



The White Way
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Teaneck & Bogota, New Jersey

Grand Knight's Message

I would first of all, like to introduce myself to all of the members of the council that might not know that I am the new Grand Knight. After much thought and consideration, I decided to run for the position and try to make some new changes which I hope will benefit our council. Before I talk about these changes, I would like to thank PGK Joseph Kelly for all of his effort as Grand Knight during his fourth term.

I know that many people feel that "change" is something abstract. Many people use this word but seldom do we see any results. With the help of our council officers as well as many of our new and older members we have started the transition for "change" at our council.

One of the first things we were able to accomplish was recruitment. Our council has already gained 19 new members, two transfers and one reinstatement this Columbian Year. We have actively participated in every 1st Degree in the Bergen County area. If we are to have a vibrant and active council we cannot depend on the same people to do everything. We have targeted a younger group of members, which will be able to learn from our elder knights and continue the name and existence of our council into the future. In September of this year, we held a recruitment drive at St. Joseph's Church in Bogota and at St. Anastasia Church in Teaneck. We have been successful in recruiting members from both parishes.

During the past six months, we have been to work together to improve Chief Justice White Council #2586. During PGK Joseph Kelly's term of office, he committed our council to hosting a 2nd Degree. An effort was put out and the second floor meeting room was cleaned out and prepared as a holding area for Brother Knights waiting for their degree. The council hall was also redone; the walls were washed with Murphy's Oil Soap, the pictures on the walls were cleaned and appropriately placed, drapery partitions were placed in front of the hall to shield the stored equipment, and the floor was redone to remove old marks and scratches. The hall now has a new fresher look, which was visibly noticed when we hosted the 2nd Degree on October 18th.

When you are available, I invite you to attend a meeting. The meetings are now on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and start promptly at 8:00 PM. The first meeting of the month, is our business meeting. At these meeting we will go over all financial reports, pay bills, have reports of officers and discuss old and new business. These meeting will usually last approximately 45 to 60 minutes. The second meeting of the month is our social meeting. We will go over the balances of the accounts, pay any urgent bills, quickly discuss any important issues and then end this part of the meeting. The second part of this meeting will host a speaker. During this part of the meeting, family and guests are invited to attend. This year at our social meetings, speakers have spoken about alternative sources of utilities and we have also had the Bergen County Surrogate Judge Michael Dressler speak to us on the "planning of your life". After all meetings, refreshments are served. As an incentive to attend our meetings, we have replaced the regular 50/50 attendance drawing and now have a raffle with Restaurant.com \$25.00 certificates. The raffle is \$2.00 per person and this money is used to defray the cost of the refreshments served at the meetings. The certificates can be redeemed at many local restaurants in Bergen County and throughout most of the country. The winner of these certificates simply goes to restaurant.com website, selects the area that he would like to dine, then goes to the restaurant, enjoys his meal and redeems the certificate at the time he pays the bill.

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Our council has become involved in several new charitable ventures. We are sponsoring a Carmelite Brother studying at Brandsma Priory, a Carmelite Novitiate in Middletown, NY, on his journey to become a Carmelite Priest. We are taking an active part in supporting our parishes at the homeless shelter at St. Anastasia Church. We have helped families who were in need after the unfortunate flooding from Hurricane Irene. Chief Justice White Council has also taken an active part in bringing the Catholic Mass to veterans that are in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus, NJ.

Chief Justice White Council is blessed to now have three active Chaplains, Fr. William O'Malley, from St. Anastasia, Fr. Ray Filipski from St. John's in Bergenfield, and Fr. Richard Supple from St. Joseph's in Bogota. Our chaplains are very active at our meetings and support us during council and charitable events. The installation of officers on Sunday, September 4th began with a mass at St. Joseph's Church, presided by Fr. Richard Supple, Fr. William O'Malley and Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Regan. The service was beautiful and the installation set a tone for the good works that will be accomplished by our council during the upcoming year. On Saturday, November 26th, Fr. William O'Malley along with our DGK Deacon Kevin Regan celebrated the catholic mass at the veteran's home. There were eleven Knights from our council that assisted with the veterans attending this service. Every Knight that volunteered stated afterwards, that it was a worthwhile and moving experience and that they would be volunteering for this charitable act in the future.

The Social Meeting for December was moved from Thursday, December 22nd to Friday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be our Council Christmas Party. All members are invited to bring their wives or girlfriends (yes we do have younger members who have girlfriends and not wives) to the Royal Knights Room to enjoy some socializing. There will be light snacks served at this party the second drink of the night is free. We are asking that every Knight attending supply us with their email address for our database.

To go along with the changes that we have already made, the Council has started a new website. In the future, all Chief Justice White Council information will be posted on the website. Our website, which was constructed by Richard Castelluccio with assistance from Jorge Nunez, will contain information on our history, fundraising, council events, meeting schedules, hall rental information, insurance information, sick notifications, death notices and much more. Our website will supply all of the information that our membership would like to know. Please go to our website: www.teaneckknights.org or www.bogotaknights.org and review it. If you have any suggestions or comments, please go to the "Contact Us" tab, fill out the small form and let us know what you think. This is a continuing work in progress and it will benefit all of our members.

