

*Happy New Year! Welcome 2021*



# The Log



**BELLMORE COUNCIL 3689 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - DISTRICT 18**

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Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone and their families, friends and loved ones are safe and you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

I hope your 2021 is off to a fine start!!!

I want to use my Log space for three themes:

Being Thankful.

A look back. A 6 month recap.

Some lessons I learned in 2020.

While 2020 has not been the smoothest of years I am thankful everyday to our Lord. I try and try to let faith in Him and his Grace guide me in everything I do.

I am thankful to my family and my extended family at Bellmore Council. Your willingness to help and serve is truly a blessing and always continues to show itself.

It is important to look towards the future but we should not forget the past. While we may have missed out on many things, reflecting upon them will make us more appreciative when we are able to do those things again.

In the Summer, we missed traditional events like the Wantagh's Independence Day Parade and we did not have our Council picnic. In the past 3689 would typically sell C & B books at various locations around town but conditions at the time didn't allow that. The installation of our officers was done online. Funeral homes did not allow groups at wakes so we had to drive past the homes of the deceased. We held a successful book drive in August as well as our traditional 5th Sunday (here is the talk led by Seminarian Stephen Rooney <https://youtu.be/0hqKcEicZis>).

When September came, we welcomed five new members into our ranks. We had two members advance to 3rd Degree Knights and we were able to hold the exemplification at the Council. Another casualty of the times, The Bellmore Street Fair was not held this year.

In October, while the leaves turned colors and fell to the Earth, our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified. The Ladies Auxiliary held a successful Craft Fair.

November was in some ways "normal" for 3689. Thanks to Father Jeff and Chancellor Tim, Bellmore Council was able to host a Membership Drive at St. Barnabas. We, thanks to PGK Ancona, had a very enjoyable Italian Knight. Mid-month we were able to say "Good-Bye" as a group at a Memorial Mass at St. Barnabas, celebrated by our Chaplain Michael Ngoka, CM, to those Brothers who passed. By the start of Advent we were setting up the Creche and thanks to DGK Vince we started selling Christmas greens. This year, thanks to Chancellor Tim we

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*Upcoming Events:  
(See all events on the Council Calendar on page 3)  
also  
Calendar updates between issues of The Log will be emailed*

COUNCIL OFFICERS	<u>Sick &amp; Distressed</u>	<u>Special Intentions</u>
Chaplain..... Rev. Michael Ngoka, CM Grand Knight..... Brian Kasper Deputy Grand Knight..... Vincent Palazzolo Chancellor..... Tim Staines Warden..... Gary Pepitone Recorder..... Kenneth Geiger Financial Secretary..... John Ruggiero Treasurer..... Thomas Borst Advocate..... Austin Cannon Jr., PGK, PFN, FDD Lecturer..... Joseph DeFino Inside Guard..... Philip Savours Outside Guard..... Thomas Haltigan Trustee..... Thomas Ancona, PGK Trustee..... John J Ferrante Trustee..... Ken Yager, PGK	Angela Palazzolo James Turzilli PGK Annemarie Davis Joan Ott Anthony Ferro PGK John Bahnken Anthony Stabile John Ferrante Barbara Heffert Joseph Poggio Charles Duryea Laura Staines Donald Molloy Peter Zapryluk Dolores Molloy Richard Bradley Filomena Esposito Fred Palazzolo	Jerry Guilfoyle Linda Dunbar Nicholas Oftring Noel Camillery Ralph Esposito and Family Vincent Palazzolo William Styne PGK
<b>COUNCIL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	
Blood Donor Program..... Peter Zapryluk Faith..... Joseph Staines Community..... Gary Pepitone Life..... t/b/d Family..... Anthony Igneri C&B..... Ken Yager, PGK Fraternal..... William Styne, PGK Fourth Degree..... Ken Karchinski, PGK Membership..... Tim Staines, Chancellor Retention..... Vincent Palazzolo, DGK Retirees..... John Weber, PGK Vocations/Scholarships..... Austin Cannon Jr., PGK Public Relations..... Peter Zapryluk 300 Club..... Thomas Borst	<i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Please pray for all of our deceased and their family members</i>  <i>Maria Balestriere</i>	
<b>LADIES AUXILIARY</b>	<b><u>BROTHER KNIGHTS, HAVEN'T HEARD FROM US IN A WHILE?</u></b> No mail, phone calls or email? Please help us keep in contact with you by providing your latest information. Leave us an update on the Council web site "Update Email" and leave your name and current email address.  <b>Visit our Council's Facebook page <a href="http://tiny.cc/KofC3689">http://tiny.cc/KofC3689</a></b> <b>Phone: (516) 785-9407</b>	
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# COUNCIL CALENDAR

