



# Secaucus Knightly News

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Newsletter of Mary Immaculate Council #12769, Knights of Columbus  
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## Congratulations, Brothers!

The Grand Knight's message:

Our Oktoberfest was a stunning success thanks to you! We sold 187 tickets, and gathered in another \$400.00 plus due to the generosity of our guests. A big thank you to our Chairman Earle Connelly and his ticket chairman Brian Beckmeyer. Their dedication and support of me is deeply appreciated.

DJ Brother Knight Chris Brillantes once again donated a fun-filled night of great music. Thanks Chris, you're the best!! Another big thank you to the Catholic Daughters! Without their Tricky Tray and all their help selling tickets, our event wouldn't have been so successful! Finally thanks to our Church and to our parishioners for their continuing support!!!

Vivat Jesus!  
Rich Steffens, Grand Knight  
201-481-8751

Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, November 6 - 7:30**  
**Business Meeting**

**Saturday, November 16 - 6:30**  
**The 50's-60's Dance**

**Monday, November 18 - 7:00**  
**Officers Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 20 - 7:30**  
**Business Meeting**

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**Defending Life!**

## **Family of the Month**

I am pleased to announce that the Marrero Family has been chosen as our Family of the Month for September. Deacon Earle Connelly in proposing the nomination noted how much Rich and his wife Day do for our Church. Rich as our Financial Secretary does an outstanding job for the Council and for me as well. His workmanship as our FS is impeccable. He is a very organized man, always providing me with answers

in a very timely manner. Rich has been our FS for quite a few years, becoming one of the rocks of our Council. Rich and his wife Day are members of the Baptismal committee, as well as Rich being an active member of the Cornerstone. Their children who are home schooled, regularly attend CCD education, and serve as Alter Servers. Congratulations to a wonderful family!!

**Are you a member of one of our round tables? [Please read this:](#)**

The goal of the round table is to assist your parish and become a Council of your own. The only way this will happen is by attending our meetings, learn how a Council functions and

## **Knight of the Month**

John Devery is our September Knight of the Month! He is an independent spirit, always taking on tasks without being asked. A member and leader of our Roundtable at his home Parish Saint Lawrence, he works hard to help keep his Church functioning properly. John in addition to helping with maintenance at the church, also serves as a Lecturer and Eucharistic Minister for the morning services. He actively drops off local Seniors from the morning masses in addition to all his many projects. Just this past August he stood in front of two supermarkets four hours at a time collecting non perishable foods for the local pantry. He also picks up from a local bakery every week and distributes to families and places of need. Finally he and another parishioner lead a hospitality committee after the 10:30 and 12 o'clock masses to promote interaction within the Church community. I am happy to choose John as our Knight of the month!!

become more involved. This way, once you recruit more members to join your Round Table, you will be closer to becoming a functioning Council.

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Membership - Neal McGarrity, PGK

My Brother Knights as we begin November and look forward to Thanksgiving and then Christmas, I ask all not to forget the council and the events we will be holding in the next two months. Please try to lend a hand at our Take a Pan/ Give a Pan event at the end of November, join us to remember the brother knights lost over the last year at our council memorial mass-see schedule of events- and join us for the council family Christmas party. Also as the winter months approach we tend to hibernate back into our homes but I ask all to stay vigilant and ask someone to join the order over the next two months. Our council needs new blood, our church has many needs and without new members it is getting harder to answer all of them, plus our families and those not yet knights need the order for protection. As a bonus anyone who brings in a knight or at least has a signed form 100 from November thru December will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card -offered by the membership committee. The drawing will be the first meeting in January.

Brother Knights as Thanksgiving is just around the corner many will receive a free ham or turkey from Shop Rite or Stop & Shop. If you don't know what to do with it or still have one from last year, please call 201-575-9984 or email at [mcgarritye@aol.com](mailto:mcgarritye@aol.com) . The FCDC is Fairview will be giving turkey's away the Sunday before Thanksgiving so

additional turkey's helps them assist more families.

The council has held a blood drive every Labor Day weekend for the past ten years or more. Many brave people like Lady Day come out to give the Gift of Life. This past year we had twenty two pints donated. The Blood Center is looking for the council to run another in February-anyone would like to assist me in running this contact me at [mcgarritye@aol.com](mailto:mcgarritye@aol.com).

Some of the members from Team Columbus that walked or assisted at the hospitality tent for The Alzheimer's Hudson County Walk. Also thanks to our Brother Knights from OLF 15958 who joined the team.

Thank you to all that donated already and helped us raise \$1800 but we still would like to raise more and get to our goal of \$3000 by the end of Nov. If you are looking for a end of the year tax deductions why not consider Alzheimer's New Jersey <https://alznj.akaraisin.com/ui/walktofighthalmheimers2019/pledge/sponsor/start> put in Team Columbus.



**Welcome Brother Leonardo! (Rt)  
\$800 raised for ALZ Respite Care**

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Alzheimer's Shakers  
Welcome Brother Kirit! (right)



Alzheimer's Walkers - **WOW!!!**  
Brother Brian and Lady Laura put all of Team Columbus to shame at the ALZ Walk. They walked the entire length of the park and back-I believe more than five miles.



Alzheimer's Walk Workers