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# Secaucus Knightly News

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Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

As I begin my fourth term as Grand Knight I recently returned from the semi-annual Grand Knights meeting and I bring back with me a few very important questions proposed from some of the speakers that all our members should take a few minutes to think about: "What is the Knights of Columbus to you?" "Are we just some organization that has Pancake Breakfasts and stands at a corner with Joe once a year shaking a can for donations?" "What makes you come to a meeting or event or what keeps you away and uninvolved but you carry a council card." These are some really good questions when our Catholic faith is being tested and challenged on a daily basis. The Knights of Columbus, to me, as I preach to all those that I speak with as they consider joining, is a fraternal organization here to help build a man's Catholic faith while serving our church, community and most importantly our families. I know everyone's lives have many different demands, but if you give a couple of hours in a year to an organization like ours we can make a difference. I am looking for a couple of men to help me run some of our events under the Church, Community, Family and Youth committees. I am also looking for a Pro Life Coordinator a Pro Life Couple and Religious & Civil Rights Representative Chairman. I will be happy to discuss any or all the different committees with anyone interested, but this Religious & Civil Rights Representative one I like to say just a couple of words on it.

As everyone has seen on the news or in the papers- The Affordable Care Act requires employers through their health plan to cover contraceptives including drugs that cause abortion. Some religious employers are fully exempt and don't have to participate if it violates their religious beliefs. But other ministries with similar beliefs, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, are not exempt unless they sign a form directing their contractors to deliver such coverage through the ministries' own health plan.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states "It is not reasonable for the government to demand that some – and only some – religious employers engage in activity that is totally unnecessary to the government's stated purpose of providing elective and morally problematic drugs to employees," "Such action doesn't just violate the rights of employers like the Little Sisters, it is also at odds with the American people's understanding of basic fairness, and our long-standing commitment to protecting the deeply-held beliefs of every American — especially when those beliefs are the minority view." As Religious & Civil Rights Representative the state council will send you an email called "Talking Points" like the information above on the contraceptive issue and at one of the meetings a month you will be given the floor for a couple of minutes-no more than five- to discuss and what actions our men can take if any. Again if you are interested in this or any of the above committees I like to hear from you for one person cannot run all the activities this council does or tries to do.

**Have a great, enjoyable and safe summer!***NEAL MCGARRITY***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated "The family as domestic Church is central to both the work of the New Evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes — also the future sustainability of the Order." "But the Catholic family cannot perform this important mission on its own. The reason is simple: as Pope Paul VI observed, the family can only truly be a domestic Church when its daily life 'mirrors the various aspects of the entire Church.' And for this to become a reality the family must be more fully integrated into the sacramental life of the parish."

Knights of Columbus parish-based councils today are not only places that provide invaluable support to parish life in terms of charitable and social activities, he said, they also are a primary place to support the evangelization of family life through the mission of the domestic church. Councils can do this by more fully integrating families into the life of the parish through the many programs of parish-based councils, he said. In the coming months the council will be working with the pastor of ICC and any of the parishes where we have round tables to see if we can build on family life. Check in the important dates section for the first such event July 31st.

**Thank you to our outgoing District Deputy and hello to our new District Deputy.** On June 30<sup>th</sup> our Brother Knight Paul Pinkman will get the title of Former District Deputy. Brother Paul has served this council and five other Hudson County councils over the last five years-the maximum allowed by Supreme Council- in his capacity as District Deputy receiving the Circle of Honors and District

Deputy of the Year award three or four of those years. He has had to put up with a number of Grand Knights, including myself over those years, spending many evenings out and traveling around Hudson County and the state to improve the councils and the Knights of Columbus. On behalf of myself and all the members of Mary Immaculate Council 12769 we thank Brother Paul for his past service as our Grand Knight & District Deputy and hope he continues to stay involved with 12769 for he is our biggest ticket seller to our events.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> or actually July 9<sup>th</sup> when he is sworn in our new District Deputy will be Deacon Robert Millea from St. Cecilia's Council 6928 in Kearny. He is the Past Grand Knight of 6928. Make him feel welcomed at our meetings.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Our next big charitable community drive will be a food drive in front of the Shoprite in Hoboken-9<sup>th</sup> and Madison- hopefully on the weekend of either July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> or July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Why run a food drive in the summer? The Bergen Record reported in October of 2015 - 87,020 in Hudson County struggle with food insecurity and the summer months are the hardest on local food pantries for donations drop considerably as people go away but the need to feed people remains and does not take a vacation. Like to help for an hour or two drop me an email at [mcgarritye@aol.com](mailto:mcgarritye@aol.com).

