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St. Andrews Council #5088

Don Bosco Council #5809

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Brother Sir Knights,

First I must apologize for publishing this newsletter late since I just returned from a trip to Rome. During the next year, I would like to work on building up our organization. As you know, members are the lifeblood of any organization. I would ask each of you to reach out to a fellow 3rd degree member and encourage him to join our assembly. The exemplification is scheduled for November 15, 2015. The deadline for candidate applications is October 17, 2015. To help recruit members, I plan to invite all of the 3rd degree members of our councils by extending an invitation to join the 4th Degree in each council's newsletter.

This issue has three special articles:

- Reflection on a Papal Audience
- A tribute to the Sir Knights that have passed last year.
- Congratulations to SK Roel Mercado on his ordination as a Deacon.

Our fundraising breakfast held on June 14 was a great success. Many thanks go to SK Bob Banasiak who chaired this event as well as to all who helped out at the breakfast. Bob's report appears later in this newsletter.

I would also like to give special thanks to SK Michael Choma PFN for all the work he has done as your Faithful Navigator. Mike is one of the few Sir Knights that have the distinction of serving twice as your FN.

With your help I hope to make this year a successful one. Remember you get out of the Knights of Columbus whatever you put into it! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Fraternally Yours,

RAYMOND R. BOBER - Faithful Navigator, Assembly #0667

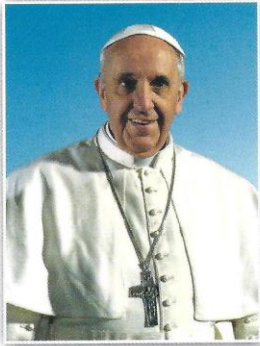
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1-Year Trustee	Jack R. Keenan, PFN	636-2882

REFLECTION ON A PAPAL AUDIENCE



*Let the risen
Jesus enter your life,
welcome him
as a friend,
with trust: he is life!*

*If up till now you have kept him at a distance,
step forward. He will receive you with open arms.*

*If you have been indifferent, take a risk:
you won't be disappointed.*

*If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid,
trust him, be confident that he is close to you,
he is with you and he will give you the peace
you are looking for and the strength to live
as he would have you do.*

Francis

During my vacation in Rome I had the opportunity to attend a Papal Audience and presentation. It was a very moving and spiritual experience. I originally thought the audience would be in the hall of Pope Paul VI which seats about 7,000. However, in the summer months the audiences are held on Wednesday in St Peter's square. It was a lot bigger than I expected since an estimated 32,000 to 40,000 people were there.

The reason I am publishing this experience is that at the end of the audience we received an Apostolic Blessing. The Master of Ceremonies said that the Pope's blessing was not only for the pilgrims in the square but also for our family and friends. As my friends and fellow Sir Knights I wish to share the Pope's blessing with you.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG RAISING AND TRIBUTE

In this issue of the newsletter we pay special tribute to our fellow Sir Knights that have passed during the previous year. Our Color Corps and fellow knights came together at the Memorial Day flag raising to honor them and pay tribute to them for their years of service (shown in parenthesis after their names). Their names were read before our assembled brothers. Since not everyone could attend this service, our memorial list for the 2014 - 2015 Columbian year is shown below. It is fitting that we honor them as they contributed to the growth and success of our assembly. Eternal Rest Grant unto them. May they rest in Peace.



S.K. Joseph J Daily (23)	June 22, 2014	S.K. Gregory M Almasi (24)	April 4, 2014
S.K. Arthur M Grala (39)	April 8, 2014	S.K. Christopher Krupinski (24)	August 23, 2014
S.K. Daniel T Basil (25)	March 14, 2015	S.K. Roger W Lebeda (52)	May 6, 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS!

<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
2 John B. Dyke	10 Very Rev. Robert G. Lynam	2 Joseph J. Gornicz
4 John C. Brower, FN	11 Robert Jimenez	7 Gregory A. Bedard
7 Marcelle Latulippe, Sr.	13 Stanley J. Troyano	8 Henry R. Lipp
11 Dale C. Stevens	19 Henry P. Haidacher	9 Joseph L. Grispart
11 Steve Kovach	22 Edward J. Eismont	12 Frank A. Pelzman
11 Neil J. Goodheart	25 Paul Haluska	13 John Scioscia
19 James Kevin Sullivan	25 Paul H. Karmazin	16 William J. Lasek
23 Gerard A. Stamato	26 Michael J. Choma	18 Rev. Sean Kenney
26 Philip J. Hoffman	26 Dominick S. LaPenta	21 Douglas Anderson
29 Roger W. Pietragall		23 William H. Gerity, Jr.
		24 Albert P. Cursi
		24 Richard Wyzykowski, Jr.
		28 William J. Born

