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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Secaucus Knightly News

Council No. 12769

Secaucus, New Jersey

May 5, 2017

### Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,


As we start the month of May, looking forward to warmer weather and Memorial Day, please think about joining your brother knights for this month's events and volunteer opportunities.

### Marian Devotion

On May 4<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima Council in North Bergen will be praying the Holy Rosary in their parish church on 80th street and Kennedy Blvd. Join them if you can.

**The Month of May**

100 years of the apparition of our Lady of Fatima  
As many already know the 100 years of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima is this year and we will have a special celebration from Thursday, May 11 until Sunday, May 13. This feast will be unforgettable for all. The surrounding parishes of Hudson County are invited, and all the parishioners. The 40 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin Thursday, May 11 at 7pm at night until Saturday at 5pm with solemn masses on Saturday and Sunday, 6 pm procession in candlelight from 64th St. to our parish and culminating with Evening prayer, May 14. We have light refreshments in the basement of the Church after Vespers.



**We will pray the Holy Rosary everyday in our Church at 8 pm Organized by each of the groups of our parish. (Except Saturday and Sunday we will pray the rosary before each mass.)**

Schedule

May 1 Fr Yuvan Alvarez  
May 2 Magnifica Prayer Group  
May 3 Divine Mercy Group  
May 4 Knights of Columbus

May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Third Degree in Washington Township. If you would like to observe the degree at Mother Seton Council, please let me know as soon as possible.

May 6<sup>th</sup> the Marian Devotees Worldwide Association Reflections on the Messages of the Angel of Peace and Our Lady of Fatima and their Implications for Our World Today. This will be held at St Anthony of Padua Church from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. If you would like a copy of the program, call me or contact Brother Knight John at 201-780-6396.

### Communion Breakfast May 7th

The Rosary Society and the Catholic Daughters will be crowning the Blessed Mother at the 9:00 AM mass on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church Secaucus. After mass, a Communion Breakfast will be held in the cafeteria starting at 10:00 AM. The cost of the breakfast is \$20 and is open to all parishioners. Our guest speaker will be our Seminarian, Sebastian Valencia Obando, a First-Degree Knight of Council 12769, who will be ordained a deacon on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact either Eileen Daley at 201-867-1193 or Debbie Santoro at 201-937-8666 for reservations by Friday the 5th. Thank you!

Hope to see you,

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## Grand Knight's Message

How time has flown! Within three weeks, the NJ State Council Knights of Columbus will elect another State Deputy to serve state and its subordinate councils for the next two years beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The State Deputy elect is Brother Robert Hatler from The Archdiocese of Newark. I think I can speak on behalf of all our members that we, the members that make up this council, will stand behind our new state deputy as we have done over the last seventeen years, but, more importantly, because he is one of our own. Also on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May this council will present a slate(s) of officers who are seeking to run for the different chairs in the council for the 2017-2018 Columbian Year. As per the council bylaws, any man interested in becoming an officer must be a Third-Degree Knight and in good standing with the council. The bylaws also state that if you do take a chair, you must try to attend eighty percent(80%) of the meetings and come out to the officers meetings for planning and development. If you are interested in being an officer or assisting with the different programs, send me an email or a text. Lastly, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> our chaplain and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Father Victor Kennedy, will celebrate his fortieth year (40) of ordination. I ask all knights who can to please try to attend the 5:30 PM mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> here at the parish in his honor. Thank him for his vocation and continue to pray for more vocations.

## Membership

The Council is in the home stretch towards the Star Council award and June 30<sup>th</sup> is just over the horizon. I am looking for men of the council to do two things – (1) go out and ask another practical Catholic gentleman to consider joining us; and (2) take inventory in your life and where you stand on any end of life planning. Since January, several council members have taken my membership message and have gone out and recruited a member and those men will be included in the \$50 gift card drawing to be held at the second meeting in June. I am hoping to see a couple of more names in the jar

by the June meeting. And remember the best way to recruit someone is to tell them why you joined and what you get out of the experience as a member. No one likes to think of the end but as we all know it will come to each one of us—we know not when, or how or where—but as members we do have a great fraternal benefit that will help ease many of those concerns. If you have insurance issues and or needs, please reach out to Brother Anthony Genova at 201/ 928-9691 or [anthony.genova@kofc.org](mailto:anthony.genova@kofc.org). Guys, I really need your help on the insurance portion for obtaining star council. For those that were at a meeting in the beginning of the Columbian Year last July, this council made star council for 2015-2016 and received back from the Supreme and State council a nine hundred dollar credit on the per capita, which we in turn as a group used for many charitable causes over the current year.

## Dates of Importance

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Business Meeting

May 5<sup>th</sup> Third Degree Washington Township

May 7<sup>th</sup> Rosarian and Catholic Daughter Communion Breakfast at ICC 10am. Guest speaker is Seminarian Sebastian, a 1<sup>st</sup> degree knight in the council. Tickets are \$20 each and deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup> First Degree Westwood

May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Carnation Distribution after all the masses at Immaculate Conception Church

May 17<sup>th</sup> Council Business meeting where a slate(s) will be presented

May 20<sup>th</sup> Secaucus Memorial Day Parade

May 21<sup>st</sup> First Degree Ridgefield

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day mass of remembrance at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington (usually at 11 am)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Second Degree Englewood

June 7<sup>th</sup> Council business meeting election of officers. All brother knights in good standing are

asked to attend and vote for the best candidates for the chair.

