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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Secaucus Knightly News

Council No. 12769

Secaucus, New Jersey

December 7, 2016

Reverend Fathers & Brother Knights,

December is already here, Advent is in its second week and Christmas, one of the holiest days for the Catholic Church, is just two more weeks after that. This month also marks the half way point of the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. While the number of projects, events and requests have continued to grow the number of men attending our events or lending a hand has not been great and I ask all my brother knights of Council 12769 make a resolution for 2017 to try to make a meeting to see what is going on or to see some of you fraternal brothers and come out and support one of our fundraiser's in the next six months.

I wish all a most Holy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2017.

Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas.

NEAL MCGARRITY

Shaking the Can for Alzheimer's Respite Care

On Nov 4th and 5th more than twenty members came out for an hour or two to shake the can at either The Green Market in the CVS parking lot or at Marra Drug Store for Alzheimer's Respite Care. The council collected eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$827).



(Brother Knights shaking the can.)

Food Drive at ShopRite

On November 12th several of the council members got out to shake the can and ask for non-perishable food donations at the ShopRite in Columbia Park North Bergen to help the St Rocco Church food pantry. Over two hundred and sixty pounds (260) of food items was collected in seven hours.



Council Member recognized by the Fourth Degree Assembly

Brother Knight Stanley Winter was recognized at the Fourth Degree Veterans Breakfast by Faithful Navigator Paul Pinkman and the members of Msgr Peter B O'Conner Assembly 1543 as their Color Corpsman of the Year.



Members of Council 12769 lend a hand at Breakfast

The annual Fourth Degree Veteran Breakfast was a successful event and many thanks to many of the first, second and third degree members like PGK Brother Gary who pitched in. Gary looks like a pro making the pancakes.



Memorial Mass for our Departed Knights

I like to thank all the knights and their family members who came out to the annual council memorial mass on November 16th for those men from the council who had gone home to our Lord in the last year. Also a special thanks to the honor guard of Msgr. Peter B O'Conner fourth degree who honorably retired two swords from the Marra family who were part of the color guard and had passed.



Thanks for the Railing

For those that have attended a meeting in the last month or so you may have noticed we have two beautiful railings in the back lot so we prevent any slip and falls. The thanks of appreciation goes out to Brother Charlie-on the right- who went out to the Trylon Railing in Lyndhurst to get an estimate. Ralph and Barbara the owners gave him that estimate and then they advised him it would cost the council nothing. Only fitting the council recognized them with a plaque of appreciation for their help and generosity.



Take a Pan/ Give a Pan

The council held their annual give a pan/ take a pan event. On November 19th and 20th more than twenty men stood at the Immaculate Conception Church doors for fifteen minutes after a mass and asked parishioners if they can take a small or large empty pan and when they are cooking on the following Friday or Saturday cook a little extra and fill that tray then bring it back to the mass you attend. On the 26th and 27th fifteen men manned the doors before the mass and took the trays from the parishioners with a thank you and then sorted out all the items. The council received back one hundred and five 2.5 pound trays or roughly **262.5 pounds** of food in these trays plus seven 5 lb trays or roughly **35 pounds**. We also received over one hundred pounds (**100 pounds**) of sandwiches and donations received from people who did not want to cook or were going away was turned into four \$25 ShopRite gift cards for the ICC parish to use when people come in need. The Franciscan Community Development Center, St Lucy's, St Anthony Hope House, Hoboken Homeless Shelter, St Francis & St Michael Food Pantries and Women Rising received all the food items.

Brother Anthony getting some of the trays ready to be taken to St Anthony Hope House in Jersey City



Council Welcomes new Member

On November 29th the council welcomed Thomas DiGiuseppe, a student at Steven's in Hoboken and a CCD Teacher at St Francis Church. The GK had a memory lapse and forgot the camera. I promise to get a picture soon of Brother Thomas in a future newsletter.

DONATE TO THE BLOOMFIELD KNIGHTS

Dear Brother Knights,

I am relatively a new member of our council. Usually in the Spring time I coach, manage and play on an amateur league baseball team called the Bloomfield Knights. I'm writing to you to all because baseball is one of my passions and I want to see if I can get your support for an initiative I am starting. I am originally from Sri Lanka and I will be going back home to visit in mid-December. I call this initiative "First to Home" - and in Baseball speak that means getting from First Base to Home Plate safely. For me, it's a double meaning as it starts with me first and ends up where I began, in my original Home.

As a South Asian country the biggest sport there is Cricket and although I was born there I moved to the US when I was eight and grew up here in NJ and have loved Baseball since. Baseball as a sport has quietly made it over there by way of support from Japan but it's still not a huge thing. When I play here, sometimes we may not have the best fields but there's always one easily accessible but over there they barely have an actual field to play on! Here we can just walk into a Modell's or Dick's Sporting Goods and grab something or order anything online and have it at our fingertips. For the guys my age back in my country who want to play baseball, there's hardly any source of getting access to equipment and the only way they do get it is if their organization imports those items from Japan, which can be very costly.

What I'm asking is if you or someone you know have some gently used items, gloves, bats, bases, catcher's equipment etc. Or even you're willing to buy at least one new item for me to take these items with me when going back. I would be glad to pick up any donations of equipment from where you are. Please feel free to call/text/email me @ [201.341.1539](tel:201.341.1539) - bloomfieldknightsbaseball@gmail.com.

