



# Knights of Columbus

## St. Barnabas Council # 8603

### Bayville, NJ 08721



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**March and April, 2010**

### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights:

Well here it is March already and we're still shoveling ourselves out week after week. I'm sure none of us will be complaining about the warm weather this summer.

We held another 1st. degree in January and I'd like to welcome our newest brother, Tom Powers II. Congratulations Tom. Also congratulations go out to Father Al, our chaplain and 1st. degree honoree. Our 1st. degree team is doing a phenomenal job, and with a little more practice, I believe our team will be certified.

Speaking of degrees, we will be holding another 1st. degree on March 17th. in place of our social meeting. We are well on our way to achieving star council this year, and with a little help from everyone I believe we can accomplish this. Remember new brothers, if you sponsor at least 1 new member during your 1st. year, you are entitled to receive the shining armor award.

We held our corporate breakfast and mass on January 31st. We had the breakfast at a new place, Time to Dine. The food was excellent and we all enjoyed it. I'd like to encourage more brothers and their wives to join us the next time. It's a great time to enjoy some good food and conversation.

On the same day a baptism was held for Lucretia Grace Risk, the granddaughter of Brother Joe Coletta and his wife Pat. I was there to present the gifts at this beautiful ceremony which was held in the chapel. Congratulations to Joe and Pat and Lucretia's parents and may she have a long, happy, and blessed life.

And finally, our long awaited fundraiser, The Knight at the Races was held on February 13th. Once again, all who attended had a great time with 4 more races added this year. Thanks to all who were involved including Jim Mlodgenski, Ron Pikor, and Joe Nutry who were involved in the planning stages, Pete Fortunato our M.C. and all those who worked it including Bill Macintosh, Don O'Connor, Mike Talian, Mike Masucci, Tim Lynch, George Vogt, Ken Gomes, John Kirincich and a special thanks to Gus Schrier who as always done a great job running around getting all the delicious food. From planning to break down everybody pulled together and did a tremendous job.

Please pray for our deceased brothers Richard A. Hanhart and John Kelly also our sick members and families, including Margaret Kessler wife of Brother Al Kessler, John Taylor, John and Pat Kelly, Tim Lynch, and Jennifer Fortunato

Also please remember our troops and the people suffering from the earthquake in Haiti. If I forgot anybody who is ill or has passed on please let me know and I will add their names to our next newsletter.

Vivat Jesus,  
Vincent Eckersley  
Grand Knight

### **Council Officers** **2009-2010**

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We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon.

Jimmy Carter

Meetings

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!!!**

Wed-March 17, 2010	1st Degree- St. Barnabas Council at 8 PM in Fr. Brennen Hall
Sunday-May 23, 2010	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Annual Communion Breakfast at Fr. Brennen Hall 9 AM Mass
Sunday-May 30, 2010	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Communion Breakfast at Time to Dine after the 8AM Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

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

Tony Calvitti  
Martin Pisano  
Pat Schreier  
Bill Martin  
Susan Walton  
Linda Mackintosh  
Pat Colleta  
Peter Fortunato Sr.  
All The Troops

Joe Mockapetris PGK  
John Taylor  
Emmit Worthy Jr. PGK  
Monica Brewi-Bijoux  
Ava Slinchak  
Pat Kelly  
Will Stockham  
Edward Mlodzienski



John Kelly

**RECECTLY DEPARTED BROTHERS**



Richard A. Hanhart

**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 **8603@comcast.net** Thank you.

## Chaplin's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

A few weeks ago we began the season of Lent and our hearts and minds were set on fasting, penance, almsgiving and prayer. So, how's it going? Making resolutions and deciding to live a better life, more in keeping with God's desires for us, can be a daunting task. Very often we can be stuck in habits of sin or personality defects that hinder us from loving communion with God, our families and our neighbors. These things can at times seem insurmountable to us.

Many of us have often said in confession, "Bless me Father, I have sinned, it's been \_\_\_\_ weeks since my last confession, these are my sins. Father, it's the same old stuff..." Time after time we find ourselves confessing the same sins and it doesn't seem like it gets any easier to conquer them. Still, don't give up! We have someone who walks beside us whose presence lifts us up when we fall and who will, over time, love us into the person we were created to be. Jesus is our strength and his love can and will change us if we let him.

With the time remaining in this holy season, continue to reach out to him for forgiveness and strength. Seek his guidance in all your life tasks. Give to those in need and be faithful to the state in life to which he has called you. I think if we all could do more of this, our sinful habits would begin to melt like the winter snow on the first days of Spring.

Brothers, stay strong in the Lord Jesus and may God bless you and your families!

With much love and affection,  
Fr. Alberto Tamayo  
Chaplain



## Baptism Procedure



- 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 than 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.



