



Secaucus Knightly News

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Dedicated to foster Vocations of Clergy & Religious Men and Women!

Congratulations to the new Sir Knights!!! on pg. 3

GK's Message:

As we begin our Lenten journey, I pray that you find time to step away from your everyday routine and use this season to deepen your spiritual connection with Christ, our Savior. Let these 40 days be a time to pray, make sacrifices, and show charity to our fellow man. On Tuesday, March 4th, we will burn last year's palms to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This day, traditionally known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday, is a time of feasting before we enter into our period of fasting. Our journey begins on Ash Wednesday when we are marked with ashes, a symbol of repentance, mortality, and renewal.

Since Ash Wednesday falls on our meeting night, the officers and I felt it would be best to cancel our meeting, so that you can all focus on your obligation to attend services and prepare yourself for your own Lenten journey. Our officer meeting will be on March 17th and our membership meeting will be on March 19th.

Our council Fish Fry will be held on April 11th. If you'd like to purchase tickets, you can contact Brother Charlie Schumacher or buy them at the church gift shop. To ensure this is a successful fundraiser, we

will need everyone's help. In addition to selling tickets, we'll also need assistance on the day of the event. If you're able to help, please reach out to me, Richard, or Paul.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that officer elections are fast approaching. I encourage you to take the time to learn more about the available council and officer positions. I pray that you'll use this opportunity to challenge yourselves, become more active, and help guide this council in a positive and prosperous direction. If you have any questions or would like to discuss where you might best serve, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our officers.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Alexander de Hombre

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

NO Membership Mtg. - Wed., Mar. 5th

First Friday for Peace - Mar. 7th - 6:30pm

Officers Mtg. - Mon, Mar. 17th - 7pm

Membership Mtg.- Wed, Mar. 19th - **7 pm**

Put "DTR" on your phone's calendar!

Our award winning website:

www.kofc12769.org

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Our Agent - Ben Maniscalco
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We are all Catholic Gentlemen! That means that we will treat each other with respect and we will care for our brothers!

Ask someone to join!

Do you know of someone who is male, at least 18 years of age and a practical Catholic that believes in the teaching of the pope and Holy See? Ask them to join us and their membership is free for one year. Advise them to go to www.kofc.org and go to the "join us" page. Fill in the appropriate information and when checking out put in the promo code "Blessed McGivney" to receive the credit toward the membership cost for joining. Don't forget Council #12769! Need more info? Let Neal know at mcgarritye@aol.com.

Please try to attend our meetings. The business portion takes about an hour. Come at 6:30 pm for some social time with your brothers.

Please send newsletter photos and articles to:
info.kofc12769@gmail.com

Do you know about the nine First Fridays?

Knights start the month with First Friday rosary followed by Mass and Adoration. A truly peaceful and blessed time. Next up will be this Friday, 1/3 at 6:30 PM. Come celebrate with Jesus and other Knights!

ICC 10:30am Sunday Mass is supported by K of C members in the Choir along with many children and parishioners. At other Masses, Knights are ushers and Eucharistic ministers. Why not join us?!!

Need a warm shirt for winter?

We have sweatshirts and hoodies!

They are priced at cost!!!

Contact Charlie at cell: 201-803-9217.
or www.kofc12769.org/pro_shop.htm



Need Fish Fry Tickets?
info.kofc12769@gmail.com
or call 201-803-9217

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125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree

A Mass & Exemplification was held on Saturday, February 22nd at 2PM in St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC. Council Brothers Jim Condino, Fred Cordero, Don Caputo and Father Jose Marie made their journey to the Patriotic Degree.



In an early tip of the hat to Lenten almsgiving, Sir Knight Pete Furka donated his 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Pete and Judy's daughters, Sister Pia Jude and Sister Luca Benedict of the Sisters of Life, suggested that the Friars will make the best use of such a rugged vehicle!

Pictured is Brother Francois Fontanie with the transportation gift.

The Friars do yeoman's charitable work with the poor in Newark, and NYC from this location at St. Leopold's in Yonkers, NY and other locations in the tri-state area.

Ever been to New Haven?

From GK Bob Secatello,
Knights of Columbus #3240
Pilgrimage to St. Mary's and Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center:

We are excited to announce a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut on Saturday March 15th 2025: This is the church where Blessed Father McGivney is entombed. We will also have lunch catered by the Famous Frank Pepe pizzeria, considered the best pizzeria in America. Lastly, we will have our very own tour of the Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center before returning home.

Cost: 75 per Adult \$25 for children under 10
*Include Bus and Food

Schedule:

Depart: 7:00 of Assumption Roselle Park
10:00 AM: Private Mass at St. Mary's Church by our Chaplain
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Tour of St. Mary's with Brother Bob Goossens
12:00: Lunch by Frank Pepe in the lobby of the Bl. Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center
After Lunch: Tour of the Permanent Collection and learn more about Blessed Michael McGivney
2:00 PM: Depart for home
5:00 PM: Arrive Back to Roselle Park
Dress Code: Casual, comfortable for walking and exploring.

This day offers us a unique opportunity to learn more about Bless Father McGivney and the history of the Knights of Columbus.

To register, please enter your information and how many people will join in the Signup Genius link and you can make payment at our next meeting.

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BISHOP DOUGHERTY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Fund provides up to four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships for children, siblings or grandchildren of our fraternal brothers. The applicant must be entering their freshman year in college. The application consists of 2 pages, plus a High School transcript and all required copies of documentation. Bishop John J. Dougherty was an auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark NJ. He was born in Jersey City on September 16, 1907. He was ordained a priest in July of 1933. He served as a seminary professor, president of Seton Hall University from 1959 to 1969 and as an auxiliary bishop and church pastor. The University Center is named after him. He also was well known as host of a nationwide radio and television show, The Catholic Hour, beginning in 1946. Bishop Dougherty was a former chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the U.S. Catholic Conference. Bishop Dougherty passed to his eternal reward on March 20, 1986 after serving God as a Catholic Priest for almost 53 years.

Columbus Chapter Scholarship

The Columbus Chapter is the fraternal arm of the participating councils in Hudson County that is here for our knights and their families in times of need and to assist a child of a knight going into college, The Chapter will offer one scholarship a year of \$1,000 to an eligible student going into college in the fall. If the child obtains a 3.0 or higher grade point average that \$1,000 will continue each year up to four years total.

The John Niznik Scholarship. John was a Brother Knight of this council who served as a Grand Knight for two and a half terms and loved the children of Secaucus. He assisted the school system for over eleven years as a substitute teacher. The council is offering a one time \$1,000 scholarship to an eligible child of a knight or grandchild of a knight going into a Catholic High School or into the freshman year of college

For those knights who have obtained their Fourth Degree

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships

At its 1965 meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, the Supreme Council established the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Trust to provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000 each at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., with scholarships available to members and sons and daughters of members and two scholarships available to Columbian Squires. While a specific number of scholarships continue to be dedicated to The Catholic University of America, the program has expanded over the years to include other Catholic universities and colleges. In 1991, the award was increased from \$1,000 per year to \$1,500 per year.

Need an application for any of the scholarships above check out the council website at www.kofc12769.org or email Neal at mcgarritye@aol.com.

All the News that Fits We Print!