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## Grand Knight's Message by Stan J. Buraczynski, GK

During the past several months some of the basic principles of our Order have come under attack by certain political and activist organizations.

In New Jersey there is a strong movement to legalize marriage between partners of the same sex. The Knights are steadfast advocates that Marriage is the union between One Man and One Woman. This movement in New Jersey comes on the heels of the reaffirmation, by the voters of California that Marriage is the Union between One Man and One Woman. The Knights have developed a DVD



which explains our point of view on this topic. This DVD can be viewed by going to the following web site: <a href="http://www.njkofc.org/index.php?mid=223">http://www.njkofc.org/index.php?mid=223</a>.

With the election of our new president, all the work we have done as the "Champions for Life" is in danger. The new President has promised to pass "FOCA" better known as the "Freedom of Choice Act" We must use every means possible to contact both the US House Members and the two Senators who represent New Jersey. Letters, e-mails, telephone calls, post cards must be sent voicing our opposition to "FOCA"

Recently, the City Council of San Francisco issued a Proclamation denouncing the actions of the Catholic Church in voicing its opinion on the adoption of children by same sex couples.

As Knights of Columbus, we are the "Defenders of the Faith". This is our opportunity to show our strength. So, voice your opinion to our elected officials.

## Christmas Packages for Iraq by Frank Aburto, PGK

I would like to express my gratitude to the Brother Knights of Columbus, Council 1672, as well as to the parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Church for their overwhelming response for items to send to the troops in Iraq for the Christmas holidays. Because of your generosity, we were able to ship six large boxes.

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Year will be filled with peace, health and prosperity

### Financial Secretary's Report by Michael Petrisin, PGK

A Happy and Healthy New Year to my brother knights and their families.

As we start the year 2009, I am pleased to report that we have over 200 members paid for 2008.

Michael Schneider and Thomas Shenko, who took their First and Second Degrees into our Order: in December, Marco Da we save money for postage. Vinha, David Dettling, David Ritchie and

John Sitar took their First Degree. January, Dennis Campanaro and Richard Diaz took their First Degree. Congratulations to all.

for the new year. On the negative side, we Again, if you move, please send me your still have 27 members who have not paid new address. This is not only for Council 1672's records, but also for Supreme's.

Second notices for dues will be sent out by the end of January. Please, if you have not last June, took their Third Degree on June paid your dues, try to pay before the end of 20. We welcome six other new brothers the month. When dues area paid on time,

## Monthly Breakfast by Stan Buraczynski, GK

The Monthly Community Breakfasts continue to be a huge success and we are well fast, plan on doing so. ahead of last year's attendance. We have gotten a toaster, and starting with the January Breakfast we added English Muffins and Toast to the menu. The Breakfasts continue through May; if you have not

stopped by for the Break-

Once again thanks to the Breakfast Team for all their hard work to make these events a success.



Just kidding, Stan

# From the Field Agent's Office by Robert J. Karaczun, FA



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#### Council Blood Drive by Mike Tubridy

On the morning of December 6, we had 66 Joe Luongo, Carlos Maldonado, George Ferpints of blood collected, which we consid-riso, Bob Cardone, Peter Weber, Bob ered a success. There were blood solicita- Franco and Stan Buraczynski. tions from all over, and we did well considering many people were called by other sources.

Helping out on the drive were fellow knights like to thank everyone for their support.

Our sponsors were generous, including Eli's Bagels, Wegman's, Shoprite, Norkus Foodtown and Dunkin' Donuts. We would

### Chaplain's Study by Fr. Edward M. Jawidzik

By entrusting ourselves to Mary, we do all selves, and then remain in her virginal

through Mary, with Mary, in Mary and for Mary, so as to enable us to do them with greater perfection through Jesus, with Jesus, in Jesus and for Jesus.

We must abandon ourselves to Mary's spirit to be prompted and guided according to her will. We must try to place our-



hands like a tool in the hands of a worker or a lute in the hands of a good We must lose ourselves completely in her like a stone thrown into the sea. It's possible to do this quite simply and in an instant with a quick inward glance or slight motion of the will or with a few brief words.

> St. Louis de Montfort Devotion to Mary, page 161

#### Columbian Club News by Rich Morano

Santa Day was held on Saturday, Decem-33 children received wonderful hundred tickets will be sold. presents from Santa himself. The kids decorated cupcakes and colored holiday pictures. The holiday pictures were sent to Iraq with Frank Aburto's six big care packages. Many thanks to Santa and his helpers, Lynne Morano, Jennifer Morano, Dayna Kleschinsky, James Kleschinsky and our setup, cleanup and decorators, Arnie and Steve. Also special thanks to Tops in Town Cleaners who donated their services once again.