IN MEMORIAM MAY GOD BLESS OUR FALLEN SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
1957 Joseph J. Arway	1949 John F. Ryan, PFN	1948 Michael J. Coll
1965 Rt. Rev. William P. Leahy	1956 James J. Keating, PFN	1968 Jerome R. Newmark, Jr.
1971 Wade L. Brown	1962 Leo F. Menard, PFN	1970 Peter S. Marek
1978 Michael T. Farrell	1972 Andrew D. Desmond	1971 Robert L. Becker
1981 John A. Kostik, PFN	1974 William J. Holohan, PFN	1978 William J. Haug, Sr.
1982 Bernard T. Curran	1993 Patrick F. Nardone	1986 William A. Leahy
1985 Michael W. Warshany	1995 John E. Klubenspies	1986 John M. Mullen Sr.
1990 John C. Sestak	1995 Vincent A. Gioffre, Sr.	1988 Frank F. Franchak
1996 Peter J. Mooney	1998 Anthony A. Russo	1990 Henry T. Korzeb, PFN
1998 Peter L. Greco	1999 Walter S. Korzed, Sr.	1991 William F. Carroll
1998 Michael J. Doros	2001 Francis J. Blash	1993 Stephen A. Poos
1998 Stewart A. Schoder, PSD	2004 William T. Leahy	1998 James D. MacDermott
1999 Harry F. Burke, PFN	2010 Arthur Dano	1998 Erwin Willner
1999 Lawrence J. Focht	2012 Walter Greiner	2001 Frank P. Janer, Jr.
2002 Edward J/ Kath	2014 Christopher Krupinski	2007 Benjamin R. Jones
2010 Vincent Hoefling, Sr.		

Sir Knight Roger W. Lebeda, 72, of Iselin died on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Firemen's Home in Boonton, NJ. Roger grew up in Woodbridge, graduated from Woodbridge High School Class of 1960, and moved to Iselin 42 years ago. He was a member in the U S Army Reserve, employed at General Motors in Linden as a welder inspector and a Volunteer Fireman in the Woodbridge Fire Department.

Roger loved traveling with his family and was involved in many car clubs such as the Garden State Street Rod Association. He was a member of the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus Middlesex Council #857 (54 years) and a fourth degree Knight in the Rev John J. Griffin Assembly # 667 (52years). Truly, a good and faithful servant of the Lord. May he rest in Peace.

* Telephone Call – Outs *

It is our tradition to notify members of the Assembly of the passing a fellow Knight so that they can pay their respects. It has been brought to our attention that not all members received the recent notification of the passing of Sir Knight Dan Basil. If you did not receive this call and would like to be notified please send an email to faithfulnavigator667@gmail.com with your name and telephone number. In your email tell us if we can send your copy of the newsletter electronically and save our Assembly printing and postage costs. (All emailed newsletters will be in full color).

If don't have access to email please send us a letter with your name and telephone number Your letter should be sent to: Knights of Columbus, Rev. John J Griffin Assembly #0667, 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

FLAG DAY BREAKFAST REPORT – S.K. ROBERT BANASIAK (CHAIRMAN)



Helping in cooking and serving this delicious breakfast were James Jones, Fran Bobal, John Hunt, Gerry Stamato, Mark Tinebra, James Sullivan, Bill Donahue, Ed McSherry, Ed Eismont and the Faithful Navigator Mike Choma. John Brower handled the 50/50. Thanks to you and your hard work a profit of \$526 was realized at this event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO S.K. ROEL S. MERCADO

In June 2015 one of our own Sir Knights, Roel Mercado was ordained as a permanent deacon. His journey to the diaconate began when one of the deacons of St James tapped him on the shoulder and said that the "The Spirit of God has tapped you"

Five years ago Roel was inspired to take the first step on becoming a deacon. Roel's journey was not without its challenges since he and his wife of 26 years have two children and Roel is an engineer specializing in health care imaging devices and travels frequently.

While working, studying to become a deacon and having a family life Roel still found time to become a member of Council #857 in 2011 and a member of our Assembly in 2014. He is most likely one of the few permanent deacons to be ordained from our assembly.



We wish Roel every blessing as he starts his Ministry of Service. May he be filled with the Lord's blessings and Support in his work.

