



# THE POWELLITE

Robert W. Powell Council # 3488, Uniondale, NY

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June 2008

## Grand Knight's Message

To My Brothers All,

Well this is it for me, my two years are up and now it's time to step aside and let new fresh blood take over. I would like to start by thanking all of you for helping me keep my head above water. If it wasn't for people like Doug Griffin, PGK Bob Powell, PGK Winston Delpesh, DD PGK Bill Murphy, and PGK Mike Dragonetti I don't think I would have survived. I ask that when our GK elect takes over, your support will be there for him. Again, thanks to all of you for your help.



It has been a long, tough two years. We lost some important members who were active at our meetings and functions. Others moved away, and some just stopped showing up. Always remember without you our Council is nothing. Our new GK has many new ideas on how to keep this Council afloat. He is young and is active in St. Martha's Church. Many of you know him, others will be happy to meet him. His name is Billy Ludewig, his family is very active with the American Legion. So with that our Council only stands to gain strength. I wish him the best of luck, and am very happy to be handing over the reins to him. Billy, when you think things aren't going to work, call one of the above and they will be there for you.

Stayed tuned for coming events. Our picnic is in August, it is also our biggest fundraiser. Lets make it a success, not like last year. Of course we will be sending out the C & B books, and can be sure that other fundraisers will follow.

In closing I would like to wish Billy success as GK. If you should need anything from me just ask. To all our members I say thank you. There were many low points during my term, but through it all with your support I was able to prevail. Thanks and may God bless each of you. Being your GK has humbled me.

Good luck,

*Gerard J. Boettcher, GK*

## Council Calendar

**Wednesday, June 4th** Council meeting, American Legion  
\*\*COUNCIL ELECTIONS\*\*

**Tuesday, June 10th** District Deputy Meeting, Powell Council

**Friday, June 13th** K of C Kafe, American Legion

**Monday, June 16th** Officers Meeting, St. Martha's Parish Outreach

**Wednesday, June 18th** Council Social Meeting, American Legion  
\*\*STEAK NIGHT\*\*

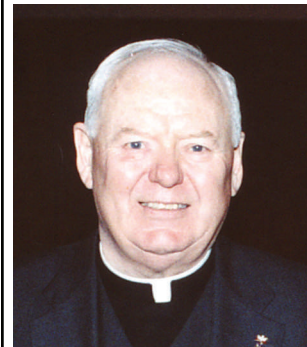
**Friday, June 20th** Nassau Chapter Meeting, Holy Innocents Council

**Wednesday, June 25th** Pope John XXIII Assembly Meeting, Msgr. Delaney Council, Farmingdale.

**Saturday, August 9th** Powell Council Annual Picnic

**See you at the council!**

## Rev. Edward C. Fitzpatrick



Our former Chaplain lost his battle with cancer on May 27th. Father Fitzpatrick had a commanding presence in the pulpit and gave inspiring sermons. During his time as Pastor at St. Martha's, he expressed pride in the parish's diversity and made it a point to include the groups in as many functions as possible.

His funeral Mass at St. Joseph's in Kings Park was celebrated by Bishop Murphy and two of his auxiliaries, and was attended by more than 30 priests. He was laid to rest at St. Charles Cemetery in Pinelawn.

The Belfast, Ireland native was ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington in 1968, and among his assignments was the Diocesan Prison Ministry team 1983-1989. He was also instrumental in converting the upper floors of St. Martha's Convent into a "sober house" for recovering alcoholics.

"He was supportive to the other priests," current St. Martha's Pastor Msgr. Frank Caldwell noted, "and I know he's looking down and likes what he sees in today's St. Martha's."

## Keep in touch with Powell Council!

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You can also hear and leave messages on the CouncilPhone (516) 481-2578.

