

Our Lady of the Lakes - Council No. 6318

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The Lake Current – July 2012

Grand Knight's Message

June 13, 2012

Brothers:

As my term draws to an end, I'd like to thank you all for your support these past two years. I sincerely appreciate your dedication to our Council and our Order. I deeply appreciate your support for me as your Grand Knight. I could not have performed my duties without your constant assistance.

Over these two years our Council has grown in membership and brotherhood. We've gained many new members and established our Ladies Auxiliary. Our lounge has been renovated and our outdoor patio is being expanded. We've been honored to host numerous Conference events. Our website has developed into an outstanding source of information for our Council, our Ladies Auxiliary and our Assembly. We've established a presence on Facebook and Twitter. Our membership is constantly updated with email blasts and messages from our Council. Our Award Winning *Lake Current* is published monthly, emailed to our members and posted on our website. I thank you Brothers for everything you've done to make our Council stronger, larger and better.

On May 5th at the New York State Convention, our Council was presented with two awards. We received Third Place for our *Lake Current* thanks to the great work of Rob Firriolo Editor-in-Chief and our Editor Jonathan Garcia. We also received the Culture of Life Service Award for our dedication to Birthright.

Our Council hosted a Second Degree on May 11th honoring the memory of the Sullivan Family. We advanced nine brothers that night. They are Rich Dambra, Sean Higgins, Michael Hoffmann, Joshua Garcia, Philip Montana, John Nicol, Raymond Nicotera, James O'Boyle and Gerald Porteus.

On Sunday, May 13th, we hosted a Mother's Day Breakfast. Thanks to Jonathan Garcia & Balsalmo Cordovano Funeral Home we presented roses to each mother. Thanks to Rob Firriolo for chairing this event, shopping for this event and slaving over the grill all morning. Thanks to Steve Gheduzzi who shopped for this event and managed the kitchen, making sure each meal order was correct. Rich Dambra prepared the omelets to order, Dan Dolenk prepared the breads to order and Tom Curley assisted them all. Our wait staff, greeters and bar server did an excellent job serving our guests. Thanks to Gerald Porteus, Pat Barry, Jonathan Garcia, Joshua Garcia, Mike O'Brien, John Malandrino, Regina Negrycz and Joe Sinisi.

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Several of our members were elected as Officers of the Mother Cabrini Assembly #1572 on May 25th. They are Faithful Navigator: Rob Firriolo; Comptroller: Dennis O'Connor; Purser: Bill Richmond; Pilot: Anthony Pelliccio PGK; Inner Sentinel: Steve Gheduzzi; Outer Sentinel: Nick Saccone; Three-year Trustee: Bob Cuthbert, PFN; and Two-year Trustee: Charlie LaBarbera, PGK/FDD/PFN. Our newly elected Faithful Navigator reappointed Bobby Palazzo, PGK as our Color Corps Commander.

On June 2nd our Building Maintenance Committee held a Council clean up day. Thanks to Rob Firriolo, Mike O'Brien and John Nicol for cleaning up the exterior of our building. Later that evening we hosted a Comedy Night. It was a great success thanks to the efforts of Chairman Tom Curley and Committee members Darren Higgins, Phil Storminger and Charlie LaBarbera, PGK/FDD/PFN. Madam President Regina Negrycz assisted the Council by waitressing for our 58 patrons.

Our Council initiated a new member at the First Degree in Brewster held June 4th. Our newest Brother is Nicholas DiMargo. He was sponsored by our District Deputy, Ken Chambers. A week after his initiation, Nicholas advanced to the Second Degree at a Ceremony hosted by our newest Council, Holy Spirit in Cortlandt Manor.

Sadly, we bid farewell to Brother James T. Dunn at our Wake Service held on June 10th. James is a 35 year member of our Council and the father of Sir Knight Jamie Dunn. Thanks to those who attended the wake and/or Funeral Mass: Rob Firriolo, Kevin McGuckian, Joe Groneman, George Dean, Mike McDonald PGK, Mike McDonough PGK, John Hanrahan, Dennis Hanrahan, Otto Romanino, Mike O'Brien, Steve Kladis, Rob Servino, Ed Scheck, Bob DiSanza, Bill Dowling, Russ Lavan, Joe Sinisi, Anthony Falco, Mike Tomassi, Jim Degnan, Bobby Palazzo PGK, Tom Feirghery, Jim Philips, Owen Farrell, Eamon Farrell and Tom Brenan.

