



# Knight Light

**Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney Council 5983**

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District 14



**JULY / AUGUST 2017**

## **FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS**



### **From the Desk of the Grand Knight**

It has been an unusual journey that I have taken to get to being your Grand Knight. I want to thank everyone for your prayers and good thoughts you have generously sent my way. Looking back on the two aortic valve replacements, two occurrences of bacterial endocarditis, one heart attack and many other hospitalizations I wonder just how I survived it all.

The answer is simple really. It was first and foremost prayers. I want to thank my wife, my doctors and the nurses that helped me thru this ordeal. But I also want to thank my Knights family for all their prayers and concerns. The power of prayer should not be underestimated especially in my case.

I am very lucky to have a great set of officers to help with the activities in the upcoming year. The PGKs have been and will continue to be a great resource for me to go for advice and help. Father Arron has agreed to stay on as our spiritual adviser. He is indeed a blessing from the Lord. Additionally we have a great membership that I look forward to working with.

No one is expected to do everything but everyone should consider becoming involved. I encourage you to pick an area of interest and get involved. We all have gifts from the Lord, let us use them.

I look forward to the next year. I pray it will be a year filled with joy, hope and peace. I am looking forward to being the best Grand Knight I can be. I promise to work as hard as I can to promote charity while having fun doing it. We should all work together to make the 2017-2018 Columbian year a year to remember.

We will have only one meeting in July and August. Since the first Thursday in July falls close to July 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our meeting in July on the third Thursday of the month. Our August meeting will be on the first Thursday of August. The dress code for officers will be casual with badges and jewels. Then in September we will return to our two meetings a month format. Don't forget we have our annual K of C picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Marjorie Post Park.

So thanks to all, I am very proud to be the 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Knight of Msgr. Delaney Council No. 5983.

Vivat Jesus  
Mathew Ruggiero

## NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the council meeting held on June 1st. They will serve the council for the 2017/2018 Columbian Year.

OFFICER POSITION	NAME
Grand Knight	Mat Ruggiero
Deputy Grand Knight	Anthony Scuderi
Chancellor	Dennis Winkler
Warden	Edward Ferro
Recorder	Al Lahood
Treasurer	Neal Mancuso, PGK
Advocate	Keith Wilson, PGK
Inside Guards	Paul Nadolny
	Thomas Sommerville III
Outside Guards	Thomas Sommerville Jr.
	Mark Antonucci
Three Year Trustee	Stan Wisz, PGK
CHAPTER DELEGATES:	Mat Ruggiero
	Anthony Scuderi
	Keith Wilson, PGK
DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION:	
Grand Knight Delegate	Mat Ruggiero
Alternate GK Delegate	Anthony Scuderi
PGK Delegate	Stan Wisz, PGK
Alternate PGK Delegate	Keith Wilson, PGK
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	
	Vin LoBiondo
	Jerry Tuohey, PGK
	Neal Mancuso, PGK

Congratulations to the new officers and many thanks to the Nominating Committee for selecting such a strong slate:

PGK James Gribbin III  
 PGK John Horn  
 PGK George Kehm  
 PGK Neal Mancuso  
 PGK Tom Moran  
 PGK Rich Tucci (Chairman)  
 PGK Keith Wilson

## NEW BUDGET

The Consolidated Msgr. Delaney Council and 5983 Corporation Budget for 2017/2018 was voted on and passed at the June 1st council meeting. The operating budget is for \$224,990 and a capital improvement budget is for \$17,200.

Thanks to the budget committee:

Grand Knight Stan Wisz  
 Deputy Grand Knight Mat Rugiero  
 Trustee Bob Coyne, PGK (Committee Chairman)  
 Trustee James Gribbin, PGK  
 Trustee Richard Tucci, PGK  
 Financial Secretary Phil Bruno, PGK  
 Council Treasurer Neal Mancuso, PGK  
 Corporation Treasurer Terry Marsac, PGK  
 Corporation Rental Manager Bob Yurasits, PGK

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DONATION

A resolution was voted on and passed at the June 1st council meeting to donate \$5,000 to St. James Church as a fitting gesture of our 50th anniversary. Grand Knight Stan Wisz presented the check to Fr. John Derasmo at the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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## CARNATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT



The council sold carnations after all Masses at St. James Church on Mothers Day weekend. Dennis Winkler, PGK Frank Sorrentino, Tom Sommerville Jr., Tom Sommerville III, and Guiseppe Mendola, above, getting ready to sell. Over \$1300 was raised and it all was donated to Birthright.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH JULY 2017

The Knight of the Month for July 2017 made his first, second and third degrees in April of 1993 and his 4th Degree In October of 1994. He served as the Grand Knight from 2002 to 2003. He continues to be an active and vital member in our council, attending meetings, as well as managing and enhancing both Delaney Council websites.