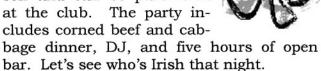
Superbowl Sunday is February 1. Don't miss out. Sign up now for Mike Sweet's



buffet of a lifetime for only \$7.00. Come join the fun. Get in on the Giants Autographed Helmet to be raffled off (signed by Blackburn, Clark and Wilkerson,

Webster) at \$10.00 per ticket. Only one

The St. Patrick's Party up in our hall will take place on Saturday, March 14 from 7:00 pm until midnight. Thickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased at the club. The party includes corned beef and cab-



On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday March 17, we will be selling corned beef sandwiches and platters at the bar, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, or whenever we run out. Sandwiches are \$4.00, platters \$5.00

The spring NASCAR race at Talladega will be held on Sunday, April 26. Lots of food, prizes and fun! Look for additional updates at the Club.

## Christmas Activities by John Favorito and Paul Dwyer

On December 13 and 14, we sponsored a realized almost \$500. tree and wreath sale to benefit the Council's charities. This successful event was accomplished with the help of Frank Aburto, Frank Annunziata, Mike Argen, GK Stan Buraczynski, Paul Dwyer, Mike Klebowitz, Rick Scott, Mike Tubridy, and Peter Weber. (Also "John" from Saint Robert's).

Thanks also to all those who purchased the magnets at St. Rose, St. Robert's and at the Through your generosity we Council. evergreens.

In late November and early December, the Council sold "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets. For the second straight year, the program was a great success; we completely sold out our supply of magnets and realized almost \$1,700 for the Council's charities. Thanks to all who helped sell the

# Fourth Degree News by Ed Butler, FN

place on Wednesday, February 4, 8:00 p.m. at the Lincroft/Marlboro Council at St. Gabriel's Church. The March meeting will be on the 4th, at Freehold Council. Make an effort to attend a meeting.

Brother Knights who have completed their third degree are en-

The next Assembly meeting will take couraged to join the Assembly.

contact me if you know a Sir Knight or family member who is sick or in distress. You can reach me at (732) 446-6534, or by e-mail at shastaae6ejb@aol.com.

Please remember to pay your dues and also to support our annual fund raiser.

## Social Dinners by Stan Buraczynski, GK

As mentioned in the last issue of the have A St. Patrick's Night and a New Engbeen a great success. So far we have more details. hosted a Spaghetti Night, Steak Night



and recently a Polish Night. We have been getting great reviews and continue this program for the remainder of the Columbian Year. We

Compass we have inaugurated Social land Clam Bake planned. Keep checking Dinner events this year and they have the Church Bulletins and your E-Mail for

> In addition we are planning a Communion Breakfast for April 19th, with Mass at St. Rose and then breakfast at the Empire Diner immediately following. Keep this date open so that you can join your fellow Knights in a show of fraternity and faith. The breakfast will be open to Knights and their friends and families.

# From the Program Director by Rick Scott, DGK

our third annual Kids' Day from 10:00 Day has become an extremely popular a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Council Hall.

On Saturday, February 21, we will host The brainchild of PGK Mike Argen, Kids' (Continued on page 5)

### From our Immediate Past Grand Knight by Bill Maxwell, PGK

I would like to express my gratitude to all I would again like to thank all my officers Grand Knights' Dinner, a night I will always remember. I would especially like to thank Rick Scott for his excellent job of planning this dinner. But this type of planning was SOP for Rick when he was my program director.

who attended the September 27 Past for their loyalty and dedication to the Council and the Order.

> My Knight of the year award went to John Favorito; his participation and dedication were responsible for many successful programs. Being Grand Knight is something I will always remember.

## From the Program Director, continued

(Continued from page 4)

forward to each year. As usual, a Home Depot sponsored building project is the planned anchor event and there will be gin at 8:00. Admission is \$10.00 per per-

loads of fun activities including a magic show at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free and food will be for sale. Contact me at (732) 996-6950 for more information.



A week later, on Saturday, February 28, the Knights will hold a live auction of fine

art, as well as sports and music memoracommunity event and one that we look bilia, in the Council Hall. There will be a one hour preview of the sale items from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m, and the auction will be-

> son or \$15.00 per couple. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese and coffee and cake will be served, and a cash bar will be available. There will be a special door prize. All proceeds will be turned over to the Charity Committee to benefit our local charities. For ad-

vance tickets (preferred) and more information please call Mike Tubridy at (732) 780-1339.

