

Hughes News



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~ Grand Knight's Message ~



Three Wise Men

Who were The Wise men that followed a Star to Jesus?

The bible does not go into great detail concerning this story. The Wise Men as mentioned in Matthew 2:1, were sent by King Herod to locate the Child, born King of the Jews, so that he could then visit and pay worship. There is no mention as to who they were, or how many of them were involved. However, these Magi were warned in a dream against returning to Herod, so, in defiance of the king, they traveled home by another route. So what we do know about the Wise men is that they were men who read and believed God's Word, they recognized the worth of Christ, they humbled themselves to worship Jesus, and they obeyed God rather than man. ~ They truly were wise men! ~ Perhaps we as Knights of Columbus should emulate these Magi.

In Our Catholic faith we know that Jesus was in fact truly born in Bethlehem. We understand what the Savior of the World did for us.

"We should remain forever grateful."

On another important note....I invite each of you to join us on January 24th for our Council's 110th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.



~ Merry Christmas ~

Tony Vesco
Grand Knight

Columbiettes President's Message December 09 -January 2010

Dear Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights

In the blink of an eye the holiday season is upon us. I hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving Day. This is a time of year we should contemplate how fortunate we are and be grateful for all that we have in our lives. We should remember to thank God for the simple things that we take for granted on a daily basis. Such things would include our families, our health, and the opportunity to have wonderful friends.

Over the last decade there have been many controversies concerning the Christmas season that stand out in our minds. Some examples that come to mind are retail stores not using the phrase Merry Christmas and opting to say Happy Holidays, Christmas trees around our country being called Holiday trees and even more outstanding is the idea that in many locations it may be taboo to display a Nativity scene depicting the Holy Family. Let's remember the "Reason for the Season" is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are strong reasons to stand tall in our Christian faith and continue to remain proud of our traditions so that we can continue to pass them on to our children and grandchildren.

On Thursday, November 12th, we had our Holiday extravaganza. Beautiful gifts were donated by family and friends. June Cummings did a great job wrapping all the gifts. Liz D'Ambrosia went shopping for the gifts with the help of Arelen Jablonski and Rosemarie Romano. I know I can always count on them. A donation will be made to "Make a Wish Foundation" with the proceeds from the event.

As Christmas and the year-end approach, we are called on to reach out to our families, friends, and sometime strangers to touch them with God's love and care. May our Blessed Mother be always at your side.

I would like at this time to wish my Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights, and their families A Blessed Christmas and a Healthy Prosperous New Year.

Please pray for our men & women who are in the armed forces. We hope that they will be reunited with there families soon

Dues for 2010 are now due. All dues must be in by March 31, 2010

Bless you all,

Phyllis Gucciardo, President

Archbishop John Hughes Council # 481
Officers for The Columbian Year of
2009-2010

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Grand Knight	Tony Vesco
Deputy GK	Camillo Casano
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Treasurer	Richard Pagnotta
Advocate	Jerry Campanella
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	John Adesso
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- 3rd Yr. Anthony Paino P.G.K

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- Richard Pagnotta
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Columbiette Officers
for the Columbian Year of 2009-2010



President	Phyllis Gucciardo
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Secretary	Louise Gucciardo
Financial Secretary	Mary Elizabeth DiLeo
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New Members please contact and in case of illness or death
contact Phyllis Gucciardo 718-837-4281



Hughes News Spotlight

The next time you enter the Council building, be sure to make note of the dedication plaque to the left of the main entrance. It was a dedication to our Council namesake Archbishop John Hughes and has been in place for approximately 30 years. Unfortunately over the years it had become tarnished and worn looking.

However, our Grand Knight would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to **Vinny Di Benedetto** for refinishing it.

He did an outstanding job!

Please take a moment to view it.

Congratulations to Chief Squire Nicholas Campanella for being awarded the Archbishop John Hughes Catholic High School Scholarship. We are proud to assist a young student in their Catholic education.

Congratulations to our Treasurer Richard Pagnotta and our Recording Secretary James Nania for being installed as District Wardens at the Kings County DW Installation mass & breakfast held on October 4th.

Special thank you to our Brother Knights that continue to be a part of our Degree team. We hosted First degrees on October 12th and November 9th. Sponsors are encouraged to invite escort all new members to our monthly Council meetings and up and coming events.

Our Grand Knight is proud to announce that our Council has once again received both **the Father McGivney award** and **the Columbian award** for the 2008-2009 Columbian year.

News and Events

Family Day Picnic



Our family day picnic, held on September 27th, was once again a great success. The weather put a damper on some of the annual activities, however all that attended enjoyed the day.

Special thank you to Anthony Paino PGK
and his team for a job well done.

Sausage and Pepper Night

Special Thanks to Jerry Albano and his team for a successful Sausage and Pepper night held on October 2nd. Sausages were donated by Lioni's on 15th avenue for the 2nd year in a row.

We are truly grateful.

