



# THE POWELLITE

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## Grand Knight's Message

My dear brothers, as I move into my second month as Grand Knight there are many things going on. We are moving along with our C&B sales, sending out membership and dues notices, for our picnic, preparing for our picnic, meeting with Msgr. Caldwell, and getting ready to kick start the K of C Cafe.

On the weekend of July 21st I attend a Convention at the Friar Tuck Inn for Grand Knights and District Deputies. Being there I was able to speak to other Grand Knights about the problems their Councils are having. The two major issues were the lack of new members and attendance at meetings. We agreed that these are a major problems. But what is the answer?

Within the next few weeks I will be meeting with the Columbian Club Officers to discuss some ideas. I would also like to thank PGK Bill Brown, and Dan O'Connor for the e-mails they sent me regarding my first Grand Knights Message. It was great to hear from both of them, and it shows that our e-mailing of the Powellite is reaching our out-of-state members. That is something that only happens because of Mike Dragonetti and the dedication he has to our Council.

My year has only gotten under way and sorrow has hit our Council. I would like to send my condolences to the Alaimo, Knichel, and Cabanez families for their losses. May this be the only losses our Council encounters.

Our picnic is around the corner. What better way to get new members to join then at a beach party? It's simple, \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 per immediate family gets you and your perspective member a great time. Just give PGK Bob Powell a call and he'll do the rest. Remember our Council will only survive with your help. Our numbers are down and I'm hoping the picnic will show the direction we are headed in.

*Gerard J Boettcher.*

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## Council Calendar

- 8/6: First Mass, St. Martha's
- 8/11: K of C Kafe, American Legion Hall
- 8/12: Powell Council Annual Picnic, Lido Beach
- 8/14: Officers Meeting
- 8/16: Council Meeting, American Legion Hall
- 9/3: First Mass, St. Martha's
- 9/4: Officers Meeting
- 9/6: Council Meeting, American Legion Hall
- 9/18: Officers Meeting
- 9/20: Installation of Officers, American Legion Hall
- 9/27: Pope John XXIII Assembly Meeting, Floral Park Council
- 10/1: First Mass, St. Martha's
- 10/2: Officers Meeting
- 10/4: Council Meeting, American Legion Hall
- 10/8: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Melville Marriott
- 10/13: Oktoberfest, American Legion Hall

**Support Robert W. Powell Council!**

## Keep in touch with Powell Council!

If you're online, you don't have to wait until the next Powellite to keep up with your favorite council. Log into [www.koc3488.com](http://www.koc3488.com) And if you're online you can get Powell Council news e-mailed to members, widows, and former Ladies Auxiliary. Sign up at [PowelliteEditor@koc3488.com](mailto:PowelliteEditor@koc3488.com)

You can also hear and leave messages on the CouncilPhone (516) 481-2578. If you're a St. Martha's parishioner, look for our weekly updates in the bulletin!

Fr. Bernie was walking through a playground, when a child asked him, "why are you dressed so funny?" Fr. Bernie replied, "I'm a Priest, and this is what we wear."

The child then asked, "is that a boo-boo on your neck?" Fr. Bernie replied, "no, that's a holy Roman collar, and that's part of what we wear." Fr. Bernie then took the collar off to show the youngster, "can you read what's on the back of the collar?" "Sure I can," the lad replied, "it kills fleas and ticks for up to 90 days!"

Courtesy of Rev. Bernard Turner, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Lake George

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### *Council officers 2006-2007*

Rev. Zachary Callahan	Co-Chaplain
Msgr. Francis J, Caldwell	Co-Chaplain
Gerard J. Boettcher	Grand Knight
John G. D'Atri	Deputy Grand Knight
William G. Ludewig	Chancellor
Anthony Purchase	Warden
Raymond B. Caluori PGK	Financial Secretary
Luis R. Nieves	Treasurer
Justin M. Miller	Recorder
Thomas H. Maddox	Advocate
Joseph J. Munistieri	Lecturer
Robert Houston	Co-Inside Guard
Robert W. Powell, Jr.	Co-Inside Guard
John J. Gallo	Outside Guard
William J. Murphy, Jr. DD	3-year Trustee
James G. Munson PGK	2-year Trustee
Winston Delpesh, PGK	1-year Trustee

### *Committee Chairmen*

Membership Chairman	John G, D'Atri
Church Activities	James G. Munson PGK
Fourth Degree Co-Chairs	Winston Delpesh PGK
	Mike Dragonetti
Benevolence	Thomas H. Maddox
Hospitality	William J. Murphy, Jr. DD
Community Affairs	Mike Dragonetti
Family Activities	Robert W. Powell PGK
Chief Counsellor, Rev. John J. Byrne Circle #999	William G. Ludewig
Publicity	Mike Dragonetti

### *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 8:30 pm at the Uniondale American Legion Hall. Council Officers, meet the preceding Monday (in case of holiday, Tuesday) at 7:30 pm at the West Hempstead Fire Department

### *RESOLUTION*

Thanks to attendance at the June 21 meeting, Robert W. Powell Council 3488 was able to vote to change the number people in a quorum from 25 to 15 Thanks, brothers!

