

# THE COUNCIL COMPASS

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MIDDLESEX COUNCIL #857

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

AS THE WINTER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, AND THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING START TO APPEAR WITH BIRDS SINGING, FLOWERS BLOOMING, TREES GREENING ALONG WITH SIDING BLOWING OFF OUR BUILDING, THE ROOF LEAKING, AND INSIDE WATER DAMAGE STARTING. I ONCE AGAIN SEND OUT AN APPEAL TO OUR MANY DIVERSE AND TALENTED BROTHERS TO COME FORTH AND APPLY THEIR EXPERTISE TO PRESERVING AND MAINTAINING OUR HISTORIC BUILDING. I REALIZE, OF COURSE, THERE ARE MANY, LIKE MYSELF, THAT CANNOT PERFORM ANY KIND OF MEANINGFUL LABOR BUT PERHAPS CAN COME FORWARD AND APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN THE FORM OF ADVICE THAT WILL PREVENT US FROM MAKING COSTLY ERRORS.

APRIL IS ALSO THE MONTH FOR OUR GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND OUR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. BOTH EVENTS BRING IN REVENUE FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY, TUITION ANGEL, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, & RIGHT TO LIFE ORG. THESE AFFAIRS HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY ENJOYABLE AND REWARDING AND AS ALWAYS LEND THEIR SUCCESS TO MEMBERSHIP AND FAMILY HELP AND PARTICIPATION. FOR INFORMATION ON THE GOLF OUTING, CONTACT ED LENART AND FOR THE FISH DINNER, CONTACT JOSEPH GEIS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF OUR TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE COMING UP ON APRIL 22 THRU 25. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN HELP COLLECT DONATIONS AT MAIN ST. & AMBOY AVENUE AND POSSIBLY MAN A TABLE AT THE BIKE FAIR ON MAIN ST., APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>.

ON APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> OUR COUNCIL, ALONG WITH THE ROSARY SOCIETY & THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, WILL BE HOLDING A VERY SPECIAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR ONE OF OUR PARISH MEMBERS WHO IS SUFFERING FROM CANCER. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN BROWER.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, APRIL IS GOING TO BE A VERY CHALLENGING MONTH AND WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP THAT WE CAN GET.



FRATERNALLY YOURS,  
FRANK SOKLOSKI -- GRAND KNIGHT #857

**April Knight of the Month – Bob Banasiak, PGK**

Bob is another Brother Knight who participates in all of our activities and chairs many others.

Bob continues to roll up his sleeves, especially for the Blood Drive that he chairs.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!****April**

1	Thomas Hamill	15	James Ciampa
1	George Kuchna Jr.	15	John Rudko
1	Joseph Sisko	16	Dennis Kizielewicz
2	Joseph La Raffa	19	Edward Mc Sherry
2	Kenneth Wahl	20	John Roussey
2	John Scott	20	Gregory Lehman
4	John Check	20	Douglas Winkle Michael
5	Edwin Serrano	21	Manganaro
7	James Matits	21	Jose Menendez
7	Robert Zega	25	John Balascio
8	Henry Korzeb Jr.	25	Frank Capraro
8	Joseph Brinamen	25	Walter Uszenski
8	Vincent Russo	26	Richard DiSanto
10	James Keating	27	John Lilly
10	Donald Wyzykowski	28	Kevin Uszenski Mark
11	Michael Hanousek	29	Wojciechowski
12	Elbert Getto		
13	Andrew Radzimski Boleslaw		
14	Mateuszczyk		

**MIDDLESEX COUNCIL No. 857  
OFFICERS FOR 2009 – 2010**

Chaplain	Rev. Charles Cicerale
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Lecturer	Jack Keenan PGK
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Bar Chairman Jack Keenan PGK

**Degree Updates**

Degrees are offered throughout the Columbian year. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree member and want to continue your journey to knighthood, please contact Bob Golden, PGK at 732-596-2115 or [robertgolden@topproducer.com](mailto:robertgolden@topproducer.com).

**Columbian Club Report**

Our Columbian Club will soon be faced with some extraordinary repair expenses. As I pointed out in my Grand Knight report we are starting to experience some weather related damage.

During the last heavy rain storm our porch roof started to leak badly around the flashing, some fascia siding was blown off and we incurred some interior water damage.

We will place on hold our plans for upgrading our AC and electrical boxes at this time. Our kitchen is also in need of a new freezer.

