



Knights of Columbus Council #6526



Chantal Chatter

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**Merry Christmas &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



**HALL CLOSES IN FEBRUARY
FOR RE-MODELING**



UNLESS...

We don't get enough help to do the job!!!

Brothers,

The 6526 Club has agreed to provide materials to replace the ceiling tiles and lighting and re-paint the interior of the Council Hall. This can only happen if we have sufficient help from the membership to complete the project. We need all levels of talent and a commitment of time. At the next two January meetings a schedule and list of jobs will be circulated. PLEASE volunteer your time and talent to improve our hall. If we don't get enough help the project will be cancelled. We cannot waste money on supplies if we can't get it done. Please don't let that happen!!! (Please see page __ for additional details)

Need a Place for a Party, Function, or Meeting?

Our Council Hall is Available for Rental!!!

Will seat up to 80 people comfortably, and catering & bar facilities available.

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From the Grand Knight**Brothers,**

A Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a Successful New Year .

There are so many members of our Council that I would like to thank for keeping our Council rolling along , especially our PGKs - Jack Graham, Jim Anastasi, Ed Ciulla, Dick Campbell, Kevin Gorman, Bob Schroeder, Tony Giardina, Charlie Buonocore, Ralph Matragrano, John Hensen, Russ Merendino, Tom Kinnally, Tom Casey, Mike Alliksen and Charles Dawson. Thank you gentlemen and I look forward to your continued support of our Council. There are many others including my Officers who have shown support thru their many actions. Thanks !

There are many activities performed by our knights outside of the council which we would like to hear about from our members We may not see you at the council but you are doing great works such as CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Ushers, CCD workers, teachers, Outreach, and maintenance. YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Squires, CYO, Scouting, and others and you are a part of many Community and Charity groups

Let us know your activity(ies) and the amount of time you spent helping this past year. Write, e-mail, or call before the end of January. Thank You.

I look forward to seeing and working with you in 2009.

George Winkler III
Grand Knight

Annual Retreat - 2009

Set aside some time to relax and pray in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Come to the retreat at Bishop Molloy Retreat House and enjoy good food, good company, and hopefully many spiritual blessings. Hope to see you there.

January 30th, 31st, and February 1st, 2009

Cost - \$175.00

For information call:

Charlie Dawson – 516-781-9610

Tim Woods – 516-826-4772

From the Chaplain

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I believe that today, as never before, there is a profound need for **Christmas** and the **Spirit of Christmas**. I decided that maybe it would help if I, Santa Claus, would write a letter about **Christmas** and about memories and reflections on **Christmas** and its deepest meaning. If I try to remind people about the true meaning of **Christmas** perhaps that will help everyone to not feel so empty; perhaps that will help people to find the “**Something More**” that they crave. Perhaps people will listen to Santa Claus.....

Because I am Santa Claus, I remember every single person as a child. I pay special attention to the children of the world on **Christmas**, of course, but when those children grow up and become adults, even though they sometimes forget about me or no longer **BELIEVE**, I never forget about them.

Never!

I remember every person’s heart as it was in childhood. My dear friends, here is the truth:

Each person has, sometimes hidden deep within, the heart that he or she had as a child.

Your child’s heart is the source of all the best choices you have ever made or ever will make.

Your child’s heart is the source of all the best thoughts you ever had or ever will have.

Because I remember every person as a child, I have hope, great hope for the human race and the earth.

Perhaps that is why only I, Santa Claus, could sit down and write this letter.

I have great hope, and I want to remind you of your child’s heart so that you can be hopeful and joyful too!

Come with me.

Take my hand...

... Think of your self as a child again. Look to the wonderful children surrounding you, look into their eyes, peer into their hearts.

See their wonder!

Feel their awe!

Sense their love!

Relish their excitement!

Allow me to help you find again the feelings about **Christmas** and about life and the world all year round that you had as a child.

There is much cause for hope and much cause for joy.

Santa Claus says so! Would Santa tell a lie?

There is much reason for hope.

Take my hand!

Let me show you what I mean.

Let me touch your heart with the spirit of **Christmas**.

Come!

The sleigh and the reindeer are waiting.....

I am Santa Claus.

I am Santa Claus, and my origins are mysterious, especially to me.

This I do know, I would not exist were it not for what happened on a wondrous clear night, under a wondrous bright star, some two thousand years ago.

Were it not for the birth of a **Boy Child – JESUS** – in a village called **Bethlehem**, some two thousand years ago, there would be no **Christmas** – and so – there would be no **Santa Claus**.

The world would be a very different place had that **Christ Child** not been born, and for sure there would be no **Christmas**.

I am Santa Claus, and it is my joy and privilege to encourage the spirit of **Christmas**. It is my joy and honor to nourish the magical meaning of **Christmas** for all kinds of people. Santa needs your help! Spread the mystery; share the joy; create the happiness; help fulfill the reality of His presence within us.

