

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 17 - Regular Council Business Meeting

May 28 - Annual Memorial day Parade Meet at 11:00 AM

Jun 3 - 4th Degree Business Meeting

Jun 9th & 10th - Special Olympics Summer Games at Southern CT University

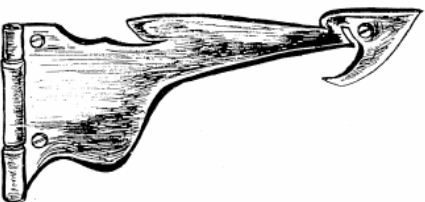
Jun 11—1st Degree in East Hampton, St. Patrick's

Jun 21- Regular Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Aug 3 - CT Defenders Baseball Game "Fun" Raiser

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A Newsletter for members of Francis Cardinal Spellman Council # 6107

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## From the Grand Knight Highlights of KofC 6107



Brothers of Council 6107, Well....., this is my last GK report. It has been great to be your Grand Knight for the last three years. During this time, our council has donated numerous service hours, has donated money to worthy charities, and has supported St Andrew and St Mary's Parishes. Please support our new officers for 2007-2008 and remain active in our council.

During the month of May, our council will put on our Mother's day breakfast and on May 20<sup>th</sup>, will serve a LifeTeen cookout for the Mothers of LifeTeen as well as

the teens.

In June, the officers will meet plan for our end of year donations and we will have our annual cookout prior to the meeting on June 21.

During the summer, our council will be going to a ball game on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dodd Stadium. Please contact me if you would like tickets. The tickets are \$10.00 and our council receives \$5.00 per ticket sold. Please mark your calendar for this Friday night fireworks night vs. Erie Seawolves. Ask your family and friends to join us!

We will try to pack in some horseshoe games, card games, softball games, and a fishing trip into this summer. Let me know if you are interested in any of these activities.

Vivat Jesus !

**Lou Musinski, Grand Knight**

### Proposed By-Law Change

During the June meeting, we will vote to institute a by-law change for our council. The recommended change is as follows:

Columbus-as deemed acceptable by the Council.

the recommendation to be affirmed, 80% or more of the officers attending the annual Spellman Fund meeting must cast a yea vote.

At the end of each Fraternal year, the Council will hold an annual Spellman Fund meeting to determine if any of the "Annual additions to the Spellman Investment (AA)" is to be utilized or if funds will be added to the "Spellman Investment Foundation Balance (SIFB)". All recommendations from this meeting will be presented and voted on in the regular council business meeting in June. The "Spellman Investment Foundation Balance (SIFB)" will remain as an asset of the council. The SIFB will remain unless the council is in duress. The SIFB will not be disbursed unless the following procedures have occurred:

2. The officers make a recommendation to the council at the regular business meeting in June to divest monies from the "SIFB". The recommendation will include how much of the "SIFB" will be utilized and for what purpose. In order for the recommendation to be affirmed, 90% or more of the council members attending the June business meeting must cast a yea vote.

### Spellman Fund

**Section 6.** This Council shall maintain an investment asset called the Spellman Fund (previously called the Building Fund). The funds initially invested in the Spellman Fund will be referred to as the "Spellman Investment Foundation Balance (SIFB)." "Annual additions to fund will be called "Annual additions to the Spellman Investment (AA)," and are earned in the form of interest income on the balance, or by the receipt of donations to the balance. "Annual additions to the Spellman Investment (AA)" shall be maintained for the purpose of distribution-for purposes that promote the principals of the Knights of

1. The officers make a recommendation at the annual Spellman Fund meeting to divest monies from the "SIFB". The recommendation will include how much of the "SIFB" will be utilized and for what purpose. In order for



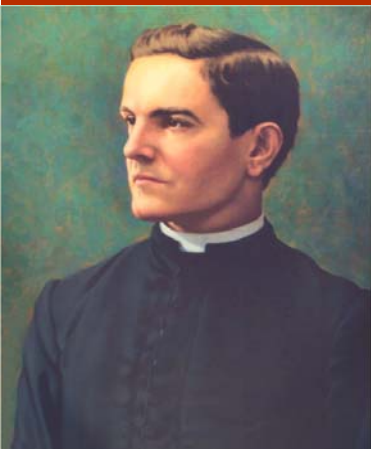


Do you have a friend in our parish that you think would make a great Brother Knight? Why not let him know about the Christian fellowship and service projects our Council is involved in.

Remember without "U" there is no RECRUITMENT!