Recently, he was the chairman of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary journal, in which he did an exemplary job. Please join me in saluting the Knight of the Month for July, PGK Louis S. Yurasits.



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2017

The Knight of the Month for August 2017 made his first, second and third degrees in June of 1954 and his fourth degree in October of 1974. A founding member of the Delaney Council, as well as its legal counsel for over 50 years, he remains an active and vital member. Most importantly, he insures that all new members are welcomed at meetings and provides younger members with his wisdom, insight and enthusiasm. His goal is always for the good of the order and the council's future.

Most recently he was the Master of Ceremonies for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a task with which he conducted himself with tremendous grace. Please join me in saluting the Knight of the Month for August of 2017, Honorary Life Member and Past Grand Knight, George F. Kehm.



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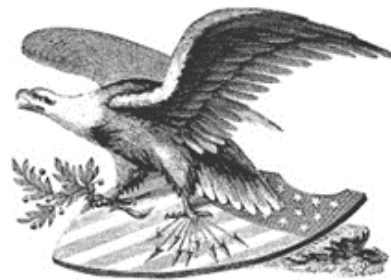
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Please notify any of the following:

Mat Ruggiero, GK 631-991-7889  
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Bob Coyne, PGK 516 735-3786

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COUNCIL# 5983**

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Thanks,  
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Knight Light Editor  
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## **LAST MESSAGE FROM GK STAN WISZ**

As I am writing this, I am still the Grand Knight, but by the time you read it, I will be a Past Grand Knight. I want to deeply thank all of my officers that served under my term. I could not have done it without you. Your support was immeasurable to me.

I want to thank all of my fellow Brothers for supporting me during my term. You fellow Brothers made my job easier, and for that I thank you. Meetings were very enjoyable for both you and me. To my mentors, all of the Past Grand Knights, thank you for all of the advice that made it easier for me. Without your advice it would have made my job that much more difficult. To our new officers, I offer my unconditional support in any way I can, please do not hesitate.

To my sister Columbiettes, Thank you for your support. It was a pleasure installing all of the new Columbiette Officers. Good luck ladies!

What a GREAT council! So thanks to all, I am so PROUD of you!

Fraternally,  
Stan Wisz, PGK

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# A Night of Recognition

**For**

**PGK MIKE ANTONUCCI  
AND  
PGK KEITH WILSON**

***In recognition and  
sincere appreciation of  
their dedication and  
service which  
contributed to the  
advancement of the  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A.  
Delaney Council 5983***

**September 22, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

**Cocktail Party  
at the Council Hall**

**All are Welcome  
\$12.50 per Person**

**Contact Chairmen  
for Reservations:**

**PGK Chick Angioli (516 349-6244)  
PGK Rich Tucci (516 426-3783)**



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Benedict, the Father of Western Monasticism. He was born in Nursia, Italy and educated in Rome. He was repelled by the vices of the city and in about the year 500, fled to Enfide, thirty miles away. He decided to live the life of a hermit and settled at the mountainous Subiaco, where he lived in a cave for three years, fed by a monk named Romanus.

Despite Benedict's desire for solitude, his holiness and austerities became known and he was asked to be their abbot by a community of monks at Vicovaro. He accepted, but when the monks resisted his strict rule and tried to poison him, he returned to Subiaco and became a center of spirituality and learning.

He left suddenly, reportedly because of the efforts of a neighboring priest, Florentius, to undermine his work, and in about 525, settled at Monte Cassino.

He destroyed a pagan temple to Apollo on its crest, and brought the people of the neighboring area back to Christianity. In about 530 he began to build the monastery that was to be the birthplace of Western monasticism.

Soon disciples again flocked to him as his reputation for holiness, wisdom, and miracles spread far and wide. He organized the monks into a single monastic community and wrote his famous Rule prescribing common sense, a life of moderate asceticism, prayer, study, and work, and community life under one superior.

