



# THE POWELLITE

Robert W. Powell Council # 3488, Uniondale, NY

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## Grand Knight's Message

Well I have to say when I was little I never thought I would be sitting here at 25 years old writing a grand knight's message. I am very thankful and honored to be not only a knight but the leader of this great council in Uniondale. I thank Gerry and his officers for a job well done the past 2 years and I look forward to building on what he has started.

For those of you who might not know me, I have lived in Uniondale my whole life. My father Edward owned George's bakeshop on Jerusalem Avenue and my grandfather George Rehberger was involved in the Knights many years ago and was a longtime Uniondale resident until he passed away this past November. I am very involved in St. Martha's and that is where I received my invitation to be a Knight back in 2000 when I turned 18. I have grown to develop great friendships with the brothers in the council and hope to develop new ones during my term as grand knight. With approximately 250 brothers in the council, I would like to see more than the 15 that come to our regular meetings. It is a great way to meet brothers that we have not met before and also a way to reconnect with buddies we have not seen in a while. So please consider coming down to a meeting every once in a while. They are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 8pm in the American Legion Hall on Uniondale Ave.

My first event as grand knight was our annual picnic at Lido beach under the mushrooms. Everybody who attended had a great time and plenty to eat and drink. A thank you goes out to Doug Griffin, Gerry Boettcher, Bob Powell and the rest of the picnic committee who did a great job as usual to make this event one of the biggest fundraisers and family events of the year. Many thanks also go out to all the brothers who bought raffle tickets and donated bottles for the cooler of cheer.

Our next event will be our installation of officers which will be held Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. It will be held in the lower hall of St. Martha's church and will include a buffet dinner and music. Please consider coming with your family and congratulating the new officers of the council. We are trying to get a count of who is coming so if you think you will be attend please email me at [whip200@aol.com](mailto:whip200@aol.com) and let me know how many will be coming. I hope to see you there and I look forward to being your grand knight for this Columbian year. With your support we can achieve great things.



Fraternally,

*William Ludewig, GK*

## Council Calendar

- Friday, September 5th:** K of C night, American Legion Hall
- Saturday, September 6th,** Nassau Chapter C & B Mini-Golf, Eisenhower Park
- Tuesday, September 9th,** District Deputy Meeting, site TBA
- Friday, September 12th,** K of C night, American Legion Hall
- Saturday, September 13th,** Pope John XXIII Assembly Installation of Officers, St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville
- Sunday, September 14th,** Installation of Officers, St. Martha's Lower Church Hall
- Monday, September 15th,** Officers Meeting, St. Martha's Parish Outreach
- Wednesday, September 17th,** Council Meeting, American Legion
- Friday, September 19th,** K of C night, American Legion Hall  
Nassau Chapter Meeting, Bellmore Council
- Saturday, September 20th,** Tomorrow's Hope Bike-a-Thon, Cedar Creek Park, Seaford
- Wednesday, September 24th,** Pope John XXIII Assembly Meeting, Floral Park Council
- Friday, September 26th,** K of C night, American Legion Hall
- Monday, September 29th,** Officers Meeting, St. Martha's Parish Outreach
- Wednesday, October 1st,** Council Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Friday, October 3rd,** K of C night, American Legion Hall
- Sunday October 5th,** Membership Drive, St. Martha's Church
- Friday, October 10th,** Powell Council 3rd Annual Oktoberfest
- Sunday, October 12th,** Fourth Degree Exemplification
- Monday, October 13th,** Officers Meeting, St. Martha's Parish Outreach
- Tuesday, October 14th,** District Deputy Meeting, site TBA
- Wednesday, October 15th,** Council Meeting, American Legion
- Friday, October 17th,** K of C night, American Legion Hall  
Nassau Chapter Meeting, St. Therese the Little Flower Council  
St. Martha's Dinner Dance, Verdi's, Westbury.
- Sunday, October 19th,** Nassau Board of District Deputies  
Communion Breakfast, St. Thomas the Apostle Church
- Wednesday, October 22nd,** Pope John XXIII Assembly Meeting, Msgr. Seidenschwang Council

**See you at the 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 [Powellcouncil@koc3488.com](mailto:Powellcouncil@koc3488.com)  
You can also hear and leave messages on the CouncilPhone (516) 481-2578.

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### *Powellighting*

September is a feel-good month for a lot of folks. Parents look forward to seeing their kids back to school and teachers look forward to meeting their new pupils. For this long-suffering New York Jets fan, maybe there is hope this year. They always look good in early September.

And, of course, there is our favorite council. A new year awaits, new officers, and new plans for the coming year. And our new Grand Knight William Ludewig has some plans. Some pretty good ones. For one thing, he's working on bringing back our monthly Mass at St. Martha's. It's a great way to bring the Knights to the parish, and show them that Powell Council is their council. And William's even more active in St. Martha's than he will be here at the council-and as Grand Knight he'll be a constant presence at the council, as every Grand Knight has before him.

William's also bringing back another tradition which dates back to the late 90s-when every Friday night was Powell Council night. Starting in September, Powell Council will be at the American Legion Hall every Friday night. In addition to the fellowship, there's a pool table, shuffleboard, and darts. The dinners won't start until October, when PGK Gerry Boetcher will graciously run our council's third annual Oktoberfest. Big thanks to Gerry for this-and for two years as Grand Knight as well. Just making it through one year was tough enough, but to make it through two, as Gerry did, is quite an achievement indeed.

