

Hughes News



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~ Grand Knight's Message ~



Happy Anniversary Archbishop John Hughes Council **“110 Years of Service” January 27th, 1900 - 2010**

We must move forward with every ambition that will enable us to remain strong in unity and with perseverance so that our Council will flourish and prosper for many years to come. I would like to thank all of you that attended our anniversary communion brunch on January 24th. We were warmly welcomed by Monsignor Romano and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. I look forward to reporting more to you about the event in issue number 17.

Special thanks to Past Grand Knights Luigi Marano and Anthony Palazzolo for their wonderful words during our brunch. And to the Color Corp for their presence at Mass adding a dimension to our Council of which the Parish of OLG will not soon forget.

In building our future we must continue to make every attempt to keep our Brothers interested by developing new and exciting events on a regular basis. We also need to recruit new quality members of all ages that will offer different talents and ideas in order to keep Archbishop John Hughes at the top of our game. I would like to encourage all Brother Knights to become active in both our Charitable and Fraternal activities. Please start by coming to meetings.

In the interest of Volunteerism as we enter into the season of Lent, remember that Charity can be accomplished by donating your time. Although we are in need of assistance with funding for the program, you can still help our Help the Needy program by volunteering your time. Please read the article on page 8.

God Bless all in our Council Family,



Tony Vesco
Grand Knight

Dear Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights,

To all My Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights I would like to extend my best wishes for a healthy, prosperous and blessed New Year to all my Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights. The Columbiettes Christmas party was a wonderful event. Many thanks to our sisters Columbiettes Arlene Jablonski & Rosemary Romano. A great time was had by all.

On **Wednesday March 10th**, 2010 The Columbiettes would like to invite everyone to our **Night of Recollection** being held at the council, March 10, at 7:30 PM. This is an open social. Join us for a special night of prayer as we reflect on our Lenten journey and prepare for our Lord's Resurrection on Easter. Confessions will be offered. This is a free event, although we will ask you to make a good offering to present to the priest. Coffee and cake will be served.

We look forward to our May Crowning where we will honor Margaret Konecney, our Past President, who is celebrating 62 years as a Sister Columbiette. Please read further into this issue of the Hughes News for all details.

I would like at this time to wish my Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights, and their families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

Please pray for our men & women who are in the armed forces.

We hope that they will be reunited with there families soon

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

Sincerely,
Phyllis Gucciardo
President

Archbishop John Hughes Council # 481
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2009-2010

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Delegates to L.I. Chapter

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for the Columbian Year of 2009-2010



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New Members please contact and in case of illness or death
contact Phyllis Gucciardo 718-837-4281



Hughes News Spotlight

Special Thank you to Anthony Paino PGK,
and his committee's for chairing both the Children's
Christmas Party and The New Years Eve Party.

**Anthony has been our Family director for a number of years
and has certainly made a difference in keeping many of our
Council traditions alive and flourishing.**

Our Children's Christmas party is growing in numbers with each year
and the New Year's Eve party was enjoyed by many of our Council
families.

**Brother Knights - "Dues notices have been sent out, please remit
payment ASAP".**

Dues will include the \$2.00 Dollar Supreme Council assessment fee for
the Culture of Life Fund, which was decreased one dollar since last
year. Thank you

Degree's

Special thank you to our membership director Frank Marzigliano, our admission committee and all Brother Knights that continue to work with our Degree team.

We hosted a First and Second degree on January 11th.

District Deputy Paul Farace was in attendance to conduct the Second degree. Our Grand Knight would also like to thank Joe Ingrate, Mike Signorile and Frank Marzigliano for preparing the collation that was held afterwards.

Sponsors are encouraged to escort all new members to our monthly Council meetings.

Special thanks to the Kings County 3rd Degree team for the outstanding exemplification done on January 21st at our Council.

News and Events

Every Child Brings Us God's Smile

- Pope Benedict XVI



Congratulations to Brother Knight **Thomas Fascianella Jr. and his wife Athina** for becoming new parents. “We welcome **Baby Joseph Thomas** to our Council Family”. Let us also include the happy **Grand Parents Tom Fascianella Sr. PGK and his wife Annemarie.**

Congratulations to Brother Knight **Robert Napoli and his wife Roseanne** for becoming new parents. “We welcome **Baby Isabella** to our Council family”. Let us include the happy **Grand parents, Frank and Mabel Marzigliano.**

Annual Tree Lighting – Tuesday Dec. 1st

Those that attended our annual tree lighting celebration were dazzled once again by the St. Bernadette Children's Choir. The children sang their hearts out for us and we will once again remain grateful to Sr. Joan and her team. The night's entertainment also included The Kings Chorus while all enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies and hot apple cider. Special thanks to Monsignor Romano for his wonderful Tree lighting blessing.

