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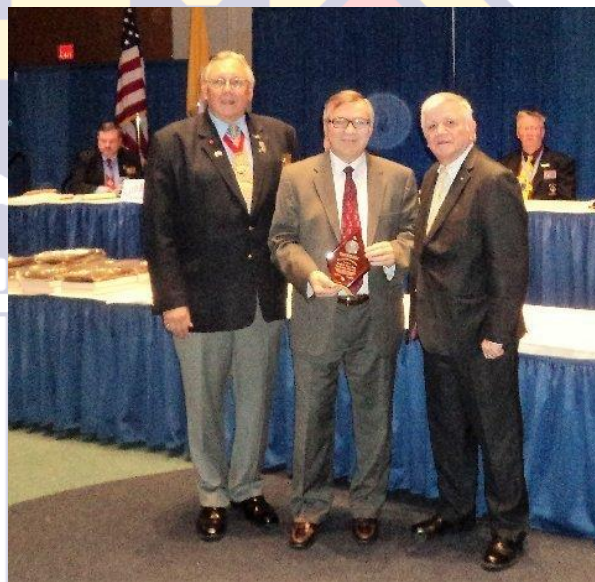
REVEREND FATHERS & BROTHER KNIGHTS,

If you blink it is over. This is a line I have heard from several past and present NJ State Council Officers to describe how quickly a year has gone by in the organization. Can you believe we started this year with a huge food drive in the Shop Rite in Hoboken, started our fiftieth year in August and have given out more than twenty five thousand dollars for charitable causes throughout the state. This coming Wednesday, June 1st, the council will hold an election for the slate of officers proposed last month. I ask everyone to come out and vote for the officers if you feel they have done an adequate job for the council or if you feel you would like to run as an officer please nominate yourself and a slate off the floor. Going forward -if reelected- I think of the Gospel of Luke 10:1-9 that I heard at the ordination of Father Bogumil on Saturday the 29th "The harvest is rich but the laborers are few" . The council can and does offer a wide variety of fundraiser's, fraternal events family get together and is asked from many different organizations for help but it seems less and less guys are coming out for many of these events. I ask in the coming year to my brother knights to try to make a meeting or two, come to at least one or two of our events and bring a friend so just maybe he will consider joining us. Remember membership is the lifeblood of any organization and Secaucus now is starting to be like Hoboken where people are coming and going so we have to continue to replace members who have not only passed, gotten sick but had joined and now have moved to another part of the state

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PAST EVENTS

On May 13th and 14th The NJ State Council of the Knights of Columbus requested all councils to come down to Wildwood for its annual convention. The first day is a day to recognize councils that have excelled in charitable giving. Thanks to the work of so many in this council PGK James Cannon, Guard Joseph Capozio and current Grand Knight Neal got up nine times to pick up plaques of appreciation.



In the picture above recently reelected State Deputy Bruce Demolli (on the left) with PGK James C, who received the State CCD Teacher of the Year award for Kimberly Meyer Zoon, and Supreme Deputy Grand Knight Logan Ludwig. On Saturday the state officers discussed the state of the NJ Knights of Columbus and, as stated above,

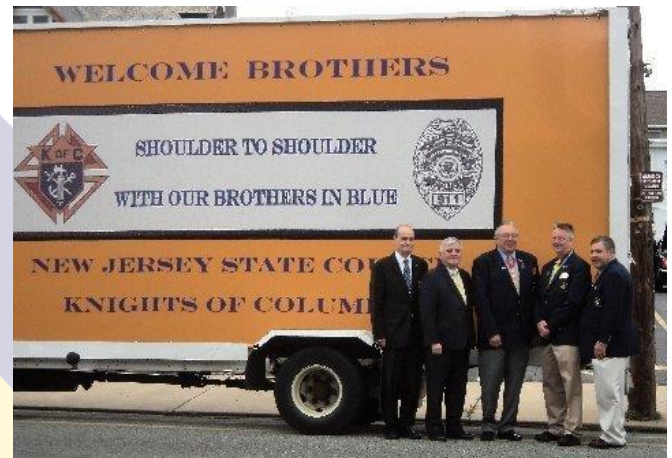
Brother Bruce was reelected to his second term.

Next year Robert Hatler, who is from the Archdiocese of Newark, will be up for the position of State Deputy. I hope more of our knights from the council and round tables consider coming down to support Brother Robert.

