



# Secaucus Knightly News

Promoting Faith, Family, Community, Life and Patriotism

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Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism

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August 2025

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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Installation of Officers on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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



**Celebrating 25 years of Charity,  
Unity and Fraternity to our  
Church and our Community**

Join us for a Jubilee Year Mass  
honoring our 25th Anniversary

**Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon Mass  
followed by Installation of Officers  
and Fellowship**

**If you are a Charter Member of the Council,  
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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

**ICC-Rosary for Peace - First Friday**

**Devotions start at**

**6:30 pm on Friday, August 1st.**

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**Special Officers Mtg.**

**Monday, August 4th - 7pm**

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**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.

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### **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 the 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 while 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 10th 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 Concepta. This assistance and the 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

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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

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**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](http://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](mailto: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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 **Blood Drive**

**Life's a trip**



**Save a life**  
and you could win a trip for 2.  
[nybc.org/trip](https://nybc.org/trip)

### Secaucus Community Blood Drive

**Wednesday, August 27th**

**1:00pm-7:00pm**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
780 Post Place, Secaucus

Click on link below to schedule an appointment:  
[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/325583](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/325583)

or scan the QR code:








or call 1-800-933-BLOOD

For more information, please contact Neal McGarrity 201-575-9984

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#### Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).



## HOPE HOUSE & MERCY HOUSE Fill the Backpack Drive!

Hope House and Mercy House both in Jersey City has asked if we can fill back packs with school supplies to help children in a shelter and on the fringes start off the new school year with a smile.

They are looking for:

**Back Packs- most children are under 10**   **One Subject Notebooks**  
**Marble Notebooks**   **Pens**   **Pencils**  
**Small Pack Crayons**   **Small Pack Markers**  
**School Rulers**

**Thank You in advance for your continues support of the Knights of Columbus Council 12769 events and fundraisers!**  
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MSRP: \$45.67 **YOUR PRICE: \$27+** ADD \$2 for 2XL and \$3 for 3XL



**Bishop Paul Bookowski blesses  
the jewels for the State Officers  
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**All the News that Fits We Print!**

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### **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**

