

Knights of Columbus Council 311



News & Events Letter Ossining, NY – December 2007

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WE MEET 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH – St. Augustine Parish Hall

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Todd M. Aglialoro recently wrote an article in *Crisis Magazine* entitled “The Return of the Catholic Man”, a profound piece and a must read for members of our Order (www.crisismagazine.com). In it, he describes the flight of men from participating in the holy sacrifice of the Mass since the 1960's, his reasons that led to it and it's subsequent turnaround, albeit still far from complete, since the late 1980's.



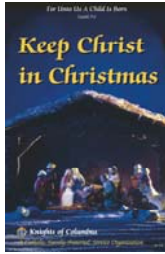
There are, of course, many good and loyal family men today who were raised Catholic but no longer attend Mass, many of whom you know as your neighbors, friends, and relatives. Our Church teaches that neglecting God and refraining from Sunday Mass is a grave sin, no matter how forthright, kind or charitable a person may be. Clearly, their souls are at risk unless they are led back to the altar of the Most High, make a good and honest confession and vow to refrain from sin. We Knights have always been fine examples of men who love and cherish Holy Mother Church and show it not only by attending Sunday Mass but also by participating in the liturgies through our acts of charity, both corporal and spiritual. Within our proud fraternal structure, we bring men and their families back into the Church and show them how to be a more perfect Catholic in the way Christ taught us. We know that only through Him our life becomes richer and fulfilling as we prepare our souls for eternal life.

With the Christmas season upon us, perhaps you may want to consider the greatest gift of all to a fellow Catholic man who has been misguided, deceived or fallen victim to life's distractions by re-orienting him and his family back into the Faith. Remind him that it is not you, but Christ and His Church, who offers them all the riches for their soul if they can make time for Him every Sunday and follow Him. It is the essence of Knighthood that we defend our Savior and administer to his words of loving Him with all of our heart, soul and mind by gently but firmly reminding others of where true happiness really lies.

I wish you and your family a most Holy and Joyous Christmas season. Remember always to “Keep Christ in Christmas”.
- Peter D. Marengo, GK

*******Council 311 Announces 2007 Nativity Raffle*******

In the spirit of our vigilant reminder to “Keep Christ in Christmas”, Council 311 will be running a “Nativity Raffle” this Christmas season. Each of our three parishes, St. Ann, St. Augustine and St. Theresa will have on display a nativity set for a lucky person to win and take home with them if their raffle ticket is chosen. Each ticket is only \$5 and can be purchased at certain periods in the back of the church vestibules. We also plan to have a table at each of our church’s Christmas Craft Fairs. With thanks to Father Crawford, each set has been blessed by his Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, is perfect for display in the home all through the Season and will be cherished for years to come by the winning families. Proceeds from the raffle sales will be split equally between each church and our council. The winning tickets will be picked after each of the 12 noon Masses on Sunday, December 23. Please help us spread the word of Christmas and make this campaign a success. For more information, please contact the chairman, Hardy Kluender, at (914) 906-3096 or email: tvcameraman@gmail.com



From the Desk of our District Deputy

Dear Brother Knights, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In a world that is ever-changing we are frequently hearing words to replace “Christmas” (such as “Holiday tree”, “Family tree” or “Happy Holiday”) and remove God and his presence out of our lives. As Knights, we have a duty to remind all of the reason for the season: **it’s Christmas!** “Keep Christ in Christmas” – and thoughts as such within our daily lives throughout the whole year. It is the birth of our Lord, be proud of your Catholic faith and remember always that He died for you on the cross.

On another note, I would like to thank your council under the leadership of your Grand Knight, Peter Marengo, and C&B Coordinator, Mark Lederman, for an outstanding job with C&B. Thanks the members such as John Sarcone (with the sale of 111 books as of this writing!) you did a great job of selling close to 300 books and you are on your way to your council goal of 311. You already know that the benefits of these sales will help with your council with your works of charity.

In closing, and as we enter the “back nine” of the fraternal year, please continue your hard work to move your council forward and make it shine. The works of charity and community service that you do is the essence of true Knighthood. May we always give thanks for all we have and pray for those that are in need of our prayers?

