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Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

I want to start off by wishing a Happy & Healthy New Year to you and your families. Thank you to all those knights and their families who have lent a hand with one of the Council fundraisers or who came out and supported a charitable dinner that we ran together over the last six months. The Council books shows checks disbursed for charitable works amounting to \$6,600 since July. My 'Feed the Hungry/ Support a Shelter' tally totals through the middle of December shows over 10,000 pounds of food—perishable and non-perishable—picked up and delivered to more than a dozen food pantries and shelters here in Hudson County and also in Southern Bergen County in that time period. This is all great news on the charity side—the first principle of our order—but we are missing the unity and fraternity—the second and third principles—of our membership. For all these works that have been done it was through the help given by less than half the Council membership. Just imagine what we can accomplish in the next six months if we get two thirds of our members active in one or two activities. In 2016, I ask all two hundred and fifty nine members, please try to make an effort to come to a couple of Council meetings either here in Secaucus, at one of the round tables set up in several parishes through out Hudson County, or at a local Council near you when your schedule allows. You get nothing out of the Knights of Columbus if you take your degree(s) and just pay dues. There are a number of things coming up and I would like to see some new and old faces standing together to make this a stronger Council and give us a bigger presence in the church, in our community, and with our families.

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PAST EVENTS

On December 21st the Council welcomed **NEW Brother Knights John, Frank and Joseph** (pictured below). Brother John is the son of Brother Knight John O'Conner while Brother Joseph is the grandson of our District Deputy Brother Paul. Make them feel welcome at an upcoming meeting. As stated above, we are at the half way point of the 2015-2016 Columbian Year and this Council has welcomed sixteen new men into the order. This number puts us just under the threshold set by our Supreme Council but those sixteen men were proposed by just four knights or 1.5% of the Council. This Christmas and holiday season talk to a family member or a friend and tell them or show them the stories below on what this Council does and will try to do in the coming months. I hope that we can get that 1.5% up to 15% proposing by June.



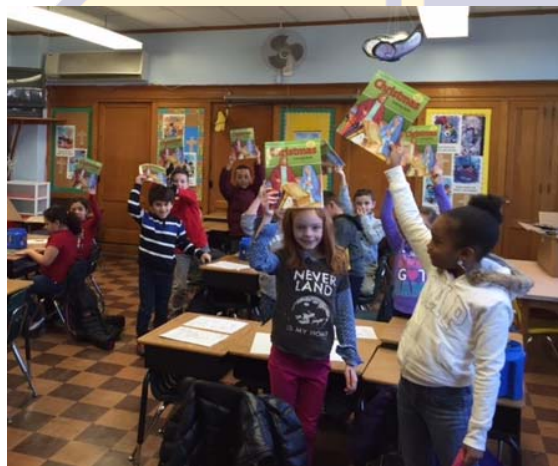
If you need help talking to someone send me an email mcgarrity@aol.com and I will send you some material and information to use.

Lastly on membership as 2016 rolls around it is time to collect dues again. *Why do we collect dues?* As a fraternal organization we have to pay a per capita per member to keep our charter that hangs on the wall of the cafeteria, it enables us to

use the Knights of Columbus logo, allows the Supreme Council to continue to send out *The Columbia Magazine* to our members and provides the accidental death or dismemberment benefits to its membership. Our dues are just \$20 a year, which is not a lot to ask for twelve months.

Please make a check made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 12769 and send to Brother Knight Richard Marrero at 27 Gail Place, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

The Council continues to promote “Keeping Christ in Christmas” with members distributing the coloring books to the first and second graders at Immaculate Conception and St Lawrence Church religious education programs. Books were also given out at the Holy Rosary children’s Christmas Party. As our chaplain and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church Father Vic always advises me: “Keep Christ in Christmas” is good; “Keep Christ All the Time” is better



Mary Immaculate Council No. 12769’s annual drive to help Hope House a Catholic Charity facility for homeless mothers and children in Jersey City was another great success. The Council and Catholic Daughter Court No. 1552 provided each child with two clothing outfits—there are 23 children at the facility—as well as a toy. We also gave two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) in Shoprite gift cards with twenty dollars in cash. Finally, we gave close to 400 lbs of non-perishable groceries.