I am Santa Clause and I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas complete with joy, health and happiness in the New Year,

Santa Chaplain

Calendar of Events

January 2009

Mon, Jan 5 - **Officers Meeting** – 7:30pm

Tue, Jan 6 – DD Meeting - Memorare – 7:30pm

Mon, Jan 12 - **General Meeting & 1st Degree** – 7:30pm

Tue, Jan 20 – 6526 Club Meeting – 7:30pm

Wed, Jan 21 – *Council Free-Throw Contest*

Thu, Jan 22 – *MARCH for LIFE – WASHINGTON DC*

Mon, Jan 26 - **General Meeting** – 7:30pm

Wed, Jan 28 – *4th Order Meeting – St Frances*

February 2009

Mon, Feb 2 - **Officers Meeting** – 7:30pm

Tue, Feb 3 - DD Meeting - OLI – 7:30pm

Fri, Feb 6 – **COUNCIL HALL CLOSED - RE-MODEL BEGINS**

Mon, Feb 9 – **NO General Meeting due to Hall Re-Modeling**

Mon, Feb 16 - 6526 Club Meeting – 7:30pm

Sun, Feb 22 - **COUNCIL HALL RE-OPENS**

Mon, Feb 23 - **General Meeting** – 7:30pm

Christmas Nativity Contest



Third Place Winner
Cookie Reisert



Second Place Winner
Kenneth & Lorraine Roseland



First Place Winner
The Merendino Family

Keep ~~Chr~~ist In ~~Chr~~istmas Poster Contest



Judging of Children's Poster Contest

MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON DC, APRIL 22nd

It has once again come time to show your support to the Unborn children in America and the world over that ALL Life is sacred and God is the only one that determines when this life ends and eternal life begins. We cannot remain silent with our disapproval. Our voices need to be heard. The council has supported a bus leaving from St. Francis de Chantal Parish to Washington DC to attend the march. If you are able to do so, please help our voices be heard by attending. The bus is completely free for council members and the parishioners of St. Frances. For information and reservation please contact **PGK Dick Campbell on XXX XXXX**. For those who cannot attend your prayers on that day would be greatly appreciated.

COUNCIL HALL RE-MODEL

As announced on the front page the Hall will close on February 6th for re-modeling. As indicated the 6526 Club which maintains the building has committed money for materials to replace the ceiling tiles and lighting in the Hall and re-paint the walls. **IF** we get enough people to commit time and talent to do the re-model, the Hall will be closed from Feb. 6th to Feb. 22nd with the next Council meeting on Feb. 23rd in the newly re-modeled Hall, **IF** the re-model goes as planned, all activities in the hall will have to be curtailed including the Tuesday Card Players until after Feb. 22nd.

Again, we need your help if at all possible so the **IF** can become a **WHEN**.

Note from the Editor

First of all I would like to apologize for the delay of the Chatter getting mailed out. With my additional duties as Deputy Grand Knight and coordinating the re-modeling of the hall, it has been difficult to attend to the publication of the Chatter as I would like. I am trying to streamline the process as much as possible to get the Chatter out on time.

Next, with that in mind I need to streamline the list of Sick and Deceased at the end of each Chatter. Starting with this Chatter and going forward the lists will be wiped clean with the exception of the Armed Forces, the Unborn, and the permanent memorial to our past Grand Knights. Only names submitted at General Council meetings, by phone, and by e-mail since the last Chatter will be published in the current Chatter without exception.

Peter Coleman - Editor

Those in Need of Our Prayers
Submitted During the Month of Nov. & Dec.

Sick or in Distress:

Deacon Bob O'Donovan	Carl Tagariello	Melissa Tyrell
Larry Schroeder	Helen Bruderman	Josephine Locasio
Willie Bruno	Steven Ryback	Dorothy Jane Woods
Bridget Sawula	Peter Palumbo	Sharon Pierce
Henry Dawson, Jr.	Ed Scheihing	Louciel Hoffman
Rudy Schimentti	John Giordano	Karen Lubniewski
Dan Mooney	Armed Forces Wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq	

Deceased and their Families:

Anthony Ciccotto, PGK	Aldo Scavino, PGK	John Sawula, PGK
Mike Affilitto, PGK	Patrick Kitson, PGK	Patrick Hennessey PGK
Mike Barra	Antoinette Brust	Antoinette Genduso
Natale Genduso	Anthony Genduso	Alice Mueller
Fr. Alcuin Coyle, OFM	Ed Rasmussen	Ed Sutch
Rose Milone	Walter Quick	Judy Haun
John Casey	Nicholas Risucci	Pat Matrigrano
Daniel Hoffman	Nenita Palad	

The Unborn

Armed Forces Killed in Afghanistan and Iraq

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