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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Secaucus Knightly News

Council No. 12769

Secaucus, New Jersey

March 7, 2016

Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

March is upon us and spring is not too far away. The council is in the home stretch of the 2015-2016 Columbian Year ending on June 30th and I would like to ask all my brother knights active, somewhat active and those sitting on the sidelines to pick an event from the list below and come out and support it or lend a hand at it. If you can't help at an event, how about inviting someone to consider joining the organization?

Since the council is in the last three months of the Columbian year, the council is looking for men to consider being officers of Mary Immaculate Council 12769 for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year starting on July 1st. We don't require much, but there are a few prerequisites:

- You must be a third degree knight in good standing
- If you take a position, you must try to attend 75% of the meetings and some of the officer meetings
- As an officer you must take an event and run it or co-chair it

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICER POSITIONS

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside.

CHANCELLOR: The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in case they are both absent. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities.

RECORDER: The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

FINANCE SECRETARY: The financial secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. **Currently filled by Richard Marreo till June 2018.**

TREASURER: The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintenance of records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

LECTOR: The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is

responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

ADVOCATE: The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order.

WARDEN: The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards. **Currently filled by Bran Mamora, who has stated he will return for another term.**

INSIDE & OUTSIDE GUARDS: The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

NEAL MCGARRITY

PAST EVENTS

Baby Bottles for Pregnancy Crisis Centers -at this point in time the council has raised twenty eight hundred dollars (\$2800) and have issued checks to:

- Several Sources Shelters
<http://www.severalsourcesfd.org/>;
- Good Counsel Homes
<http://www.goodcounselhomes.org/>;

- First Choice Women's Resource Center
<http://1stchoice.org/>;
- The Lighthouse in Hackensack
<http://lighthouseprc.org/>;
- Sisters of Life in NY
<http://www.sistersoflife.org/>; and
- The New Jersey Right to Life
<http://njrtl.org/> .

Also our comedy night was a big success raising over twenty nine hundred dollars (\$2900) with checks issued to:

- Spectrum Works
<http://spectrumworks.org/>;
- New Bridge Middle/ High School and The Special Olympics.

Checks will be going out next month to:

- F.A.I.T.H. <http://faithisallyouneed.net/>;
- Helping Hands
<https://www.autismspeaks.org/site-wide/helping-hands>; and
- JDK Social Station
www.jdksocialstation.com

THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED UP IN COUNCIL DEGREES IN FEBRUARY:

On February 5th Brother Frank R and Brother Michael W took their Third Degree at St. John Council #1345 in Dumont. Frank is standing next to NJ State Council State Secretary Robert Hatler and Mike is next to Sir Knight John Carrero.



On February 21st Brother Joaquin took his Second and Third Degrees at Paterson Council #240. Joaquin is standing with our State Deputy Bruce DeMolli.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE ORDER?

The next First Degree is March 8th.

GETTING THE THIRD (AND FOURTH) DEGREE:

If you like to take your Third Degree there is one set for March 11th. If you like to take the Fourth Degree that is scheduled for Sunday April 17th and the deadline to register for the degree is March 31st.

Please send an e-mail to mcgarritye@aol.com or call 201-575-9984.

Bergen Federation Welcomes NYC Fire Chaplain. On February 7th the Knights of Columbus Bergen Federation welcomed Father Christopher Keenan, Chaplain of the New York City Fire Department at their annual Pre-Lenten Breakfast.

State Secretary Robert Hatler, Father Christopher Keenan, 1st New Jersey Master Russell Petrocelli



Fish Fry at ICC. The council's first Fish Fry on February 12th was successful with over 100 meals served and not a seat left in the cafeteria to be taken. Half of the proceeds raised were put into our new "Church Assistance Fund."



Senior Ambassador strives for Gold Award. Amanda Gaccione (pictured below), is a Senior Ambassador (equivalent to an Eagle Scout) for the Secaucus Girl Scouts Troop 12163. This year she has chosen to pursue her Gold Award project. The Gold Award targets a community issue and creates ways to try to alleviate and solve that issue. Her project titled "Stress Less for Success" targets the always-present problem of stress in pre-teens and teenagers.

In March and April she has three more events planned, one of which is a dance day and the other two are a cooking class and a painting class. If you have a daughter eleven years or older who may like more information send me an email at mcgarritye@aol.com or call me. The council thanks to the membership approved fifty dollars and three cases of water to help with her expenses.



