

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## CHAPTER TAKES FIRST STEPS

First of all we would like to thank all Councils, District Deputies, Faithful Navigators for their spirited attendance at our last Chapter meeting. Each contributed to a very positive and constructive meeting. We all had a long absent opportunity to learn a little about the tremendous Council programs that have been so successful throughout our area. These wonderful and well run programs are in our own backyard! Now that we have been inspired by these works it time we join together and concentrate our combined efforts. United we can make a big difference. We have a tremendous pool of talent and resources it is our responsi-

bility to tap these resources. We live in one of the most affluent areas of the world.

We can make a difference.

We should make a difference.

Let us move forward united and with a positive, can do mentality. This is a tremendous opportunity to make a difference.

I request that you please be a positive part of this new venture. Remember it is our Chapter—lets make it the best it can be.

It is up to us to make sure it is molded the way we want it. Please consider taking on a project and helping out our committee chairman.

We now planning our meeting calendar and will have that information for you soon. Currently we intend on meeting in March, May and June. We will put a meeting schedule together for our next Columbian year—we will meet every other month.

At our next meeting I will request names of men that wish to be liaisons to our neighboring Chapters. Please do not hesitate to contact any of your officers if you are interested in any position in our Chapter.

Fraternally,  
Richard J. Ditrio Jr.

## GOLF OUTING

We are in the process of planning a golf outing. Aware that many of our Councils have conducted their own outings, and hearing that it has become more and more challenging for the individual Council, we are putting together a joint outing. Open to all ideas

and asking for help and support. The Grand Knight of St. Dominic in Thornwood has volunteered to chair this event/events.

There has been some talk of conducting two 2 outings simultaneously.

We are trying to raise funds for our Charities and each

Council will get credit for all donations made. Please help our Chairman—this can be a very successful event if we all support it. Please contact John Bianco GK - St. Dominic

### Chapter Officers

*Richard J. Ditrio Jr.—President*

*Charles Grimmer—Vice President*

*Gary Leonardo—Secretary/Treasurer*

### Meetings - 8:00 PM

*March 28 - St..Dominic  
Thornwood*

*April 25 - Fr. Grady  
P.ort Chester*

*May 23 - St. Dominic  
Thornwood*

*June 20 - Fr. Grady  
P.ort Chester*

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## Westchester Putnam Membership



As I write this on February 20, 2008 Membership in the Chapter is doing well. Of the 23 active Councils all but four have exemplified a candidate in their Council.

*The numbers to date are 79 new members minus 16 suspensions equaling 64 net members. Worthy, those numbers will rise and fall as members exemplify and suspend. We are number one in the State in net percentage membership in January with 15.71% in December we were 12.47%. That is an increase of 3.24%. In number terms we went from 50 net to 64 net members.*

*Stats are a great tool to*

*measure production, however membership when simplified is simple communication. This year I was asked to chair the State Round Table program.*

*The program is a liaison ship between Parish's and Councils. Communicate with the Pastor and many doors open. For instance what better way to tell the men of the parish of the greatest catholic men's organization by utilizing the **Parish Bulletin**.*

*In fact membership chairman now is the time to plan for the March Blitz Parish membership drive. How many Parishes' are in your Council jurisdiction? How many Mass's are celebrated at each Parish? Lastly how many doors are at each Parish? Then down to the*

*nuts and bolts, lets check out the weather? Is the Council membership available on the Sundays you have reserved? Did your F/S order the resources needed to conduct the drive? Yes, all the above being attended to contribute to a successful membership drive. Lets start in February and plan the membership drive for March!!*

*Lastly I would like to set a goal, that **all 23 Councils are membership active** by the end of the fraternal year.*

*Thank you Brothers for your continued efforts*

*Jim Cullen Your Membership Facilitator*

## Holy Name of Mary Council and Parish join to help KEON Center

Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Holy Name of Mary had a Communion / Brunch in the church hall. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage as well as bake ziti and turkey. Our special guess speaker was William Melville Director of the Keon Center in Peekskill, New York. It was very informative talk in which we got a brief history into its origins. It was started around 1953 as a small group of parents who had handicap children. They wanted to do more for there children as well as to trying to have a more normal life for themselves and there children. It has grown a great deal since it was started in 1953. The residents that go there are help by the Keon center to help themselves and to be a productive part of the community. It now helps many young and old adults. The youngest being 18 years of age and the oldest around 70. We hope that Council #4730 can help them in their work. We were able to put together a small donation from the parish as well as the council. We thank Mr. William Melville for his good work and for come to talk to us.

