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MIDDLESEX COUNCIL #857

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start out by thanking all who participated in and attended our officer's installation on August 11th. I am happy to welcome two new brothers to our corps of officers, Warden - Mike Bachley and Outside Guard - Bob Paul. Both are new members and we all appreciate their involvement.

A special thanks goes to our Chaplain, Fr. Charlie for his blessings, to our Color Corps who always make a grand impression on our attendees, Sue Bakes of ReMax 1st Advantage, Brother John Bonner, his wife Peggy, and Pinho's Bakery were responsible for the fine fare served at our reception, and we must not forget, Connie, Judy, and Sue for their help.

As the summer moves on, and we enter into our new Columbian year, I see our calendar of events already starting to take shape.

September is going to be a special month. We will be starting out with our annual family mass at the council hall. Father Charlie will again officiate and all are invited to attend. That's September 1st at 7:30 pm, 130 Main St., Woodbridge.

September 19th is the date of our PGK dinner. This year, we honor Mike Choma for his service during the 2008-2009 term. Mike, like all previous Grand Knights, sacrificed a great deal of his personal time in his effort to keep our council progressive and running smoothly. In addition to his many administrative duties he also joined with other brothers in laboring to renovate and maintain our building and grounds.

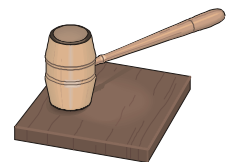
Lets all take a few hours to enjoy ourselves and show Mike and those who went before, our appreciation by attending this special occasion.

Tickets are available through John Brower at 732 634 1868 for a cost of \$25.00/per person.

We will also be holding our annual back to school breakfast on Sept. 13th at the council hall, 130 Main St., Woodbridge.

To add to September's schedule, we will kick off the Monday night football season with the Colts vs. Dolphins on September 21st. Come and join the excitement in our newly renovated bar area. As always, Ed Lenart will be in charge of the festivities.

Fraternally Yours,
Frank Sokloski
Grand Knight #857



September Knight's of the monthJoseph Geis, PGK & Jack Keenan, PGK

In September we once again return to the old guard, both are long time contributors with knowledge and experience and always ready to serve and assist in any and all special events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!**SEPTEMBER**

9/10 Ernest Andrascik	9/1 Allan Jordan Jr.
9/27 George Askins Jr.	9/8 Henry Lipp
9/13 James Bacsoka	9/12 Andrew Luvas
9/20 William Burns	9/1 James Maloney
9/12 James DeJoy	9/29 Joseph Paladino
9/25 James Duffy	9/21 Ronald Pierce
9/24 Richard Dunigan	9/21 James Rice
9/9 Kevin Egan	9/14 Chris Saakes
9/21 Louis Estok	9/23 Julius Sabo
9/7 John Fuery	9/14 Richard Schwarz
9/1 William Geis	9/13 Joseph Subyak
9/23 William Gerity Jr.	9/20 Tom Terpanick
9/29 Richard Gould	9/27 Richard Ungvary
9/9 Joseph Grispart	9/15 Matthew Wallen
9/14 William Harth	

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OFFICERS FOR 2009 – 2010**

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Recorder	Joe Geis PGK	541-2030
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Advocate		
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Outside Guard	Robert Paul	

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Sick Chairman	Ed Lenart PGK	
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Knights of Columbus Telephone 634-9783

Hall Chairman	Ed Lenart PGK	382-0824
Bar Chairman	Jack Keenan PGK	636-2882

Degree Updates

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

COLUMBIAN CLUB REPORT

Fraternally yours,

Although our bar socials and other events have been producing a decent stream of income and there have been no significant material problems outside of the occasional stopped up toilet. We have to plan on the possible replacement of our Air Conditioning system.

If anyone with any experience or expertise in this area and would like to come in and give us a little advice is welcome to do so.

Our recently installed Witty Dart Board has created some interest in forming a few teams for a little competition.

There has also been talk about sprucing up our pool room.

If anyone is interested, please feel free to come in and participate.

Frank Sokloski
Columbian Club President
2009-2010

BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, July 18th a very successful “Blood Drive” was held in our council hall. A total of 29 people signed up and only 1 was deferred. Thanks go out to members Ken Wahl, Paul Tornambe, John Hunt, Joe Travostino and Greg Lehman for donating. Special thanks go out to first time donors Bob Sabo and Jim Fischetti for rolling up their sleeves. Our next blood drive will be held on Saturday, November 28th.

Bob Banasiak, Chairman

Words of Wit & Wisdom...

The Spin....

Two boys walked up to their priest and one asked, Father is it OK if I eat while I pray? The priest thought for a moment and answered, my son when we pray, we are talking to God and we should give him our undivided attention and not be doing something else. The boy said ok and both walked away.

A week later, the second boy walked up to the priest and asked Father is it ok I pray while I eat? The priest said of course my son; we should always feel free to communicate with God at any time.

It’s all in the presentation!