Officer Installation

On October 1st, 2009 Our District Deputy Paul Farace PGK of Reverend Matthews Council installed our Council Officers along with his Installation team, which included the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies Robert Fox and four District Wardens.

The Ceremony was well done and Our Officers were smartly dressed in our Council Robes.

In attendance for the evening were our State Secretary Ken Latham and The Chairman of the Kings County Conference Tom Scalise.

(Special Thanks to Danny Morgan and his wife for steaming and preparing our robes.

Our Lady of The Rosary Night

Special Thanks Monsignor Caserta and Father Joseph Gancilla and to all of our Council family that attended the October 7th **Our Lady of The Rosary** Prayer Night at St. Bernadette's Parish. As usual, St. Bernadette's parish extended to us their warm hospitality. We must also thank the Kings Chorus for entertaining us afterwards in the Terrace Lounge.

Comedy Night

Thanks to our Deputy Grand Knight Camillo Casano and his team for a successful evening on Friday the 13th of November. The entertainment on comedy night was clean and all who attended enjoyed themselves.

Long Island Assembly 4th Degree Color Corp

We send out a special thank you to our Color Corp for attending our Rosary night at St. Bernadette's. Their presence always makes a strong statement to our community that the Knights are still alive and active. We should proud to announce that there are presently three of our Council members in the Color Corp - Gianvito Battallico, James Nania and Rich Pagnotta.

If there is anyone that might have interest in joining the visible arm of the order, please see one the above members, or our Grand Knight.

Reaching Out Walk-a-thon – Walk for Hunger

Congratulations to The Reaching Out Community Service Center on a successful Walk-a-thon that was held on Saturday October 3rd in our Council parking lot. There were a good number of walkers and supporters for the first year of the event.

The executive director, Brother Knight Tom Neve given a nice surprise when Mayor Bloomberg awarded the Center with a proclamation officially naming **October 3rd, 2009 - Reaching Out Community Service Day.**

Night at the Races

On October 16th our Council held its first Night at the Races and special thanks goes out to Larry Paduano, Frank Marzigliano and their team for a successful event. The Roast beef was excellent and the horse races were fun. We are hoping to plan another event in the near future.

The Guild for Exceptional Children 51st Annual Dinner

On October 23rd Archbishop John Hughes Council was honored by the Guild for Exceptional Children for our years of service to the Guild. Aside from the award from Guild, we were given Proclamations from several of our local politicians.

Please stop by our Council show case to view them.



Annual Memorial Mass

Our Grand Knight would like to extend a special thank you to Monsignor Romano for celebrating our annual Memorial Mass on Tuesday November 3rd.

Having been our Chaplain for many years now, Monsignor Romano has a special relationship with our Council, which allows him to offer a Memorial Mass with a personal touch.

Thank you to all of our Council family that attended.

Long Island Chapter

On October 26th The Chapter held a meeting at Archbishop John Hughes Council. There was a vote conducted to decide this years Charity. The decision was made to move forward once again with **Faith in the Future** which is an organization that assists young students with tuition in order to attend Catholic High School. It certainly is a worthy cause.

Tablet Contests

Archbishop John Hughes Council & The Tablet are presently co-sponsoring two contests.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest for 8-14 yr olds – Deadline 12/18

And a **Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest** for High School Students. - Deadline 12/11.

Consider asking your children to enter the contest. It would be great to have one of our own Council family involved.

The Awards Ceremony is to be announced.

Up and Coming Events

Archbishop John Hughes Council

On January 27, 1900 a new Council charter was granted by the Supreme body of the Knights of Columbus to be named after the first Archbishop of New York, the Reverend John Hughes.

Council meetings began to be held at Odd Fellows Hall on the corner of Benson Ave. and 18th Ave.

In 1929 the Council sold their building and moved their meetings to the old Dyker Heights Club, eventually purchasing the building. This building on the corner of 13th Ave. and 86th Street (Father McGivney Way) has proven to be an admirable home for John Hughes Council which in this Columbian year will celebrate its 110th anniversary.



110th Anniversary Communion Brunch

In celebration of **Archbishop John Hughes Council's 110th anniversary** our Grand Knight Tony Vesco is inviting all of you to attend Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on **January 24th** which will be celebrated by our **Chaplain Monsignor Robert Romano** at 10:30am to be followed by a Brunch in the OLG school hall.

Important - Tickets will soon be available

in order to obtain a head count at just

1 Dollar and 10 cents. (110th Anniversary)

Please contact our house office and or attend our December Council meeting on the 3rd.

***** Knights, Columbiettes, Squires and your Families *****

~YOU ARE INVITED ~



Council Christmas Party

Our Council Christmas party will be held on **Saturday December 12th**. Tickets are on sale for members in our house office at \$20.00 each. Dinner, Dancing and Cocktails! Join us to start off the Christmas Season.

New Years Eve

Our Council will host the annual New Year's Eve party. For details contact our house office or a Council officer. Or attend our Council meeting on January 7th.



Venison Roast Dinner



We will be hosting our annual Venison dinner on
Wednesday **January 6th**.