And our current Grand Knight will be installed on Sunday, September 14th in St. Martha's Lower Church Hall. The Installation will be led by another Powell Council 2-year Past Grand Knight, District Deputy Bill Murphy. Following the Installation there'll be a buffet dinner as well as music. Let the Grand Knight know you're coming.

And current members are encouraged to keep Sunday, October 5th open. That's Powell Council's Semi-annual Membership Drive after all the Masses at St. Martha's. Here's a golden opportunity to bring in some new faces, and for some of Uniondale's finest Catholic gentlemen to make new friends.

It's always great to see new ideas and new optimism here at Powell Council. For one thing, it makes writing this very Powellite a lot more fun when there's activities going on.

And William's also been nominated by the parish to receive this year's St. Agnes Medal, which goes to one outstanding parishioner. And if you're a St. Martha's parishioner, you know how much he does for the parish!

And turning our attention back to the Powellite, if you're a committee chairman, kindly send me your articles. And if you're one of our "out-of-town correspondents," feel free to keep in touch with us, let us know how you're doing. People love to read about the council, and I can tell you this is read from cover to cover.

And if you really want to be cutting-edge, why not get your Powellite through e-mail? Members, widows, former Ladies Auxiliary are all welcome to get their Powellite through their inbox. About a third of the council is in the e-mail directory, so join the crowd!

*Mike Dragonetti, PGK*

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And don't forget the council website, [www.koc3488.com](http://www.koc3488.com)!

**Powell Council extends our  
welcome to our newest member,  
Donald Morgan.**

Dear Brothers,  
the following members have been suspended  
from the order

Edward Bergman Jr  
Eddy Delmas  
Robert Emonds  
William Holtje Jr  
Alex McGee  
Kevin Sullivan

Fraternally  
*Ray Caluori PGK*  
Financial Secretary

Condolences to Bert Dash on the passing of his wife Beryl.  
Condolences to the family of former Powell Council member (and Powell Council PGK) Jack Coyle on his passing.

*Homily, Feast of the Assumption August 15<sup>th</sup> 2008*

Have you read about or seen any of the 2008 Olympic games from Beijing? One of the thrills of the Olympics is witnessing new records being set. And certainly, seeing Michael Phelps breaking records and winning the most amount of Gold Medals in Olympic history has been a highlight of the 2008 Games.

In the Olympics, a young man or woman emerges from the pool or breaks a tape having done what no other human being has ever done before. Olympic Gold Medalists go beyond their peers and even themselves in excellence. We get special satisfaction when the winning athlete (like Michael Phelps) is from our own country.



Today we could say by analogy that we celebrate the “Olympic” victory of Mary. We acknowledge that Mary has gone where no other human being has gone. She has entered body and soul into heaven.

The word “assumption” can be a little confusing. We’re not using here to mean, “To take for granted.” Assumption comes from a Latin word that means, “To take to oneself.” At the end of Mary’s earthly life, God took her to Himself. God took her home to heaven body and soul because of her fidelity to God’s will, and the role she played in salvation history.

The fact that Mary’s body, not just her soul, is in God’s presence is a sign of the holiness of creation. The human body isn’t evil. It’s good. Death isn’t the *end* of creation it’s the *beginning* of eternal life.

Today though, we not only look backwards to what God did for Mary. We also look forward to what God will also do for us. Our origin and destination is heaven. As Mary, the model-believer and sign of the church is “gathered-into” the harvest of heaven body and soul, we hope that we too will one day be part of this great harvest.

Mary lived a near-perfect life. We don’t have to do that. All we have to do is to be faithful to the best of our abilities one day at a time.

We may not always win a Gold Medal and even finish in the money. But so long as we keep living and playing for the right goal and the right team – God’s Team, doing God’s will faithfully, then we too will win a spot in the Kingdom of heaven.

*Msgr. Frank Caldwell*

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## Knights of Columbus

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### *From the desk of our Fraternal Benefits Counselor*

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call – I'd like to meet with you.

Fraternally

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### *Army/Navy Game*

Army /Navy game, Dec 6, 2008, Philly. There are no tickets left at this time so please e-mail me if you are still interested in going to the game this year. As always there will be some brothers who cant make it at the last minute, due to one reason or another and I try to always have a back up list. Army has tried but failed miserably over the last 5 years, (but they did cover the spread last year, 35 pts) It is a long process for me to make this happen, each and every year, especially living in FL, but I do believe in Powell Council!!!! It was also a great pleasure to help in anyway that I could to help make the picnic to continue to be the great day for those that could attend, as well as those that support it. We will be leaving from the West Hempstead Fire Dept c/o PGK GERRY BOETTCHER!!!! The time as to this date is to leave around 7am and game time should be 12noon, March on will be around 10am. More details will follow and I will let everyone know when and if game time changes. Again , for those brothers that have paid and cant go , PLEASE don't wait till the last minute where I am stuck with your ticket and can only guarantee whatever I can scalp your ticket for at the game!!!!

Fraternally yours,

*Jim Gardner PGK*

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