

Remarks by the newly installed Grand Knight, Andre Basmajan

Greetings and good afternoon to each of you.

Father Bob, District Deputy Joe Tucci,

Brother Knights and

Families and friends attending this Installation of Officers for the Fraternal Year of 2009-2010.

Thank you all for attending and participating in this activity of the Knights of Columbus. Those of us installed as officers appreciate your support and prayers.

I thank those individuals who have preceded us in our service as officers of our respective Councils. Each of those officers, particularly the Grand Knights and their families, are to be commended for their devotion to the call and the challenge to serve.

For my Council, I thank the following Grand Knights and their families: Greg Neylan, Lynn Newcomb, Chris Habenicht, Peter Hains, Dan Kane, Melvin Spurlock, Ralph Hyatt, Donald Slater, Jay Burchell, Primo Banks, Al Baird, Michael Ribakov, and our recently and dearly departed Fred Gresham, Sr. I also ask that we take a moment to remember our Brother Knights and members of their families who have entered eternal life, including Brother George Dodd of St. Peter Church.

With this year having the themes of observing the “Year of the Volunteer” and the “Year for Priests” we have much to look forward to and to which to strive to contribute. That is just wonderful.

I look forward to working with the members of my Council, the Bernard J. Quinn Council. Continuing our work and charitable giving for both the Cathedral and St. Peter. And most especially, to strengthen our faith-based community in service to God for human kind.

Thank you so much for your support.