

# Springfield Knights Council 5560 Grand Knights Message

I'd like to take this moment to thank everyone for having the confidence in me, to elect me to Grand Knight. I plan on continuing the wonderful work that our PGK John Dougherty had done. I would like to thank all the people for the continued good work they are doing to help improve the Club. They do a wonderful job! Instead of I, it should be WE are planning to bring the Knights into the light to show the CHARITY, UNITY AND PATRIOTISM that our organization has to offer. For Charity, we have to bring more ideas to the table on how to raise money, donate clothes or coats or any other way of helping the less fortunate. For Unity, we have to unite all those that are afraid to speak their mind on how things are getting done. For Patriotism, we have to show our support to the armed forces that are keeping us safe. Please help us get this done. Thank you.



Vivat Jesus,  
Grand Knight, Ben Russo

## Presidents Summary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

As I sit and write what is to be my last newsletter as president, I just want to thank everyone for the support and guidance you have given me over the last 2 years. The Springfield Columbiettes are a wonderful group of women who support our community.

As we welcome our new President, Patricia Dougherty, I look forward to our continued work in the community as well as helping to increase our current membership.

I would like to personally thank the following Brothers and Sisters for all the help and hard work given over the last 2 years to support our local fundraiser's:

Rosina Caruvana, Patty Dougherty, John Dougherty, Maria Ameida, Sal Sellers, Rudy Reino, Herman Peranio, Lou Melkowicz, Joe Caron, Ileana Rosales, John Abrams, John Buscaino and all the Sister Columbiettes who baked and supported all of our events.

I know I have been truly blessed to have been President of the council and more importantly to have met so many wonderful people and new friends. I look forward to supporting Patty in her new role. I hope you all have a great summer and will see you in September!



Laura Anne Caron  
Past President



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# Council Meeting Minutes April through June 2012

## April 11, 2012

Grand Knight Report: Pasta Knight will be held on April 19 by Grand Knight John Dougherty. On a personal note, John will be retiring from the Summit Police Department on May 28th and will become the Director of Security at Trinitas Hospital.

Communication: Chris Porter, Ben Russo and John Abram will aspire to the 4th degree membership of the Union, JFK Council.

Committee Report: The last Pasta Knight raised a combined \$784.00 for both the Knights and the Columbiettes. Thanks to John Buscaino, Rudy Reino, Laura Caron and the rest of our membership for their participation.

Unfinished Business: Scholarship funding will resume next month.

New Business: The Council passed a motion to donate \$250.00 to St. James for their yearly festival. Also, a motion was made and passed to reimburse convention delegates for hotel, transportation and food.

A presentation was given by Vinny Candella that discussed Holy week and Easter.

Columbian Club: has renovated the ceiling and has bids to replace the rug, a new speaker system for the bar and hall. Also, new lighting will be going up soon in the hall along with a new security system.

## May 9, 2012

Grand Knight Report: John Dougherty will not be running for a third term. Members should continue to encourage new members and keep working to fund Charities. The Springfield Columbiettes will be celebrating their 40th year anniversary Wednesday, May 16th. The Grand Knight will cook dinner at the hall for the group. Congratulations to our Columbiettes.

New Business: Newsletter ads brought in \$840. Johnny Caporaso's 2nd Sunday breakfast added \$1000, An additional \$305. came in from Pasta Knight for a total of \$2145 for Charity. Also, Chris Tarashak and Jim Lackaye raised \$850. for Council Scholarships by running their Comedy Knight.

District Deputy: Marty Boyle explained the need for soliciting new members.

Under the Good of the Order: Vincent Candella spoke about the power of the Rosary. He mentioned several miraculous instances of power of the Rosary and how to pray the Rosary.

Nomination Committee for Officers were named: Joe Caron, Mike Panullo and Nick Tolby.

## June 13, 2012

Grand Knight Report: Grand Knight John Dougherty along with the Deputy Grand Knight, Ben Russo went to the state convention. The discussion centered on retaining memberships and raising money for Scholarships.

Communication: Letter from Rosemary Groos seeking assistance to pay for her mothers funeral was turned over to Chapter One.

Trustee Report: Total membership now stands at 362 as of this report.

New Business: Motion was made and tabled to July to donate \$200.00 to Children's hospital. Motion was made and passed to purchase \$60.00 worth of tickets to help the Clifton Knights of Columbus with their wounded warriors fund.

Ben Russo, Chris Porter and John Abrams successfully earned their 4th degree.

Congratulations Brothers.

Prayers go out to Tony Graziano and Rudy Reino for being hospitalized.



# Knights of Columbus

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Springfield, New Jersey 07081



## Grand Knight Benedetto Russo

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John Dougherty

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**Trustee 1st Yr.**

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