At our June Business Meeting we elected Joe Sinisi as Grand Knight. Joe is the first member of our Council to rise from the ranks of Columbian Squire to the highest rank of Worthy Grand Knight. Please congratulate Joe for this great honor. Also, please offer your constant support to him as he leads our Council through the coming Fraternal Year. Our other newly elected Officers are: Deputy Grand Knight-Jonathan Garcia, Chancellor-Robert Firriolo, Recorder-Daniel Baker, Treasurer-Joseph Groneman, Advocate-George Dean, Warden-Donny Ricker, Guards-Stephen Gheduzzi, Thomas Curley & Michael O'Brien and Three Year Trustee-Anthony Pelliccio PGK.

Friday, June 22nd, our Council is hosting a Third Degree. Please encourage all Second Degree members to make their Degree that night. Please join us to witness this unique Degree.

Please join us at the following upcoming events:

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- June 24, 2012 (Sunday) - Noon - First Mass for Deacon Scott Bierbaum at St. James
- June 24, 2012 (Sunday) - 3-7 p.m. Eagle Scout Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner at Our Lady of the Lakes Council #6318
- June 29, 2012 (Friday) - 2-8 p.m. - Blood Drive at Carmel VFW sponsored by Knights of Columbus, FOP, FDNY, and the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services
- June 29, 2012 (Friday) - 7:00 p.m. - Drink for Pink at Our Lady of the Lakes Council #6318
- July 9, 2012 (Monday) - Council Golf Outing at Vails Grove Golf Course in Brewster, N.Y.
- July 18-21, 2012 - St. James Feast

I'm very proud of the work we've accomplished over the past two years. I'm amazed by all we've done. But I have one last request to ask of you. Please forget the past transgressions, forgive those who have wronged you, shake hands with your Brothers and reunite our Council. If we can accomplish this one simple task, it will be the highlight of my tenure as Grand Knight.

May God bless you, your families, our Council and our Country.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Mansfield

Happy Independence Day!



BBQ – Friday, July 27th



Our Council will be hosting a barbecue to thank all of the outgoing officers, welcome the new officers, and celebrate our council's unity as we welcome all new and current members.

The fun begins on Friday, July 27th, at 4 p.m. and continues until closing. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, chili, and various salads. A \$5 donation to offset expenses is suggested.



***Columbia* Magazines Wanted**

Our program to donate *Columbia* magazines is up and running thanks to brother Knight Dennis O'Connor! Please bring your copy of *Columbia* magazine to the Council in support of our program to donate them to others who may have an interest in learning about the good works of our Order.

Recruit New Members!

Membership is the lifeblood of our Order. Every brother Knight should make a point to try to bring in at least one new member each year. It will benefit our Order and our Council, but it will benefit the new member most of all!





8th Annual St. James Feast



The Eight Annual Feast of St. James the Apostle and Our Lady of the Lake-Mt. Carmel returns this year from Wednesday, July 18th through Saturday, July 21st. The feast features rides, games, food, entertainment, casino gaming, Italian pastries and ices, raffles, religious observances, and vendors galore. And what feast would be complete without Grandma Sorgie's Famous Sicilian Zeppole?



Join us as we once again help out in a multitude of capacities at our parish festival. Volunteers will be needed for the casino beverage sales, security, food sales, and other tasks.

We will also be participating in the annual **Procession of the Saints**. This year, the procession will begin the Feast. We will march from the Carmel VFD firehouse to St. James on **Wednesday, July 18th, at 5:00 p.m.** All are welcome.



Other religious activities scheduled:

Wed., July 18 th	8:00 p.m.	Rosary for "Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life"
Thu., July 19 th	8:00 p.m.	Rosary for the protection of our Religious Liberty
Fri., July 20 th	7:30 p.m.	Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Italian & English)
Sat., July 21 st	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
	5:15 p.m.	Solemn Mass in Honor of St. James the Apostle
	8:00 p.m.	St. James Novena – 9 th Day

St. James Church and the Chapel of Life will be open for prayer throughout the entire Feast.



Church Comes Alive in Parishes

**LORD, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?**
Cardinal Timothy M.
Dolan

Catholic New York, June 28, 2012

The colorful priest-sociologist, Father Andrew Greeley, used to comment that the Catholic Church was the most “grassroots organization in the history of the world.” He went on to explain that the heart of Catholic infrastructure was the parish, which was about as close to the people as you can get.

He’s right. When I arrived here as your archbishop a little over three years ago, the first thing Cardinal Edward Egan told me was, “The strength of this archdiocese is our 400 parishes and mission churches. That’s where the life is.”

To those observations I say, to use a Catholic word, bingo!