At our recognition and awards night Brother Charlie C -in the back- awarded the three students from Hoboken Catholic Academy and a home school child with Barnes and Noble gift cards for their great work on Keeping Christ in Christmas. Brother Charlie is looking for help with the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Contest in October. If you'd like to help email him at cchurchill10@comcast.net. The young lady in front and a little to the left of Charlie accepted a gift card for her sister Veeran Nagpaul. Veernan was the Archdiocese and State Spelling Bee Champion. Anyone like to run a spelling bee- drop me an email.



The NJ State Council debuted a new program at the State convention called "Shoulder to Shoulder". The Knights of Columbus stand shoulder to shoulder with the law enforcement community to preserve and protect life and liberty under the Constitution. If you would like a car magnet that is exactly like the white section below email Brother Paul bp1412@aol.com.

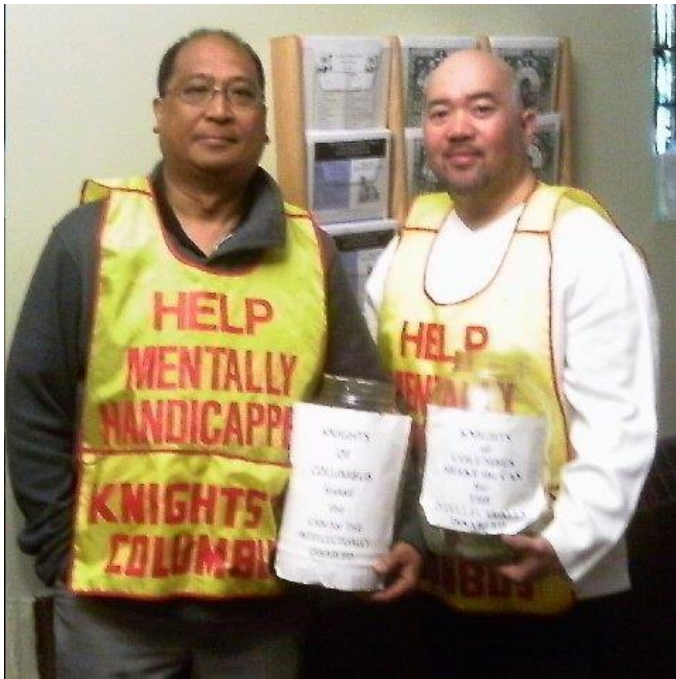


On May 6th at a very large third degree Father Tom R, our Father usually in Rome, took his last degree in the council. In the picture on the left is Father Steve Cinque chaplain of council 5427 and Father Tom. Father Tom has been in the states a couple of months filling in at a church in Yonkers because a priest died. He came from Yonkers to Washington Township on a Friday night to become a full-fledged knight- I hope my brother knights at the first and second degree will consider taking the next degree and you will not have to travel so far.



On April 30th and May 1st Brother Fel and Joel along with another six men from Our Ladies of Victories Parish-one of the council round tables, shook the can for the Intellectually Disable before and after all

masses. The guys raised \$265 for Hudson Milestones in Jersey City



On April 30th the council held its 5th annual Best Meatball Contest. Thank you to all who cooked meatballs, helped in the kitchen, on the floor, judged the meatballs and bought tickets. Also thanks to the Catholic Daughter Court for all the tricky tray gifts raffled off to help SMA. I am hoping at the next meeting to cut a check for four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500) to benefit SMA Research with another five hundred dollars going to update the sound system in the auditorium.



On May 23rd nine brother knights- six from council 12769- received the honors of the second degree. The other three men were from St. Mary Council in Nutley.



On May 22nd our newest brother knights Brother John and Domingo joined the order at a First Degree Ceremony at Ridgefield Park. Brother Calixto with John, Domingo- his brother in law- and a new brother knight from Palisade Park Council.



On May 21st the Town of Secaucus held their annual Memorial Day Parade to honor our veterans like Brother Paul Pinkman who was one of the grand marshals for the parade. While our numbers were down in those marching I want to thank all the guys that helped hand out flags along the parade route. The council distributed almost nine hundred flags.



On May 19th The Knights of Columbus in the Archdiocese of Newark held the 11th annual Pride in our Priest and Religious Dinner. An evening to say thank you to the priest or our parish, the sisters who do a lot of the behind the scenes and those in the religious life. The dinner is held at the Terrace in Paramus and this year more than five hundred and twenty people attend. In the first picture is Father Joseph Girone, pastor of St. Rocco Church in Union City, with Brother Knight John and his wife Andrea.



