



Knights of Columbus



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights:

I trust everyone had a joyous Christmas and took the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. I am also wishing each and every one of you a Healthy and Happy New Year. I want to personally thank Reverend Plate, our Chaplin, for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us at our January meeting.

We are now past the midpoint of our 2009-2010 Columbian Year. We have exceeded our membership and insurance quota and our Fraternal and Charitable obligations are being met. On behalf of the Council I want to give thanks to Brother Herman, our Past Grand Knight for his commitment to this Council, and all the committee heads for continuing to do an outstanding job for the Knights of Columbus.

On February 10th at 7pm we will be honoring some very important guests in our Church and Community with a presentation for their commitment to the Children, the Church and Community in which they serve. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Please try to make that meeting. On February 27th and 28th we will have a membership blitz at St. James. If you haven't signed up to volunteer please email me or give me a phone call.

Pray for our sick members, our men and women serving in our armed forces, and for the people of Haiti.

See you on February 10th at 7p.m.

God Bless you all
Frank

Council Meeting Minutes

Awards: August Perone, Chris Porter, John Abram and Frank Buscaino Jr received awards for bringing in new members to our Council. Grand Knight Frank Buscaino Jr. presented PGK Herman Piraneo with an award for his dedication service.

Motion was made and passed to donate \$500.00 to the Catholic Relief Fund to help those in need in Haiti.

Motion was made and passed to donate \$100.00 to John Caporaso, our Brothers son who was recently deployed to serve our Country in Iraq.

Membership blitz to take place on the weekend of February 27th and 28th at St James Church Committee Chairman John Abram had requested volunteers to assist at all Masses.

Springfield Council #5560 has exceeded its membership by 108% and its Insurance goal 125%. We are currently in line for a 5 star award from Supreme Council.

54 Pairs of used eye glasses were donated to "New Eyes for the Needy". Presented by Brother Mike Pannullo.,

Coat Drive: Over 100 coats were collected by our Council, chaired by Brother Jim Lackaye.

Brother John Dougherty solicited names for presentations for various public service providers from Summit and Springfield. Proposal to award two scholarships for students planning Catholic Education.

Motion to lend \$30,000 to the Columbian Club to fix the roof was amended pending rulling of Legality of original motion was passed.

Motion to hold \$15,000 in the General Fund for additional repairs in the future if legal. Motion passed.

Brother John Buscaino presented the Knights Council with \$660.00 collected from the Newsletter Ads for 2010. He stated that an additional \$400.00 plus will be collected by the next Council meeting. More to come!

Chaplain's Summation

Living in the Present



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God is the Lord of Today, the God of Present Tense. "I AM" is the name God uses in the ancient stories of Israel. The Eternal One exists in an everlasting state of Now, which is why God expects things of us today more than any other day. However, many of us often get stuck in the past. We're overcome by waves of nostalgia for a world that was: for youth, strength, ability, beauty, and opportunity come and gone. We can get caught up by grievance and indignation for what others have done or failed to do. We're mired in loss and can't seem to break free from remorse.

And yet, we also can get caught living in the future. We may focus on what we want, or dream of what would be better. Again, we can become unfocused on the present and may miss opportunities that arrive in the present that could bring the future we want..

God's good word is reason to celebrate now. Forget what was (God is willing to do so!) and what will be (it's not guaranteed!) and rejoice in the Holy Now—because that's where God is to be found. Today and now are the only points in time when God can be encountered, so they are the only moments where grace operates and change can take place.

When we serve others we are forced into a state of now. As Knights, you are constantly assessing current events and needs and looking for ways to help. I am amazed at how the organization can act on so many levels in the present, delivering a spiritual experience, executing God's will, and benefitting others.

Jesus read the scroll of Isaiah, ancient prophet of Israel long dead, and declared to the people in the temple: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." What had been said in the past is made relevant in the present. If ever a year is proclaimed acceptable to the Lord, let it be this one. Let us live up to God's expectations today.

Bless you all,

Fr. Brian Plate

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06/01/09 – 05/31/10

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Grand Knight	Frank Buscaino Jr
Deputy Grand Knight	Dr. Jack Patuto

3rd Degree Brothers

Springfield 5560 is looking for 3rd degree Brothers who may be interested in starting our own 1st degree team.

If interested, please contact Tony Graziano at Springfield.graz@comcast.net

Lets move our new candidates to our Council Home!

Brother Knights

The Columbian Club has recently changed the front door system. Please contact John Buscaino at 908-967-4819 in order to obtain your front door key. Member hours are from 11:00am thru Midnight.

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Calendar of Events:

02-03-10: Monthly Columbian Club Meeting
02-10-10: Monthly Council Meeting
02-13-10: Knights "Carnevale" Dinner Dance
02-17-10: Monthly Columbiette Meeting
02-21-10: Sunday Brunch at the Knights

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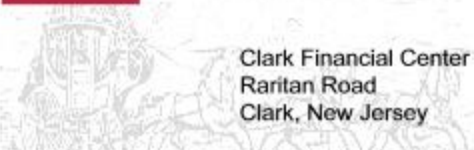


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