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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Secaucus Knightly News

Council No. 12769

Secaucus, New Jersey

September 8, 2016

Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

You will probably be receiving this newsletter right after the Labor Day Holiday. To many children, including myself growing up, this has always been a hated holiday, for it marks the unofficial end of summer and the joyous approach of another nine months of learning in either an elementary or high school setting. For me, Labor Day was one where we drained the pipes, locked up the summer home and made our way back for another year of the daily routine of classes with the Sisters at Our Lady of Perpetual Help or the Brothers at Xaverian High School. As many of our knights come back from the shore, their summer homes or vacations and get ready for another year of the daily grind, I ask all to first consider including in your routine coming to a council meeting on either the first or third Wed of the month. Our meetings start at 8 PM with the town whistle and last about an hour. If you cannot make a meeting check out the "Dates of Importance" section in the council newsletters and try to come to an event or two and lend us a hand. These events only work if guys support them. Secondly, our council needs help in membership and I ask every knight to ask a relative or friend to consider at least finding out—What is The Knights of Columbus? The council will hold a membership drive the weekend of October 1st and 2nd after all the masses, and we hope to include our pancake breakfast on the 2nd to have men and their families come down and enjoy a good meal in a relaxing setting to see we are more than a pancake breakfast. Lastly, as we get older—and for some a little grayer—maybe it is time to give your insurance portfolio a check up to see where you are, and if your needs have or will be changing soon. You can reach out to Brother Anthony G at [201-928-9691 anthony.genova@kofc.org](mailto:anthony.genova@kofc.org)

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DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

Sept 7th **Council Business Meeting** 8 PM.

Sept 8th **Fourth Degree** meeting at ICC 8 PM.

Sept 9th thru the 11th **Immaculate Conception Feast**. Many hands are needed to make this a success. Would you like to work the grill? Contact Richie boloneyking@aol.com. Would you like to help at a game booth or one of the stands? Contact Gary at gjeffas@comcast.net.

Sept 13th **First Degree** in Westwood. Know of someone who would like to join the council, drop me an email.

Sept 14th **Hudson Federation Meeting** at ICC café 8 PM. Would you like to meet men from other councils in the area or see what their councils are doing in the county? Come down, all are welcome.

Sept 17th **Library Mini Fair** from 11 AM to 4 PM. The council hands out child identification kits and also fingerprints the children for the kit and if my friend and brother knight Jose from 15958 is available we can also give them an updated picture. Would you like to help for an hour hand out kits or fingerprint the children? Contact Brother Brian M at [201-240-1845](tel:201-240-1845). Also come out and get your caricature drawn by our very own Brother Charlie C for a small fee.

Sept 18th **St Lawrence Welcome back BBQ** after the 12 PM mass. You have to contact the office for more information and, if interested, you have to sign up.

Sept 19th **Council Officers, Trustees and Directors Meeting** at 7:30 PM

Sept 21st **Council Business Meeting** at 8 PM.

Sept 24th **Shake the Can for Alzheimer's Walk** on 10/1. Tentatively scheduled for Bagel Buffet from 8:30 am to 3 PM. Like to help let Anthony know areale@comcast.net .

Sept 28th **First Degree** tentatively scheduled to be held at ICC

Oct 1st **Alzheimer's of New Jersey Walk** at 9 AM. The walk will take place at Liberty State Park and still looking for walkers and volunteers.

Oct 1st **OLV Fiesta Dinner** 6 PM in the OLV Parish Center 240 Ege Ave Jersey City. The meal will a Spanish American BBQ pig roast—menu attached. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by contacting John S at [201-780-6396](tel:201-780-6396).

Oct 1st and 2nd **Membership Drive** at ICC before and after all the masses. To make this a success at least five guys are needed per mass. Call or email me if you can help at a mass.

Oct 2nd **Knights of Columbus Council 12769 Life Chain** after the 12 PM mass in front of Immaculate Conception Church. Come out and pray the rosary on Respect Life Sunday.

Oct 5th **Council Business Meeting** at 8 PM.

Oct 15th **Council Oktoberfest for Vocations**. As stressed thru out this newsletter- monies raised from ticket sales goes to men and women studying for vocations. It would be great to see a packed hall for our future priests and nuns. Contact Brian B for tickets, which are just \$30 an adult and \$15 per child. Brian is at bbeckmeyer@comcast.net

Oct 29th **Casino Night** at Holy Rosary Church. \$50 a ticket. Reach out to Parish Secretary Christina [201-795-0120](tel:201-795-0120) for more information

PAST EVENTS:

ICC Picnic

The ICC Open Air Mass and Picnic that was scheduled for Schmidt's Woods on July 31st had to be moved back to the church grounds due to inclement weather. Thanks to many knights pitching in at the grill, in the cafe and in the auditorium they day was a success.



