

# THE COUNCIL COMPASS

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MIDDLESEX COUNCIL #857

January & February 2010

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**DECEMBER HAS BEEN A FUN AND PRODUCTIVE MONTH. WE COMPLETED TWO (2) PIE SALES AND KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE. FINAL RESULTS ARE STILL NOT IN. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN RIGHT TO LIFE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TUITION ANGEL, AND OUR FOOD PANTRY.**

**A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FOR THEIR DONATION, AND TO ANN VIETELLO, PRESIDENT OF THE ROSAY SOCIETY AND ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK IN SUPPORTING OUR FUND RAISERS.**

**OUR MANGER LIGHTING & DINNER CEREMONY WAS WELL ATTENDED. THIS YEAR WAS MADE SPECIAL BY FATHER CHARLIE'S ATTENDANCE AND SPECIAL BLESSING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO MADE A SPECIAL NIGHT TO REMEMBER. A SPECIAL THANKS TO AQUILA LANDSCAPING FOR THEIR ANNUAL DONATION.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED TO MAKE OUR ADVENT BREAKFAST AND PICTURES WITH SANTA A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE DAY. APPROXIMATELY 20 PICTURES WERE GIVEN OUT ALONG WITH GIFTS AND CANDY. (A PROFIT OF \$185.00 FROM BREAKFAST)**

**OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH GOOD FOOD AND HOLIDAY SPIRITS ENJOYED BY ALL. WE ALSO HOSTED 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

**IN ADDITION WE ALSO HELD A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARENESS AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THAT RESULTED IN TEN APPLICATIONS FORMS HANDED OUT. UNFORTUNATELY OUR SECOND WEEKEND DRIVE WAS HAMPERED BY SNOW AND OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT OUR COUNCIL IS A PRIME SUPPORTER OF ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY. A RECENT REPORT SHOWS OUR DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE DOWN FOR THIS YEAR. HISTORY SHOWS THAT DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS UP PRIOR TO AND DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THEN DROP SIGNIFICANTLY. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE DEMAND HAS BEEN UP ON RESOURCES AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE, THEREFORE, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD PANTRY.**



**FRATERNALLY YOURS,  
FRANK SOKLOSKI -- GRAND KNIGHT #857**

**January Knight of the Month -- Jim Sullivan**  
**February Knight of the Month – Jules Sabo**

Jim has worked & helped to create our KofC website. He creates & runs his own events and is active with domestic violence.

Jules is another behind the scenes supporter and is always willing to help with special events & projects

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!**

**January**

3	Brian Wall	22	John Reager
4	Sean McSherry	22	Daniel Osbourne
5	Martin Minkler Jr	25	Robert Yavorsky
6	Robert Golden PGK	26	Larry Lucas
9	Michael O'Neil	28	Terance Napravnik
10	Ronald Gritz	31	Robert Christie
10	Leslie Mayer	31	Fred Johler
10	Frank Ramos	31	Bernard Swoboda
12	John Golden PGK	31	John Hoagland Jr
12	Vincent Russo Jr		
13	Saidu Mamman		
15	Joseph Zega Jr		
17	John Kunak		
17	Thomas Suchy		
19	John Keenan PGK		
19	Denis Valetutto PGK		

**MIDDLESEX COUNCIL No. 857**  
**OFFICERS FOR 2009 – 2010**

Chaplain	Rev. Charles Cicerale
Grand Knight	Frank Sokloski
GK email	frasok@verizon.net
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Chancellor	Jim Sullivan
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Warden	Mike Bachley
Lecturer	Jack Keenan PGK
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Outside Guard	Robert Paul

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Knights of Columbus Telephone 634-9783

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**Degree Updates**

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

## **Columbian Club Report**

### **Brother Knights**

Columbian Club had a good month starting with Ed Lenart's annual steak dinner the end of November & continuing with Decembers Monday night football sessions. Our new TV was installed and now offers the benefit of watching more than one game at a time.