It stressed obedience, stability, zeal, and had the Divine Office as the center of monastic life. It was to affect spiritual and monastic life in the West for centuries to come. While ruling his monks he counseled rulers and Popes, ministered to the poor and destitute about him, and tried to repair the ravages of the Lombard Totila's invasion.

He died at Monte Cassino on March 21 and was named patron protector of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964. His feast day is July 11.

Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat  
SK Philip Bruno PGK  
Financial Secretary

## CHANCELLOR'S CORNER

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes,

My name is Dennis Winkler and I am honored to be elected as your Chancellor for the 2017/18 Columbian Year. I would like to thank GK Stan Wisz, GK Elect Mat Ruggiero and all the officers for their continued guidance. I would also like to thank my wife Jeanette and my son Justin for supporting me and this wonderful council.

Although, we take some time off during the summer months, this does not mean that we stop all activities. The wheels keep turning. Here are just a few items that we have coming up:

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting – Please note we will not be having our meeting the first Thursday of July.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Flower Laying at Msgr. Delaney's Grave at Holy Rood Cemetery.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** - Brother Chick Angioli will be running a bus trip to The Sands Casino. Good Luck All!

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** - Installation of Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year. Please come and support your fellow Brothers.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – General Meeting – Please note this will be the only meeting in August.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** - The Annual Council Picnic at Marjorie Post Park. This is a fun time for the entire family.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - A Night of Recognition to Honor PGK Mike Antonucci & PGK Keith Wilson.

We have started up the Good News Hour again. It is being held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the council at 7:00pm.

If there is anybody who would like to get involved in any of these activities or in the future please don't hesitate to contact me. We can always use a helping hand. My cell phone number is 516-424-6885, or you can email me at [DWinkler1974@GMail.com](mailto:DWinkler1974@GMail.com).

God First, God Bless!  
Dennis Winkler





## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Members & Friends,

Happy Fourth of July. Keep praying for our soldiers and pray to God for peace and to keep us safe.

For the coming months our club members will be attending Skeet & Trap at the range as well as a Montauk Fishing trip.

Our next Meeting will be held on July 26 , 8 PM at the council. After that our Hunter Education programs open to the general public take place:

August 29 & 30 , September, 26 & 27 October, 24 & 25 Hunter Safety Courses.

Montauk fishing in August, and a very inexpensive fishing trip out of Captree will also be announced.

Trap & Skeet each month throughout the Summer.

All members and family including any member of the K of C 5983 are always welcome to any event.

Our range is always open to those members who have membership.

Remember to come to the meetings the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise designated.

Children are always welcome with their parents and receive free membership.

Anthony Amato Jr., President  
516 805 5801

Dearest Sister Columbiettes and Brother Nights,

I am honored to be your next Columbiette President and it gives me great pleasure to share with you the Msgr. Delaney Council Columbiette Officers for 2017-2018:

Past President: Linda Ruggiero  
Vice President: Pat Yurasits  
Sentinel: Sally Pisano  
Secretary: Marty DeRosa  
Financial Secretary: Maryann Cabri  
Treasurer: Toby Fekete

On the evening of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Grand Knight Stan Wisz with the help of Deputy Grand Knight, Mat Ruggiero installed these lovely ladies. I am so thankful these Sister Columbiettes accepted these roles as officers. Following the Installation, there was a brief meeting.

Kindly mark your calendars of the following events:

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm we will have a brief planning meeting for the upcoming year.

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will be the Testimonial/End of Year Dinner at Rosemarie's Pizzeria & Restaurant located at 180 Merritts Road in Farmingdale. The cost is \$32.00 per guest. Please be sure to make your checks payable to Msgr. Delaney Columbiettes. Checks can either be mailed to Financial Secretary, Maryann Cabri, or you can bring them to the meeting in August.

Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Columbiettes will host a Communion Breakfast at the Council. More details to follow.

Columbiettes Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018:

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Meeting to be held before dinner)  
Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Once again, I would like to thank everyone that helped set up, as well as attended the installation. It was truly a memorable evening, and I look forward to working with my Sister Columbiette Officers.

Love and Peace,

Jeanette Winkler  
Columbiette President





## 50th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION



Some of the attendees after the 50th Anniversary Mass at St. James Church. Grand Knight Stan Wisz and Father John Derasmo are out front.



Grand Knight Stan Wisz presenting St. James Pastor Rev. John Derasmo with a "reverse birthday" present of \$5,000.00 at the 50th Anniversary Party. Emcee PGK George Kehm looks on.