Daniel J. Daudier  
District Deputy #45  
COB



The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Independence.

As discussed at our last Chapter meeting—we wish to see all Councils participate in this very important program.

Chairman is James Collins from St. Dominic Council

### WESTCHESTER COALITION FOR THE HUNGREY & HOMELESS

We ask that all Councils begin collecting non-perishable food and clothing (good or new condition) to be donated to help this wonderful cause.

We will be collecting from all Councils during a bike-a-thon being planned for June. Please begin work on this project as soon as you can.

Tim O'Brian from Rev. John A Keogh Council in Tuckahoe is Chairman of this project

### **PRAYER RALLY**

MAY 13, 2008  
ALBANY, NY

WE HAVE COMFORTABLE  
BUSES MAKING THE TRIP!  
PLEASE JOIN US.

CONTACT  
DAVID MORRISON DD

### AWARDS BALL CHANGE

The location of our Awards Ball has changed. Our original location was the victim of a fire and will not be ready in time for our celebration. They have been very nice and met with our Chairman and gave them a tour of the building. We are confident that they will be able to repair all damage but unfortunately will not be completed before our scheduled affair.

The new location is the "Canyon Club" located at 568 Bedford Road

## **Urgent need - Are you/we ready to help?**

Written by Frank's devoted sister Rosanna

"My precious brother Frank Maiolo is a 45- year-old young man who dreamed of becoming an accountant. As a young boy, he could solve math problems without the use of a calculator. Like other young men, he dreamed of marrying the girl of his dreams and having a family. He loved children. Alas, that was not in God's plan for him. Frank was born with hydrocephalus (water on the brain). Although extremely bright, he was not able to walk until 3 years of age because his head was too large and heavy for his little body to support. As his older sister I carried Frank a lot, I was his shadow. Despite some physical limitations, Frank went on to attend Catholic grammar school, public high-school and 3 years of Iona College. Scholastically Frank did very well along the way, earning induction into the National Honor Society. But, through the adolescent years and young adulthood, he would struggle with mental disorders due to the natural disease process that slowly eroded his brain and because of the environmental stressors. Unfortunately, some adults and even children were not always kind to him because he looked "different".

Finally, Frank's way of the cross became more intense when he sustained a traumatic brain injury caused by a catastrophic subdural hematoma. That event and its ensuing complications have placed Frank in what some refer to as "a stupor or minimally aware or severe cerebral dysfunctional state". It would require hours to tell all the details of his suffering. Frank is unable to communicate his needs or ask for help, his voice is silent. He has a seizure disorder. He needs to be turned frequently while in bed. He needs to be suctioned of secretions in order to keep his lungs clean. He needs range of motion of his limbs in order to prevent contractures and other numerous services that help him greatly. A certified nursing assistant provides one to one care daily and with this we have optimized his condition even under these difficult circumstances. Before placing the nursing assistant , Frank was constantly fighting some new ailment.

I can no longer shoulder the financial burden of the type specialized care. I ask for your help in providing this very important care which has made such a huge difference in Frank's life. To this end, we have established a tax exempt "Supplemental Needs Trust" for Frank to be used exclusively for the purpose of providing services and/or equipment, etc. not otherwise paid for by insurance."

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If you can find it in your heart to help please send all to :

Frank Maiolo Supplemental Needs Trust  
c/o Westchester-Putnam Chapter  
21 Grey Rock Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06831

## **Wishing you and your family a Blessed Easter !**

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