## 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.

## INSURANCE CORNER

*Are you financially and emotionally prepared if you lose your job? Are you retired and feel confident your income stream is enough and safe. There are stable long-term savings options in our whole life plans that will help any situation in these volatile times in the financial markets and our economy.*

A whole life policy can act as a buffer against estate taxes and probate costs, while providing a death benefit along with a living cash benefit. Whole life allows someone at the time of retirement to remain insured while spending the other assets they have accumulated. Cash value in a whole life policy can be used for supplementing retirement income, start or invest in a business, purchase or improve a home, or pay for a child's or grandchild's education.

These are just some of the many benefits whole life can be used for.

For any questions or to schedule a review, please contact me at 732-606-1616.

Fraternally,  
James Castrovilly  
Field Agent

## Our Deepest Condolences

The Officers and members of the Knights of Columbus, St Barnabas Council #8603 wish to offer our deepest condolences to our pastor and Brother Knight Fr. Kevin Keelen in the loss of his Mother Patricia Ann Keelen. She will be in our thoughts and prayers.



## Knights Win Case

March 11, 2010

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) -- The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that the words "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance "do not violate the Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words "under God" to the Pledge in the early 1950s, and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

"This decision is a victory for common sense," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "It is also a welcome reversal of the Ninth Circuit's 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today, the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer. Best of all, the Court said that the words 'under God' add a 'note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.' Every reasonable person knows that, and today's decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that has too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America," Anderson concluded.

In today's ruling, the Court noted that, "Among the 'self-evident truths' the Framers believed was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the 'Laws of Nature and Nature's God' and that the purpose of government should be to "secure those rights.'" Such beliefs provide the context in which the words of the Pledge must be understood, the Court said.

The Knights of Columbus and several individual Knights and their families were defendant-intervenors in the case, and the court's 2-1 decision incorporates many of the arguments presented to the Court by The Becket Fund of Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represented the Knights in the case. Oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit panel had been heard in December 2007. Other defendants in the case included the United States government and a Sacramento-area school district.

## Fourth Degree Communion Breakfast

The John D. Mc Mahon Assembly #1926 will be holding their annual communion breakfast on May 23, 2010 in Fr. Brennen Hall. The Mass will start at 9 AM and followed by breakfast catered by Sweet Jenney's. The guest speaker will be Major Frederick W. Robison, USMC (Retired) and his topic will be The Veteran's Aid and Attendance Pension Benefit. All are invited to attend. For information contact Jim Mlodgenski at 732-349-1755 or email me at [8603@comcast.net](mailto:8603@comcast.net).

## Veteran's News

### **Bill Targets 20% Unemployment Rate**

A bill pending in the House seeks to reduce the “unacceptable” unemployment rate afflicting the nation’s veterans. *H.R.4220—the Promoting Jobs for Veterans Act*—would help veterans acquire job skills and assist veteran-owned businesses. Citing U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for November 2009 that showed more than 1 million unemployed veterans, bill sponsor Rep. Steven Buyer (R-Ind.) said the nation owes veterans the opportunity to earn a decent living. “The unemployment rate among our newest veterans, ages 18-24, remains extremely high at 20%,” he said. “Equally disturbing is that 700,000 of the 1 million unemployed are between the ages of 35 and 64.”

Specific provisions of *H.R. 4220* would:

- Re-authorize VA’s Veteran-Owned Small Business Loan Guaranty Program to guarantee up to \$500,000 in loans for veteran-owned small businesses.
- Provide ZIP code-based housing stipends for unemployed veterans participating in an approved on-the-job-training or apprenticeship program.
- Offer a \$500 monthly stipend to vets who are new teachers and are teaching in rural areas.
- Authorize VA to enter into sole-source contracts with veteran-owned small businesses, like it currently does with firms that are eligible to receive federal contract’s under the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) Business Development Program.

Buyer says he hopes that House leaders would include the bill in any “jobs package” that would be considered. At press time, *H.R. 4220* had been referred to the House Small Business Committee.

### **John J. Gallagher Scholarship**

The John J. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship is presented annually by the Knights of Columbus, St. Barnabas Council 8603 of Bayville. Applicants must be college bound, high school seniors who are parishioners at St. Barnabas (or children of members of our Council). Applicants will be considered based on academic achievement, church activities, community service, extracurricular activities and financial need. Completed applications must be received on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship will be announced on or about May 15<sup>th</sup>. Return completed applications to: **Knights of Columbus, St. Barnabas Council 8603, PO Box 372, Bayville, NJ 08721**

**For more information please contact GK Vinny Eckersley at 732-269-1739**

Due to the high cost of having the News Letter printed and mailed to our members starting with the July 2010 issue we will be sending out the News Letter quarterly. Sending out the News Letter by email has reduced the cost but less than half of our members receive it by email.