The Christmas social held in our bar area was enjoyed by all. ReMax 1<sup>st</sup> Advantage once again rented our facility for their annual Christmas party.

Frank Sokloski  
Columbian Club President  
2009-2010

### **Words of Wit & Wisdom...**

#### **Then and Now**

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.....**

**Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do little.**

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our blood drive on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> brought in 24 pts of blood out of 30 people who signed up. Special thanks to our council members; Jim Matits, John Brower, Paul Tornambe, Sean Keaveney, Tom Patten, Kevin Uszenski, Joe Travostino, Bob Sabo, Ken Wahl, Ed Lenart. Gerry Stamato, and Bill Dowling who signed up to donate. God Bless you all for rolling up your sleeve.

Bob Banasiak, PGK

## KNIGHT VISION

Ever so often, some act will occur that jolts us out of our moral complacency and forces us to act. The most recent of these is the issue of same sex marriage that will come to a vote sometime in January.

Same sex relationships have been with us since biblical times and have always been tolerated or accepted by some and outright rejected by others. Why this is will only be known to God.

In modern times this same condition still exists, but now, depending on your point of view you are considered either among the enlightened or unenlightened and may even be labeled homophobic if you speak out.

We may think that the real threat to our age old tradition of marriage lies in a single voting session but the real danger comes from conformity. There are those among the masses who would change their virtue like they change their shirt. Their values are dictated to them by some TV personality, news station, or on line blog.

I myself, have always adhered to a live and let live policy and been sympathetic to those who for some reason could not find general acceptance in main stream society. As I see it, tolerance is a two way street and there comes a time when I insist that my values and traditions be respected and we try to settle for a peaceful coexistence.

Marriage is and always has been the union of one man and one woman and even those among the so called enlightened should see that this is what's best for the future of society.

A list of representatives is available on our website @ [www.woodbridgekofc.org](http://www.woodbridgekofc.org). Our supreme council has made this issue a Number 1 Priority and encourages us to make a special effort in making our position known. We should also let them know that our values will never be compromised and there are those of us that will never conform to a state of same sex marriage.

In closing, I would like to add that this is not just a matter simply of religion but will greatly affect us as a society in ways we cannot foresee.

Frank Sokloski  
Grand Knight  
Council 857

<p align="center"><b><u>BAR HOURS</u></b></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"><b><u>All guests must sign in.</u></b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>EDITOR’S NOTES:</u></b></p> <p>The <b>Council Compass</b> 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 <a href="mailto:frasok@verizon.net">frasok@verizon.net</a> no later than 10 days before the publication date. All inclusions are subject to approval by the Grand Knight.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Food Pantry</u></b></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"><b>NEED A RIDE?</b></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 2.</p> <p>We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Sick and Distressed</u></b></p> <p align="center"> <b>Pat Keenan</b>  <b>Mike Keenan</b>  <b>Betty Sullivan</b>  <b>Jim Paulson</b>  <b>JoAnn Cutter</b>  <b>John Ernst</b>  <b>David Stoll</b>  <b>Linda Francisko</b>  <b>Audrey Andrasik</b>  <b>Googs Dragotta</b>  <b>Dean Fasano</b> </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"><b><u>Rinky Dink Winners:</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Jim Matits 14 pts</b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Attendance Pool Winners:</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bob Sabo,PGK</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>***OUR OFFICIAL WEBSITE***</b></p> <p align="center"><a href="http://www.woodbridgekofc.org">www.woodbridgekofc.org</a></p>		
<p align="center"><b>FOOTBALL</b></p> <p>AFC &amp; NFC Championship Games will be on Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.. Come one, come all.....</p>		

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**2010 DUES**

2010 annual dues are coming in at a good clip. You should have your membership card by now if you paid. However, the annual dues are \$30.00 & \$10.00 for honorary members. Some members have been sending in \$35.00 checks. I will deduct \$5.00 from your 2011 dues. Any questions, please call.