In the second picture (below) three priest from around the archdiocese shooting the breeze. The dinner is a way to bring priest and religious together for an evening to catch up or reminisce.

Guys, this council serves a lot of parishes in Hudson County, and I ask all my brother



knights in ICC and all the other parishes to consider coming out next year to this great dinner and invite the pastor or parochial vicar. The dinner is reasonably priced-- and the priest's dinner I can work on.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12769 RECOGNITION NIGHT

Mary Immaculate Council 12769 on May 18th held their annual recognition night to honor individuals who have made a difference in the council, church and community in the last year.



In the picture above, from left to right are Lawrence "Doc" Marciano-Fireman of the Year, Mrs. Kimberly Meyer-Zoon-Religious Education Teacher of the Year, Dr. Michael Formichelli- Council Newcomer of the Year, John Devery-Knight of the Year, Ms. Renata Koziol-Catholic School Teacher of the Year from Hoboken Catholic Academy and Aniello Schaffer-Policeman of the Year. Not pictured is MS Carina Trinidad-EMT of the Year and Frank Bruzgis-Senior of the Year. All the write ups the council received on these winners were submitted to our NJ Knights of Columbus State Council. The NJ State Council recognized at their yearly convention Mrs. Kimberly Meyer-Zoon, Ms Carina Trinidad and Frank Bruzgis as the State Council CCD, EMT and Senior of the Year and they received a second award at our awards night. The NJ Knights of Columbus State Council also recognized Mayor Michael Gonnelli with a appreciation plaque from the State Council Veterans Assistance Committee. Anyone would like to see the write up on any individual just drop me an email



The council recognized the Marrero family (above)-Wezday, Richard, Adrienne, Julianna and Marita for their commitment to the

council and to Immaculate Conception Church.

The council also presented Brother Douglas (top right) with a two deacon stoles. Doug will be ordained as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Newark on June 5th.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chapter Meeting: June 8th Chapter Meeting here at 8 PM in the cafeteria.

Officers' Meeting: June 13th Council Officers meeting at 7:30 PM.

First Degree: June 14th First Degree Westwood. Be like Brother Calixto who last month I asked anyone know of a Catholic man who would make a great addition to the council -he asked his brother in law who signed and joined (see above).

Pasta Dinner: June 25th Council Pasta Dinner @ 6:30 PM to benefit ICC.

Council Business Meeting: July 20th Council business meeting.

**Parish Picnic: July 31st ICC Parish Picnic
Schmidt's Woods.**

**Council Family & Friends Picnic: August
14th End of Knights of Columbus Family
Week with a Council Family & Friends
Picnic.**

**Council Officers Installation: August to be
determined Council Officers Installation.**

**50s Dinner & A Show: One last note would
anyone be interested in coming out to a
50's Dinner & Show night possibly in
August? Let me know your thoughts at
[201-223-7967](tel:201-223-7967) or mcgarritye@aol.com**

**The Council wishes the following men born this
month a Happy Birthday:**

**JOSEPH M PARISE
ANDREW P SEGAL
NELSON GONZALEZ
EDWIN J MONTALVO
JOSEPH P DRENNAN
EARLE S CONNELLY
JOHN A OCONNOR
ANTHONY V D ELIA
EFREIN CORREA
LALAKATISSA M
KALUPAHAHA
GUIDO GUEVARA
ESTEBAN CABRERA

JOHN J DEPINTO

BRIAN MARMORA
ANTHONY GAZZUOLO
JOSE L LA PIANA
MICHAEL R SOLLECITO**

**Please keep in your prayers, Brother Knights
Frank Niznik, Angelo Andriani, Edward
Rumplach, Jerry Casale and all the men and
women in our armed forces**

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**The Council is always looking volunteers for
our events or for ideas for new events.**

***If you want to volunteer or help to organize an
event, send an e-mail to mcgarritye@aol.com or
call 201-575-9984.***



Pasta & Meatball Dinner

Saturday June 25 at 6:30 pm

sponsored by the

Knights of Columbus

Mary Immaculate Council #12769

Immaculate Conception Church Auditorium

760 Post Place, Secaucus, N. J.

Admission: \$15 per adult - \$10 per child