the Knights of Columbus ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. For more information check out their web site at http://njkofcmm.org

### **Urgent Legislature Action Alert!!!**

This information is from the KofC New Jersey website and requests your help.

The New Jersey Knights of Columbus prepared and submitted two bills to the New Jersey State Legislature. These two bills, S-2800 in the State Senate and its identical counterpart A-4025 in the State Assembly, need your immediate support. Both bills require a doctor to offer a woman considering an abortion the right to see an ultrasound prior to the procedure. We believe many women will decide to carry the baby to term, once they see the image.

Please call your state legislators immediately and urge them to support these bills.

Voice your opposition to A-3477, which would restrict the sale of ultrasound equipment. This bill passed the Assembly and is currently in the Senate Commerce Committee. If this bill passes, and is signed into law, it would restrict the ability for a woman to see an ultrasound prior to considering an abortion.

Please, take a stand for life!

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### **Free Canes for Veterans**

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2009, Sam's Club® locations nationwide will be giving away 25,000 Hugo® canes free of charge to United States Military Veterans in need of mobility assistance.

We salute our veterans for all the incredible contributions made to our country. To all who have served... Thank You!

Limited quantities per club, available only while supplies last. Sam's Club® Membership is not required. Proof of military service may be required.

The nearest Sam's Club in the area is located at: 320 West Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728 (732) 780-3943

### Victory for our Veterans

*WASHINGTON, October 22, 2009* — The president signed into law today legislation that will enable the Department of Veterans Affairs to know its health care budget a full year in advance.

"This is a huge victory for veterans," said Thomas J. Tradewell Sr., national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., who has been advocating for years with other leading veterans' organizations for a new budgetary process that would fund the VA in a sufficient, timely and predictable manner.

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The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act will ensure that medical services, facilities and research programs are not impacted by annual Capitol Hill budget battles that have resulted in the VA being funded late in 20 of the past 23 years.

"The advanced appropriations issue has always been about doing what's right to properly care for our nation's defenders," explained Tradewell. "The VA is the only federal agency that is singularly tasked to care for America's heroes. A budget known a full year in advance will enable them to plan for the hiring of critical medical and research staff, as well as forecast equipment and facility upgrades throughout their entire nationwide network.

