

KNIGHTLINE

Chapter Chairman Message



My Brother Knights:

I'm very proud to serve as the Hudson Valley Chapter Chairman for the upcoming Columbian Year. Much is planned for the month of September and I hope that each and every Council will be represented at these events. No one can be in two places at once. That's why I urge all Councils to appoint or elect delegates to attend the Chapter and Conference meetings and events.

I would like to recognize and thank both the Chapter Officers and to those Chairmen who served on the Charity Drive Committee this past year. My hope is that you will continue to support our Charity Drive efforts this year, chaired by Chapter Vice Chairman Chester Smith. The Chapter Committee Chairs have been filled and it is my privilege to appoint the Reverend Father Dhas as Chapter Chaplain.

The Hudson Valley Directory was distributed those who attended the Chapter meeting in August. A great deal of thanks goes to John Kelly for putting this together. Inevitably some changes have been made after we went to press.

Such changes are available on the website: www.freewebs.com/hvkoc. Under the Directory toolbar, which is password protected. To receive the password send an email to hvkoc@optonline.net

Our next Chapter meeting on September 21 will honor our State Deputy Ed Castellazzi. This will be a dinner meeting for member Knights. We will do our regular business and then proceed to give recognition and honor to the Hudson Valley's own favorite son. We expect some guests from throughout the State and my hope is that you and your Council delegates attend. Please let me know if you wish to be placed on the agenda.

Vivat Jesus,

John

John Simons, Chapter Chairman

Important Dates

Chapter Meeting State Deputy Night

Friday September 21
Trinity Council 445
Beacon

Dinner 7:30 pm
Regular meeting

Council Officers' Seminar

Monday September 24
Wappingers Council 1646
7:30 pm

3rd Degree

Friday September 28
Wappingers Council 1646
Candidates 7:00 pm
No admittance after 7:15

Columbus Day Mass

Monday October 8
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Ticketed event

Chapter Meeting

Friday October 26
Wappingers Council 1646

Installation of District Wardens

Dinner 7:30 pm
Wives and guests invited



Council Officers' Seminar

State Program Membership Director Ray Pfeifer, PSD and our Membership Facilitators myself and Wally Wych have a great presentation regarding the State Membership Program for this Columbian Year. We invite all Hudson Valley Council officers to attend, especially those who are involved in recruitment and retention. Please inform your District Deputy.

In addition a separate program for those Council officers involved in Council finances will be held for Financial Secretaries, Treasurers and Trustees.

Agenda: Introduction- Membership and Program Director 7:30-7:45
Membership Program- 7:45-9:00
Financial Officers and Financial Secretaries 7:45-9:00
Closing and Comments: 9:00-9:30

The Membership Director has scheduled these seminars throughout the State. Please make every effort to attend. For further information or questions contact your District Deputy or contact me at 845-562-9353. The information received will only strengthen your Council. Don't miss out.

Columbus Day Mass

The 9:30 Mass will be held on Monday October 8 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. This is a ticketed event for everyone. Please contact me immediately if you wish tickets. I will distribute them at the September Chapter meeting.

Fraternally,

Dan Keenan 845-562-9353

Conference News

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C&B Update

My Brother Knights,

Just a reminder that the C&B Early Bird Drawing will be held on September 30th at Baron De Kalb council in Brooklyn. This is the second drawing for prizes to the sellers of the chance books. You can win some nice money prizes as a seller. 1st prize \$750, 2nd prize \$500, and 3rd prize \$250. Just fill in the back covers of the chance books and send in your sold books and council check for \$6 per book, made out to **K of C New York State Council**. Please mail them to the same following address, and put the address where you can find it for later mailings:

N.Y. State Council Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 640789 Oakland Gardens Station
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364 - 0789

Allow about one week for the mail to get them there.

Just be careful not to put your council name on the back cover as the seller. Those will be disqualified. Of course all sold books will count toward your councils quota. Your quota is one book for every two members. Once you achieve your council quota, all books sold receive an additional \$2 per book in the February BONUS CHECK.

Locally if you have any concerns, your C&B Auxiliary Chairmen Matt Eninging 692-2720 and John Kelly 783-4379, for mid and lower Hudson Valley, and C&B Auxiliary Chairman Pete Albertson 229-2027 if your on the east side of the Hudson, are a phone call away. Of course I am at your disposal any time at the above address & phone number.

Bill Greenfield, 71 years of age and a member of the Kingston Council #275. He has sold 535 C&B books, mostly one or two tickets at a time ..so far. Figuring an \$8 a book profit, that's approximately \$2,824 profit, plus a \$1,070 BONUS CHECK in February. That doesn't figure in the councils credited books from Charity Day. Your council has plenty of time to make some decent cash for your treasury. Some councils are really going after it, but a few councils are not taking advantage of the opportunity (yet). I would like to see all the councils in the Hudson Valley do well this year.

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Salute to the Stars

The Supreme Council announced the names of the **Star District Award** for the fraternal year 2006-2007. Of the 105 District Deputies in New York only 3 received this award.

We are proud to announce that all three are from the Hudson Valley:

Charles Gardella District 49
Anthony Andola District 54
Thomas Battaglia District 56

Throughout the Order only 529 District Deputies received this recognition, representing less than 20% of all Districts.