**Frank Sokloski - Columbian Club President (2009-2010)**

**Words of Wit & Wisdom...**

Two young men arrived in heaven and were receiving instructions from St. Peter at the same time. He told them, you could do whatever you like, but never step on any ducks. They thought that was simple enough, and started on their way. Soon, as luck would have it, one of them stepped on a duck. There was a flash of light and a very, very unattractive woman appeared before the man. An angel told him, that this would be his mate throughout eternity. The second young man, deciding not to take any chances, sat down and as soon as he did, he appeared in front of a beautiful young lady. Confused, he looked around and asked How Did I get here?? The young lady said, I do not know about you, but I stepped on a duck...

**Life...a flash awareness between two eternities**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Spring Blood Drive will be held from 8 AM – 1:30 PM on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** All donors will receive a \$3.00 NJ Lottery scratch off. All those who donated blood at the St. James Church drive on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> can donate. The temperature is warming up, so roll up your sleeves and Donate...

**Bob Banasiak, Chairman**

## **KNIGHT VISION**

Usually I use my Knight Vision space for a commentary of issues that confront us as Catholics, Knights, and ordinary citizens.

My goal has always been to encourage people to look at all sides of a question and judge it fairly, to always approach a problem with understanding, ingenuity, tact, and a sense of humor. In other words, to get along in this world by trying your best to get along with the people in it.

To that end I feel I must take some space to apologize and explain to anyone I may have offended, whether through error or omission the improper publication of personal information.

As a relatively new and inexperienced member of the Knights and a person who has very little administrative background I have to depend heavily on my family and friends to help formatting and compiling of our news letter.

Our heavy involvement and participation in fund raising activities in and outside of the council, and my rather limited approach to information gathering, has allowed some of this responsibility to fall on the shoulders of others than myself.

It was not my intention to make a protracted issue out of a simple apology for a dereliction of my duty as your Grand Knight or to place blame on anyone but myself. But, there were copies of e-mails passed on to me that showed some of our Brothers not only took offense at some of my mistakes, but to my deep concern suggested they may even hold back their membership dues. As a result there now is some hesitation for others to participate in my project, because there is a feeling that to be remiss in anyway would cause me a great deal of difficulty. Everyone involved knows that recruiting and retention of membership is and always has been a number one council priority.

Once again I sincerely apologize to anyone that I may have offended and ask tolerance not only for myself but also for anyone else who may find themselves in similar circumstances.

**Frank Sokloski**  
**Grand Knight**  
**Council 857**

**BAR HOURS**

Mon. to Thurs. 4:00 to 11:00 PM  
Friday 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM  
Saturday 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM  
Sunday 12 PM to 11:00 PM

**All guests must sign in.**

**EDITOR’S NOTES:**

The **Council Compass** is published monthly, except August. Any member wishing to submit an article or notice for publication may e-mail it to Frank Sokloski the newsletter editor, at [frasok@verizon.net](mailto:frasok@verizon.net) no later than 10 days before the publication date. All inclusions are subject to approval by the Grand Knight.

**Food Pantry**

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone coming to the hall for a meeting, or just to watch sports, would bring with them one or two canned goods for a donation to the Food Pantry.

If you forget to bring the canned item, don’t forget the collection jug behind the bar!

Your support for the food drive is greatly appreciated by Father Cicerale and the Saint James Food Pantry.

Joe Gregus, PGK

**NEED A RIDE?**

If any member needs a ride to a meeting or one of our affairs, please call one of the officers listed on page 2.

We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

**Sick and Distressed**

- Mike Choma**
- Betty Sullivan**
- Beverly Hunt**
- Sharon Brower**
- Pat Keenan**
- ‘Googs’ Dragotta**
- Mike Bachley**
- Parenteau Family**
- People of Haiti**
- People of Chile**
- Geri McMannis**

All soldiers abroad

Our thoughts and prayers go out to aforementioned and their families....

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**Field Agent  
James Fischetti  
917 573 9751**

**Rinky Dink Winners:**

**Mike Choma 17 pts**

**Attendance Pool  
Winners:**

**Jules Sabo– not present**

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Losing weight is closer than you think  
Woodbridge Knights of Columbus – 130 Main Street  
Monday @ 6:00 PM & Thursday @ 5:30 PM  
(Weigh in begins 30 minutes prior to meeting)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> Brother Knight, Joe Geis reached his 50-year anniversary and was presented with a 50-year pin at our last meeting by our Grand Knight, Frank Sokloski.

Also, Brother Knight Don Wyzykoski hit his milestone of 25 years and was presented with his award at the same time.