### Note to Members

Each month, our council designates a Family of the Month to be recognized for family values based on the principles of the Knights of Columbus. Watch this section in future issues and perhaps you will be surprised to see your family being recognized as "THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH"



Fr. Michael J. McGivney,  
Founder of the KofC

## "Spotlight on a Knight"



### Trustee, C. Frank Palmer, PGK

There isn't a Knight in our Council that hasn't had the great fortune and pleasure of meeting one of our most dedicated

"elders" of Spellman Council 6107, Frank Palmer. "Frank" has been an active member of our Council since its inception in the late 60's. Frank has held numerous positions in the Council and is a Past Grand Knight. Whenever there is a breakfast, rest assured Frank will be there to get it rolling at 5:30 AM and stick with it until the last plate has been served. Years ago, he formed the softball team for the Knights and went on to win several league trophies and then officiated softball games until his "knees gave out". Frank has always had a great love for the outdoors and

has spent many years involved in Boy Scout Troop 13 at St Andrew's. He has helped countless young men in the parish over the last 25 years to earn merit badges and advancement in rank. He is the Head Usher at the 11:00 AM mass every Sunday and is also a long time member and Trustee of the San Jose Assembly of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Willimantic. Frank is a regular member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps and has officiated at countless Masses in regalia over his 20 years as a Sir Knight. He is a regular on the annual men's retreat to Holy Family and his specialty and favorite hobby is cooking. Frank and his wife Barbara have two married children and enjoy spending lots of time with their three grandchildren. Frank is a great example of what Knighthood is all about and we thank him for his many years of selfless dedication to his church and community.

## Families of the Month

The **April** Family of the Month was Brother **Dan Leone** and his family. Dan Has been an active member of the Council since 1989 and has served in numerous positions and is a past Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree. He currently serves as the Commander of the San Jose Assembly 4th Degree Color Corps. Dan and his wife Debbie have four adult children and two grandchildren and are very active in their church and community with Engaged Encounter, Life Teen, the ACTS Ministry and the Haitian Health Foundation with annual trips to Jeremie, Haiti. The **March** "Family of the Month" was Brother **Joe Menhart** and his family. Joe has been a Knight for several years and will soon be elevated to the position of Chancellor of the Council. Joe and his wife Donna have 3 beautiful daughters Marie, Rachael and Theresa. Joe has been very involved in the Care Net Cam-

paign, an organization that encourages practical and compassionate solutions to reduce abortions in the United States. He is also the Director of the annual Men's Retreat League at St. Andrew's. Joe is a fine example of what the Knight's are all about.

Our **February** "Family of the Month" was PGK **Vin Marceno** and his family. Vin has been a Knight since 1997 and has headed up the K of C breakfast committee for more than 5 years. He and his wife, Dawn have two teenage daughters Lena and Erin who keep him busy. Vin enjoys golf and you can always find him ready for a game of cards. Setback is one of his favorite card games. Vin is a dedicated Brother Knight as well as an active member of San Jose Assembly of the 4th Degree and holds the office of Purser.

## Slate of Officers for 2007-2008

The nominating committee Chair, Brother Dan Leone announces the following Slate of Officers for the 2007-2008 Fiscal year. Elections of Officers will take place at the June 21st meeting and will be the first item of business under new business. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for any of the following positions except Financial Secretary and Lecturer:

**Grand Knight**– Daniel J. Utz  
**Deputy Grand Knight**– Daniel A. Leone, III  
**Chancellor**– Joseph R. Menhart  
**Recorder**– John J. Bear  
**Treasurer**– Peter P. Reguin

**Advocate**– Ralph M. Gimbut

**Warden**– Jean-Maurice Soucy

**Inside Guard**– Robert Soper

**Outside Guard**– Peter McCarty

**Trustee 1st**– C. Frank Palmer

**Trustee 2nd**– Vincent S. Marceno

**Trustee 3rd**– Louis J. Musinski

(Appointments)

**Financial Secretary** - Terence M. Ryan

**Lecturer**– Clifford Cooley

**Chaplin** - Rev. Cyril Manelov

Please plan to be at the June meeting to elect new officers for the coming year and to show your support of the hard work that these men do for your Council.

## For the Good of the Order



If you know of any Brother Knight and/or his family who is ill or in need, please contact Grand Knight Louis Musinski at 267-1233. We offer our prayers, condolences and well wishes to all those in need at each of our monthly meetings.



### Prayers Needed

- ◆ Please continue praying for Brother Jim Dowd for a complete recovery from his chemotherapy.
- ◆ Please pray for Brother Jim Cunningham for a complete recovery of a recent illness.
- ◆ Prayers are always needed for Brother Frank Tamburino. Cards and well wishes to Frank are always welcomed.
- ◆ Prayers are with Peter McCarty and family for the loss of Peter's mother
- ◆ Pray for Joe Menhart's Father-In-Law for a complete healing
- ◆ Prayers are needed for Brother Norm Tasker's complete recovery.
- ◆ Prayers of thanks are in order to Brother Ed Geiger, PGK for 50 years of service to the Knights of Columbus on July 1, 2007.
- ◆ Prayers of thanks and congratulations go out to Brother John Peck and wife Nicole on the adoption of their son John Paul.