### Good of the Order

Lewis, who retired in December after partment. nearly forty years as the Tax Collector for award, logged over 300 volunteer hours. the Borough of Freehold. His career stretched through the terms of four Borough mayors, going back to Roger Kane. Ed was honored by the Borough Council with a resolution commemorating the event.

Congratulations are in order, too, for PGK Jerry Ham, named Volunteer of the month for December at CentraState Healthcare System. Jerry has been volunteering at the Hospital since 2007, as

Congratulations and good luck to PGK Ed a Reiki practitioner in the Oncology De-He had, at the time of his



PGK Jerry Ham with his Volunteer of the Month Award

# Council History by Spencer W. Purdum, PGK, FDD

previous touched on the roll of agriculture and industry in the lives of our early members, and I have given capsule biographies of two of our more important charter members, Michael H. Collins and Charles S. H. Mount. Now I would like to take on an entire family, the McCues.

Now the McCues apparently did not exercise much leadership in the Knights, though two of them were charter members. The family was prosperous, however, owning or operating six farms in Marlboro and Atlantic Townships. And they were very My index of items from the numerous. Monmouth Democrat includes references to 108 different McCues.

Their story begins with four men, Charles, John, Patrick and Martin. All came to the United States from Ireland in the late 1840's or early 1850's. I suspect, but can not yet prove, that they were brothers. All were single when they came here, and all married women from the Freehold area.

Charles was the first to arrive, having married and settled here prior to 1860. married Bridget, daughter of Patrick Collins of Marlboro. They would have eleven children, including Charter Member Joseph, their youngest, born in 1880. As an adult, Joseph would marry Margaret Slattery and become a brother in law of our charter members Charles S. H. Mount and Louis Thompson.

The other three arrived in this area during the 1860's. John, the youngest, married

history columns, I have Mary Martin. There was a William Martin among our charter members. Mary would have six children. His eldest son, Charles, would move to Lakewood and become a prominent horseman. His grandson was Dr. J. Wallace McCue of Matawan.

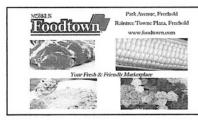
> Patrick married Mary Cooney and had four children, the eldest of whom, Bridget would in 1885 marry charter member Michael H. The first Mrs. McCue died some Collins. time after 1870, and Patrick married Mary Queeney and had two more children. His youngest, Peter, born 1876 was the other charter McCue.

> The eldest of the four, Martin, married Mary Conway. There was a James Conway among our charter members. They, too, would have ten children. His eldest son Patrick, would as an adult move to Shrewsbury and farm there. His second son, Martin, became a successful dairy farmer in Long Branch and was for several years Monmouth County Road Supervisor; and would marry the sister of charter member John Stapleton. His daughter Ella married a New York physician, Dr. Walter Gilday, while daughter Clara married Freehold funeral director William H. Freeman.

> Other members of this extended family would marry into the Cahill, Cummings, Curley, Dugan, Ford, Gleason, Hardy, Kelsey, Maher, Preston and Rooney families.

> It seems that a very sizeable percentage of our early members bear some relationship to the McCue family.

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### Calendar of Events (All events at Freehold Council unless otherwise noted.)

Feb 1...Super Sunday

Feb 4...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, St. Gabriel's

Feb 10...Council meeting, 8:00 pm

Feb 14...St. Valentine's Day

Feb 16...Presidents' Day observed

Feb 18...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00

Feb 21...Kids' Day, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Feb 22...Monthly Breakfast, 8:00 am to noon

Feb 24...Council meeting, 8:00 pm

Feb 25...Ash Wednesday

Feb 28...Art Auction, 7:00 pm

Mar 4...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm

Mar 10...Council meeting, 8:00 pm

Mar 14...St. Patrick's Party, 7:00 pm to midnight

Mar 17...St. Patrick's Day. Sandwiches noon to?

Mar 18...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm

Mar 22...Monthly Breakfast...8:00 am to noon

Mar 24...Council meeting, 8:00 pm

Apr 1...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, Englishtown

Apr 10...Good Friday

Apr 5...Palm Sunday

Apr 12...Easter Sunday

Apr 14...Council meeting, 8:00 pm

Apr 15...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00

Apr 21...First Degree, 8:00 pm

Apr 26...Talladega Race Party

Apr 28...Second Degree, 8:00 pm

May 6...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, St. Gabriel's

May 8...Third Degree, 8:00 pm