Star Councils 2006-2007

***Monroe Council No. 2079**
John Kelly, Grand Knight

Fr. Richard C. Joyce Council No. 2270
Deacon James Rogers, Grand Knight

*** Cardinal Spellman Council No. 5800**
Robert E. Malarczyk, Grand Knight

***St. Martin de Porres Council No.7551**
William Kennedy, Grand Knight

Fr. Pascual CR Council No.9165
Gary Benkins, Grand Knight

* Repeat winners

Degree Dates

1st Degree	Friday	October 12	Marlboro
2nd Degree	Tuesday	September 18	Ellenville
	Tuesday	September 25	Poughkeepsie
3rd Degree	Friday	September 28	Wappingers



Don't miss a degree Check Website now



Hudson Valley Website
www.freewebs.com/hvkc

October
Is
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State Deputy Message

Message reprinted from *Empire State Bulletin*



My Brother Knights,

We are at the beginning of a new and exciting Columbian year. And I can say that without a doubt that the past Supreme Convention in Nashville set the tone for all of us. I know that those who could not attend viewed the proceedings on EWTN. This broadcast placed our Order at the forefront of Catholic leadership and we should continue to take advantage of this unprecedented publicity.

The theme of the Supreme Knight's report "125 Years of Faith in Action" should continue through the actions of our local Councils, both in membership and program activity.

Our charitable donations totaled well over \$143 million: \$109 million (75%) from our state and local councils, assemblies and circles; and 35 million (25%) from the Supreme Council. In addition 68 million volunteer hours valued at \$1.3 billion were reported.

Our membership increased by 19,162 and 250 new councils.

Major resolutions passed by the delegates included:

Support for natural marriage, keeping "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; support for and honoring our Armed Forces; building a Culture of Life; celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Order honoring the Legacy of Father McGivney; supporting Decency in Media and the Internet; continuing the member/spouse fraternal benefit, modification of the Mathews and Swift Educational Trust Fund, revision of Section 71 of Charter, Constitution and By-Laws.

Complete texts and proceedings of the Convention can be found on the Supreme website: www.kofc.org click 125th Convention on top toolbar.

Personally I was very proud to head the New York delegation. Including the delegates, our clergy, families and guests, and the many members who attended at their own expense we were well over 80 strong. We were honored to have Associate State Chaplains Father McWeeney, Msgrs. Bellew and Boccio, State Father Prior for Youth Father West as well as Cardinal Egan, and Bishops Daley and Cunningham.

Highlights for New York included the presentation of the Top Recruiter Award to Cadet Paul Kearney of Msgr. O'Keefe Council No. 8250 at West Point. In addition the Century Award (for recruiting 100+ members) to Council 8250 and Memoare Council 3476 in Seaford, two of the five Councils so honored through the Order. We pre-viewed a production of a documentary on the history of the Knights of Columbus, and one on our founder, Father McGivney. This will be available to all Councils later this year and is designed for broadcast on the History and Biography cable TV channels. The solemnity of the opening Mass, the interesting convention proceedings, the fraternity of the States dinner can all be reviewed at the Supreme website and pictures of your New York representatives can be viewed on the State website www.newyorkknights.com. Take a tour of both and you can get a taste of the excitement and enthusiasm of a Supreme Convention. I would recommend a Supreme Convention to any Knight, and next year, with the convention to be held in Quebec, it is within driving distance for many of us in New York.

Remember October is Membership Blitz month; C&B is in full swing; Special Olympics Charity Day (it's not too late to become a part of this effort).

Vivat Jesus,
Ed Castellazzi,
State Deputy

P.S. I hope to see my Hudson Valley Brother Knights at the Chapter meeting on September 21 and **especially at the Officers' Seminar on Monday September 24**

The Supreme Council recognizes those Councils who have achieved goals in three areas:
 Membership-Father McGivney Award (M)
 Insurance-Founders Award (F)
 Programs-Columbian Award (C)
 and the

STAR Council designation for those who have achieved all three awards.

We congratulate the Hudson Valley Councils for their achievement.

Council	Grand Knight	Award	District Deputy
275-Kingston	Connie Venditti	C	Dave Kibler
444-Newburgh	Joseph Dionisio	C	Anthony Andola
486-Middletown	Richard Trapani	C/F	Burt Struble
1106-Goshen	Ben Matalucci	M/F	Burt Struble
1177-Suffern	John A. Witt	C	Pat Nolan
1646-Wappingers	John Chetner	C	Tom Battaglia
2079-Monroe	John Kelly	STAR	Dan McNamee
2270-Montgomery	Deacon James Rogers	STAR	Anthony Andola
4065-Fishkill	Jerry Albanese	C	Wally Wych
4962-Florida	Lawrence Deignan	C	Burt Struble
5329-Pine Bush	Sean Kober	M	Humberto Gonzalez
5800-New Paltz	Robert E. Malarczyk	STAR	Dave Kibler
6111-Hyde Park	Tom Norton	C	Chester Smith
7266-Marlboro	Raymond Bianco	C/F	Anthony Andola
7551-Poughkeepsie	Bill Kennedy	STAR	Chester Smith
7875-Pleasant Valley	Ken Sambells	M/F	Tom Battaglia
8250-West Point	CDT Aaron McKenney	M/F	Charles Gardella
9165-Plattekill	Gary Benkins	STAR	Anthony Andola
13378-LaGrange	Mike McGowan	M/F	Tom Battaglia
13524-Highland	Louis Morales	M/F	Dave Kibler
13652-Maybrook	Daniel Maguire	C	Anthony Andola

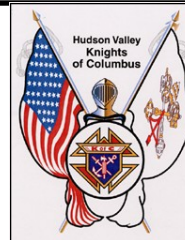


May he Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers

William J. VanTassell, KHS

Bill was a member of Trinity Council No. 445 in Beacon. He served our order well as a Past State Deputy, a Former Supreme Treasurer, and a Former Supreme Director. The Hudson valley and our entire Order will miss him.



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