This, of course, flies in the face of the caricature of the Church as oppressively controlled by Rome. While our Catholic people love the Holy Father and cherish his mission as successor of St. Peter, they are hardly concerned about the intricacies of Vatican gossip, personalities of the curia, or the latest Roman controversy.

Nor, for that matter, are they absorbed about affairs of “the archdiocese.” I’m happy when they know my name, and don’t even mind if they call me “Cardinal Egan” or “Cardinal O’Connor.” Yes, I am humbled by their affection for their archbishop, and grateful for their support of our archdiocesan efforts (e.g., thanks to them, the 2012 Stewardship Appeal has gone over goal), but our great people, 2.8 million strong, are hardly talking about what goes on at 1011 First Avenue, the Terence Cardinal Cooke Center, which houses our archdiocesan central offices.

But do they ever love their parishes! When I meet them, they often identify themselves by the parish they came from or reside in now, or by the parish grade school they attended.

And they hardly talk to me about the causes and complaints mentioned in most Catholic journals and magazines. Nope. They’ll tell me, instead, about how they love their parish priests—even while they might suggest they not preach so long!—how they admire the sisters and religious brothers who are with them in their parishes, schools, religious education programs, and in their neighborhood efforts of welcome, outreach, and charity. They’ll share concern about their kids or grandkids not learning their prayers or the basic teachings of the faith, and they worry that Sunday Mass doesn’t seem as prominent anymore in the lives of so many. They’ll talk about parish festivals, building projects, basketball teams, or organizations, and kindly tell me they want me to visit. They’re uncomfortable with the one extreme in the Church who want to go back to the ’50s, and with those on the other side who want to radically change every teaching and tradition in the Church.

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Church Comes Alive in Parishes (continued)

These parishioners love the Church, while still soberly aware of her flaws, and wonder why the Church they embrace, the Church so alive in their parish, is painted so poorly by what they read, watch, and listen to.

For them, the Church is Sunday Mass, baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings, anniversaries, feasts and funerals. Our Latino parishioners tell us that their parish church is like “the town square, their living room, the kitchen” where they meet God their father, Jesus their Lord, Mary their mother, and their brothers and sisters who belong to the same family of faith.

My greatest joy as your archbishop is visiting our parishes!

Over the last couple of weeks, for instance, I’ve visited parishes such as Sacred Heart, in the Bronx, where the magnificent church was jammed with parishioners from the past—now moved away, but who still assured me that “Sacred Heart Parish and School would always be my home”—and the present, who now claim it as their spiritual center;

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Manhattan, rightly beaming about their recently restored historic church, actually the site of the first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) in the United States;

St. Clare in the Bronx, where, on a blistering hot summer weekday evening, the people packed their church for a festive Mass, then processed with me a mile through the streets to venerate the patron of Ponza, Italy—where the first parishioners came from—St. Silverio;

Sacred Heart Parish in Newburgh, again on a weeknight, the beautiful church full of grateful people celebrating a century of parochial life;

St. Stanislaus, Pine Island, where sturdy Polish immigrants built the church 10 decades ago—with the presence that evening of the first gentleman christened there, now 100!—and their grandchildren, many still hearty farmers in this famed “onion region,” praying, celebrating, eating, dancing, singing, remembering, and dreaming on that summer Saturday evening, radiant in their faith and the parish that has sustained it, cheering their beloved pastor, Father Joseph.

In all of these memorable visits, since they occurred during the month, June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I praised God that the precious blood of Jesus, His grace and mercy, have flowed through His Body, the Church, in each parish, where our people are welcomed and embraced, the sacraments are celebrated, the faith is taught, those in need are served, and where God’s people find a spiritual family.

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Church Comes Alive in Parishes (continued)

Yes, we relish our bond with Rome and her bishop, the Successor of St. Peter, our Holy Father—and know union with him is necessary for our Catholic faith;

yes, we savor our membership in the local church, the Archdiocese of New York, and—thank you!—embrace our archbishop, Timothy, “your unworthy servant”;

but, we love our parish, for there we meet Jesus in His word and sacrament, and in the people who are part of our supernatural family.

Our Council Hall’s Past



One of our members found this photo on the internet and kindly passed it along. Look familiar? Yes, our building was once the Carmel firehouse.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Highest degree of Knighthood.