Bob Banasiak (732 826 2947)

**MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Dinner & Movie fundraiser to benefit Life Choices in Metuchen, N.J. will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 ea. which includes dinner & a movie. \$10.00 ea – movie only. Dinner is spaghetti & meatball. Candy, popcorn & beverages will be available for sale. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Contact John Brower @ 732 634 1868.

**BOBBY BYRNE CONCERT**

**Bobby Byrne & his 3 piece band will be on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Only 120 tickets will be sold at \$25.00/per ticket. No tickets at door. Doors will open at 7:00 PM... Show to begin at 8:00 PM. Get your tickets early. Snacks to be provided. Cash bar. For information and/or tickets contact Frank Sokloski at 732 713 9004.....**

**FAT SATURDAY**

**Fat Saturday is back... Saturday. February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM till ????**

**Drink specials – food served – 50/50..... \$10.00/person cover charge**

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER**

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> , 4:30 – 7:00 PM... Eat in or Take out. Adults @ \$11.00. Seniors @ \$9.00, children (12 and under) @ \$6.00.... To be held at our council hall, at 130 Main St., Woodbridge. Dinner to include fish, fries, salad, cole slaw and more.**

**REMINDER**

**Any further information on events is available on our website.  
[www.woodbridgekofc.org](http://www.woodbridgekofc.org)**

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# **BOBBY BYRNE SHOW**

**BOBBY BYRNE & 3 PIECE BAND**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM till ???**

**\$25.00/per person**

**120 tickets only...No tickets at door**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #857  
MAIN ST., WOODBRIDGE**

**For information and/or tickets contact  
Frank Sokloski @ 732 713 9004**



**COUNCIL #857  
COMING EVENTS**

**January**

5	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
9	<b>Dinner &amp; Movie Night Fundraiser</b>	5:00 PM
12	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
19	Business/Columbian Meeting	8:00 PM
24	AFC & NFC Championship Games	
30	Bobby Byrne Show	7:00 PM

**February**

2	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
7	Super bowl	6:00 PM
9	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
13	Fat Saturday	7:00 PM
16	Business/Columbian Meeting	8:00 PM
17	Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner	4:30-7:00 PM

**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](mailto:robertgolden@topproducer.com).





NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS:-----  
ARE YOU? (CIRCLE ONE) 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE

Thank you in advance for your cooperation

**! SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS WHO SUPPORT US**

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 <p><b>D'Aprile Family Caterers</b>                  115 WOODBRIDGE AVE., SEWARREN, NJ 07077</p>	<p><b>Tom Gatto</b> 1001 Roosevelt Ave                  Carteret NJ 07008                  Warehouse 732-969-1000                  Cell 732-713-9044 Fax 732-969-9989  <a href="mailto:danawarehouse@comcast.net">danawarehouse@comcast.net</a>   <b>DANA ENTERPRISES</b>                  Grocery, Clothing, General Merchandise                  Wholesale, Salvage and Closeouts</p>	<p><b>LEON J. GERITY FUNERAL HOME, INC.</b>                  411 Amboy Ave.                  Woodbridge, NJ 07095                  Mary Anne Sullivan, Sr. Dir.                  NJ Lic. 3830                  732-634-2818</p>
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 <p><b>Strawberry's Pub &amp; Pizza</b>  <b>FAMILY DINING</b>                   110 AMBOY AVE WOODBRIDGE                   Phone 732-634-3131 Fax- 634-2421                  New York Style Pizza</p>	 <p><b>Robert Golden</b>                  Realtor Associate                  Direct (732) 596-2115                  Cell 908-930-1017                  "Look for another Golden Opportunity"</p>	<p><b>Creative Accessories</b>                  jewelry &amp; gifts   <b>Judy and Frank Sokloski</b>                  145 Cleveland Ave, Colonia NJ                  732-574-3354                  "Fundraisers a specialty"</p>