(Brother Joe and Paul with the aprons and John in the background)



(Brother Richie S making sure the "Tube Steaks" are properly cooked)



(Brother Riche M lets his wife Wezday take care of the little ones in the auditorium)

Installation of Officers

On August 3rd the New Council officers for 2016-2017 were sworn in by our Chaplain and Pastor Father Vic Kennedy of Immaculate Conception Church and our new District Deputy Robert Millea.



GO FUND ME!

Looking to give up a Starbuck Latte for a day and not sure where to put the money? The council has two GoFundMe sites set up:

The first is to help Sister Anna and Sister Gloria repair their convent roof in Fairview NJ. To read their story and donate, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/2cqp3v8c/donate>



The second is from Sir Knight/Brother Tom, who has spoken at our meetings, about his hope to help homeless vets and convert an old convent in Phillipsburg into a multi-use facility that will house vets for a couple of months till they get back on their feet.

See the video from Tom at gofundme.com/Emmausforvets.



(Site of future home for homeless vets)

THANKS BROTHER RICHARD S.

Thanks to Brother Richard Steffens, Steffens Provisions and all the council members who approved the council donation for the Sisters of Life in August. Sister Miriam came out and picked up eighty pounds of chicken, sixty pounds of rice and some other assorted items that were used for the first vows of eight women entering the Sisters of Life.

**OKTOBERFEST FOR VOCATIONS**

October 15th the council will hold their annual Oktoberfest for Vocations. Monies raised from this event helps support men and women studying for a religious life through 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). Bring your family and friends it cost just \$30 an adult person and children price \$15 for those 13 and under.

We need to continue to support men and women who enter religious life and this is one of the simplest ways-come out and have a great meal, maybe help behind the scenes, and support a great cause.



(Sister Pia Jude, her sister Natalie, who is entering the Sisters of Life this fall, and Father Bogumil-who was just ordained)



(Brother Knight and Seminarian Sebastian)

Brother Knight/ Sir Knight Robert Burkot is also entering the seminary in the fall of 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

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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 9th through the 11th. 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? E-mail Brother Gary PGK at 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 raffles once a year for a Volvo car. Our council has members from a number of parishes in Hudson County and I ask you, since I am one of the committee members with the NJRTL, can you approach your pastor and ask him if you can sit outside the church on a weekend before and after the masses? Or if your church has a feast or carnival, could you ask your pastor if he would allow you to set up a table and try to sell some raffle tickets? Let me know as soon as possible if there is a date set. The drawing is in November.

Alzheimer's Fundraising: 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 1st. 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. Like to find out more about Alzheimer's of New Jersey? Go to <http://www.alzjn.org/>. Plus, great views of the skyline:



If you don't want to walk help us at the hospitality tent, or handing out shirts or holding the Thank You signs. Drop me an email if interested.



One important note on monies raised is that 100% of that money stays here in NJ and assist families throughout 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.

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

Donald F. Larson
 Carl A. Stiso
 John A. Niznik
 Salvatore Manente
 Charles L. Eschbach
 Vincent Whelan
 Mark F. Kot
 Joseph W. Segro
 Pete T. Petrosino

Anthony P. Salvo
Jaime D. Arce
Bobby T. Bussanich
Mark D. Bauzon
Daniel Opolo
Sebastian Valenciaobando

Please keep in your prayers,

Please keep in your prayers Robert Burkot as he begins his formation into the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary and Natalie Furka as she begins her formation into the Sisters of Life.

Please keep in your prayers Enzo Caloni, Rev Alan Guglielmo, Francis Niznik, Edward Rumpasch, Thomas Rutowski, Frank Scardigno and Joseph Sniadach.

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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.



The Parish of Our Lady of Victories
And
The OLV Knight of Columbus
Invites you to OLV Fiesta Night October 1st

Spanish American Family BBQ

Menu

El Paso Salad

Baby mixed field greens , Fresh cilantro Leaves tossed with avocado chunks served with tortilla strips and Fresh Lime Vinaigrette dressing

Latino Infused Roast Suckling Pig

Suckling pig studded with fresh garlic

Cilantro seasoned with Adobo cooked in La Caja Oven Box

Arroz Con Pollo

Seared seasoned Chicken in Saffron Yellow rice with fresh green peas

Bread Basket

Assorted fresh made corn bread and Mini country biscuits

Spanish sweet roll topped with toasted Cumin and Cane sugar

Assorted Fresh Fruit