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The council would like to thank the St. John XXIII Assembly Honor Guard for participating and providing an added sense of dignity to the Mass. Three Msgr. Delaney Council members were included in the Honor Guard: SK Wayne Sturges, SK Bob Coyne, and SK Don Angione.

The council would also like to thank the committee and all who attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration for making it a wonderful commemoration of our first 50 years.



## 300 CLUB

The drawing for May was held at the council on 5/4/17. The following were the winners:

\$25 - Caroline Carey, George Colvell, Pat Pfaltz, John Marazita, Mike Antonucci and Valerie Schiebel

\$50 - George Lentini and Guiseppe Mendola

\$100 - Maureen Charleston

Because of extensive renovation to the St. James Parish Center the 300 Club party scheduled there for 6/17/17 had to be postponed. New 300 Club chairmen Guiseppe Mendola, Joe Falce, and I have been diligently looking for another venue large enough to accommodate us. One site looks very promising and it now appears that we may be able to have the party in late July or early August. As soon as plans are finalized all 300 Club members will be notified either by calling post or direct phone calls.

Thanks to all for your patience

Vin LoBiondo, co-chairman



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SAINT?

All Christians aspire to become saints, that is, persons in heaven (officially canonized or not), who lived lives of great charity and heroic virtues and who are worthy of imitation.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood:

First step, a candidate becomes "Venerable." Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the pope as having lived heroic virtues.

Second is "Blessed." To be beatified and recognized as a Blessed, one miracle acquired through the candidate's intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or martyrdom.

Third is "Saint." Canonization as a saint requires a second miracle after beatification, though a pope may waive these requirements. (A miracle is not required prior to a martyr's beatification, but one is required before canonization.)

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SK Philip Bruno PGK  
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## LOTTO

Remember that LOTTO is vital for supporting Council charities. ALL PLAYERS: If you cannot make a meeting, please mail your enrollment (Payable to the 5983 Corporation) to the attention of Mike Antonucci at the Council, 110 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

NEW PLAYERS: Select your favorite three digit number, and JOIN TODAY! (Talk to Mike Antonucci).

We are pleased to report the following WINNERS:

### April – 50 point winners:

04/16 #417 Tom Ryan

04/22 #029 Terry Marsac

Also there were 21 combination winners.

### May – 50 point winners:

05/01 #243 Frank Sorrentino

05/05 #351 Sal Julian

05/06 #263 M & P Antonucci

05/18 #128 Arlene Chirco

Also there were 17 combination winners.

### June – 50 point winners so far:

06/15 #626 Bob Coyne

Also there were 12 combination winners so far.

CALL PGK Mike Antonucci if you have any questions or you would like to join :

516-249-6883.

[meantonucci@optonline.net](mailto:meantonucci@optonline.net)



## SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON APPOINTED TO THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE BY POPE FRANCIS



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the council and our GK Stan Wisz for allowing me to chair the Scholarship program for 2017. I would like to thank all my brothers and sisters for judging the applications. This year we received 7 applications and the judging was very difficult due to the competitiveness of our applicants.

I congratulate the winners of our scholarships:

Joseph P McQuade and James Costa Memorial Scholarship – Daniel O’Sullivan (Grandson of PGK George Kehm)

Petrera Memorial Scholarship - Matthew Savallo (Son of Michael Savallo)

Captain Barry Galfano Memorial Scholarship – Daniel Audino (Grandson of Frank DiLapi)

The council and I extend our best wishes to these high school graduates and wish them the best of luck as they pursue their further educational goals.

Neal Mancuso, PGK  
Scholarship Chairman

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## MEMBERSHIP

We recently received word that Joseph Bashaw passed away last year. Joseph was one of the early members of the council.

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## WOODLOCH PINES 2018 COUNCIL TRIP

Msgr. Delaney Council will host its annual Woodloch Pines trip from April 20 to April 22, 2018. Details to follow but please e-mail me at [robertfy@optonline.net](mailto:robertfy@optonline.net) to let me know if you might be interested in attending.

Announcements will be forwarded to prospective members who wish to attend no later than July 20th. Hope to hear from you by July 10th so I can forward invitations with appropriate information about costs to all interested parties.

Thanks,

Bob Yurasits, PGK, FDD  
Council Chairman for Woodloch Pines

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