Important dates in the summer at the council:

July 13<sup>th</sup> Second Degree here at Immaculate Conception Church in the café. Sign in at 7 PM and the degree will start at 7:30 PM. Like to take your second or if you like to observe the degree please let me know by July 10<sup>th</sup>. July 18<sup>th</sup> is a meeting for all Council Officers, Trustees and Program Directors ICC at 7:30 PM. Please try to attend if your schedule allows.



July 20<sup>th</sup> is the council business meeting Council 15958 will hold an A/C Bus Trip on Wed July 20<sup>th</sup> leaving at 8 AM from Our Lady of Fatima Church in North Bergen. Cost is \$35 a person. Contact Brother Rick at [enchrick@gmail.com](mailto:enchrick@gmail.com)

July 24<sup>th</sup> is the council A/C Bus Trip. As of this writing the bus is full but we usually get some last minute cancelations so if you like to go and be put on the waiting list contact Joe at 201-867-5361

July 31<sup>st</sup> is the ICC Family Picnic. Mass at 12 followed by a BBQ at Schmidt's Woods. Cost is \$1. Like to flip burgers or turn the tube steaks on the grill for a half hour or an hour? The council is looking for a couple of men to man the grill so drop me an email, if you would like to help.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Council officer installation. All council officers will be installed for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year after a mass at 7:30 PM. All members, the family and friends are welcome to join us. Officers must have jacket and tie no jeans, shorts or sneakers while the members there is no dress code. All members – officer and nonmember- need to advise me by July 27<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending so we have enough hospitality for all after the installation.

August 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual Council Family BBQ at Schmidt's Woods from 12:30 PM to 5 PM. A great time to get our families together for a relaxing afternoon in the woods and hopefully we will be able to get pool passes for anyone interested in using the pools. Like to assist me with this event drop me an email or call me at 201-223-7967.

August 17<sup>th</sup> council business meeting

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

October 15<sup>th</sup> the council will hold their annual Oktoberfest for Vocations. Monies raised from this event helps support men and women studying for a religious life thru the Knights of Columbus RSVP Program. I ask all my brother knights of the council consider saving the date and coming out for a great meal with some entertainment for a great cause. More information to follow.

Some important outside organization events that Mary Immaculate Council has been involved with that you might be interested in lending a hand this fall:

### **ICC FEAST**

Immaculate Conception Feast Sept 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. A couple of evenings of great food, fun and entertainment to benefit the council's home parish. Our members usually man the grill selling hot dogs and burgers or they are in the games of chance booths keeping them open with an hour or two of service. Like more information email Brother Gary PGK at [gjeffas@comcast.net](mailto:gjeffas@comcast.net).

### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

New Jersey Right to Life Committee, Inc. (NJRTL) is the state's largest and most active pro-life, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic value of our society – human life. How do they continue to be the most active pro-life organization and keep their doors open- by selling chances once a year for a Volvo car. Our council has members from a number of parishes in Hudson County and I ask, since I am one of the committee members with the NJRTL, if a member can approach their pastor and ask them if you can sit outside the church on a weekend before and after the masses or if your church has a feast or carnival if they would allow you to set up a table an try to sell

some chances. Let me know as soon as possible if there is a date set. Drawing is in November.

### ALZHEIMER'S

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death, and we all know of someone that has been affected with this disease. If you would like to raise money for a cure the Alzheimer's of New Jersey will hold their annual Hudson County Walk at Liberty State Park Regional Walk – October 1. The council has a team "Team Columbus" and Brother Anthony DGK is looking for more teammates and help raising donations. Like more information contact him at [areale@comcast.net](mailto:areale@comcast.net). Like to find out more about Alzheimer's of New Jersey go to <http://www.alznj.org/>. One important note on monies raised is that 100% of that money stays here in NJ and assist families thru out the state. The council will also "Shake the Can for Alzheimer's" on the first weekend of November with all monies going to the Respite Program-again reach out to Anthony for more information.