Long Island Chapter

December 4th marked the kick off for the Long Island Chapter Charity Drive. This year's fundraiser will benefit "**Faith in the Future**", which is an organization that assists young students with tuition in order to attend Catholic School. It certainly is a worthy cause.

Chance books are available in our Council at \$10 per book.

The annual Dinner Dance will be held on May 22nd at Ricardo's in Astoria Queens.

Please consider advertising your business in the Long Island Chapter Charity Drive Journal book.

For information please contact our Grand Knight.

Council Christmas Party

Special Thanks to Augie Iallonardo and Vinny Gentile, who were the Co-Chairmen of the December 12th Council Christmas party. As usual our house staff of waitresses and bartenders were wonderful.

The party was kicked off by a blessing from our Chaplain Monsignor Romano, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our Grand Knight recognized the following Brothers for outstanding work in both Charity and Fraternal activities: Mike Signorelli, Walter Cantoni, Larry Paduano, Danny Morgan, Peter Idone and Gianvito Bottalico

Venison Night

On Jan. 6th our Council hosted the annual Venison Roast Night. The New Ballroom was full the max. The food was plentiful and every one left with complete satisfaction.

Special thanks to Erwin Heinrich for his donations, along with C & C Caterers, Remini bakery and our house committee and staff for their hard work to make the event successful.



New York State Council – Pro Life Mass Jan. 17th, 2010

His Excellence Timothy Dolan celebrated mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and spoke of his grief over the ongoing tragedy in Haiti. Collections were taken during Mass for this cause.

He also spoke of the importance in the Culture of Life.

Lecturers at the Mass included **New York State Deputy Arthur Harris** and **New York State Columbiette President Donna Byron**.

Special thanks to Brother Anthony Palazzolo for his hard work in an attempt to arrange for a bus to leave from our Council. The morning started off smoothly with attendee's gathering in the Terrace Lounge for coffee and donuts. However there was a problem with the bus due to a miscommunication that had occurred between the bus company and the driver. (*There are some things that occur in life that remain out of our control.*) Many were able to attend the Mass by other means of transportation.

Heartfelt apologies to those that may have been inconvenienced.

The National Federation of Italian American Society

Will honor two of our Brother Knights. **Our Deputy Grand Knight Camillo Casano and Board of Director Nick Miraglia** will receive The Knight Award (no affiliation) at the annual Valentines' Dinner party to be held at JT Restaurant 9703 – 3rd Ave, Brooklyn NY on **February 12th** at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 Please contact Arnaldo at (718) 259-4700

*A wonderful example of Charitable work & Volunteerism from
Archbishop John Hughes Council*

The Help the Needy program

The Help the Needy program is the embodiment of the first and foremost principle of our order. It was established by Archbishop John Hughes Council to assist the less fortunate individuals and families in our own community.

Through the leadership of the programs Chairman, Brother Knight John Adesso, the program has developed relationships with multiple organizations in our community such as neighborhood churches, non-for profit organizations, stores and schools. Brother Knights collect food and clothing contributions on a weekly basis. Businesses such as Pathmark and Dinetto's which are both in Dyker Heights, donate dry goods, bread and food to the program. Neighborhood dry cleaners donate clothing that is left behind by their patrons. A local factory donates baby outfits. Bishop Kearney High School holds clothing drives for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and St. Bernadette Parish manage canned food and clothing drives throughout the year. And residents in our surrounding area donate articles almost daily such as clothing, blankets, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, strollers, playpens, cribs diapers and toys.

Once collected, these items are distributed to multiple organizations in need in the Brooklyn N.Y. area, such as: Catholic Charities Head Start Program, Madeleine Jones and the Coney Island Child Care Center, Life Center of New York in Bay Ridge, St. John's Bread of Life, The Zion Church of Bay Ridge, The Reaching-Out community service food pantry, Our Lady of Angels Community program, Virginia House, Mercy first Foster Care, Salt and Sea Mission, the Coney Island Gospel Assembly, the Bay View Manor and the Holy Family Nursing home.

As a tradition since 2002 as part of our Feed the Needy program our Council members have volunteered at local soup kitchens, donating feasts at each Catholic holiday and Thanksgiving.

This past December the Help the Needy Program worked with the 68th Precinct and collected 1,000 Christmas presents and Children's books that were donated to Mercy First Foster Care, Reaching-Out Community Services and the Catholic Charities Head start program.

