



The Broadcast

**Fr. Jeremiah J. Reilly Council #6561
Knights of Columbus**



Chaplain's Message

My dear Brother Knights,

This month of December is usually consumed with the commercialism of Christmas and innumerable Christmas parties. There is no sense complaining about it because

it goes on with us or without us. There is something we can do about it though and that consists in paying attention to the Scripture messages permeating this Advent Season.

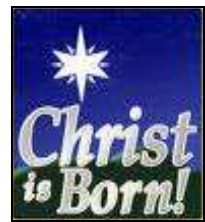
As men and Knights, one of the appealing characters in the Christmas scenario has to be Joseph, the focus of Matthew's Gospel. Joseph is painted as a man with a dilemma. He was all set to marry Mary, settle down and

start a family when he finds her pregnant. We know that he pondered this quietly, but an Angel appears as Joseph's world is collapsing. Joseph hears the message and faithfully complies with the Angel's message. In turn, Joseph becomes a powerful example of courage and trust.

As men, living in a tumultuous world, we need Joseph's example. And what's more, our world needs men who have heard the message and

live the example of Joseph while he stays open to the will, plan, of God. St. Matthew uses Joseph in his Gospel to demonstrate to struggling souls that God is with us (Emmanuel) and, what is even more special— God is with Me! Merry Christmas!!!

Fr. G



Turkey Shoot Hits The Mark

The annual Fr. Reilly Council Turkey Shoot took place on Nov. 13th without "Turkey" Tom Seery, PGK, for the first time in many years.

This year's competition took place under the leadership of Chancellor, Neil Franzese; Grand Knight, Mike Beil and Treasurer, Keith Eriksen.

The weather was beautiful for the approximately fifteen eager competitors who did their best Robin Hood impressions in hopes of winning a turkey. The competitors, this year, ranged in age from four years

old to eighty years old.

The morning began with prac-



tice sessions that let the archers warm up and find the range. When competition began, each competitor was able to shoot two five-arrow

rounds to score his or her highest point total.

When the dust settled, Clare Posillico was victorious in the under 12 years old category. Gabriella Franzese claimed honors in the 12—18 year old category. The over 18 years old category required a "tie breaker round." In the end though, the expert marksmanship of PGK Jerry Catalano prevailed. The winners each took home fine Butterball turkeys.

After the competition, everyone had a repast of hot dogs.

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The viability and health of a council can only be maintained by its members. The telltale signs of an ailing council can be easily recognized by the lack of its members attending meetings regularly and being unresponsive to requests to participate in the council's scheduled events which are the key to the council's ability to operate efficiently.

In the past month, we have had two meetings at which we failed to have a quorum, thus making it impossible for us to conduct council business. Without a quorum, and membership participation, the necessary council business can't proceed. The shared efforts of the few in attendance at meetings must be augmented by the combined effort

of the whole. Granted, family commitments must come first; however, we need to remember and to reconnect with the reasons why we joined the Knights in the first place. The holidays are fast approaching and family demands will abound, but we must also realize that our Fellow Knights are our family also and need some of our attention too. Please take the time to reflect and to come to an understanding of why I am forced to make this plea.

Our annual Memorial Mass was held on Nov. 5th and was celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Gallagher. Our seminarian, Brandon O'Brien assisted Fr. Gallagher as the altar server. After Mass, the Council presented Brandon with a check to help him purchase a new laptop computer. Fr. Gallagher's homily re

flected on the fact that the list of deceased members of the Council has grown quite long and the memory and impact of their achievements remain to this day. Our Installation of Officers also took place recently with our State Warden Sal Restivo in attendance who offered kind words about the wonderful work, past and present, that our Council has done. He urged the new officers and the whole Council to continue our great work. I was very disappointed by the extremely poor attendance by our Brother Knights at these important events.

Let's all resolve to participate more in the wonderful events and work of the Council.

*Mike Beil,
Grand Knight*

Suitcases Needed For Haiti Relief Effort

Sharon Eriksen will once again be returning to Haiti in January as part of the ongoing medical relief service for the people there.

Sharon and her team are looking for donations of "gently-used" suit



cases and duffle bags in which to transport medical and other supplies in support of their mission there. The suitcases and duffle bags can be brought to the Dec. 9 Business meeting or you can contact Sharon and Keith at (516) 623-9530.

Cell phones go public this month.

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS. To prevent these calls, call the "National Do Not Call Hotline" at 888-382-1222. You must call from the phone number you want blocked. This whole process takes 25-30 seconds to complete

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Brother Randy Shannon, Webmaster



Council Calendar For December 2010



Some important upcoming events:

- 12/9 Officers Mtg. 7 PM and Business Mtg. 8 PM
- 12/23 Holiday Social Mtg. 8 PM
- 1/25 Christmas Day
- 1/1/11 Solemnity of Mary & New Year's Day
- 1/13 Officers Mtg. 7 PM and Business Mtg. 8 PM
- 1/27 Social Mtg. 8 PM



2010 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$140 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 65 million hours of volunteer service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting or mail to me.

Number of visits you made during 2010

_____ Sick, caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals

_____ Bereaved, visits of condolence

_____ Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2009

Estimated hours of community volunteer related service

_____ Church activities, service in all church related activities

_____ Community Activities: services in community related activities.

_____ Youth Activities, service in all youth related activities

_____ Habitat for humanity, service in all related projects

_____ Miscellaneous Activities, service in areas not outlined above

_____ Number of hours of fraternal service: Sick/disabled members and their families, household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.

Please Return A.S.A.P. To: Financial Secretary: PGK, Walter Shorak, 2010 Bellmore Avenue, North Merrick, NY

Annual Dues: January 1st, 2011-December 31st, 2011

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Fourth Degree News

By SK Joe Kiefer

- There is no regular December meeting.
- The next Padre Pio Assembly meeting is scheduled for Jan. 26th at Memorare Council Seaford @8 PM
- ReillyCouncil in conjunction w/Padre Pio Assembly will hold its Christmas party on Sunday 12/5 at Memorare from 2 to 7 PM. You don't have to be a 4th Degree member to attend. Cost is \$37.50 per person. The cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be from 2-3 p.m. There is a choice of three entrees and a fully stocked ice cream bar for dessert. Call Joe Kiefer @ 868-8504 to reserve your seat at a Reilly Council table.
- Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled w/ many Blessing and Good Health.

SK. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary News



Hi Ladies,

There must be magic in the air! The pumpkins have turned into turkeys and some turkeys are becoming Santas. I even saw some snow flakes. Are the holidays here already? Chaos will reign supreme: Christmas cards, gift lists, holiday cookies, shopping! Where did I put all the Christmas decorations?

One Sunday, while listening to Fr. Joe's homily, I heard "Let go, let God" and suddenly I realized God gave us Advent-not for shopping or partying or turmoil-but to prepare for the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. When did my priorities take a wrong turn? By making God the central focus throughout this season, I know He will help and guide me. All I have to do is "Let go, let God."

As we enter this joyful season of

celebration, we, of course, will remember all of our loved ones, but there are so many in need—of clothing, food, shelter, medicine, etc. Please help them to the best of your ability. Pray for our nation, our military and their families. Let us also pray for each other—especially Barbara Y and her family. And don't forget our moment of silence with God. His words are always filled with wisdom and love.

Go with God,
Millie

Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 8p.m.
Teachers' Lounge
Hostesses: All of us—hors d'oeuvres or dessert.



First Degree Team Needs Members

Brothers are needed to serve on our Council's First Degree team for the roles of the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight and Warden. If interested, please contact Mike Beil, GK or John Didden, DGK.