I have also created a Go Fund Me page with a small goal. It would all go toward buying equipment and possibly shipping the items if I'm not able to carry everything to that part of the world. Even if you can only donate \$1, all of it will mean something. Please be sure to share the link with

your family and friends to get their support -
<https://www.gofundme.com/uf-first-to-home>

I appreciate your help with this short notice. I wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.

Cheers,
 Rajiv Fernando

SUPPORTING SCHOOL CHOICE

From Brother Michael Sollecito The School Choice organization holds many events in this area and the nation during a week in January (22 to 28 2017). Some Catholic schools you may know participate. They and volunteers (us) would use social media, etc. to invite parents and children to attend those events. Professionals give speeches on what is going on in government and private foundations which offer funding for tuition to folks who currently can't afford a better education and choices free merchandise is distributed. Volunteers help spread the word and assist in other aspects that they choose. Like to find out more email Brother Mike-
michael.sollecito@gmail.com

KNIGHTS SURVEY

Per the Supreme Council website" The Order needs to demonstrate to the governments of the countries in which it is present the incredibly high return on investment they get by granting the Knights of Columbus' tax-exempt status. The Survey of Fraternal Activity is one of the chief vehicles for explaining that fact." Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the form attached at the end of this newsletter and email it back to me or bring to either the 12/7, 12/21 or 1/4/17 meeting.

Some examples for Survey Responses:

Church Activities – CCD, lay apostolate, direct contributions to seminarians, postulants and religious.

Community Activities – lending a hand at Special Olympics, Shaking the can for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Veterans Activities/VAVS, Food for Families, Victims of Disasters
 Miscellaneous – all other community related.

Culture of Life Activities March for Life Baby Bottle Campaign, Life

Youth – Scouting, Athletics, Coats for Kids.

Council Meetings – Came to a meeting this year put down an hour for each one you came to.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Last Council Meeting of the Year. December 7th will be the last council meeting of 2016 in our meeting hall at 760 Post Place Secaucus at 8 PM. Come down and see what is planned for 2017.

Family Christmas Party. December 11th is the council Family Christmas Party at 1:30 PM in the ICC cafeteria. The cost is just \$5 per adult and children are free. The big guy aka "Santa" will make an appearance so if you are planning to attend let me know by Dec 7th.

Simbáng Gabi Mass. December 18th will be the council will sponsor the Simbáng Gabi mass at ICC at 7 PM. Simbáng Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practice by Catholics anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you can attend, please bring a can or two of a non-perishable item

Fraternal Christmas Party. December 21st will be the council fraternal Christmas party. There will be no meeting, no speeches just a time for members to have a nice meal and see some old friends and make some new ones. I also tell everyone: if you know of a practical Catholic who is not yet a member, bring him to the event. If you can make it, please let me know by the 18th at
mcgarritye@aol.com or call me at 201-223-7967. This will be a catered event so need to hear from you.

OLV Knights Round Table. December 24th Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Knights of Columbus Round Table sponsoring the Simbáng Gabi "Rooster Mass." OLV is on Kennedy and Edge Ave in Jersey

City. Their nine-day novena masses are at 5:00 in the morning.

First Meeting of the New Year. January 4th 2017 will be the first meeting of the New Year in Secaucus

Comedy Night for Autism. January 21st will be our Comedy Night for Autism and Special Olympics. A great dinner and three comedians for just \$25. The officers of the council will be reaching out to all active members of the council to consider coming out to the event or asking for your help to promote the event- give them a couple of minutes of your time.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

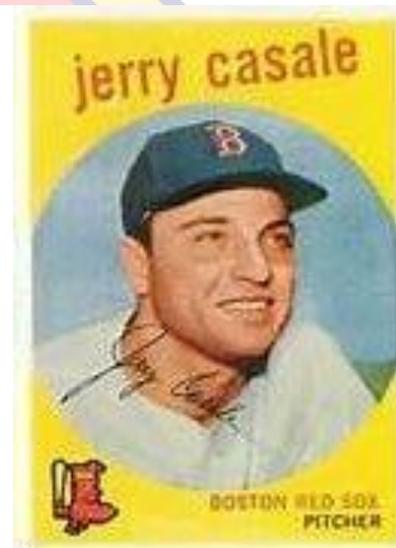
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 David J. Arce
 Joseph F. Kane
 Christopher R. Panlilio
 Thomas Troyer

Please keep in your prayers,

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

Please pray for the deceased, Frank Petrucelli father of Former District Deputy for 12769 Brother Russell

An update on Brother Jerry "Mr Red Sox" Jerry has moved into The Bristol in Woodcliff Lake and can be reached at [201-821-8223](tel:201-821-8223).



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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.



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**20__ SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET**

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

This worksheet is printed on clip-art ready, reproducible paper. Simply photocopy as many forms as you need, cut along the dotted line and distribute the form at the November meeting. Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin. Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/assembly/circle results for completion of the 20__ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 20__.

20__ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:
 - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:
 - Church Activities — service in all Church related activities
 - Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 - Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities
 - Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects
 - Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects
 - VAVS
 - Food For Families
 - Special Olympics
 - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20__:
 - Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.





Presented by Secaucus Knights of Columbus

Benefits Autism and Special Olympics!

Tickets cost \$25 includes dinner and drinks

Saturday January 21, 2017 6:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Auditorium 790 Post Place Secaucus

Laz Vic

Craig McLaughlin

Secaucus Resident

Foster "The Genius" Nicholson

Gregory Korostishevsky

From TV's "Orange is the New Black" and "Black List"



For Tickets Contact: Neal 201-223-7967

Comedians Promoted By: Joe Loesner www.meadowlandscomedyclub.com