### PAST EVENTS

#### ORDINATIONS AND MILESTONES:

Our Chaplain and Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church Father Victor Kennedy celebrated his thirty ninth year of ordination at the end of May and we pray for many more years.

Father Bogumil Misiuk (top, right), who served at Immaculate Conception Church in 2015 and 2016 as a Transitional Deacon, was ordained a priest in May into the Archdiocese of Newark. On June 5<sup>th</sup> he said mass here at Immaculate Conception Church (middle, right). His first assignment is Parochial Vicar to St. Catharine Church in Glen Rock NJ and he can be reached at [frbogumil@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:frbogumil@stcatharinechurch.org).



On June 4<sup>th</sup> our very own Brother Knight Douglas Christmann was ordained a permanent deacon for The Archdiocese of Newark and on June 5<sup>th</sup> he assisted and gave a great homily at his assigned parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Hackensack. Doug is the first row below, second to the left in a class of twenty-two ordained as deacons.





Below, Rev. John Salvias, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Hackensack, with Brother Knight/Deacon Douglas



Father Christopher Panlilio, Pastor of St Francis Church Hoboken and a Second Degree Knight in Council 12769, celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Father Chris is below on the far left with The Most Reverend Bernardito Auza, titular archbishop of Suacia, apostolic nuncio, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and to the Organization of American States. Bishop Joel Zamudio Baylon-Bishop of Lagazpi Philippines is next to him.



Brothers we need to continue to pray for vocations for the number of men ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark next May is just five. I have attached a small vocations prayer

card below from the Redemptorist CSSR order and I am happy to announce one of our council members Brother Robert Burkot will be entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in West Orange NJ this fall to begin the process of discernment towards a vocation as a priest.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, how will your people hear the good news unless someone is sent to them? Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call. Fill them with zeal for your kingdom and love for your people so that, as Redemptorist Missionaries and co-workers, they may preach your word of light and life in our world. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Third Degree.** On May 25th Brothers Jim C (next to DD Paul) and Kevin L (second from the right) took their Third Degree at Queen of Peace Council in North Arlington. Kevin was sponsored by Brother Frank D.(below, on the right) Like to take or observe the Second Degree? Your council will host the degree Wed July at 7:30 PM. Let me know by the 10th if you like to take or observe.



On June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> more than a twenty knights manned our tent at The Secaucus Street Fair in the center of town to sell fruit cups. The council made over one hundred dollars after expenses and will put the monies towards veteran's causes.



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

EDILBERTO C. AGUILERA  
LUIZ BASTOS  
ENRICO BOLOGNINO  
ANTHONY BURDIER  
ENZO CALONI  
ROBERT CAO  
VINCENT R. CITRO  
JAMES J. CLANCY, SR.  
ANDRES O. DIAZ  
FR. BERNARD DUGA  
CIRO ESPINOSA, JR.  
ANGEL L. FALCON  
EDDIE FERNANDEZ  
CHARLES V. FIRTION  
CHARLES P. FIRTION  
MICHAEL D. FLETT  
FR. ALAN F. GUGLIELMO  
RYAN JEFFAS  
JUAN J. LIRIANO  
SALVATORE MANENTE,  
SR.  
STEVEN A. PREZIOSO

DAVID J. REIDY  
FIORELLO C. SALVO  
JOHN SHINNICK  
LAVANCE V. TAYLOR  
ROBERT B. TAYLOR  
PASQUALE F. VIGGIANO

**Please keep in your prayers,**

*Those that are sick:* Brother Knights Frank Niznik, Angelo Andriani, Edward Rumpasch, Jerry Casale, Michael Gonnelli.

*Rest in Peace:* Bebecita Vargas and Joe Kelly.

All the men and women in our armed forces.

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Brother Knights  
Become an Organ Donor  
Remember the life that might be saved might be sitting across the table from you tonight  
Register at [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights)

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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](mailto:mcgarritye@aol.com) or call 201-575-9984.*