### *Powellighting*

Keep September 23rd and 24th open. The 23rd is St. Martha's Annual Dinner Dance, and the 24th will be Msgr. Caldwell's 25th Anniversary Celebration at St. Martha's 11:00 Mass. We've been adding pages to St. Martha's website to try to get more event coverage. Wherever you are, you can keep up with St. Martha's Bulletins at <http://www.saintmartha.org>.

By now I'm sure you know you can get the Powellite online. If you're not, and would like to, e-mail me. Also, if you're a Fourth Degree member, you can also get your Encyclical online. Again, e-mail me.

If you're not Fourth Degree, I strongly encourage taking it. It's another great group of guys, and the time commitment there is very minimal. It won't interfere with council activities. Their Exempification is coming up in October. Please see PGK Winston Delpesh or myself.

*Mike Dragonetti*  
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The June 2006 Awards night was attended by 35 members. Grand Knight William Murphy honored the Knights of The Month:

July	Doug Griffin
Aug	Bob Powell PGK
Sept	Michael Caluori
Oct.	John D'Atri
Nov	Gerard Boettcher DKG
Dec	Jim Gardner PGK
Jan	Winston Delpesh PGK
Feb	Tom Maddox
Mar	William Ludewig
Apr	Justin Miller
May	Ray Caluori PGK
Jun	Mike Dragonetti
	Knight of the Year Winston Delpesh PGK

Brothers,  
Brother Miguel Cabenez lost his job few months ago and just recently lost his wife to cancer. Due to losing his job he does not have any type of insurance.

At the present time the council has raised \$175.00 to assist this brother in need. If you care to assist please forward what ever money you can to Ray Caluori 94 Hemlock Dr Farmingdale NY 11735

and indicate on your check members relief fund.

Thank you in advance

Viva Jesus

Ray Caluori PGK

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### Msgr. Caldwell Finds Renewed Happiness In Return To Pastoral Work

By Pete Sheehan, Senior Reporter

Uniondale-Msgr. Francis Caldwell, pastor of St. Martha's Church here, chuckles over his description of his 25 years as a priest.

"I call it a tale of two parishes," St. Martha's, where he began his priesthood 25 years ago, and St. Agnes Cathedral, where he lived from 1985 till 2004, when he served as secretary to the late Bishop John McGann and as diocesan priest personnel director.

His responsibilities during the Rockville Centre years were busy and filled with memorable activities, not the least of which was his long-standing and close relationship with Bishop McGann. Since 2004, Msgr. Caldwell has been pastor here at St. Martha's. "I couldn't be happier," enjoying both the priesthood and being pastor of his original parish. He plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination soon.

The idea of the priesthood first appealed to him when he was growing up in St. Boniface Martyr Church, Sea Cliff and later St. Mary's in Manhasset. "The devotion of my parents" was one of his early influences, Msgr. Caldwell recalled. "My mother would go to Mass every day and I would often accompany her." In addition, his family had good relationships with "a whole bunch of exemplary priests." Some of them were Msgr. John Wiest, longtime pastor at St. Mary's, who recently died, and Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus, a retired priest of the Brooklyn Diocese. There was also Passionist Father John Francis McLaughlin, who was director of St. Gabriel's Retreat House on Shelter Island, Msgr. Caldwell said. "I used to work there during summers when I was in high school."

He went to St. Mary's Boys High School. After graduating, he attended Cathedral College in Douglaston and later Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. "It was a great experience. I got an excellent education and I got an opportunity to learn so much liturgically" from the daily celebration of the Mass. "I also enjoyed spending time with my fellow students, all of whom were committed to learning and becoming the best priest that they could be."

After his ordination May 9, 1981, Msgr. Caldwell was assigned as associate pastor here. "I loved every minute of it. It was a wonderful community to be a part of. "It was a diverse community even then," with Spanish-speaking and Creole-speaking parishioners, Msgr. Caldwell explained. "At that point, there were five priests living there, and I benefited from getting to know them and learning from them. There were also 18 Sisters of St. Joseph living in the convent." He served at his parish for four years. "Then, in 1985, when (Msgr.) John Bennett was still the bishop's secretary, I got a call to meet Bishop McGann the next day."