2015 – 2016 EXPENSE BUDGET

DONATIONS & EXPENSE BUDGET

July	\$50	US Army Emergency Relief	Jan	\$50	Woodbridge High School ROTC
Aug	\$50	US Air Force Aid Society	Feb	\$50	US Navy Memorial
Sept	\$50	US Navy–Marine Corps Relief Society	Mar	\$50	VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
Sept	\$100	4 th Degree Exemplification Journal	April	\$50	Patriotic Donation (Local Org)
Oct	\$50	US Coast Guard Mutual Assistance	May	\$50	DAV (Disabled American Vets)
Nov	\$50	US Marine Corps League – Avenel	May	\$100	St. James School Grads (2)
Nov	\$50	US Marine Corps Toys for Tots	June	\$50	Veterans Baseball Outing
Nov	\$50	Chapter 4			
Dec	\$50	Archdiocese for Military Services USA			
					Total Donations = \$900

ADVANCES FOR 2015 - 2016

Oct	\$200	Candidates' Night	Nov	\$200	Christmas Party
	\$200	4 th Degree Exemplification (3 rd ½)		\$200	Breakfast Fundraiser
	\$200	Faithful Navigator Hotel Rm. (2 nights)	Jan	\$300	Ladies Night / PFN Dinner
	\$200	Hospitality Room	Feb	\$200	American-Irish Parade
	\$50	Thanksgiving Mass		\$200	Dinner Fundraiser
			June	\$200	Flag Day breakfast
					Total Advances = \$2,150

UPCOMING ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
July 27	Installation of Officers (St Anthony's Church) & regular business meeting	7:00 PM
August		
9	Fr. David B. Kosmoski, a 19 year member of our Assembly, is celebrating his 25 th Anniversary as the pastor of St. Andrew's Parish in Avenel.	Mass is at 11:30 am. At St. Andrew's. Color Guard meets at 11:00 am

MEETING SCHEDULE (NEXT THREE MONTHS)

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
July 6	Officers Meeting	Middlesex Council	7:30 PM
July 27	Installation of Officers	St Anthony's Church	7:00 PM
August 3	Officers Meeting	Middlesex Council	7:30 PM
August 25	General Meeting (Budget)	Middlesex Council	8:00 PM
September 7	Officers Meeting	Middlesex Council	7:30 PM
September 22	General Meeting	Avenel Council	8:00 PM

MEETING SCHEDULE (2015-2016)

Officer's Meeting Middlesex Council #857 @ 7:30 PM

July 6 th	August 3 rd	September 7 th	October 5 th
November 2 nd	December 7	January 4 th	February 1 st
March 7 th	April 4 th	May 2 th	June 6 st

Regular Business Meetings:						At
July 27 st						St Anthony of Padua Church @ 7:00 PM
August 25 th	October 27 th	December 22 nd	February 23 rd	April 26 ^h	June 28 th	Middlesex Council # 857 @ 8:00 PM
(Budget)		(Christmas Party)		(Nomination)		
September 22 nd	November 24 th	January 26 th	March 22 nd	May 24 th		St. Andrew's Council # 5088 @ 8:00 PM
				(Election)		

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This newsletter is published QUARTERLY. Any Sir Knight of a member council wishing to submit an event notice for publication may e-mail it to Ray Bober, the newsletter editor, at RBober119@comcast.net, no later than **20 (twenty) days** before the end of the quarter. All inclusions are subject to approval by the Faithful Navigator.

If you are planning on moving, please notify the assembly with your new address and phone number so you don't miss any issues of the newsletter.

For a complete list of events, meeting schedules, and current newsletter, visit our webpage at: www.KofC857.org

COLOR CORPS EVENTS & SCHEDULE

Our Color Corp was extremely busy this spring with the following activities



Participated in the Memorial Day Flag Raising and Paid tribute to the Sir Knights who passed last year

Escorted the retired Abbot of Morristown who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St James.

Escorted the children of St James as they received First Holy Communion.

Escorted Fr. Charlie as he celebrated his 40th anniversary Mass on the Festival of St. James.

Escorted Deacon Roel Mercado as he celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on his ordination to the Diaconate.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR COLOR CORPS. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT SEAN KEAVENEY, THE COLOR CORPS COMMANDER.

Please remember that Color Corps events sometime come up on short notice and will not be part of this schedule. Please provide your current contact information) to the Color Corps Commander (cf page 1) so that you can be notified as new call-outs are scheduled. Thank You.

*** COUNCIL BULLETIN BOARD ***

For more information on events contact our member council's websites or newsletters

MIDDLESEX COUNCIL #857

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>BLOOD DRIVE</i> Saturday July 11th, 8:00 Am to 2:00 PM</p> <p>If possible, please donate, as blood supplies are always very low making it a very valuable commodity in the healthcare/hospital industry. Brother Bob Banasiak chairs the event so feel free to reach out to him for any additional details.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHANGING OF THE KEYS</i> Saturday, JULY 18th, 2015</p> <p>Better late than never; the Changing of the Keys will take place at 6:00pm July 18th. All members are welcome to attend. Please bring food and yourselves! First round of drinks is on the new Club President!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING</i> Friday, September 18th, 2015</p> <p>The First Annual Mini-Golf Outing is a great event for all Knights and their family and friends. Held at Woodbridge Community Center Mini-Golf at 7:00pm. Food will be served at 8:00pm. Pricing TBD. For more information please contact Gerry Stamato, PGK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>ST JAMES STREET FAIR</i> Saturday, September 19th, 2015</p> <p>Once again council #857 will have a booth at the fair to promote the council. Our goal is to bring awareness of our charitable events and to promote membership.</p>

KNIGHT'S DAY AT THE RACESSunday, September 27th, 2015

If you have never been to Knight's Day at the Races you are missing one of our best events! Comfortable reserved space right on the track; this is also a great family event. Tours of the park are free and available. We'll have the grill going; drinks are also provided. See you at Monmouth Park. Gates open at 11:00am.