### Council Dues for 2007

Dues are still \$20.00 per year. We haven't changed that in 38 years. Dues can be paid in person at each meeting or sent to the Financial Secretary, Terence Ryan, 100 Thornridge Drive, Colchester, CT 06415

### Knight's Insurance Available

Interested in Knights of Columbus Insurance? Call Garry Beausoleil – Field Agent 860-617-6082

Visit our web site at [WWW.KOCCOLCHESTER.ORG](http://WWW.KOCCOLCHESTER.ORG) to keep up with our council events. If you have digital pictures of "Knights in Action" send them to Pete Reguin to add to the web site

## Brothers in Action

On the sunny Saturday morning of April 21st, several Brother Knights got together to work at the St. Andrew's Cemetery. The cleanup was headed up by Brother Ralph Gimbut, St. Andrew's Cemetaryian. It was a great day to pick up



branches, rake leaves and remove winter's trash. Helpers who showed up included PGK's Tom Moreno and Vin Marceno along with FS Terry Ryan and his son Joe with

two confirmation candidates earning service hours. On May 20th the Knights will be providing dinner consisting of hot dogs and hamburgers for the parish youth and their moms for a Life Teen evening devoted to teens' relationship with their mothers and to our Blessed Mother Mary. Brothers John Bear and Pete Reguin have done everything in their power to keep Father Cyril in the lawn mowing business at St. Mary's Ukrainian Church. Fr. Cyril needs a new tractor to mow the "back 40". Brother Bear has lent his backup Craftsman to Fr. Cyril for

a couple of weeks but if anyone has a tractor to donate to Fr. Cyril, please notify John ASAP. Also, the following Brother Knights have just returned from a fantastic ACTS Retreat weekend held in April at Camp Wightman in N. Stonington. Among the retreatants were Brothers Dan Leone, Pete Reguin, Dan Utz and Rick Gortler. Several books were donated by the KofC to Cragin Library with the KofC banner in the front covers. We received a very nice letter of Thanks from the Head Librarian that will be read at the next business meeting.

## Upcoming Dates and Events to Remember

### Council Dates to Remember:

- **5/28** - Memorial Day Parade, All Knights to meet in church parking lot at 11:00 AM
- **6/11** - First Degree at St. Patrick's East Hampton
- **6/21** - Final Meeting for the election of Officers
- **8/3**—CT Defenders Base Ball Game Fund Raiser. Tickets on Sale call Lou Musinski
- **July-August** - KofC Summer Family Picnic, "Horseshoes @Jim's", Softball Games, CT Defenders Baseball Game Fundraiser.

### State Council Important Dates and Events:

- 6/9 & 10**—Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games, SCSU
- 10/8/07**—K of C Hosts the annual Columbus Day parade in New Haven

## Summer Special Olympics

Save These Dates  
June 9 and 10, 2007

For  
Special Olympics  
Connecticut  
Summer Games

At  
Southern Connecticut  
State University

We need your support! Let's make the 2007 Games the best yet. For more info contact your DD or FDD Mike Fortunato at [mike.fortunato@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike.fortunato@sbcglobal.net)





*In Service to One, In Service to All  
Faith, Family, Fraternity*



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## From the 4th Degree

The Fourth Degree has had a busy few months with several area Confirmations taking place with the Color Corps in attendance for the Bishop. Elections of Officers is scheduled for the June meeting and as your Faithful Navigator for the past three years, I will be stepping down and assuming the position of Admiral. The last three years have flown by with several programs that the 4th Degree is actively involved with. We have continued to give out a generous educational scholarship in memory of Andy Kuhar, Past FN and Commander. We have also continued our tradition of marching in the Fourth of July parade in Columbia and have hosted the annual Masters meetings each December with the making of gift baskets for the needy of Eastern Connecticut. Finally, our Chalice Fund continues to grow assuring every 4th Degree Sir

Knight that he will have his name engraved on a chalice in his memory.

Finally, the K of C has been asked to be the primary sponsor of the 2007 Columbus Day parade in New Haven. This is no doubt because of the 125th anniversary of the order. We will need to have 250 Color Corps members from around the state to march in the parade to move forward with this commitment. What a spectacular sight it will be for the crowd to see 250 dedicated Sir Knights in regalia. We need to get the word out and begin planning to have as many of our Color Corps members in attendance as possible.

### Eligibility for Membership

Applications for membership in the Fourth Degree may be made to any Assembly provided the applicant is:  
\* A Third Degree member in good standing in his council and who was initiated in the Admission (First

Degree at least six months prior to his initiation in the Fourth Degree.

\*Over eighteen years of age

\*A practical Catholic in union with the Holy See

Come Grow with Us .There is a place for you among the 1.7 million Knights of Columbus families who already consider membership in the Order "An Experience of a Lifetime". Why not make your family a part of ours, join today.

God Bless,



*Dennis*

**Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree, Dennis M. Kutchy**