(Below Knight Angelo with his wife Catholic Daughter Norma Andriani)



Members of Mary Immaculate Council No. 12769 and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Council No. 15958 distributed forty-eight coats for children up at the Franciscan Community Development Center in Fairview, NJ.



On December 13th, the Council Family Christmas Party had a number of happy children attend to see Santa *aka* Brother Charlie.



On December 20th, the Council was the sponsor for a Simbang Gabi Mass at Immaculate Conception church. Father Oliver (*below*), who was ordained last June, said the mass.



At the offertory of the mass people donated non-perishable items that the knights picked up and brought to the local food pantries. Brother Peter again reached out to Shoprite for a one thousand dollar donation of non-perishable food that went to a number of food pantries in need. This year he topped this with a six hundred pound donation from Goya Foods. On behalf of the Council we thank Brother Peter continuing to show charity to others especially during this time of the year.



(Brother Peter, with the scarf on, and Brother Ruben bringing non-perishables to the altar.)

On December 23rd members of the Council help decorate Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas. I think I can speak for everyone and say it looked great and thanks for coming out.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY EVENTS:

Council Meeting: January 6th and 20th.

Baby Bottle Boomer-rang: January 9th and 10th at ICC the Council will begin the distribution of Baby Bottle Boomer-rang for Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the area. If you can help me coordinate this event or if you like to lend a hand after one of the masses just send me an email. January 16th and 17th, the Boomer-rang weekend, is where some people will be returning bottles while others will pick up a bottle, if they missed the prior weekend. Need help before and after all masses.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: January 17th is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. As a Catholic organization, we stand up for life at all stages of development, from conception to a natural death, and on this day, after the 12 PM mass, I ask all to join us in front of the church to pray the rosary for life. It takes no more than thirty minutes and refreshments will be served after in the cafeteria. Need more information? Contact Brother Douglas at 201-842-1690.

Baby Bottle Boomer-rang Collection: January 23rd and 24th is the last weekend to collect bottles—hope. I need volunteers to help collect them before each mass.

Council Officer's Meeting: January 18th is a Council officers meeting at 7:30 PM.

Comedy Night with the Knights: January 23rd is our annual Comedy Night for Autism and Special Olympics. Three great comedy acts with a roast beef dinner provided by Steffens Provisions. If you need tickets, which are just \$25 each or would like to help serve, take tickets, or clean up, send me an email mcgarritye@aol.com, call 201-575-9984 or use the form enclosed printed at the back of this newsletter.

Master of Ceremony: Laz Vic
First Opening Act: Andrew Lee
Second Opening Act: Janet Regensburg—a teacher by day at Secaucus High School
Feature: Rich Carucci

Atlantic City Bus Trip: January 31st will be first Atlantic City bus trip of the year. Seats are still available so reach out to Brother Joe at 201-867-5361.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Super Bowl Pool: February 7th is the Super Bowl Sunday, and while we do not have a Super Bowl party we will have Super Bowl pool to help the Council with some behind the scene costs like covering the cost of mailing out this newsletter if you would like information or a box reach out to Brother John at 201-867-7670.

Mardi Gras: February 9th is Mardi Gras or 'Fat Tuesday', and the usual custom of this parish is to have each organization have a table in the cafeteria where we bring some cakes or treats to be shared with all those that come to the burning of the palms service beforehand. If someone would like to assist with this, send me an email mcgarritye@aol.com, call 201-575-9984.

Lenten Fish Fry: February 12th is the first Friday of Lent and the Council is going to try something new this year. We are going to have a **Fish Fry** from 5:00 PM to 7:00 or 8:00 PM. If you like to take the family out for a great fish & chips dinner at a very reasonable price, why not consider coming to ICC that Friday night? Those who purchase tickets before February 1st will be charged \$13 for adults and \$10 per child. On the 1st and after (including at

the door) it will be \$15 for adults while children will still be \$10. Children under 14 can also get chicken strips if they do not like cod. An order form is printed at the back of this newsletter.

