



# Secaucus Knightly News

## Grand Knight Message

Welcome Brother Knights!

First, I would like to congratulate all the incoming officers to their new and old position. These positions are very hard to fill and I know the people who accepted them will help me out over the next year to keep our council in the current position that it is now. Congratulations are also in order for our Past Grand Knight Neil McGarrity for doing a great job just as all our Past Grand Knights have done. They all had big shoes to fill and I hope I will continue in their footsteps with their help. I admit I am a little rough around the edges but with help from my brother Knights, I know can overcome this challenge. There will be times, however, when one has to be a little rough to get things done and not let others take advantage.

This year we have a new State Deputy, Herb Meyer, from the Archdiocese of Newark. He will be asking our Council to help him with various events. Our church has a new priest, Fr. Prada who will be saying mass this coming Sunday - June 28 at 12:00 pm. Please welcome him with open arms and maybe he will transfer his membership to our council! We also will be saying goodbye to a good priest Fr. Jim Tucker, as he was reassigned to another parish, but will remain as the 4th Degree Friar.

The following are some important dates for the upcoming 3 months. I hope to see you at our annual picnic and meetings.

- *July 20th* First Officers meeting 7:30 pm in the cafeteria
- *July 22nd* General meeting 8:00 pm in the cafeteria
- *Aug 5th* General meeting 8:00 pm in the cafeteria
- *Aug 10th* Officers meeting 7:30 pm in the cafeteria
- *Aug. 13th* Officers Installation of the 4th Degree in North Arlington 8:00 pm
- *Aug 16th* Family Picnic at Schmidts Woods 1:00 pm. Bring your family & friends!
- *Aug 19th* Officers Installation of the 3rd Degree
- *Sept. 2nd* General meeting 8:00 pm in the cafeteria
- *Sept. 5th* Labor Day Blood Drive ( time to be announced)
- *Sept. 16th* General meeting 8:00 pm in the cafeteria
- *Sept. 21st* Officers meeting 7:30 pm in the cafeteria
- *Sept. 26-27th* Membership Drive
- *Oct. 10th* Octoberfest - a Big Event with plenty of good food, fun for the whole family!
- *Oct. 1-Nov. 30* Coat Drive

There will also be an essay contest and a Bus Trip to AC, stay tuned as the dates are determined. Other functions and happenings will be sent out as they arise. Please come to our meetings to be informed and get involved. Please feel free to call me at my home (201) 866-8621 for any information or help that you need. Hope to see you at our meetings and functions.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Pinkman

# Past Grand Knight's Letter

Brother Knights,

As I sat down to write out this letter, I could not believe two years have come and gone. Next Wednesday June 17th at 8 PM Mary Immaculate Council 12769 will hold officer elections for the 2009-2010 year at the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria. As you may or may not know I will not be seeking another term as Grand Knight but I am pleased with the committee's selection of Deputy Grand Knight Paul Pinkman to step into the position of GK. He has worked with me and helped me tremendously over the last two years and I feel he will be another great leader for the council. The slate of officers is listed below and I ask my brother knights to try to attend the meeting and support this slate.

Even though I will not be running the day to day workings of the council I am not disappearing. My friend and newly elected State Deputy Herbert Meyer may be mad at me for not stepping into another role within the Knights of Columbus but I felt it is more important now to continue to build on the successes this council has made with me, Gary Jeffas, John Niznik and William Dombrowski for there is still a lot of work to be done in the name of our faith, for our church, community, our families and building our membership. To continue the councils great works I ask all my active brothers to continue to come out to meetings and functions if and when you can. My inactive brothers try to come out to a couple of meetings this year or help at just one event or function. You don't get anything out of this organization unless you participate. One of the biggest joys I get is when I hear about one of the little things this council has done that means so much to somebody. I will give you one example- our Seminarian Letter Program where the council mails out letters from the CCD children of ICC and St. Francis to men and women studying for religious life takes maybe an hour or two, three times a year to stuff an envelope, put a mailing label on and a stamp it but the joy the men and women get from getting these cards is tremendous. I met a priest from Paramus, who was ordained three years ago and he said to me "I still remember the days of when I was an Immaculate Conception Seminary and whenever I got a card from the children it gave me a chuckle but also gave me the strength to continue for I knew I was not alone on this journey towards the priesthood." If you are not sure what you can do speak with one of the officers and they will give you some ideas or come to a meeting with an idea.