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### *Council Officers 2007-2008*

Rev. Zachary Callahan	Co-Chaplain
Msgr. Francis J, Caldwell	Co-Chaplain
Gerard J. Boettcher	Grand Knight
William G. Ludewig	Deputy Grand Knight
Anthony Purchase	Chancellor
Robert W. Powell, Jr.	Warden
Raymond B. Caluori PGK	Financial Secretary
Luis R. Nieves	Treasurer
Douglas Mehrtens	Recorder
Thomas H. Maddox	Advocate
Salvatore J. Alaimo	Lecturer
John G. D'Atri	Co-Inside Guard
Justin M. Miller	Co-Inside Guard
Robert Houston	Outside Guard
Ronald E. Lopez PGK FDD	3-year Trustee
Frank C. Marando	2-year Trustee
Winston Delpesh, PGK DW	1-year Trustee

### *Committee Chairmen*

Membership Chairman	Anthony Purchase
Church Activities	William G. Ludewig
Fourth Degree	Winston Delpesh PGK
Benevolence	Thomas H. Maddox
Hospitality	Salvatore J. Alaimo
Community Affairs	Frank C. Marando
Family Activities	Mike Dragonetti PGK
Chief Counsellor, Rev. John J. Byrne	Robert W. Powell PGK
	Circle #999
Publicity	William G. Ludewig
	Mike Dragonetti PGK

### *Columbian Club Officers*

President	Robert W. Powell PGK
Vice President	Douglas G. Griffin
Secretary	John H. Knichel PGK
Treasurer	Robert Brzozowski PGK

Robert W. Powell Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm at the Uniondale American Legion Hall. Council Officers, Trustees, and Committee chairmen meet the preceding Monday (in case of holiday, Tuesday) at 7:30 pm at St. Martha's Parish Outreach Center in Uniondale

**Condolences to the family of Eugene Gluszak on his passing. When we had our old building, he did much of the woodwork in stairwell leading to the downstairs hall.**

## *Speaking of Officers . . .*

The Nominations committee has put forth the slate of Officers for the June 4th elections at the American Legion Hall:

Grand Knight	William Ludewig
Deputy Grand Knight	Anthony Purchase
Chancellor	Doug Mehrtens
Warden	John D'Atri
Advocate	Salvatore Alaimo
Treasurer	Luis Nieves
Recorder	Tom Maddox
Inside Guard	<b>OPEN</b>
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Outside Guard	Robert Houston
Delegate to the Chapter	Salvatore Alaimo
Delegate to the Division	
GK Alternate	William J. Murphy Jr. PGK, DD
PGK Alternate	Winston Delpesh PGK

As you can see we still need a couple of guards. You've heard it before, and it's worth repeating. Pardon my grammar, but,

**Without you, there is no "us"**

### *Save the Dates:*

**Friday, June 13th: The K of C Kafe. Ray Calouri and Winston Delpesh will be making hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and chili. \$5 per person beginning at 7 pm at the Legion Hall.**

**Saturday, August 9th:  
Powell Council's Annual Picnic.  
More details when they become available.**

The Nassau Chapter also has a couple of events which may be of interest:

On July 5th, the Chapter is having their Annual Day out at the Ballpark. They have 200 tickets to the Long Island Ducks. A fireworks display will follow the game. Twelve dollars per ticket. Contact Chapter Secretary Jim Wall (516) 541-0655 or your Chapter Delegate.

Our Friends at Memorare Council will be having their Annual Golf Club. They play at different courses every month, and you can belong to any council to join. Contact their Chancellor, John Chester, either at a Chapter Meeting, or at the council phone number, (516) 785-3476.

**Tell them you saw it in the Powellite!**

## *Homily, Trinity Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2008*

Unless you were always super popular in school, you probably know what it's like to stand on the outside of a circle of friends looking in. The desire for inclusion is very strong in social animals, like us. And the pain of exclusion is fierce. That's why the family, the domestic circle of friends, is so important to us.

When children get the idea that their parents aren't accepting them in a way that's meaningful or they begin to experience a profound gap that separates their life from the life of their family, what happens? Well, more often than not, they'll seek another social group to join in order to fulfill that potent desire for inclusion. We encounter that dynamic with peer pressure or street gangs.