Stations of the Cross: Please note that ICC will hold Stations of the Cross upstairs at 7:00 PM and welcomes all to join them.

New Jersey Devils Game: February 14th the New Jersey Devils hockey team will have a matinee game at 12:30 PM. If we have 10 people who would like to attend, the Devils organization will give us a group price. Send me an email at mcgarritye@aol.com if you have any interest. You will be home in time to take the wife, girlfriend or significant other out for dinner or take her to the game and then go to one of the great restaurants on Ferry Street in Newark.

FROM OUR WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY/ BROTHER PAUL:

The New Jersey State Council is sponsoring a cruise/fund raiser to the Bahamas/Caribbean this spring. We will be traveling on Norwegian Cruise lines "Breakaway" departing from New York City, Pier 88/90 at 711 12th Avenue, NYC, on March 13, 2016 and returning on March 20th.

Category	Cost
Category IF - Inside Stateroom*	\$464.00
Category OA - Ocean View State Room*	\$844.00
Category B2 - Ocean View Balcony State Room	\$884.00
Category B3 - Ocean View Balcony State Room	\$884.00
Category BA - Ocean View Balcony State Room	\$884.00
Category MA - Ocean View Balcony Mini-Suite State Room	\$974.00
Port Tax Including Cruise Tax (Port \$185.00 and Cruise \$141.59)	\$326.59
*Available on request at current cruise rates	
3rd & 4th person sharing cabin with two full fares (B3) on request only & based on availability)	
Airfare will be quoted on request.	

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

Michael J. Marra
 Joseph J. Ranieri
 Domingo F. Cardentey
 Anthony D. Pino
 James Cusano
 Francis McMahon
 Alfred N. Mercogliano
 Rev. Giuseppe Fedele
 Joseph S. Sniadach
 Vincent A. Massaro
 Leo L. Rosales
 Joseph Saccente, Jr.
 Thomas Rutowski
 Feliciano R. Lim
 Matthias S. Rusinski
 Joel J. Acebedo
 John Popolizio
 Vito N. Di Giorgio, Jr.
 Felix J. Lopez
 Jules Carricarte
 William J. McDonnell
 Amado T. Gonzales, Jr.
 Christopher W. Marra
 Martin D. Keane
 Kevin J. Kessler
 Robert A. Koerner
 Buh Meh Chu

Please keep in your prayers,

Those that are sick: Sheyla Bula-Borja, Jerry Casale, Deacon Earle Connelly, Anthony De Rienzo, Joseph Gentile, Edward Rumplach and Thomas Rutowski.

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Good News! It's a Boy!

Brother John Gurba and his wife welcomed a baby boy Xavier Into this world on Dec 7th. Mom and baby are doing well. John can be reached at jgurba@msn.com.

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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.*

Knights of Columbus Council Comedy Night – **Benefiting Special Olympics & Autism**
January 23, 2016 – 6:30PM– 10:00pm Pre-Order Form
(please use one form per customer):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of ADULTS (\$25 Per Adult) Please note limit amount of tickets will be available at the door _____

Make Checks payable to the Knights of Columbus _____

Knights of Columbus Council 12769 Fish Fry – **Benefiting the Council Charitable Works Fund.**

Friday, April 12, 2016 – 5 PM– 7:00pm Pre-Order Form
(please use one form per customer):

Name: _____ Phone: _____
_____ Pick Up _____ Time _____ Sit-Down _____

Time Sit-Down _____

Number of ADULTS (\$13 Per Adult till Feb 1st/ \$15 Feb first and up to and including at the door) _____

_____ Number of Children : _____ Fish Platter or Chicken Tenders (\$10.00/each) _____

Make Checks payable to the Knights of Columbus _____