New Knight! Mary Immaculate Council 12769 welcomed Kevin Leddy (on the right) into the order on 2/28. Kevin was sponsored by his friend and Brother Knight Frank D.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Council Meetings: March 2nd and 16th are the council meeting dates

Mercy Night: 4th is "Mercy Night" on March 4th at 7:30 pm in the Church. The theme is Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy): Lenten Adoration, A Journey to Mercy.

Spelling Bee: 6th Knights of Columbus Archdiocese of Newark Spelling Bee here at 1:30 PM. Come down and see some of the top spellers in the area as they spell it out to advance to the state final

First Degree: March 8th is a First Degree in Westwood. Know someone who would make a great or small addition to our council? Let me know by the 6th.

Third Degree: March 11th is a Third Degree in Bergen County. Like to take your third degree let me know by the 6th.

Palm Cross Sales: March 12th and 13th Palm Cross Sales at St Rocco's and Our Lady of Victories after all the masses. Guys in those parishes or guys in the area of the parishes please try to come out and help for a mass.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage: March 15th Experience Lourdes-Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France at Holy Rosary Church -344 6th street- Jersey City NJ 7:00 pm. Eucharistic Blessing, Candlelight Rosary, Lourdes Water and Grotto Rock

Palm Cross Sales: March 19th and 20th Palm Cross Sales at St Rocco's and St Lawrence after all the masses. Guys in those parishes or guys in the area of the parishes please try to come out and help for a mass.

EASTER: March 27th, Happy Easter!

Best Meatball Contest: April 30th is our annual "Best Meatball Contest". We are looking for those to be a contestant, those to come out and judge and those to come out and help. You fit one of those categories drop me an email or call me at [201-223-7967](tel:201-223-7967).

Pancake Breakfast: April TBD Pancake Breakfast/ Membership Drive

Drive for Intellectually Disabled: April TBD Drive for Intellectually Disabled

Mother's Day Flowers: May 8, Mother's Day, Handing out flowers to all moms after all masses

Memorial Day Parade: May 21st Memorial Day Parade in Secaucus. Come out and walk with the council and as my job always tells everyone "Get your steps in."

Street Fair: June TBD Secaucus Town Street Fair.

BBQ: July TBD outdoor BBQ at ICC.

The Council wishes the following men born this month a Happy Birthday:

GERARD A MARRA
ROGER A. PRAGADOS
JOHN J. ANGELONE
BRIAN J. DARROW
NICHOLAS C. RECANATI
LUIZ F.D. BASTOS
LUIS F.D. SARMIENTO
RONALD F. RONAN
OSIRIS VAZQUEZ
LUIS A. VARELA
GIOVANNI R. BARDELLINI
JOHN H. STEFFENS
JOSEPH J. CAPOZIO
JOSE R. FRANCISCO

Please keep in your prayers,

Those that are sick: Sheyla Bula-Borja, Jerry Casale, Deacon Earle Connelly, Anthony De Rienzo, Edward Rumpasch and Thomas Rutowski.

Those that have passed: Brother and Sir Knight Joseph Gentile, Brother Joseph E. Petrich, Margaret Casale

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The Council is always looking volunteers for our events or for ideas for new events.

If you want to volunteer or help to organize an event, send an e-mail to mcgarritye@aol.com or call 201-575-9984.

2016 Best Meatball Contest



1/12/09 - 8/28/09

Daniel Cevallos lost his battle to SMA at the age of 7 months and 16 days. His short time in our lives has left us inspired to fight against this terrible disease.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a motor neuron disease and is the #1 genetic cause of death for children under the age of 2 with currently no treatment or cure.

Do you have the best meatballs?

The Mary Immaculate Council Knights of Columbus and Daniel's Family would like to invite you to the 2016 Best Meatball in Secaucus Contest!

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Start time: 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Location: Immaculate Conception Church Gym
1219 Paterson Plank Road Secaucus, NJ 07094

Adults (18 & Over): \$25

Children (17 & Under): \$10

Includes all you can eat meatballs, soda, beer and wine.

Prizes:

1st Place \$100

2nd Place \$75

3rd Place \$50



To purchase tickets or make a donation:
events.curesma.org/2016MeatballContest

Thanks for your support!
All Proceeds Benefit Cure SMA

Questions? Please contact Jim Cannan (201) 647-4738, Giovanni Recalde (201) 417-2619, or Neal McGarrity (201) 575-9984.