The **Trinity** is the ultimate social circle. It's infinitely inclusive because it welcomes all to join. The energy that unites the group – Father, Son and Spirit – and makes them One – is love. Love is the glue, the binding force of relationship among the Persons of the Trinity. Joining the group is easy, but you have to know somebody. And the one we can know best is Jesus because he became one of us in the Incarnation. We have a lot in common with Him. In fact, we are like in all ways, except sin.

But we can also exclude ourselves from [Trinitarian] 'the group.' By rejecting Jesus, I reject the society of the Trinity. By refusing to live in love, I release myself from the unity that binds us together and makes us one. Outside this divine circle, I'm left to seek another group – the peer groups and the street gangs of this passing world.

The gospel we hear today is an account of Jesus' conversation with a well-disposed Palestinian Jew – Nicodemus. In the longer version, Jesus speaks of the different assignments to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit within the Godhead. The Son comes to save us, the Spirit gives us new birth, and the Father is in charge of sending them on their missions.

For a good Jew, any notion of division with the Godhead was unthinkable. God was one. Yahweh was also beyond human cognition, loving but distant, the ultimate in transcendence. This revelation about the inner life of God is a stunning one for us also.

So, may I suggest a practical, contemporary metaphor of the Trinity – or the triune-ness of God – that presents an interesting challenge to us that could affect our behavior. The metaphor I'm suggesting is that God is a committee. Our God is in some mysterious way three relationships.

We can speak of God only in human language. So, bringing a Christian perspective, to an Old Testament scene, can you picture the "three of them" at creation discussing exactly who will take what roles in this huge undertaking?

The scriptures do speak of such different roles. The Father is the chief creator, all things are made "through the Word, the Son," and the Spirit "hovers over the waters" bringing a mystical dimension to the life of the enterprise.

So, what does this teach us? Our God is a mystery of collaboration. Our God is presented as a social being within the very Divine Self. God isn't an isolated mysterious figure alone and aloof on mountain peak or at some incredibly distant place in the universe.

Our God from all eternity is relationships. The very being of God is a challenge to anyone who thinks that he or she can be perfectly self-reliant, completely independent. The very nature of God goes against the American ideal of "rugged individualism."

If we are made "in the image and likeness of God," then we must be social, collaborative, relational, inclusive beings. No human being is an island. No human being comes to full humanness solely alone.

The very complicated mystery of the Trinity is summed up in the fact that – we need one another. The very being of our God teaches us that, to be fully human, we must live as social, collaborative, relational people in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our churches, in our political communities, and among nations as well. Today, we're invited to join or rejoin the right gang, the group the trinity of interconnect- edness that is our God. There's no other way to share in Divinity.

And so, as St. Paul tells us today may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit – remain with us always.



*Msgr. Frank Caldwell*

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*From the desk of the Financial Secretary*

Dear Brothers,

I recently received a program from our Supreme Council for Financial secretary's This program reduces the time spent in preparing the dues bill for our membership.

The bill is now on 8x11 letter head and indicates the brothers name and membership number. Please when mailing your payment PLEASE INDICATE the your membership number ON YOUR CHECK.

In addition the Supreme Council has initiated an online update for all data pertaining to council members. However in reviewing the data shown for our membership there are areas which need to be updated. These areas are spouse information which has been lacking on the form 100's previously submitted by the membership along with next of kin (especially for Insurance members). I am asking that when you forward your dues to provide this information to me in order to update the records accordingly.

Fraternally

*Ray Caluori PGK*

Financial Secretary

*Army/Navy Game*

Its that time of year where I have to collect money from everyone that's going to the Army/Navy game this year in Philadelphia, on Saturday Dec 6th, 2008. Once again the cost is still \$145.00 per ticket, and we will be allowed to leave from the West Hempstead Fire Department. Please send me your money if you are planning on going, and if not please call me and let me know so that someone else can go. If anyone that hasn't been contacted with there ticket from last year and wanyts to go, please contact me and I will put your name on the extra list,

Fraternally yours,

*Jim Gardner PGK*

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*Our former statue*

Last year, our former statue of the Blessed Mother was replaced at St. Martha's by the parish. The council would like to make a contribution to help defray the replacement cost. Checks can be made to Robert W. Powell Council, and sent to the council's mailing address on page two.