Our Council has been very proud of the work that is done by the Help the Needy Program. Through its word of mouth advertisement, the program is growing. In fact, multiple Social Workers and out of state hospitals have contacted John Adesso asking for assistance.

As the program becomes more and more known throughout the community, the need for more volunteers and funding becomes greater. However, in the words of the program Chairman, "*The few challenges that develop are nothing compared to the rewards of providing Charity to others*".

If you would like to donate or volunteer with our program please contact John Adesso at (718) 614-2689. Clothing or toys can be dropped off at the Council. For larger donations such as furniture please contact John Adesso for arrangements. The program is also in need of monetary contributions in order to carry out it's work, which usually takes place twice a week.

Special thanks To John Adesso and to the Knights that are presently working to carry out this charitable work.

Up and Coming Events

Awards Night – “Youth Art Contests”

Prior to our council meeting on Feb 4th

“Archbishop John Hughes Council

Teams up with the Tablet.”

This year Archbishop John Hughes Council teamed up with The Tablet to conduct both a Keep Christ in Christmas Art contest and also a Substance Abuse Art Contest.

Both contests were extremely successful with over 100 entries for the Keep Christ in Christmas contest and approximately 290 entries to the Substance and alcohol abuse contest.

All Brother Knights are urged to arrive early on meeting night February 4th for a 7:30 pm award ceremony.

The winners will receive a gift from the members of Archbishop John Hughes Council and the winners of the Substance abuse and Alcohol abuse contest will also be advanced into the Knights of Columbus annual contest.

Super Bowl Family Day – February 7th



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

This event has been highly successful over the years and once again will include a penny auction and raffles at half time.

The menu will once again include Kosher Deli.

Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Guild Valentines Dance – February 13th



Bother knights – Please join us at our annual Guild for the Exceptional Valentines Day Dance on Feb. 13th from 11am –3pm. As usual it will prove to be a rewarding experience for us all. All Volunteers are welcome!

Columbiettes Night of Recollection – Wednesday March 10th

The Columbiettes would like to invite everyone to our Night of Recollection being held at the council, March 10, at 7:30 PM. This is an open social. Join us for a special night of prayer as we reflect on our Lenten journey and prepare for our Lord's Resurrection on Easter. **Confessions will be offered.** This is a free event, although we will ask you to make a good offering to present to the priest. Coffee and cake will be served.

St. Joseph's Day – March 19th.



The feast of St. Joseph's Day came about in medieval Sicily. During a bad drought and famine, Sicilians prayed to St. Joseph, who was the patron of workers and the guardian of family and the famine ended.

“Give thanks and help those less fortunate”.

Enjoy the Sfinge - otherwise known as Zeppole or cream puff

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Pat's & St Joe's Night – March 13th

On Saturday March 13th our Council will host the St. Pat/St. Joes dance. Mr. Joseph Ingrate has chaired this event for many years and has managed to keep it extremely successful.

Entertainment for the evening is still in the process of finalization, however Joe has hinted that there may be a singer and also a comedian.



Joseph Ingrate

Please inquire at our House office for information as the date draws near. **Tickets will be \$45 per person which will include traditional Irish fare, Italian dishes, Beer Wine, Soda, Coffee and Desert.**

This event tends to sell out quickly. Purchase tickets as soon as they are available.

Day of the Unborn Child – Thursday March 25th

The Knights of Columbus has been a leader in the pro-life movement for over 30 years. The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child will be on March 25, which is also the feast of the Annunciation this year. Please join our Council family as we get together and pray at **7:30 pm** on our Council lawn before the Tombstone of the Unborn Child to show our commitment to unborn children and their mothers.



We will be collecting gifts for newborn children and their mothers and will donate them to the Right to Life Center of New York. (Please be generous in your gift giving!)

Gifts will be accepted at our Council at any time if for some reason you are unable to attend.

Used Cribs and car seats will also be accepted.

COUNCIL BYLAWS – *Our GK has been discussing updating our Council Bylaws. This notice is to inform all members that at our **March 4th meeting** there will be a vote to update our Bylaws as per the guidelines of the Supreme Council Advocate. Please be in attendance.*

Sunday, May 2, 2010

The Columbiette's Annual May Crowning and Communion Breakfast

The Columbiettes will be hosting their Annual May Crowning and Communion breakfast on Sunday May 2, 2010. **All are welcome!**

We will gather at St. Bernadette's Church, located on 13th Avenue between 82nd and 83rd streets for the 9:30 am Mass. Following Mass we will meet at the Council for the Crowning of our Blessed Mother. We will then proceed to the Grand Ballroom for our hot buffet breakfast.