June 13th First Degree Westwood

June 16<sup>th</sup> Third Degree Union

June 21<sup>st</sup> Council Award Night

June 25<sup>th</sup> ICC outdoor mass and picnic

June 25<sup>th</sup> First Degree Ridgefield

## PAST EVENTS

### Shake the Can

On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> council members came out to shake the can for the Intellectually Disabled at The Green Grocer and Bagel Buffet. The council raised over nine hundred dollars (\$900) and the monies will go to the Arc of Hudson County, the Exceptional People of Secaucus and Special Olympics of New Jersey through the state council.



## Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, there was a blessing outside ICC from several of the denominations with a procession after the shortly service the respected churches.



## Stations of the Cross

Outdoor Stations of the Cross April 7<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you to all the brother knights that assisted Father Vic and during the walk around the block. In the picture below Brother Daniel holding the first station



## Best Meatball in Secaucus dinner on April 29th

If you did not make our meatball competition and dinner, you missed a great night. We had sixteen meatball makers putting their best recipes out there to be judged by all who attended. As a grand knight for almost four terms I am always amazed by the generosity of so many especially these men and women for making about one hundred meatballs

each for this special cause. A big thank you also to Betty Ann and Brother Paul Pinkman along with Brother Steve who cooked up close to twenty pounds of pasta in the kitchen. Lastly to Brother Giovanni, his sister Pauline, Brother Sal, and all the knights and Catholic Daughters who helped behind the scenes and on the floor: Our efforts will generate a check for over three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500) for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.



*The  
winner  
Zilpa  
Rizzo  
(right)*



### **Shake the Can (Jersey City)**

On April 30<sup>th</sup> members from our round table at Our Lady of Victories in Jersey City shook the Can for the Intellectually Disabled after all the masses at the parish. The group raised four hundred and forty dollars (\$440) for Hudson Milestones in Jersey City and the Special Olympics.



### **Seminarian Letter Program**

Three times a year, the Council works with the CCD Teachers at Immaculate Conception Church as well as once or twice a year with Hoboken Catholic Academy-when they have the time- to write cards of encouragement to our future priests. For Easter, the council mailed out almost three hundred cards.

I thought share two of the cards from the students and some of the replies

*(See next page)*

Dear David Chacko,

I wish you luck on your journey to become a priest. I'm sure you will inspire plenty of people. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made. If you ever feel like alone remember this, "Without the priesthood there cannot be the Eucharist. Without the Eucharist there would be no sacrifice of the Mass, no Holy Communion, no Real Presence of Jesus Christ on Earth, where he continues his work of salvation in the world."

Sincerely,  
Diogo Montalvo

Dear David Chacko,

I wanted to wish you & your family an "Egg"-stravagant Easter. I hope that the rest of your life is filled with many graces & blessings.

Sincerely,  
Vincent  
Chirichella

The first from a sixth grader; the other, I believe, is fourth grade. Each grade wrote one card each to the three five men studying through the Archdiocese of the Military

Thank you for sending the Easter cards made by the young men and women at Hoboken Catholic Academy. It is quite moving to read their notes and to know that there are so many praying for me.

*David B. Chacko, Seminarian, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Pre-Theology I*

I received the Easter cards today and was very happy to read them. I was very impressed and moved by the devotion of the kids in the CCD classes. Please give my many thanks to the CCD classes at Conception Church & Hoboken Academy. Know that you all are always in my prayers. May you have a blessed Easter-tide. God bless. Miguel Flores-Perez Seminarian Diocese of Austin

I hope that Easter has been well for you and that you have enjoyed this Easter season to its fullest. I would like to let you know that I have received the gift prepared by the children in the Secaucus and Immaculate Conception CCD classes. Know that I truly do appreciate their care and thoughtfulness and their prayers are most definitely a great support for me in my formation. May they continue to pray for me as I will pray for them and all those who keep me in their thoughts in prayers in the Knights of Columbus Council. God bless.

All the best,

*Luis DeJesus*

**BIRTHDAYS**

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

Phillip M Bowles  
John J Carraro  
Charles L Schumacher  
Eric C Low  
Manu M Sebastian  
James R Arthur  
Francisco A Mascarenhas  
Robert W O'Hara  
Anthony M Napierski  
Raymond J Spellmeyer  
Charles Lombardi  
Please keep in your prayers:

Prayers for those that are sick: PGK James Cannon, Jaime Arce, Edward Rumplach, Gennero Casale, Frank Scardigno, Lazaro Monteagudo and Seminarian Sebastian Valencia Obando.], who will be ordained a Transitional Deacon May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Rest in Peace: William Morris

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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.*

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