Mother Cabrini Assembly

#1572 – News

General Election Results

The Assembly held its annual Election of Officers on Friday, May 25th at 8 p.m. The following officers were elected:

Navigator:	Rob Firriolo	Trustee (1 Year):	Salvatore Inserra, PFN
Captain:	Steve Rees	Trustee (2 Year):	Charles LaBarbera, PFN
Admiral:	Anthony DeMaio	Trustee (3 Year)	Bob Cuthbert, PFN
Pilot:	Anthony Pellicio	Comptroller:	Dennis O'Connor
Inner Sentinel:	Steve Gaduzzi	Purser:	Bill Richmond
Outer Sentinel:	Nick Saccone	Scribe:	Louis A. Gagne

Our new Faithful Navigator reappointed Color Corps Commander is Bobby Palazzo, PGK and expressed the gratitude of the Assembly for Bobby's continuing outstanding leadership.

Patriotic Support Ideas and Projects Welcomed

Faithful Navigator Rob Firriolo wishes to build upon the excellent work begun by PFN Bob Cuthbert, continuing the Assembly's involvement in many charitable activities and also through the Color Corps' participation in parish and community events. Reminding us all of the Fourth Degree's lesson of patriotism, our FN is looking for programs and projects to honor and benefit our active duty service members, wounded warriors, and retired veterans, as well as to commemorate deceased veterans and assist their families. All Sir Knights are asked to suggest ideas at our next membership meeting or by contacting our FN directly.

Our Next Membership Meeting is Friday, July 27th at 8 p.m. at Council 6318.

All Fourth Degree members are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

Lounge Reminders

All members and their guests are required to sign our lounge sign-in book! The New York State Liquor Authority requires us to document all guests. Please help us meet this requirement. All members are responsible for making sure that their guests are signed-in before placing any orders at the bar.

Also, we have posted a code of conduct in the lounge. All members are requested to familiarize themselves with it. The Corporation Board of Directors thanks you for your cooperation.

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Help Build Our Outside Patio One Special Brick at a Time!

In the coming months, we will construct a private, fence-enclosed patio behind our building and adjacent to the County parking lot. It will be used for Council and rental functions. This outdoor space will be multi-functional and family-friendly. It will be a tremendous asset to our building and provide much enjoyment.

We are selling brick pavers to raise funds for this patio. Every Council member and friend has the opportunity to purchase as many bricks as desired. Each brick will be engraved with the donor's message. This is a wonderful opportunity to memorialize the life of a friend or loved one. Your donation will simultaneously support our patio fundraiser and honor your special person.



Our memorial brick pavers will surface a walkway to, and around, the patio. The brick pavers are beautiful, durable and maintenance-free. As a memorial, these brick pavers are priceless, and the memories will last forever. A sample brick may be viewed in our Council Lounge.

The construction of this patio and the success of this fundraiser are dependent on you! Please prayerfully consider purchasing memorial brick pavers for your loved ones.

The costs are described on the order form located on the next page. Please fill it out and return it with your check as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events for 2012

- **July 9th, 2012 (Monday)**: Noon – Council Golf Outing. See the flyer in this newsletter for details.
- **July 18st, 2012 (Wednesday)**: 5:00 pm – Annual Procession of the Saints starting at Carmel VFD firehouse and ending at St. James Church. (**NOTE NEW DATE**)
- **July 18-21, 2012 (Wednesday - Saturday)**: St. James Feast – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- **July 27th, 2012 (Friday)**: 8:00 pm – Fourth Degree Meeting (Mother Cabrini Assembly) at Council 6318.
- **September 11th, 2012 (Tuesday)**: 7:00 pm – 9/11 Memorial Service at Cornerstone Park; coffee reception immediately afterward at Our Lady of the Lakes Council.
- **September 28th, 2012 (Friday)**: 8:00 pm – Fourth Degree Meeting (Mother Cabrini Assembly) at Council 6318.
- **October 7th, 2012 (Sunday)**: 2:00 p.m. – Columbus Day Parade in Mahopac. Join us to honor our Order's namesake by marching with your brother Knights!
- **October 25th, 2012 (Thursday)**: 6:00 p.m. – Knights Against Domestic Violence rally at Council 6318.
- **November 3rd, 2012 (Saturday)**: 7:00 p.m. – 41st Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony

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- **November 4th, 2012 (Saturday):** 2:00 p.m. – Third Annual Veterans Day Parade (details to come)
- **November 23rd, 2012 (Friday):** 8:00 p.m. – Fourth Degree Meeting (Mother Cabrini Assembly) at Council 6318.
- **November 24th, 2012 (Saturday):** 9:00 a.m. – Assemble St. James Nativity Scene, decorate St. James Rectory, put up Council Christmas decorations

All Dates to Remember will be preceded by an e-mail blast to inform all brother Knights that these dates are coming up shortly, and to encourage your participation to help make our Council the best council that we can be, as we unite as one.

Please make sure we have your current email address!!!