NEED A RIDE?

If any member needs a ride to a meeting or one of our affairs, please call one of the Officers listed in this newsletter. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

ST. ANDREWS COUNCIL #5088**BIRTHDAY NIGHT**

(Last Friday of the Month)

Friday, July 31, August 28 and September 25

WIDOWS OF THE COUNCIL

(Fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, July 27th, August 25th, and September 22nd

Coffee and...

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS

(Every Fifth Sunday of the Month)

10am Mass at St. Andrews Church, August 30, 2015

Breakfast immediately following Mass

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, July 16, 2015

BEEF & BREW**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Cost \$ (To be announced)

COUNCIL PICNICSaturday, September 13th, 2015

Cost \$ (To be announced)

DON BOSCO COUNCIL #5809[HTTP://WWW.KOFCKNIGHTS.ORG/COUNCILSITE/INDEX.ASP?CNO=5809](http://www.kofcknights.org/COUNCILSITE/INDEX.ASP?CNO=5809)

**NO EVENTS POSTED AS OF PRESS TIME
CHECK YOUR COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Assembly #0667 is always trying to keep its members contact information current and up to date. In order to improve communication with the membership regarding color corps, upcoming events, and members sick or in distress, etc., we find our mailing list is not as efficient or effective as we would like it to be. Please fill out the questionnaire below so we can update our files and fulfill our promise to keep you as updated as possible. You can mail this form back to the Assembly home: 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, or call the Faithful Navigator, **Ray Bober** at **732-636-5058** or send an e-mail to **faithfulnavigator667@gmail.com**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONS / STATUS CHANGES TO THE WALL OF HEROES

I have often wondered about the names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall and how they are added or changed. The article below gives an insight into this process. More information and/or donations to this project can be made at <http://vvmf.org>

The Department of Defense sets the criteria for and makes decisions about whose names are eligible for inscription on The Wall. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) pays for the name additions and status changes, and works with the National Park Service to ensure the long-term preservation and maintenance of The Wall.

Each spring VVMF works with the Department of Defense (DOD) to ensure that the Wall is accurate. Names are added for those service members who have met the Department of Defense criteria for addition to The Wall, having sustained wounds in Vietnam from which they eventually perished. Those service members who in the last year were returned or accounted for will have their statuses changed from MIA to KIA.



Weather permitting, work to inscribe the names and change designations is completed before the ceremony held on Mother's Day. When names are added, the highly technical procedure requires meticulous work to match the stroke and depth of the surrounding names to within 1/1,000 of an inch. The physical work of adding the names and changing designations will be performed by James Lee of the Colorado-based company (Engrave Write).

The names of seven American service members will be engraved on the black granite walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the status designations will be changed for five others whose names are already on The Wall. These changes will bring the total number of names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to 58,307 men and women who were killed or who remain missing in action.

Full Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Home of Record	State	Branch of Service
Francis Gerald Corcoran	11/15/1928	12/09/1967	Philadelphia	PA	Army
Michael Paul Knight	2/28/1944	11/23/1969	Thomasville	GA	Army
Gannon Clark Milby Jr.	3/20/1947	6/10/1968	Easton	MD	Army
Charley Vernon Stanley	4/6/1927	7/7/1968	Houston	TX	Army
Stanley M Staszak	3/6/1920	4/4/1959	Maplewood	NJ	Army
Clarence Turpin	6/15/1931	11/23/1968	Baltimore	MD	Army
George Lincoln Wilson	8/24/1924	11/8/1967	Philadelphia	PA	Army

The status of eight men, whose names are listed on The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, were changed and they were honored this past the Mother's Day ceremony. Once Missing in Action (MIA), all eight of these men were accounted for in the past year. VVMF changed the symbols beside their names to indicate this. Each name on The Wall includes a symbol designating status. The diamond symbol denotes that the service member's death was confirmed. A cross means the individual is missing or a prisoner at the end of the war and remains unaccounted for. In the event a serviceman's remains are returned or he is accounted for, the diamond is superimposed over the cross. If a man returns alive, a circle, as a symbol of life, will be inscribed around the cross. No such cases have occurred.

There are currently 1,629 service members who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

The information above was obtained from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund website (www.vvmf.org). Contributions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial fund are always welcome in memory of those who lost their lives in this conflict. Please see the website for how to donate.