Msgr. Bennett was being assigned to direct the diocesan Office of Catechesis and Worship, Msgr. Caldwell noted. "Bishop McGann asked me to be his secretary." Though reluctant to leave his parish, Msgr. Caldwell explained, he accepted the request. "It was the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship with Bishop McGann," he said. "Next to my father, he was the most important male figure in my life." As the secretary, he was responsible for setting the bishop's schedule and accompanying him on his visits to parishes and other functions. "He always used to joke, point at himself and say that my song was 'get me to the church on time.'" "In some ways, it was the easiest job I ever had," Msgr. Caldwell, said. "All you had to do was be organized and be on time."

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When he wanted to earn a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University, "I was able to work the bishop's schedule around my schedule for classes and internships. "I got to visit every parish in the diocese three or four times" and got to know many different people, Msgr. Caldwell said. He learned from Bishop McGann about the diocese and the Church in general.

"When he gave a job to someone, he trusted the person to do the best job possible and never worried about who got credit. People joked about how he always said 'we' for 'I,' but that is the way he looked at the Church. He was in charge, but it wasn't about him. It was about the Church." He learned from the many different priests who lived at St. Agnes and from the different rectors. "From Msgr. Bob Mulligan, I learned about personal presence and from Msgr. Jim Kelly, I gained a greater appreciation for attention to detail."

In 1994, Bishop McGann appointed him diocesan priest personnel director, a position that he held until 2004. He continued in residence at St. Agnes. "This was probably my most difficult job," Msgr. Caldwell said. "On the one hand, it was a wonderful privilege to work with the priests of the diocese and to try to be a priest for the priests." On the other hand, he was involved in personnel decisions, many of which were difficult. "Very often, some people were pleased and some people weren't," Msgr. Caldwell said..

In 2004, he had the opportunity to return to his first parish, St. Martha's in Uniondale, as pastor. "It's still a great place." Now, he is the only priest in residence, there are no longer any Sisters, and the school is a regional school operated by the Marianist community. "The area is still diverse. In fact, it has become more so," Msgr. Caldwell explained. The parish has Masses in both Spanish and Creole each Sunday.

Msgr. Caldwell said that there are advantages to being in a one-priest parish. "Other than the Spanish and the Haitian Mass, I have every Mass in the parish. You get to know the community and they get to know you."

"It is a tremendous opportunity to be there for people."

Thank you to Pete Sheehan and the Long Island Catholic for this article!

On Sunday September 24, Msgr. Caldwell will celebrate his 25th Anniversary after the 11:00 Mass at St. Martha's.

Congratulations are also in order to the following Powell Council members:

Rev. Donald Babinski, who also celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. We'll profile him in next month's Powellite. There's a link to the profile from the "council news page" on the website.

Rev. John A. Madigan, who celebrated his 40th anniversary in the priesthood on July 23rd at St. Martha's. After Mass he remarked, "I never expected this" referring to the Pope John XXIII Assembly Honor Guard who turned out at the Mass. See St. Martha's website for more details.

Powell Council also welcomes three new members into our Squires Circle, Rev. John J. Byrne #999. The newest triple niners are: Christopher Jean-Pierre, Vicmart Cosme, and Clifford Millien. Welcome young men! Their Chief Squire, Robby Gonzalez, has been elected Bursar Squire for the New York State Circle. Esto Dignus!

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### *Happy birthday to our brother Knights!*

Robert Brzozowski PGK, Rev. Lawrence Charles, William Conlin, Richard J. Flanagan, Jr., Richard Helm, St. Louis Jean-Baptiste, Frank C. Montalbano, James E. Mott, William J. Murphy, Jr., Daniel B. O'Connor, Howard V. Perkins, Thomas E. Styrjewski

### *Happy Anniversary for the following brother Knights, who joined the order in:*

John F. Boyle (1974), Ludwig Ray Colon Jr. (1975), Douglas E. Mehrtens (1980), Richard A. Harkin (1989), Dennis Feeney (1995), Michael J. Clavin (1995), Louis J. Carannante (1995), Frank C. Montalbano (1995), Miguel A. Romero (1995), Rev. John Britto (2001), Rev. Moses Hamungole (2001), Robert W. Powell Jr. (2001), Rev. Lawrence Charles (2002), Paul Charles (2002)

### *Days of Powellites Past*

**August 1952:** Cesar Fragola suggested Powell Council obtain its own clubhouse. Grand Knight Charlie Williams also informed the council we'll start a newsletter in the near future. Council joined up with Kiwanis to form Uniondale Baseball League

**August 1955:** The Council baseball team visited Ebbets Field

**August 1956:** The brand-new Roosevelt Field shopping center opens. 18 brothers attended council fishing trip. Greg Cappuccino appointed Lecturer. Walter Fitzpatrick succeeds PGK Charlie Williams as our District Deputy. At least two teams to represent Powell Council in Bowling league.