Good of the Order

Please take a moment to remember our sick and recently departed brother Knights and their families. Please pray for them.

Sick:

- Gina Aurisicchio
- Dan O'Hare
- Gloria Antoci
- John Carrick
- Mike McDonald, PGK
- Kevin O'Connor
- Andrea O'Brien
- George Dean
- Kevin Goodenough
- Thomas Higgins
- Christopher Chambers
- Ann Carmody
- Mike Palazzo
- Mario Nocera
- John Padian
- Donny Ricker
- Frank Ascone
- Debra Nicol
- Geraldine Garofalo
- Richard DiSanza
- Steve Stone

Recently departed:

- All deceased members of Council 6318
- All deceased American Veterans
- Madeline Sinisi (mother of DGK Joe Sinisi)
- Theresa Ruggiero (grandmother of Warden Rob Firriolo)
- John Thomson (Uncle of Stephen D. Kladis)
- Michael McDonald (father of Mike McDonald, PGK)
- Brother Knight Giacomo "Jack" Porcelli
- Philip A. Arcuri (relative of John Arcuri)
- Gerald Porteus (father of Jerry Porteus)
- Ana Faley (mother of Rick Faley)
- Josephine Hadden (mother-in-law of Guard Bob Manfredi)
- Brother Thomas Sullivan, Sr., wife Donna and daughters Meaghan & Mairead
- F.S. Anthony Cioppa (Fr. Mooney Council)
- James Evers (Uncle of Seamus & Dan Baker)
- Frank Stevens

Please contact GK Joe Mansfield if you have additional intentions you'd like to share with our brother Knights.



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Council Officers 2011-12

Grand Knight – Joseph Sinisi

Chaplain – Fr. Anthony Sorgie

Past Grand Knight – Joseph Mansfield, PGK

Deputy Grand Knight – Jonathan W. Garcia

Chancellor – Robert P. Firriolo

Recorder – Daniel Baker

Financial Secretary – Kevin McGuckian

Treasurer – Joseph Groneman

Lecturer – To be appointed

The Advocate – George Dean

Warden – Donny Ricker

Guards: Steve Gheduzzi, Thomas Curley, Michael O'Brien

1 Yr. Trustee – Louis Albano, PGK

2 Yr. Trustee – John Adams, PGK

3 Yr. Trustee – Anthony Pelliccio, PGK

District Deputy – Robert Cuthbert, PFN

1st Degree Team Captain – Frank Ascone

Fourth Degree Navigator – Robert P. Firriolo

Color Corps Commander – Robert Palazzo, PGK

Corporation President – Mike Tomassi; 6318 Associates, Inc.

Insurance Field Agent – Brendan P. McCabe

MANY WAYS TO KEEP INFORMED!

We're on the web at
carmelknights.org

Visit our [web page](#) for a schedule of upcoming events, contact information, current and back issues of *The Lake Current*, helpful and interesting [links](#), a [listing of Council sponsors](#), and the latest Council news. Our “[Breaking News](#)” page is updated several times a week – sometimes daily – to give you up-to-the-minute, current news. Check it out frequently to keep informed on the many happenings involving our Council.

Our Lady of the Lakes also has a regularly updated [Facebook page](#) with links, photos, events, and status updates. Post your comments and give us feedback in our Discussions tab. Add your “Like” to our Facebook page for easy updates on Council happenings.

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[Our Twitter feed](#) is linked directly to our Council’s Facebook page. All posts on Facebook are automatically posted on Twitter with a link back to the Facebook entry.

Remember, you don’t need a Facebook or Twitter account to check out these pages and find out what’s going on with our Council.

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Officers Meeting - 1st Wednesday at 7:45 P.M.

Council Membership Meeting - 2nd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.

Corporation Meeting - 1st Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

Knights of the Month



*For June 2012 Goes To
Brother Knight*

Thomas Curley

Congratulations, Brother!



For K of C Insurance Info

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Sponsors of the Month

Please support the sponsors who generously took out advertisements in our Annual Dinner Dance Journal. Our Sponsor of the Month is:



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Dennis O'Connor, Delegate	Sir Knight Council 6318

Banquet Room / Party and Meeting Halls for Rent

Our recently renovated, air-conditioned banquet room with multimedia audio and video system, including a motorized projection screen, is available for all your special occasions. Contact our House Chairman (845) 225-6318 for hall availabilities and details.



We have added a [contact list](#) of our sponsors to our "[Links Page](#)" on our website. These are the fine businesses who have generously supported our Council by taking advertisements in our 2011 Awards Dinner Journal. **Please support those who support our Council!**



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