



Secaucus Knightly News

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Newsletter of Mary Immaculate Council #12769, Knights of Columbus

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June 2021

GK's Message:

Greetings to All Brothers,

On May 31, 2021 at 11:00am a couple of Brother Knights attended the Memorial Day Service by the Flag Pole at the Secaucus Town Hall. Veterans were present. Deputy Grand Knight Brian Beckmeyer sounded the trumpet beautifully from Taps to America the Beautiful. Our Chaplain and Parish Priest Fr. Vic Kennedy led the opening prayers and closing prayers. In attendance was the Honorable Mayor, Town Council Member and Brother Knight James Clancy, Town Administrator-Lawyer and Brother Knight Gary Jeffas, Brothers Knights, Fr. Rolando Yadao, S.K. Paul Pinkman Master 1st New Jersey District PGK, PFN, FDD and a veteran; Former Mayor S.K. Rich Steffens PGK, 3 Year Trustee and a veteran. Brother John also a veteran, and a few more Brother Knights that I failed to mention. (And please accept my apologies

if I failed to mention you name) Our new Brother Knight (2 days old to be exact) Brother Fred Cordero and his son Joaquin 6 years old were also present. I would like to quote The Honorable Mayor Michael Gonnelli... "We pay tribute to the Secaucus men and women in uniform for their ultimate sacrifices. We remember their sacrifices so we have freedom and have security. We are Home of the Free Because of the Brave". No words could ever express our gratitude and thanks to them and no other best ways to honor them by keeping them in our prayers and pray for them every day." Brother Knights, prayers make's a man whole and by doing so we get closer to God. As Knights of Columbus we are to start our day in prayer and end our day in prayer. We all need it for ourselves, for our family, for our work, for our community and for our country. A few weeks ago, I read in the Jersey Journal newspaper that the Board of Education are starting a

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movement to cancel Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We need to kneel down and pray for this. Last May 22, 2021 at 12:00nn at the Secaucus Memorial Day Parade lead by our Deputy Grand Knight Brian Beckmeyer (of course with his shiny trumpet and lifetime Memorial Day Parade Chairman) serenaded our gigantic float. And on the helm was our Pastor and Chaplain Fr. Vic Kennedy. I marched together with Commander and District Deputy Sal Manente and the 1st Battalion Color Corps all marched in full 4th Degree Dress Uniform, It was a very great day... we were graced by the presence of our Sir Knight Michael Matera age 94 years old in full 4th Degree Dress uniform and with a sword on the side (of course he was on the float as you would have guessed).

This year we mark several milestones of priesthood in the Parish of Immaculate Conception Church. Our Chaplain and Pastor Rev. Fr. Vic Kennedy – 44 years, Rev. Fr. Jose Marie – 30 years, Rev. Fr. Rolando Yadao – 10 years on May 29th and Deacon Earle II – 19 years. Congratulations to all. And, for those who are not aware they are all Brother Knights.

On June 30, 2020, I step down as Grand Knight of Mary Immaculate Council 12769. Oh what a challenging Columbian year it was to say the least... But rest assured I hand in the council to highly qualified Brother Knight, actually a Sir Knight at that. He was a Past Faithful Navigator of Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor #1543, and has been a great Council Officer Lecturer for #12769. Of Course we still have to make it formal and official through the Council Election Procedure. He is no other than... Sir Knight Charles Schumacher, PFN. I can assure you on the next Secaucus Knightly News will more exiting, so please drop by and attend our meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church Cafeteria.

Thank you for all who attended the Memorial Day Parade on the float or on the side of the parade route, and for those who were not present but prayed for our success. Hats off to the KofC Memorial Day Parade Chairman Deputy Grand Knight Brian Beckmeyer for a job well done. After the parade we had the very delicious Thumann's Hot Dogs and Water Melon at the cafeteria and the deliciously sautéed onions was prepared by our very own

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District Deputy Sal Manente. And Lastly I would like to thank everyone in the council for a wonderful year, for your thoughts and prayers has made our council successful. Godspeed Always!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Brillantes, Grand Knight
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Dates to Remember:

**June 2nd - 8:00 In person vote
at ANNUAL ELECTION**

**June 16th - 8:00 In person &
ZOOM Membership Meeting**

**Click on the link and
join the meeting!**

GO TO:

<http://www.kofc12769.org>

District Deputy's Message

End of Year News

We have come to the close of another Columbian Year and ready to welcome a new era. This past year although not much could be done the Council did accomplish some goals. The Council opened the year with the annual picnic and handed out awards from the Council. The picnic was well attended by members, and guests as well as State Warden Russ Petrocelli. The annual Lenten Fish Fry was held and the Council did well raising funds for operating expenses. The Baby Bottle-Boom-A-Rang was held and donations were given out to the various organizations that the Council normally support. Cumulating the year the Council participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade. Led by the Assembly and Color Guard participants rode on a float demonstrating to the community that although we slowed down we are still here for them. Great job by the Leadership and members under the circumstances that we are under.

This month an important election will be held for officers. It is important that membership participates weather there are others running or not. Each officer has a responsibility and I will be providing a sheet with their responsibilities. If you can not fulfill the responsibilities you should let the Grand Knight become aware. Remember as an officer you set an example to the membership. The membership should cooperate with the Grand Knight so that the Council will continue with its success. Lets open up as we have in the past with our activities with the cooperation of its full membership. Can you imagine the success that the Council will have if there was more

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participation.

In closing I would like to congratulate the present administration on a successful year and wish the new administration success and well wishes. Remember I am always available to you and the Council, so don't hesitate to contact me if need be.

Vivat Jesus,
SK. Sal Manente Sr; Dist. #4
District Deputy Supreme Knight

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Leading the AlzNJ
Walk in Liberty State
Park.
Anthony Reale, Chmn.
Charlie Schu, Lecturer
We are still \$300 short
of our goal of \$2000!

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Exemplification:

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council last March changed the degree format from three different degrees into one exemplification. All are welcome to join us and you can bring a guest but we need you also to ask someone to join the order so we can continue to grow. Contact Neal if you like to attend or if you know someone who can join us.

Know someone who might make a good knight-son, brother or friend? Have them sign up on line at www.kofc.org/joinus and they will receive free membership for 2021-use mcgivney2020 in promo. Once signed let council membership chairman know at mcgarritye@aol.com and you also will receive a pass on 2021 dues.

Annual Election of Officers:

Wednesday, June 2nd, the meeting starts at 8 pm. Your dues must be paid.

PGK John Niznik is in charge of the election and can be reached at niz111@yahoo.com or Cell: 551-482-2114 if you have questions.