### **MEMBERS MILESTONE**

During the first four months of 2010, there were many members who reached a milestone in our council.

- Martin Minkler Jr., Terence Napravnik, & Robert Hurley became honorary members.
- Thomas M. Keating, Bill Mateuszczuk, & Joseph Van Nest became honorary life members.
- Thomas M. Keating, Joseph Lenart, Joseph Van Nest, & Don Wyzykowski reached 25 yrs.
- Joseph Geis & John Lilly reached 50 years.

### **BELATED BIRTHDAY**

I, and council 857, would like to extend sincere and belated birthday wishes to Brother Knights Russell De Stefano, Walter Korzeb Jr., & Stanley Kowaleski and any others who may have been overlooked. Once again, my most sincere apologies.

**Frank Sokloski, Grand Knight**

### **GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER**

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010: 4:30 – 7:00 PM.** Eat in or Take out. Adults @ \$11.00. Seniors @ \$9.00, children (12 and under) @ \$6.00. Dinner to be held at our council hall at 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ. Dinner to include: fish, fries, salad, coleslaw, and more.

### **CHARITY SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010: 4:30 – 7:30 PM.** The Knights of Columbus, along with the Altar Rosary Society and the Catholic Daughters, are sponsoring a Charity Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner in McCorristin Hall (St. James Church) on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm. The dinner will benefit Mrs. Marge Lucia, who is currently battling cancer and the effects of a stroke. All of the proceeds will go to help offset the expensive cost of treatment. Please be generous in helping out one of our own parishioners and her devoted family. Any donations can be sent to the council hall.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE – ‘DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT’**

**Saturday, May 1st, 2010: 6:00 PM.** Price will be \$15/person. Price includes: Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, salad, and coffee. Drinks extra. Snacks and popcorn will be available for purchase prior to the movie. The movie will be ‘Return to Me’. Movie to start at 7:00 PM. All net profits to be donated to the Pope Paul VI Institute.

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**2010  
CHARITY GRAND KNIGHTS  
GOLF OUTING!**

**Colonia Country Club  
\$140.00 per person**

**Includes: BBQ lunch @ 11:00 AM  
Shotgun start @ 12:30 PM (Best Ball Format)  
Banquet to follow immediately after golf at:  
Knights of Columbus #857  
130 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ  
(across from St. James Church)  
Door Prizes to be raffled off....**

**Refreshments on Golf Course!!**

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010**

**All proceeds to be divided between the following:  
St. James Food Pantry, Tuition Angel. Right to Life, and  
Woodbridge Domestic Violence Response Team**

**RESERVATIONS: Ed Lenart 732-382-0824  
[Elenartdaprile @comcast.net](mailto:Elenartdaprile@comcast.net)**

<p><b><i>COUNCIL #857</i></b>  <b><i>COMING EVENTS</i></b></p>
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**April**

2	Good Friday Fish Dinner	4:30-7:00 PM
6	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
10	Blood Drive	8:00-1:30 PM
13	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
20	Business/Columbia Meeting	8:00 PM
22-25	'Tootsie-Roll' Drive	All Days
24	Charity Spaghetti Dinner (McCorristin Hall)	4:30-7:30 PM
26	Charity Golf Outing (Colonia Country Club)	11:00 AM to ??

**May**

1	'Dinner and a Movie' Night (movie at 7:00 PM)	6:00 PM
4	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
11	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
18	Business/Columbian Meeting	8:00 PM

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Council #857 is in the process of updating our database. Obviously, we have your address because if we didn't you wouldn't be reading this, but in order to improve communication with the membership regarding degrees, events, 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 council home: 130 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095, or call membership director PGK Bob Golden at 732-596-2115 or e-mail [robertgolden@topproducer.com](mailto:robertgolden@topproducer.com).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARE YOU? (CIRCLE ONE)    1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE    2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE    3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE    4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE

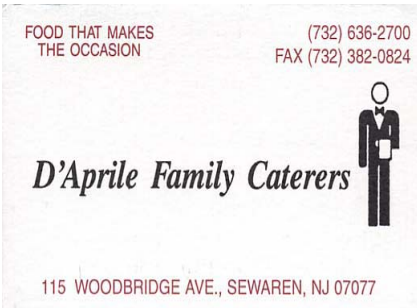


Thank you in advance for your cooperation

<p><b><u>REMINDER</u></b>          Any further information on events is available on our website.  <a href="http://www.woodbridgekofc.org">www.woodbridgekofc.org</a></p>
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