The menu for the evening will be Venison prepared in a plethora of ways as well as a few other game dishes. Tickets will soon be available in our house office at \$15.00

Knights Degrees

Our Council will be hosting another 1st degree and also a 2nd degree in January.

The date is temporarily set for Jan. 11th. Please inquire at our December meeting.

All Knights are invited to attend in order to support new members.

We will also be hosting a 3rd degree to be held on January 21st.

Super Bowl Family Day



On **February 7th** our Council will hold it's annual Super bowl family day.

The menu will once again include Kosher Deli.

Tickets will soon be on sale at \$20.00 each.

New York State Council



PRO-LIFE MASS - ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



On Sunday, January 17, 2010, the New York State Council will hold it's annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Our Council will once again participate in the Mass.

All brother Knights, sister Columbiettes and Squires are invited to attend. Those wishing to attend are urged to call Anthony Palazzolo, P.G.K., at 845-360-5239 as soon as possible.

There will be a bus leaving from our Council at 9:00 A.M. sharp. Seats are limited. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. All those going to St. Patrick's Cathedral are requested to be at the Council no later than 8:30 AM. Buns & coffee will be served prior to departure. We will return to the Council immediately after the 10:15 A.M. Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

"I don't need Life Insurance"

Is that your answer when you are asked to buy life insurance?

You say you don't need life insurance, but what about your family?

There has to be food on the table every day. Your loved ones must have clothing to stay warm and healthy. The one thing they need the most is income. You supply all these things (and more) for them now.

If something were to happen to you would the money go with you?

With Life Insurance your family's well-being is taken care of. You say you don't need life insurance, but your family does.

Call me today and let's talk about life insurance for your family.

Michael Danza

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From our Church Director – Steve Bilardi

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

We seldom admit that we have made mistakes, were weak or made poor judgments. We must admit that we are all sinners.

It is too risky not to do so.

It does not mean that we are bad people because we are sinners. It merely means that we have not followed Jesus in the way that need to.

We need grace, forgiveness and inspiration to be a strong follower of the one who saves sinners.

At this time of year I encourage all to say, Jesus, don't forget that we are sinners. Thanks for being our Savior.



The Cause for Canonization for Father Michael J. McGivney, (1882 – 1890).

There is good news to report on the horizon for the Venerable Father McGivney. New evidence has been into a reported miracle from Father McGivney's intercessions. A reported medical miracle, one of healing from terminal illness, has been under investigation since 2002. The reported results have been collected and the documents referred to as "the Acts", were sealed in the presence of approximately 50 witnesses and sent to the Vatican on September 22nd. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated that the process is now on a higher priority track.

Let us pray for a positive response so that Father McGivney will soon become the first American born Priest to achieve sainthood.

Consider joining the Father McGivney Guild to receive a bi-monthly newsletter and receive the latest news. Email: Guild@KofC.org

Sick Brothers and Sisters



Columbiette's –

-Anita Orlando

Knights –

- Joseph DiGrazia's Wife

- Dave Maresco's Wife (The houseman)

“Our prayers for a Quick and Speedy Recovery”

Special prayer requests for our Deceased

Mrs. Mildred Senzamici

Columbiette Lucille Di Salvo

Council Events



- 1st Annual Tree Lighting 7:00pm
- 3rd Council Meeting
- 6th Council Children's Christmas Party **December 2009**
- 9th Columbiette Meeting
- 10th Board of Directors
- 12th Council Adult Christmas Party
- 16th Board of Directors
- 21st District Meeting @ Christopher Council
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Soup Kitchen – (Please contact Council to confirm)
- 31st New Years Eve Party

- 1st New Years Day
- 6th Venison Roast Dinner
- 7th Council Meeting **January 2010**
- 11th Degree Night @ John Hughes
- 13th Columbiette Meeting
- 14th Board of Directors
- 17th Pro-Life Mass @ St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 18th District meeting @ John Hughes Council
- 21st Third Degree @ John Hughes Council
- 24th **110th Anniversary Communion Brunch @ Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 27th LI Assembly 4th Degree meeting @ John Hughes Council
- 31st LI Conference Delegate meeting @ Baron DeKalb

Fraternal Night

Each Monday night the Terrace Lounge is open for Brother Knights to gather for a beverage, play some cards or darts and perhaps enjoy some Monday night Football.

For Entries into our February and March newsletter
Contact the Hughes News Editor: Tony Vesco G.K.
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The Birth of Jesus



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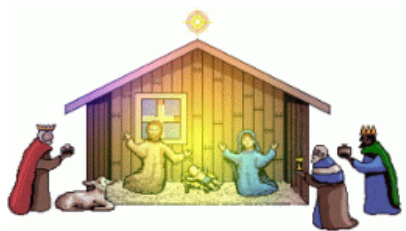


Joseph	wrapped	shepherds	afraid
Mary	clothes	watch	sign
Bethlehem	manger	flocks	glory
baby	room	angel	peace
born	inn	appeared	earth

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Merry Christmas