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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Secaucus Knightly News

Council No. 12769

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Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

Happy Lent! As we prepare over the next forty days for the holiest day of the year for the Catholic Church, we always hear from someone “so what did you give up?” As I read a couple of internet articles about Lent, one struck me by stating it is not just about giving up something but about accepting the reality you live in today and making your life the starting point for your sacrifices, because only you, now, with all the limits you have, can come to know and love God more. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, use the organization as a starting point and make a little sacrifice. Come out of your comfort zone and it will be rewarding on Easter Sunday. Some ideas the Council has include The Food Harvest Program, where we are always looking for men to pick up food from local restaurants that have been assigned to us once a week and bring to a local shelter. We also assist in the ICC Kings Kitchen on the third and fourth Saturday’s of the month delivering to homebound individuals in Secaucus and we may be the only face that a senior sees that day but it brings them joy that someone cared to bring a meal to them. Another is we are holding a membership drive at the end of March at ICC, where I ask all members to ask a friend to come to mass with you on one, two or more weekends during Lent and give them some literature on the Order. They in turn can see the good the Order can do for them and their family. Still another activity is when the Council has a meeting. Why not call up a member who has not come in a while or a senior member of the Council and ask them if they would like to come? Finally, the first weekend of April in the center of Secaucus,

the Council will hold the annual Shake the Can for the Intellectually Disabled – just a sacrifice of an hour or two of your time helps us to continue to donate funds to organizations that help these individuals. If none of these activities appeal to you let me know what might work.

As we enter March, the Council has to start planning for the next Columbian year and we are in need of men to step out of the gallery and step into a chair as an officer. There have been many good Grand Knights and officers of this Council over the last sixteen years and we are looking for some more good men to lead us towards our twentieth year and beyond. If you are interested in an officer chair reach out to brother knight and Past Grand Knight Jim at JCANNAN35@COMCAST.NET

Restored Church Doors

A little over a year ago, thanks to the suggestion of Brother Richie S. the Council set up a church assistance fund. Every time the Council runs an event, which you have supported, the Council has puts a percentage into this fund. If you did not make the last Council meeting the doors to the cafeteria, where we have our meetings on the first and third Wednesday, thanks to the Council were replaced

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Before



Please keep supporting the Council and our events so we can do more for our parishes, communities and you and your families.

Welcome to the Order

Welcome to the Order Brother Charlie (far left) and Brother Luis (far right) welcomed our newest Knights from left to right Robinson (from St. Rocco), Paul and Newton both from Immaculate Conception Church



Father Jurek, Pastor of Holy Rosary in Jersey City and a First-Degree Knight, welcomes Brother Jason, a parishioner in his parish, to the Order.



After



Painting the Rectory Offices

A handful of Knights – Earle, John, Rich and Sal – under the supervision of Brother Joe (pictured below) spent a couple of weekends painting the ICC rectory offices while Brother Charlie S. took care of the electrical needs.



Cornerstone Retreat

"We missed you, we hoped that you would join us at Cornerstone!"



Have you ever had the feeling that life is going too fast? Did you ever wish that you could stop the world for a day, catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's really important in your life?

Cornerstone provided just that, offering you the opportunity to strengthen your faith, come closer to Christ and grow in a Christian community. During Cornerstone, you would have had that opportunity to meet and interact with others in a warm, nonjudgmental, welcoming environment.

Next year, Immaculate Conception Church will offer you the same chance to experience the 26 hour "time out". Do yourself the favor of accepting the invitation.



Upcoming Events

Council Business Meetings: March 1st and 15th

Bishop's Night: March 29th Bishop's Night in Oakland. All are welcome to attend, if your schedule allows

Building Bridges: March 31st and April 1st. Join composer and worship leader Jesse Manibusan for a chance to get away with family and friends of all ages to remember the things that are really important. Jesse Manibusan is a dynamic speaker and composer who presents an experience of church that is engaging, playful, inspiring, and empowering. His songs may be familiar from Mass, including "Open My Eyes".

This Lenten Experience begins with a Friday night concert and continues with a faith-filled day with the Lord on Saturday.

- Friday, March 31 at 7:30PM - Interactive Concert - \$10

- Saturday, April 1 from 9am-2:30pm - Day with The Lord - \$15 (includes lunch)

Please contact the ICC office for more information.

Council Meatball Contest: April 29th Council Best Meatball Contest 6:30 PM. Do you have the Best Meatball in Secaucus recipe? If you would like to enter it or if you would like to get tickets, reach out to Brother Giovanni at giorecalde@yahoo.com

Degree Dates

First Degrees: March 14th and March 26th Admission Degrees in Bergen County. Do you know someone who would like to join the order? Drop me an email or give me a call.

Second Degree: March 28th Formation Degree here in Secaucus

Third Degree: March 3rd and 24th Knighthood Degrees in Bergen County. Would you like to take the last degree in the Council? Just let me know a couple of days before the degree

Fourth Degree: April 23rd Patriotic Degree

BIRTHDAYS

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
 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 have passed: Tony Bussanich father of Brother Knight Bobby and uncle to Brother Knight Mario

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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.