KNIGHT VISION

In this new age of technology when most of our communicating and information gathering is done electronically, I believe we are isolating ourselves more and more from the emotional experience of personal contact. We e-mail, text, twitter, tweet, blog, and web cam. We plug ourselves into I Pods, carry cell phones, blackberries, we load our cars with TV, GPS, and Bluetooth PDA's, all in an attempt to streamline and digitize our lives. We can now lead a rather comfortable existence without ever leaving our homes or even our cars for that matter.

Is all this necessary, is it all good, is it all bad, who knows, what I do know is it all cuts down on human contact and isolates us in such a way that gives some of us a feeling of safety.

A prime example of this would what we call road rage. WE do in the security of our vehicles what we would never do face to face. We communicate electronically what we would never say in person. It's that anonymity that brings out the worst in us and it's the visibility that keeps us on our better behavior. I am not trying to say the one is all bad and the other is all good. I am saying we must try, if just for the sake of family, to maintain a balance and come out and participate, join in with friends, meet new people, exchange ideas face to face, share a little of life while we still can.

With all that being said, if anyone is interested in saving a little paperwork and receiving this newsletter by e-mail, they can call me, Frank Sokloski, at 732 574 3354 and leave a message or contact me at FraSok@verizon.net.

I did not say it was all bad.....

Fraternally yours,

Frank Sokloski,
Grand Knight

<p align="center"><u>BAR HOURS</u></p> <p>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 noon to 11:00 PM</p> <p align="center"><u>All guests must sign in.</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>EDITOR’S NOTES:</u></p> <p>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 no later than 10 days before the publication date. All inclusions are subject to approval by the Grand Knight.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Food Pantry</u></p> <p>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!</p> <p>Your support for the food drive is greatly appreciated by Father Cicerale and the Saint James Food Pantry.</p> <p>Joe Gregus, PGK</p>
<p align="center">NEED A RIDE?</p> <p>If any member needs a ride to a meeting or one of our affairs, please call one of the officers listed on page 1.</p> <p>We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Sick and Distressed</u></p> <p align="center"> Beverly Hunt Pat Keenan Larry Lucas Googs Chris Saakes George Golden Sue Coleman L.J. Mikialko </p> <p align="center">All soldiers abroad</p> <p align="center">Our thoughts and prayers go out to aforementioned and their families</p> <p align="center">Deceased</p> <p align="center">Dennis Byrnes</p>	<p align="center"><u>Rinky Dink Winners:</u></p> <p align="center">Gerry Stamato – 15 points</p> <p align="center"><u>Attendance Pool Winners:</u> Don Brown Not Present</p>
<p align="center">SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP</p> <p align="center">Our council will be sponsoring seminarian Marcin Busek, who will be ordained a priest in May 2011.</p> <p align="center">He may be reached at: Immaculate Conception Seminary, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079</p>		

SPECIAL EVENTS

KFC BREAKFAST

Our back to school breakfast will be held on September 13th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The usually fare of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, coffee, tea and juice will be offered along with a selection of pastry. Our own Benasiak will once again man the omelet station and put his talents to work preparing a variety of dishes prepared to your personal taste. Prices will be \$6.00 Adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$4.00 for children 5 to 10 years of age.

BISHOP AHR

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our annual Halloween party will be held on October 31st. Tom Patton will host this special event for children and adults. Games, prizes and treats for children of all ages will be held in the early afternoon. Adults festivities will be held in the evening from 5:00 pm to ?

Come as you are, come as you were or come as you would like to be... All are WELCOME!

OLDIES LUNCHEON

In honoring our older members, we are holding a special luncheon to be held on November 1st from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

A special birthday wish goes out to our “Wisest” KofC member, James Carrigan, who on August 19th turns 100. Just think, our council was only 5 years old when Jim was born. Well, we’re both still around God Bless you Jim.



PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER

This dinner will honor our latest Past Grand Knight,

Mr. Michael J. Choma

This event will take place on Saturday September 19th @ 7:30pm.

We invite all our members, their families and friends to come and join in the festivities to honor Mike.

[We especially invite and encourage all of our Past Grand Knights to attend this event.](#)

Cost is \$25.00 per person

This includes dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert and coffee.

Entertainment will be provided.

We are also having a 50/50 to help support our club.

The winning ticket will be drawn at this event (winner need not be present)

50/50 tickets are \$10.00 each.

There will be two winners the night of the drawing.

Winners of the drawing to split 50% of the proceeds as follows:

1st place 75%

2nd place 25%

For tickets to this dinner, or for additional 50/50 tickets please contact me.

John C. Brower
Deputy Grand Knight
678 Leone Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732-634-1868

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY ATTENDING



**COUNCIL #857
COMING EVENTS**

September

1	Social Meeting / Family Mass	7:30 PM
8	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
13	Back to School Breakfast	8:00 – 12:00
15	Business / Columbian Meeting	8:00 PM
19	PGK Dinner	7:30 PM

October

6	Social / Rosary Meeting	8:00 PM
12	Flag Raising – Town Hall	9:30 AM
13	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
20	Business / Columbian / Rosary Meeting	8:00 PM
31	Halloween Party	1:00 to ?

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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU? (CIRCLE ONE) 1ST DEGREE 2ND DEGREE 3RD DEGREE 4TH DEGREE

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