The Cost for this event is \$14.00 dollars. Please make every effort to attend. **You may contact Arlene Jablonski at (718) 680-3826 or Phyllis Gucciardo at (718) 837-4281.**

This is a special event. We will be honoring Margaret Konecney, our Past President, who is celebrating 62 years as a Sister Columbiette. Margaret has been an inspiration to us all throughout the years and is it is only fitting that we commemorate her loyalty to the Columbiette's.

Supreme Council / The New York State Council

A message from State Deputy Art Harris,

In an effort to aid the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of a 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has sent a contribution of \$50,000.00 dollars to Catholic Relief Services and they are asking that state and local Councils make their contributions and send their support to the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised.

Donations by individual Knights can be made to the State office in Douglaston, NY. Checks should be made out to New York State Charities, Inc. and mailed to 40-27 – 235th St., Douglaston, NY 11363. Please write **“Haiti Earthquake Relief”** on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be forwarded to the Supreme office and used to provide assistance wherever it is needed most.

For Entries into our April and May newsletter
Contact the Hughes News Editor: Tony Vesco G.K.
Email: Gkcouncil481@aol.com or contact the House office

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

It is that time of year again!

A time to tell your valentine just how much you really love her.

What are you going to get her this year?

Flowers?

Some candy and a card?

Why don't you get her something that truly shows what she means to you? We are talking about life insurance.

Give her the greatest gift of all. The financial security that she will need when you are no longer here. Sure, flowers are pretty and smell nice but there is nothing left when they die. Candy is great but once Valentine's Day is over it, too, is gone. What is left when you're gone?

Call me for an appointment, so that we can make sure there is something left for her.

Michael Danza

K of C Insurance Agent for Archbishop John Hughes Council
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You Can Go To Heaven

You can go to heaven without wealth, without fame, without learning, without beauty, without friends, without religion and without at least ten thousand other things.



But you can never get to heaven without Christ!

Christ died for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, But by Me" (John 14:6).

So just as we keep Christ in Christmas, we must do it all year through, so that we can all go to Heaven.

Submitted by our Church Director Steve Bilardi



Founders Day – March 29th, 2010

In 1882 The Knights of Columbus began in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven Connecticut. This year Founders Day will mark the 128th anniversary of our Order.

On Monday March 29th we will hold a 1st degree and celebrate Father McGivney's dream. On this occasion our Council will honor our Chaplain Monsignor Robert Romano for the many years of service to Archbishop John Hughes Council # 481.

Our Grand Knight is asking that all Brother Knights make every attempt to find a quality Catholic Gentlemen that would benefit from our Order.

If any one knows of a potential candidate for a first degree please contact our membership director, Financial Secretary or our Grand Knight.

Sick Brothers and Sisters



Columbiette's – Mary Juliano
- Anita Orlando

Knights –
- Joseph DiGrazia's Wife Carol

“Our prayers for a Quick and Speedy Recovery”

Special prayer requests for our Deceased

Knights - John Pittaro - 3rd Degree Brother

Columbiettes – Helen Musillo, Ann Tennaro,
and John Vaccaro – Father of Sister Columbette Regina Vaccaro.

~ 110 Years of Charitable and Fraternal Service ~

Council Events



- 4th Council Meeting
- 4th **Awards Night for Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse Contests 7pm**
- 7th **Super Bowl Family Day**
- 8th Long Island Chapter Charity Drive Meeting @ John Hughes
- 10th Columbiette Meeting **February 2010**
- 11th Board of Directors Meeting
- 13th **Guild for Exceptional Children Valentines Day Dance**
- 16th Presidents Day
- 17th Ash Wednesday
- 22nd Parade Meeting
- 22nd Community Board 10 Meeting
- 24th **Columbiette Night of Recollection**
- 24th Long Island Assembly 4th Degree Meeting @ Columbus Council

- 4th Council Meeting
- 10th Columbiette Meeting **March 2010**
- 11th Board of Directors Meeting
- 13th **St. Joseph/St. Patrick's Dance**
- 14th Day Light Savings Time
- 15th Parade Meeting
- 15th District Meeting @ Regina Council
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 19th St. Joseph's Day
- 24th Long Island Assembly 4th Degree Meeting @ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 25th **Day of the Unborn Child – Prayer Night and Baby gift drive**
- 28th Palm Sunday
- 29th **Founders Day (Father McGivney) – (1st Degree @ John Hughes Council to honor our Chaplain Monsignor Robert Romano)**

Fraternal Night

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

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RESPECT LIFE!