I want to also thank Father Joe, Father Jim, Father Al, the other officers who have served under me and the membership who put up with me and all my crazy ideas. Your dedication and commitment to the many projects and events over the last two years has made our council one of the most successful in Hudson County and one of the most recognized by the State Council. I ask everyone to continue that with Paul and his officers. With that said, I have included a list of dates to remember:

July ??? I am looking to have a canned Food Drive outside Food Basic in North Bergen to help the pantries in UC, Hoboken and JC.  
 July 14th First Degree Westwood. Ask a friend to become a part of the largest Catholic organization.  
 July 22nd Second Degree Washington Township Bergen County. Call me by the 17th if you like to go.  
 Aug 2nd Possible game to see the Mets in Bailout Stadium-sorry Met fans Citi Field. \$30 a ticket. Call me if you want to go.  
 Aug 8th Food Drive outside Path-mark in North Bergen 10-3 to help Our Lady of Fatima and FCDC food pantries.  
 Aug 30th Newark Bears Game. \$10 a person. Let Anthony know if you want to go. His number is 201-553-0622

I am also looking to have a toiletry drive at ICC during the summer to help the FCDC youth group and the Hoboken Homeless Shelter but I still have to speak with Father Joe and get his blessing. Stay tune for an update on this.

Thank you all again for giving me the opportunity to serve you these two years.

Viva Jesus,

Neal McGarrity, PGK

My Brother Knights,

What an exciting year 2008 and 2009 have been! The council welcomed in twelve new members which brought our membership over one hundred and fifty five. Over the year sadly we also lost one member who has passed away, two members who have transferred due to relocations and five members decided to drop out because of no interest. We want you to stay interested but the officers can only keep you interested if we see you at a meeting and have your input. If you cannot make a meeting try to take the Second and Third Degrees if you have not taken them to see the full picture of the Knights of Columbus or come out to an event or one of our sit down dinners where you will be with other families and friends of the council while helping the council continue the first principle of the order-charity. Another way to stay interested is to invite a friend to join the Knights and come with that friend to a meeting. Lets make 2009-2010 a great year for our new Grand Knight and his officers by welcoming in more men into this great order founded on charity, unity and fraternity. Please keep the following dates in mind: The next First Degree will be Tuesday July 14th. The next Second Degree is July 22nd.

On October 31st, The Alzheimer's Association of NJ will have a "Walk to Remember" at Liberty State Park. We are looking for walkers, sponsors and helpers for this first walk in Hudson County. This event will start at 7:30 AM with set up, the walk goes off at 9-9:30 and should be completed by 11:30 AM. I still have the Tootsie Roll costume or you can bring your own for the event. Jules Carricarte, a new member, is our eyes and ears for this project and is working closely with the Association, so if you want to help in one of the categories let him know at 201-214-4808

Sir Neal McGarity, PGK

## **Congratulations to our Slate of Officers:**

**S.K.Paul Pinkman , Grand Knight    S.K. Sal Manente, Deputy Grand Knight**

S.K. James Cannan, Chancellor

Anthony Reale, Warden

John Steffens, Financial Secretary

Thomas Troyer, III, Recording Secretary

Charles Churchill,III, Treasurer

Rev. Joseph Pietropinto, Chaplain

Douglas Christman, Advocate

S.K. James Burke III, Lecturer

S.K. Joseph Capozio, Inner Guard

S.K. James Clancy, Outer Guard

S.K. Andrew Ventura, Outer Guard

S.K. John Niznik, PGK, Trustee 1yr

S.K.Neal McGarrity PGK, Trustee 3 yr

Gary Jeffas, PGK, Trustee 2 yr

Brother Knights as of June 1st more than twenty members are still outstanding. Dues are very important in helping the council with a lot of behind the scenes purchases like food, postage, baby bottles for our drive for pregnancy crisis centers to name a couple. If you owe dues call me at 201-974-0483 so we can settle the account and get you a 2009 travel card. Also call me if you are having problems due to the economy something can also be worked out.

Jack Steffens - Financial Secretary

## **Fourth Degree Info**

Brothers,

Attention all Third Degree Knights it is not too early to start thinking about the Fourth Degree Exemplification in October. The degree of patriotism will take place on October 18th at St. Philip's Council in Clifton a very short drive from Secaucus. Due to spacing limitations seating is limited so let Faithful Navigator Paul Pinkman know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. You will need a tuxedo for the degree.

## **Insurance Field Agent**

Hello Gentlemen! Did you know that if you had invested \$50,000 in the S&P 500 10 years ago, it would be worth \$43,494.17 today? That same \$50,000 would be worth \$78,152.41 had you invested with the Knights of Columbus. Call me for the current rates!

Please contact our council agent Bob Rogan at [bob-rogan@comcast.net](mailto:bob-rogan@comcast.net).

## **Did you know...**

Don't forget to keep updated on council events at [www.kofc12769.org](http://www.kofc12769.org). Thanks Charlie Schu for doing a great job keeping this up to date.

The Legislative Action Committee of the New Jersey State Council has issued an Urgent Legislative Action Alert which can be found on the state home page at [www.njkofc.org](http://www.njkofc.org). Take a stand and make your Catholic voice be heard!

## **A moment to say "Thank You"**

Our Seminar and Charitable Works Dinner was a great success. The council raised close to sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600) for charity. The council thanks the following tricky tray contributors, please support your local businesses:

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-Natoli's Pizzeria 201 864-2243

-China Chef <http://chinachefnj.com/>

[-Feel Good Restaurant](http://www.feelgoodnj.com) [www.feelgoodnj.com](http://www.feelgoodnj.com)

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