## Grand Knight's Message (continues from front page)

### JANUARY 2021

5 - Retirees meeting.....	12 noon
7 - Officer's meeting.....	8:00 pm
9 - Creche takedown and Council clean-up.....	9:00 am
13 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting.....	7:00 pm
14 - Business meeting.....	8:00 pm
21 - Columbus Club meeting.....	8:00 pm
28 - Social meeting (details to follow).....	8:00 pm
31 - 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast (details to follow).....	9:00 am

### FEBRUARY 2021

2 - Retirees meeting.....	12 noon
4 - Officer's meeting.....	8:00 pm
10 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting.....	7:00 pm
11 - Business meeting.....	8:00 pm
18 - Columbus Club meeting.....	8:00 pm
25 - Social meeting (details to follow).....	8:00 pm

### MARCH 2021

2 - Retirees meeting	12 noon
10 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Due to the current circumstances-all will be notified ASAP for any upcoming event not on the calendar.	

were able to include an online selling feature. On the last Sunday of November, Bellmore Council held a 5th Sunday Communion breakfast after the 9 am Mass. December started with the KofC tradition of "Light the Night", where members and their families joined together to sing carols and Father Michael was there to bless the Creche. Those gathered went back to the Council to decorate the hall and to enjoy some of Lecturer Joe's famous desserts. I would like to offer gratitude to the Ladies Auxiliary President Ruescher and VP Cronise, for their invaluable help with the decorating. The hall looks beautiful, very festive!!!

In addition to the help with the decorating, I want to thank the entire Ladies Auxiliary for creating the Angel Tags. They made nice ornaments for the tree but they hopefully put smiles on faces. Thank you to Brother Zapryluk for contributing some of his personal Christmas decorations. I was informed that St. Barnabas would not be able to host our annual fall blood drive which is normally held in September. Donna with NYBC was able to secure a space big enough to accommodate the blood donors. Thanks to Joanne, the owner of The Loft (above the Bellmore Playhouse) 29 pints of blood was donated, we were able to give the gift of life. On Saturday December 12th, Ladies Auxiliary President Ruescher and PGK Tom Ancona hosted an Adult's Christmas party they were assisted by VP Christina Cronise and Brother Anthony Igneri. It was a nice affair, thank you.

Due to circumstances we were not able to hold a Kids Christmas party but the "Kids" were able to get something from Santa by way of Bellmore Council (click on the link:<https://letstick.to/session/1775c6a7>) to see how it turned out.

Thank you to PGK Ken and the crew that set up the Creche at the St. Barnabas rectory and those that helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

Throughout the year, Bellmore Council was able to hold our regular meetings. An online component was added to make our meetings more accessible. We will continue this practice in 2021 for as long as needed. Please continue to support our Council by paying your dues.

I learned three important lessons this year:

I was forced (in a good way) to use technology more and more and whether I like it or not certain technological procedures are here to stay.

I was forced (in a good way) to recognize the gift that is family as well as the joy that exists in the simple things. These are lessons I was aware of, but being quarantined only reinforced them.