On behalf of all of the Council Officers, the Columbian Club and myself, I wish you and your families, a very happy, safe and blessed Merry Christmas. I hope that your New Year will be full of good fortune and that we will all be here next year to celebrate together once again.



Warren Hodges
Grand Knight

Please remember to us it is not just a happy holiday, it is Merry Christmas. We are the ones that should not let others forget this.

Our Council Website

www.bogotaknights.org

or

www.teaneckknights.org

Our council has entered into a new era. We are looking to get information out fast and accurately to our members. Whether it is a cry for help or notification of a birth, communication takes at least two people to be successful, a sender and a receiver. Our newest venture will allow that to be accomplished. By creating a website we will be able to deliver quickly the information that you may need to know. This is a partial list of information you can look forward to finding on our website.

- Death Notifications
- Sick or Distressed Notices
- Council Functions
- Fundraisers
- Charitable Events
- Royal Knights Room information
- Newsletters
- Hall Rental Information
- Photo Gallery
- Membership/Degree Information
- Important Contact Information

To be successful, we need you to help us. When returning your dues statement, please include your email address. Be assured that we respect our Brother's privacy, this list will never be shared with others and you will only receive information from our council. The emails you receive will most likely refer you to the website for the new newsletter or other council information. We seriously feel that confident that by using this new system everyone will be able to receive information quickly and accurately, especially when we have to notify our membership concerning a death notification.

For those of you that are into social networking, through our website you will be able to "Like Us on Facebook" or "Follow Us on Twitter".

Request for Help – History of Chief Justice White Council

This year as Grand Knight, I have attended numerous meetings at the county, diocesan and state level. I cannot tell you how many times other Knights have come up to me and said it is great to see Chief Justice White Council active again. They have related short stories concerning things that our council has run or trends that our council has started. As I mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we recently visited the Paramus Veterans Home. Bob Dondero, the Knights of Columbus representative, told me how happy he was that Chief Justice White Council was again participating in this activity. He told me about how our council was one of the founders of bringing the Catholic Mass to the home. I was then shown a crucifix which still sits on their altar during mass. This crucifix is in beautiful condition and was actually carved out by one of our members. It was a gift from this Knight to the veteran's home so that the Catholic Mass could be celebrated every Saturday morning and on religious holydays. I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am, to be a member of this council. Hearing stories such as this and witnessing the acts of kindness that this council has shown in the past and continues to show is heartwarming. There are other historical events and stories that only our older members can recount to us. I am asking anyone who can relate any part of our Chief Justice White history to write it down either on paper and send it to me or email them to me so we can record our history. If you send me a story, I will document it appropriately either on our website or in some other record keeping manner so our history is not lost. These stories are invaluable to our future. Please do not let these stories fade away.

Membership

As we all know, membership is the key to success of any organization. When I first joined the Knights of Columbus, I was a member of Trinity Council #747 in Hackensack. I was a young man at the time back in 1976 and the older Knights did not let the younger Knights get involved. Trinity Council was a very active council but they did not want to change things. The same people ran the same fundraisers and social events every year. They did not look for new membership and if my father was not already a member of the council, I probably would have never been recruited. We all know what happened to Trinity Council. The greater part of their membership either passed away or moved down to Florida or some other warm area. Then the Council building was sold and now the few members they have meet in a school basement. We are very fortunate to have the facility that we have in Teaneck. Our members have not only kept our building in great condition but improvements are made to it every year. There is tremendous history in our council but we need to keep it alive. We cannot only depend on a handful of members to do everything. We need new members to share the load. We also need these members to take us into the future. I am asking everyone to help our council. Everyone knows someone who would like to become a Knight. We have sons, son in laws, grandsons, nephews, neighbors, work associates or friends that are Catholic men that have never been asked to join the Knights of Columbus. Many people will say they do not have time but let's look at ourselves. When was the last time you were forced to do something at the Knights? To be honest no one is forced to do anything.

If you know of a Catholic gentleman who has the values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in their heart, then speak to them about becoming a Knight. Our council is what WE make it. If you cannot attend meetings or get involved as much as you would like. Then maybe you could speak to someone who would like to join and become active "at their pace".

New Members

- John Albert
- Charles Antinori
- Steven Andrezza
- Kevin Brennan
- Ronald Berthoumieux
- Raul Caceres
- Joe Carnevale
- Steve Castelluccio
- Sal DeVenio
- Walter "Andy" Haase
- Patrick Haase
- Thomas Healy
- Chris Kurschner
- Phil Lavigne
- Michael St. James
- Michael Strzelczyk
- Mike Timpone
- Luis Torres Jr.
- Mark Trahan

Transferred In

- Mike Brophy
- Michael Palladino