**August 1957:** Powellite Editor Harry Gort received commendation from State Deputy Emmitt Burke for his work with Powellite. 68 attended annual picnic at Gilgo Beach. Bishop Kellenberg to speak at Candlelight Hour at Chaminade Bowl in September. The Powellite had a "blurb" for the Sinners Club: No officers, no meetings, no dues, just a daily prayer 'O God be merciful to me, a sinner." The Powellite also featured a story by J. Edgar Hoover, "Big business filth is ruining our youth." Mike Ricigliano joined the Brooklyn Dodgers farm team in Bluefield, West Virginia.

**August 1959:** New York State drive in progress to sell Our Lady of Loretto, Queen of Aviation medals. Knights to travel to Rome, \$550 for 15 days, private audience with Pope John XXIII.

**August 1962:** Bishop Kellenberg suggested forming a Nassau-Suffolk Chapter. Grand Knight Tom Campbell urged members to write to Senators Keating and Javits regarding recent Supreme Court decision on prayer in public schools.

**August 1963:** Officers recommend initiation fee be increased from \$12 to \$20. Dan O'Connor and Joe Columbo to greet members on meeting nights. "Hello" cards to be distributed. Total cost of Honor Guard regalia \$68. New Fourth Degree Assembly formed for mid-Nassau County, Pope John XXIII. Fred Savino succeeded John Bassaline as Lecturer.

**August 1964:** Fred Savino reminded all to pick up "Hello" cards at meetings. Display rack will be on hand with K of C gifts. Bob Woodford chaired Columbian Sweepstakes, Dan O'Connor and Dan Rubino in charge of Game Room. Bob Steiner reported mortgage on lot next to council was fully paid. Council held their Annual Picnic at Salisbury Park.

**August 1965:** PGK Bert Blumberg named District Deputy. charter Member Bob Dunseath was a Civil Defense Officer. PGK FDD Bill Duschenchuk asked members to help residents of Holly Patterson Home so they can hear Mass on Sunday.

**August 1967:** George Fedden and Ed Sparkowski joined Powell Council. PGK FDD Bill Duschenchuk elected Faithful Navigator for Pope John XXIII Assembly.

**August 1968:** Annual Picnic at Point Lookout cost \$3 per person. PGK Bill Higney District Deputy for 18th District. Anthony Abbrizio District Deputy for our 13th District. PGK Bob Steiner Warden to the Board of District Deputies. Alan Steinmetz Powellite Editor. Grand Knight Bill Thomson thanked cleanup committee for fine job on "North 40" (adjacent to clubhouse at 517 Uniondale Avenue) Motion carried to send telegram to Federal and State representatives to do all they can to end starvation in Biafra.

**August 1969:** Air conditioner installed by Dick Pilitz and friends just in time for the Air Conditioned Dance.

**August 1973:** The council hosted Bingo for the first time. August 25th was the last day the "old" bar was open. The "new" bar was open shortly afterwards. Among the bartenders were Steve Tracy, John Boulanger, Bob Carragher, and Jack O'Grady.

**August 1974:** A Monday Night Club was formed for the upcoming football season. The Annual Picnic had 600 guests. They were entertained by the Long Island Banjo Society. There was also a tug of war between Powell Council and Archbishop Molloy Council (Powell won)

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## *Going to the Army/Navy Game?*

The money for the game is due in full to me. The cost is \$140.00 for a ticket and it will be held on Sat Dec 2, 2006 in Philly. We will be leaving from the west Hempstead fire dept at 8am sharp, please be there no later than 7.30 and remember that parking is tight. Please send me your money ASAP, and if you can't go you have to let me know. Also if anyone is interested in going please contact me and I will put your name on the list.

Fraternally yours,  
*PGK Jim Gardner*  
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## *Last call for the Picnic!*

Mark Saturday, August 12th on your calendars! It's one of the most fun-filled days of the Powell Council year. It's our Annual Picnic, and as always, it will be held under the mushrooms at Lido Beach. It's also one of our big fundraisers, as well as one of our biggest fundraisers. So when you make your summer plans, keep August 12th open! Fifteen dollars per person, thirty dollars for immediate family. Want to find out more? Contact Doug Griffin or PGK Bob Powell. And if you're online, be sure to check out the "Picnic page" on the council website!

## *Installation of Officers*

Keep Wednesday, September 20th open as well. That's when our incoming Grand Knight Jerry Boetcher and his new Officers will be Installed. Let's all give them a show of support and get their administration off to a good start. Wednesday, September 20th at 7:30 pm at the American Legion Hall. Your newly elected Officers thank you in advance, and hope to see you there.

## *Entertainment Books are here again!*

Brothers, it's that time of year again. Start early and get some Christmas Shopping done. 2007 Entertainment Books are here, cost this year is \$20.00 per book. Email or call yours truly. We have only 40 books and they won't last long.

*Ray Caluori PGK*