

Secaucus Knightly News

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

It's Our 25th Anniversary!!!

GK's Message:

Dear Brothers,

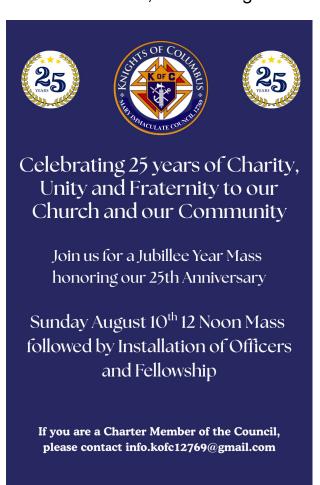
I hope you are enjoying your summer. Traditionally, while summertime provides many opportunities to relax, August is shaping up to be a busy and important month for our Council. We have our 25th Anniversary Mass and Installation of Officers on Sunday August 10th at 12 Noon to be celebrated by our Chaplain, Father Vic. We invite all of our charter members to attend and be a part of this milestone event. If you have not sent in your R.S.V.P. yet, please contact a brother Knight and let us know you are coming. The annual picnic, on August 17th, at Schmidts Woods Park is a good opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship, as well as relaxing pool-side. We are also honoring members of our council and of the community as our annual awards will be presented at the picnic. August also means back to school. We have two programs to coincide with this annual occurrence. The Council

and Parish are participating in a drive to provide back packs, filled with school supplies for children under the care of Hope House in Jersey City. The State Council has a Catholic Citizenship essay contest that we will promote to the Children of the Parish (grades 8-12). The Council has approved a donation to the Texas State Council, in the amount of \$250, for flood relief. I am inviting any member, who is moved to make a personal donation, to bring a check or cash donation to the August 20^{th} meeting. All donations will be sent directly to the Texas State Council.

As Knights, it's in our DNA to roll up our sleeves and jump in when needed. We often focus on the logistics of the charitable works we do, however, I think it's important to remember why we do them. Charity, after all, is the first of the principles that our order was founded on. State Deputy Jim Sweeny instituted the motto "Keeping the Faith as Servants of the Servants", for this Columbian year. The motto is accompanied by a painting of Jesus washing the feet of the Apostles. Let us remember who and why we serve.

Remember why we serve. Sometimes we get caught up in the "how" of our charity, but it's vital to remember the "why." Charity is the very first principle our Order was founded on! State Deputy Jim Sweeney's motto for this year, "Keeping the Faith as Servants of the Servants," with that powerful image of Jesus washing the Apostles' feet, truly hits home. Let's always keep in mind who we serve and why it matters so much.

Vivat Jesus! S.K. Jim Condino, Grand Knight



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DATES TO REMEMBER!

25th Anniversary Mass & Installation August 10th starts at NOON at ICC

Family Picnic in Schmidt's Woods Sun., Aug 17th, starts at 1pm

Membership Mtg. - Wed., Aug. 20th - 7 pm Put "DTR" on your phone's calendar!

Please try to attend our meetings.

The business portion takes about an hour.

Come at 6:30 pm for some social or prayer time with your brothers.

From the pen of Chancellor Peter Furka:

July 11, 2025: The Columbiettes Installation of many new members in the Immaculate Conception Church was supported by Knights setting up the arrangements and cooling down the Library for appreciation festivities directly afterwards. The Ladies are excited to be joining a quickly growing Catholic women's group with plans for the future, including mutual support for Knights events which the Columbiettes can add special touches. The Columbiette women promise to bring more of God's love into our Immaculate Conception Church parish environment.

July 11th: The Knights supported their brother, Alex Bangcaya's concept of a Friday Nite Fellowship with Karaoke and Dancing as a way of growing community togetherness generating modest income to help defray costs of repairing the bathrooms associated with the cafeteria location. This first effort was a success as music and singing filled the air and dancing filled the floor! A blessing from the Psalms included 57:8 "Wake up my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song." Another Psalm 149:3 " Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!" Finally, Jeremiah 31:13 "Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry." The event was successful and plans

are to have at least one Friday night a month to share each other's company with music and dancing!

July 16th: The first Knights meeting of the new year lead by our new Grand Knight James (Jim) Condino. Plans are firmed up for the August Installation at the Noon Mass with fellowship to follow. Also, the August 17th Picnic. Both events are expected to have the support and involvement of our Collumbiettes Ladies Knight's Auxiliary. Our Council 12769 received two awards presented to the Grand Knight by our District Deputy Sal Manente. The awards, a plaque and a certificate, were for our year-long activities around providing 'Food For Families' and Seminarian Letter Writing.

July 24th: Knights provided transportation to Newark Airport for the Sisters of Life Mother Superior Mary This assistance and the Concepta. return pick up on July 31st allows the good Sister to be unconcerned with the challenges of airport transportation we are all familiar with. Sir Knight Pete Furka and Lady Judy accompanied Mother Superior to ensure a safe arrival for her flight to Denver later in the day and will repeat that on the return trip.

July 26th: Our officers, Grand Knight Jim Condino, Deputy Grand Knight Don Caputo, Chancellor Pete Furka with Columbiette Sentinel Lady Judy and our senior Knight Gerard Marra attended the 40th anniversary celebration of Good Counsel, the wonderful organization in

support of pregnant women and their children founded by the late Father Benedict Groeschel and Chris Bell. A celebration Mass was followed by fellowship and sharing about the life long good works of Father Benedict Groeschel, who founded in 1987 the Franciscan Friars of The Renewal among so many accomplishments in support of Jesus' call to do the Will of the Father, preaching reform and supporting our sisters and brothers, especially the poor and needy.

Peace! Pete Furka 201.469.7855 Onewaywon1@gmail.com



Founder Chris Bell receives a donation from GK Jim.

ICC 10:30am Sunday Mass is supported by K of C members in the Choir along with many children and parishioners. At other Masses, we are ushers and Eucharistic ministers.

Why not join us?!!

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.

From Our Brazilian Roundtable!

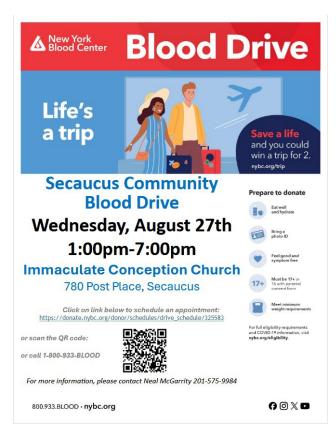


Dear Brother Richard Marrero, I acknowledge the receipt of both my and my son's 2025 Council 12769 membership cards. Many thanks for

kindly sending them over here to Brazil. Please, also send my thanks to SK James Condino and all the members of the Mary Immaculate Council. My son Felipe, also thanks and prays for all of you.

Once a Brother, always a Brother! Warm regards from Brazil and may God bless you all!!!

Vivat JESUS!
The Bastos Family
Fernando and son Felipe.
Council 12769 members.



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Thank You in advance for your continues support of the Knights of

School Rulers

Columbus Council 12769 events and fundraisers!

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Bishop Paul Bookowski blesses the jewels for the State Officers More on Page 6

All the Dews that Fits We Print!

New Jersey Knights of Columbus

2025-26 Officers Installation





Br. Paul Pinkman and Lady Betty-Ann at the State Officers Installation.
Paul has stepped up again to help the NJKofC with their programs!

State Deputy Jim Sweeney gives rosaries to new members at St. Joseph's of the Palisades, including one of our own!

Br. Geovanni Zambrano



Below: The Degree Team and CUF candidates at St Joseph's