Faith!!! We are not supposed to know why. Even though there are bad things out there, ultimately there is good. This storm will pass!!!

God Bless you and your families as we look forward to a brighter 2021!!!

Vivat Jesus,

Brian



Crèche at St Barnabas the Apostle parish rectory was designed and constructed by PGK Ken Yager and assembled by volunteer Knights from Bellmore Council No. 3689

### PLANNING AHEAD

**FIFTH SUNDAY COMMUNION  
BREAKFASTS\* FOR 2021:  
1/31 5/30 8/29 10/31**

**\*TENTATIVE - CONFIRM ALL WITH  
THE GRAND KNIGHT**



## MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

*Contributed by Teresa Ruescher, President*

Hope this finds all in good health,

This year this article is the hardest to write. Normally we would be telling you of upcoming events but not now. With everything still in lock down mode, we can not make any real plans.

We do want to send a BIG thank you to the Grand Knight for working so closely with the Ladies for the Angel Tree. Helping us make a few families Christmas a little brighter. Also thank you Tommy Ancona and Anthony Igneri. To date we have distributed at least 15,000 pounds of food !

The Christmas dinner on December 12th went without a hitch, we were a small group with an outlook towards next year being better. Again thank you Tommy Ancona, Anthony Igneri, and Christina Cronise.

2021 looks like the United States of America will be having a new president, all I have to say is GOD BLESS US ALL ! We are going to need it.

Hope your Christmas and New Year is a Healthy, Happy and free one!

To all my beautiful soul Ladies, great Job again! What would we do without you all!

God Bless America,  
Teresa

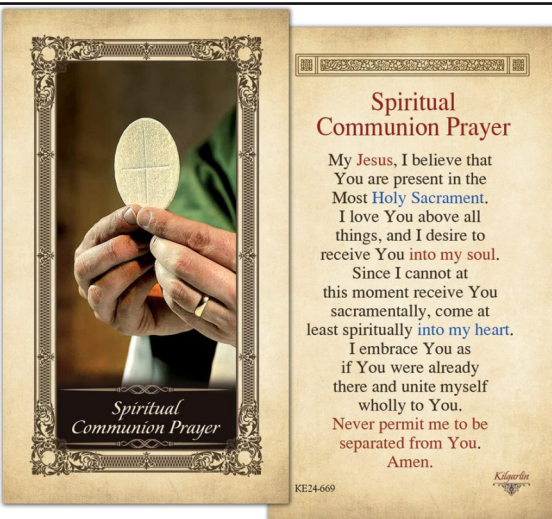
## VOCATIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

*Contributed by Austin Cannon Jr., PGK*

### VOCATIONS

Christmas greetings were sent to Seminarian Stephen Rooney who Bellmore Council sponsors as part of the RSVP program of the Supreme Council to promote vocations to the priesthood. Please continue to remember Stephen and his brother seminarians in your prayers.

Stephen sent the following:



*Austin,  
Peace be with you.  
Thank you for your message on behalf of the council.  
Thank you and please thank our brother knights for their continued support of me.  
I really appreciate it.  
Have a blessed end to your Advent.  
Merry Christmas!  
In Jesus and Mary,  
Stephen Rooney*

### Past Grand Knights Remembered

Bellmore Council recently learned of the passing of Past Grand Knight Joseph Kratochvil. Joe was our seventh Grand Knight serving from 1960-1961. In the early 1970's he moved to Culpepper Virginia with his family and transferred to the local council where he served as Grand Knight and later as a District Deputy. He was a New York City fireman and a great fundraiser whose quest was to provide funds for the council to build a clubhouse. For years he and a dedicated group ran a Baseball and World Series Pool. They raised thousands of dollars and were responsible in great part for the funding that was used to purchase the property on Bellmore Avenue that was our home for so many years.



