



Secaucus Knightly News

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Newsletter of Mary Immaculate Council #12769, Knights of Columbus

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January 2021

GK's Message:

Greetings Brother Knights!

I heard the phrase "Don't Blink because the year will fly by..." 3 years ago from District Deputy Sal M. when I attended my 1st ever Mary Immaculate Council Meeting back in the day when we meet "face to face" to attend meetings! (LOL 😊) Please do attend our ZOOM Meetings, its just 45 minutes. Please reach out to me (551)497-8870 text or leave a voicemail if you need assistance on virtual meetings). The phrase is such a cliché that I even read and heard the State Deputy Vinnie T. mentioning it. When I say believe me it is very true. It is true to some extent to some of us to the least. I still can't believe that we were just planning our 2020 Summer Picnic... now its 2021 Summer Picnic that we will be planning soon.

The 2nd half of fraternal year 2020-2021 is here. With a humble heart that I inform everyone that it is my great privilege to have served the council and I will end my term as a Grand Knight when the new 2021-2022 Fraternal Year begins. Good Riddance 2020 Covid. But in our hearts, thoughts and most importantly through our prayers (and do include in your prayer "thru the intercession of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney"), we will remember all Brother Knights who have left us and moved on to the next life... Isn't this what's its all about? The Core Essence why we are a Knights of Columbus sharing and showing what heaven is here on the land of the living so that we may earn our keeps for the afterlife? Our Fraternal Mission: *"We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day."*

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I am looking forward to the Spring that I can't wait for our 200Club and the Atlantic City Bus Trip to resume (of course thanks to DDSal who is always at the helm running this fund raisers). Please help our council by supporting the council run events. And, don't forget the Master who always keeps the Food (or should I say Refreshments) and Beverages in order! Thank you, Master Paul and DDSal. And thank you to All the Officers and Council Members for your support. Please be aware that we will not be doing our regular season (1st Quarter) in 2021. No Comedy Nights, No SBMA Event. And I am hoping that we could do our Fish Fry during lent... but it's all in the "wait and see" scenario. Please keep in mind that it is renewal season for our council dues. Gentlemen, if you would be kind enough to send a check to SKRich Marrero for your council dues. For those who are 4th Degree add another check (2 Checks total). I know that our council Financial Officers are looking into eBanking. Will keep you posted on that matter. A trip to our post office will also do the trick...USPS Postal Money Order. Please wait for your announcements in your mailbox both in physical and virtual (As

what our Faithful Lecturer always reminds us... "Read your eMail!... SKCharlieS).

Thank you everyone for all you do for the advancement of our Catholic Faith and for our council. Have a safe and warm January. It's just 72 Days to Spring (MARCH 20TH). 87 Days to Easter (APRIL 4TH). Pray for our country. Godspeed to all! Vivat Jesus!

Chris Brillantes, Grand Knight
(551) 497-8870

Dates to Remember:

**January 6th & 20th - 8:00
ZOOM Membership Meeting**

**January 11th - 8:00
ZOOM Officers Meeting**

**January 17th, 1 PM
Sanctity of Life Sunday at ICC**

**January 19th, 1 to 7 PM
Blood Drive, ICC Cafeteria**

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Zoom Membership Meetings (Click on the link to access in your browser):

[Officers Meeting - January 11th at 8 pm.](#)

[January 20th at 8 pm.](#)

**Click on the link and
join the meeting!
GO TO: <http://www.kofc12769.org>**

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The target publishing date is the first day of each month.

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 mcgivney2021 in promo. Once signed let council membership chairman know at mcgarritye@aol.com and you also will receive a pass on 2021 dues.

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Exemplification:

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council last March changed the degree format from three different degrees into one exemplification. On the last Sunday of the month, the council will hold this exemplification at ICC at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us and you can bring a guest but we need you to 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.

Please remember our departed Brothers and Family Members:



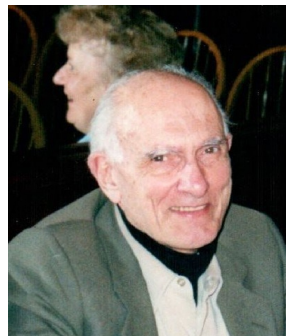
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Leave No Neighbor Behind!

The Supreme Council started this Program at the start of the pandemic and the council has has a great outreach over the past nine months assisting three shelters and several food pantries in Hudson and Bergen County. I like to point out some brother knights helping brothers and sister in faith over the past month:

Brothers Jose F and John C along with Brother Jose V from 15958 pick up from a Chipolte Mexican Grill 1130 pounds of food over five days. The store was training their employees on how to make the food items and at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM our knights would pick up at the end of the shift and bring the items to the local shelters. To date I have not heard of any food poisoning incidents just a couple of extra bathroom visits so please try to visit the new store on Tonelle Ave and 74th an support them an local businesses in your area

Brother Lalakatissa and his family in memory of his mother in law who recently passed cooked a lunch for eighty clients at Palisade Emergency Relief Services. Please keep Agosthina Hamy and The Kalupahaha family in your prayers.

Brother Peter F was able to pick up sixty fifteen dollar gift cards that were donated from Shop Rite. He distributed to Immaculate Conception, St. Rocco in Union City, The Sisters of Life and The Franciscan Friars of The Renewal in Paterson. PGK Brother Rich S emptied the meat truck to turn it into the Santa Truck delivering items from the ICC giving tree to the Sisters of Life in NYC . Thanks to the parishioners of the parish including

many brother knights, he filled the truck and got thru the tunnel, checkpoints and surprised the sisters with a large amount of items that they wanted to convey " a big thank you for continuing to support their mission and even in these trying times the parishioners of the parish are so generous."



Brother Robert with a Social Worker at Hope House in Jersey City. Robert, his wife Melissa - who deserves a big thank you-and help from more than a dozen knights help put a new coat on the twenty one children this Christmas living at the facility, Also more than two hundred pounds of needed items from paper plates to TP was brought over from the ICC giving tree.

Brother Peter F worked his Christmas magic by sending a request to Inserra Shoprite Supermarkets for frozen turkeys for Christmas. Inserra gave Peter and Brother Joe S sixty birds most weighing in at twenty pounds or more. The Sisters of Life, In Jesus Name, The Hoboken Homeless Shelter and St Lucy's received half of these birds to give out for Christmas dinner.

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A brother knight, who did not want to be named with an assist from Father Girone, pastor of St Rocco, helped stabilize the food pantry of the Franciscan Friars in Paterson by donating more than three hundred pounds of rice, black beans, tuna and nine hams for Christmas dinner. A big thank you to Sam's Club!

Ms.Catherine Carabott and the Knights decorated the sanctuary of Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas on Dec. 24th.



**PGK Rich Steffens accepts
2 NJ KofC awards from
DD Sal Manente as
GK Chris Brillantes lends a hand.
"Seminarian Letters" and
"Food for the Hungry"**



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of your activities.
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