God Bless! Fraternally,
Daniel J. Daudier, DD

Calendar of Events

Mon., 11/26.....Social Meeting CANCELLED
Tues., 11/27.....1st Degree/last call for C&B, Thornwood, 7:30pm
Mon., 12/10.....Business Meeting (ALL MEMBERS), 8:00pm
Sun., 12/23.....Nativity Raffle (All 311 Churches), 12 noon
Mon., 12/24.....Social Meeting CANCELLED (Christmas Eve)
Tues., 12/25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**
Tues., 1/1/08.....Feast of Mary, Our Mother

From the C&B Chairman, Mark Lederman

My Brother Knights, we are truly doing the Lord's work by giving, thus far, \$1,000 in proceeds to those in need, such as the Midnight Run and Life Project for Africa. As of this writing, we have sold 290 C&B books and have brought in a total of over \$3,600 in needed revenue!



Kindly bring in your sold stubs and money to the Council by the 1st Degree in Thornwood on November 27. The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 1 so we need your returns ASAP. All checks should be made payable to "KofC Council 311".

We need only 21 more books to meet our goal. Thanksgiving is coming up and if we all ask our family members we should easily meet our goal of 311.

Please forward all sold books and money to the FS, Kevin Gaffney, if you will not be able to come to the 1st Degree. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and thank you for making this year's C&B drive a tremendous success!

- Mark Lederman, 2007 Chairman

Welcome New Members!!!

Council 311 wishes to welcome two new members to our family.

1. **Neil (Chris) Dunn**, who transferred from a council in Virginia and recently migrated up to our area with his wife, Alex, and family. They are parishioners of St. Augustine Church. He is a 3rd Degree Knight.

2. **John Tobin**, also of St. Augustine Parish, whose membership in the Knights was recently reactivated through Council 311. He last was a member of a council in Brooklyn.

MIDNIGHT RUN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Led by Brother Knights, **Deacon Steve DeMartino** and **Al Otero**, Council 311 participated again in another spirited run to help the homeless the day after Thanksgiving in the St. Augustine



School cafeteria. Approximately 40 people came out to help prepare food and organize clothes for a late night trip to Manhattan to feed and clothe the



needy. There is no more rewarding feeling than the one you get in serving those who are down on their luck and see the twinkle of hopefulness in their eyes as you caringly hand them some food and warm clothes. Yes, it is hard sometimes to understand why there are people like this in such a land of abundance and opportunity. Sometimes, people who are not afflicted with a mental or physical ailment cannot handle particular family or work issues and need a period of recovery and reflection in order to become productive members of society again. As Knights, it is our job to bring this hope and optimism through prayer and giving. God Bless You ALL!!!

– the GK

1st DEGREE REMINDER: *The next 1st Degree will be at St. Dominick's Council in Thornwood on Tuesday, November 27. All candidates must be there no later than 7:30pm and wear a jacket and tie. All observers who have already attained 1st Degree status are encouraged to come and support your new members and should dress appropriately. We will form a car pool in the Parish Hall parking lot at 7:00pm. Kindly confirm your attendance with the GK. A collation with refreshments will follow immediately after the exemplification.*

Admissions Committee

The Admission Committee has approved the following men for entrance into our Order and are hereby ready for the 1st Degree: 1. Todd Schmidt (Holy Name of Mary Parish – Croton); 2. Jeff Cadge (St. Augustine); 3. Tim Weidenhamer (St. Ann).

Resolved at last Business Meeting 11/12/07: From C&B proceeds, Council 311 pays \$500 for our local Midnight Run group to purchase needed clothing bins, shelves and foodstuff



COUNCIL 311 OFFICERS & COMMITTEEMEN 2007-08

- GRAND KNIGHT..... PETER D. MARENGO**
- CHAPLAIN..... FR. STEPHEN N. MOSHA**
- FINANCIAL SECRETARYKEVIN T. GAFFNEY**
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- 1 YEAR TRUSTEE ARTHUR R. SULLIVAN**
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- PRO-LIFE/PRAYER RALLY JOHN MARK III**
- WEBSITE DIRECTORJOSEPH DE MATTEO**
- 4th DEGREE LIAISON.....VACANT**

ROUNDTABLE LIAISONS

- ST. ANN PARISH JOSEPH RAMOS**
- ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH JOSEPH G. CLARKE**
- ST. THERESA PARISHARTHUR R. SULLIVAN**

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