This year's Council Memorial Mass saw the return of Past Grand Knight John Malone, seen here pictured with our current Grand Knight, Brian Kasper. Jack served during the 1964-1965 Columbian Year. He came to remember his brother-in-law, Past Grand Knight Joseph Kratochvil who passed recently. His year was noted by an active program which included a Teen Age Fashion Show, a soap drive for the Medical Missions and visits by Bishop Benedict Coscia and Bishop Edward McGurkin, whose missionary dioceses in Africa and South America the council supported.



### Scholarships

Information about Knights of Columbus Scholarships can be found on the following websites:

**Supreme Council** – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) On Home Page select “What we Do” then Scholarships.

**New York State Council** – [www.NewYorkKnights.com](http://www.NewYorkKnights.com) Select “Programs Overview” Scroll down to Family Icon then to “Scholarship Application” or “Tuition Grant”

**Nassau Chapter** – [www.nassauchapter.org](http://www.nassauchapter.org) scroll down to Scholarship Information’

Be sure to note application deadlines.

## ITALIAN NIGHT

*Contributed by event chairman Thomas Ancona, PGK*

Ciao Fratelli,

On November 7, 2020, Bellmore Council #3689 held its 6th annual Italian Knight. I dedicated the evening to my good dear friend Michael Celentano who has sung for us on our past Italian Knights. He is truly loved and missed. I'd like to thank our Worthy Grand Knight Brian Kasper for his help and support and thank the following Brothers for their help in setting up for the evening our Worthy Warden Gary Pepitone, PGK James Ruescher, Anthony Igneri, Ed Alonso, and John Mezzanotte. I would like to thank Father Michael, Our District Deputy Bill Guttilla, Bellmore Knights, and friends who attended. I know all have you who attended had an enjoyable evening with great friends music and food which was catered by La Novella Restaurant in East Meadow. We had many raffles and 50/50. Thank you to our District Deputy Bill and his wife Catalina, the Ladies Auxiliary President Teresa Ruescher, Tom Gunther, and some local businesses for their contribution to our raffles. Thank you to our bartenders Joe Defino, Anthony Igneri, and PGK James Ruescher for all their help. Thank you to Peter Zapryluk for taking the photos and to PGK Bill Styne for sending them to the membership. Although we had to limit our event to 45 people with all of your support you have made this evening once again a success. As always I wish to thank my wife Lucy for all her help and support in putting this evening together. Viva Italia! Grazie e Buona Sera a Tutti!

Vivat Jesus

Thomas Ancona PGK

## 300 CLUB NEWS

*Contributed by Tom Borst, Chairman*

Greetings to all 300 Club members - here's a list of winning ticket numbers through the second week of December.

If you have not yet purchased a 300 Club ticket and would like to join for the start of the 2nd half of the Columbian Year, a limited number of tickets are still available. The cost for the second half only is \$30 and those drawings will begin the week of January 27, 2021. To quickly review, each week we will pick a \$30 & \$50 winner. You are eligible to win every week. After 18 weeks of drawings, we will hold a round of six Grand Prize Drawings - \$750, \$250, & four winners of \$100.

Quick note - if you previously bought a ticket for the 2020-21 Columbian Year, that ticket is good for the 2nd half drawings as well

Questions? Send an email to [BELL3689LOG@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BELL3689LOG@HOTMAIL.COM) or call or text to 516-406-0606

Make your \$30 check out to:

Bellmore K of C #3689

Send to:

Bellmore K of C #3689

101 Frederick Ave.

Bellmore, NY 11710

Attn: Thomas Borst, Chairman

### Bellmore Council K of C #3689 2020-21 Columbian Year 300 Club

Week #	Date	No.	\$30 Winner	No.	\$50 Winner
1	23-Sep	243	John Dotzler	288	William Farrington
2	30-Sep	113	Michael Styne	098	Ray Hicks
3	7-Oct	286	Maureen Janover	057	Joe LaPadula
4	14-Oct	295	Anne Davis	289	Francis Barone
5	21-Oct	008	Phil Savours	141	John Murphy
6	28-Oct	287	Jim Mikowski	296	Matt Uzenski
7	4-Nov	006	Art McQuillen	001	Kathy Burns
8	11-Nov	043	Tim Gibney	207	Bob Szenczy
9	18-Nov	004	Tom McKeon	154	Anthony Menza
10	25-Nov	225	Tom Finnen	120	Margaret Bloniarz
11	2-Dec	004	Tom McKeon	223	Gary Pepitone
12	9-Dec	279	Bob Saylor	145	Arlene DeRoia
13	16-Dec				
14	23-Dec				
15	30-Dec				
16	6-Jan				
17	13-Jan				
18	20-Jan				

**COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
*Contributed by event chairman Thomas Ancona, PGK*

Bellmore Knights & Ladies Auxiliary,

On December 12th, 2020 Bellmore Council together with the Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Christmas party. I'd like to thank all of you who came. Thank you to our Worthy Grand Knight Brian Kasper for his support. Thank you to our Worthy DGK Vince Palazzolo for helping with our 50/50. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for donating beautiful glass Christmas tree ornaments to add to our 50/50 raffle. Thank you to our bartender Joe Defino and Anthony Igneri for all their help. A huge thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary President Teresa Ruescher who did ALL the cooking of the delicious food enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Jim Ruescher and Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Cristina Cronise for all their help in setting up and cleaning up. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thomas Ancona PGK

**COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS**

*Contributed by Vincent Palazzolo, DGK*

As we enter the new year the Columbus Club continues to be challenged with managing the finances of our building with limited rentals. I'd like to thank the finance committee, newly appointed in 2020, who has been tasked with coming up with suggestions for cost cutting, in order to keep the Club financial solvent. We have already taken steps to reduce telephone costs, cable and internet costs and alarm costs. From a cost standpoint we are doing all we can. From a revenue standpoint things have been more challenging. Even though we can accommodate rentals within Covid restrictions, many of our normal renters have been averse to having large gatherings of their friends and family so we anticipate, at least the first half of 2021, to continue to be a challenge. The Columbus Club board will continue to work diligently to keep the facility in order. Speaking of the Columbus Club board, I'd like to thank Larry Oakley, who completed 6 years on the board of directors and has rotated off the board. I'd like to welcome Tom Gunther and Phil Savours, who are newly elected to the board of directors and who's term began January 1, 2021. I'd also like to thank Austin Cannon Jr. and Kurt Bickom, who filled in on the board of directors on an interim basis. Lastly, I'd like to thank James Ruescher PGK, for trimming the trees and bushes and cleaning up in front of the building and Gary Pepitone, and his committee, for cleaning up in the back of the building. Although we are continuing to look for new sources of revenue, our most traditional revenue source, party rentals, is still available and in compliance with state guidelines for a Covid safe get together. Please keep the Columbus Club in mind if you know of anyone who is looking to rent a hall for a party. We can accommodate parties up to 42 people at the current time.

Vincent Palazzolo  
President

**RETIRED KNIGHTS NEWS**

*Contributed by John Weber PGK, President*

As we start the beginning of a new year, I am happy to say that the Bellmore K of C Retirees is still an active group. We are continuing to have our meetings at the council hall every first Tuesday of the month at 12 noon (with masks on of course).

We discuss various topics including Council, church, community activities and whatever else one wants to bring up for discussion. We are a fun group. Of course, you do not have to be fully retired to join our group. Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good men. (No need for basic training).

Until further notice, we are postponing our monthly luncheons. We of course will continue them when this horrible pandemic is over.

Sadly, we have lost a few members this past year due to death or sickness. They will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to join our fun group please contact me at (516) 426-3682. Our dues are a mere \$10.00 a year.

Happy New Year and may God Bless,

John Weber, President and PGK.

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