



Secaucus Knightly News

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

GK's Message:



I would like to wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

The St Joseph Icon will be here Wednesday January 11 at 7pm and the film "The Staircase" will be shown. All are welcome. See DD Sal's report for more details.

We will be running the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" starting with the handout of the bottles on the weekend of January 14-15. We will be collecting the bottle on the following weekend. Proceeds will benefit local pregnancy help centers for woman in need.

The Wednesday February 1 meeting will be a social meeting and will be a "Movie Knight". Anthony Aiello will be showing the movie "Lilies of the Field"

starring Sydney Poitier. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

The Fish Fry will be on Friday March 3 at 5 PM to 7 PM in the cafeteria. This is the second Friday of lent. Philomena's will cater the event and you could eat in or take out.

A Pasta Dinner with the Boy Scouts will be Saturday, April 22 6:30 PM in the ICS Gym. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 22.

We will have a District Deputies and Grand Knights Meeting on Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 AM at the Mount Carmel Parish Hall in Lyndhurst.

I would like to give a brief history of our Past Grand Knights:

Our council was formed in 2000 and Bill Dombrowski was our Grand Knight from 2000-2003. He was a big factor in establishing our council.

I served 2003-2005 and now serve presently.

Gary Jeffas was our third Grand Knight and served 2005-2007. He served well with good intellect and temperament.

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Neal McGarrity served from 2007-2009 and then again 2015-2017. Neal has been our most active Knight. He also serves as our Membership director and serves the state for Membership in the Archdiocese of Newark and on The Alzheimer's committee.

Paul Pinkman served from 2009-2011. Paul has also served the state as the Veteran Affairs Chairman. He has also been very active with the fourth degree and served 4 years as Master for the Northern District of the state.

Sal Manente served from 2011-2013 and then again 2017-2019. Sal also serves as our District Deputy and runs the Atlantic City bus trips.

Jimmy Cannan served 2013-2015. Unfortunately, James has now passed on but he brought his thoughtfulness and wisdom to our council.

Rich Steffens served 2019-2020. Rich was a former mayor of Secaucus and served at a tough time at the beginning of Covid. He helped the council work with other church groups.

Chris Brillantes served 2020-2021. Chris brought a strong work ethic and was a great team player.

Charlie Schumacher served 2021-2022. Charlie has been very vital for our council in many ways, providing the newsletters, e-mails, printing tickets, providing Knight wear, running the website, among other things.

Feel free to contact GK John at 551-482-2114 or niz111@yahoo.com. For membership inquiries you may reach Neal at 201-575-9984.

Vivat Jesus!

John Niznik, Grand Knight

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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.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Membership Meeting - Jan. 4 at 8 pm

**Baby Bottle Boomerang
Jan. 14&15 and 21&22**

Wed., Jan. 11 at 7 pm, St. Joseph Icon

Membership Meeting - Jan. 18 at 8 pm

Social **OPEN** Movie - Feb. 1, 7:30pm
"Lilies of the Field" - Families & Guests

**Add our "Dates To Remember!"
to your phone.**

Our website: www.kofc12769.org

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Its Half Time !!!!

We are now halfway thru our Columbian Year which means there are six more months to go for the final. We are doing very well here at Mary Immaculate Council. The Council has been very busy with the various programs that we have taken on. It looks like once again we will meet our goals that are set for the year and heading towards another Star Council Award.

This year, the Council will be the first in our area to sponsor an Icon which hasn't been done since just before the pandemic. Just to remind everyone that the St. Joseph Icon will be on display on January 11th in the cafeteria followed by prayers and a movie "The Stair Case." This helps to satisfy one of the requirements towards Star Council.

In closing I would like to take this time to congratulate the officers and members for all of your hard work throughout the year. Continue your works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism with the emphases being Charity. May God Bless each of you and your families always. Wishing you and your

families and loved ones a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

**SK. Sal Manente Sr. PGK, PFN
District Deputy**

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 for is free for the rest of 2023. 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. Need more info? Let Neal know at mcgarritye@aol.com



Waiting for Baby Jesus!

This is your newsletter, please use it to highlight your program or project!

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The Sanctuary of Immaculate Conception Church at Christmas

Again, this year, Ms. Catherine Carabott, assisted by friends, staff and the Knights, decorated the altar. Thank you to all who contributed to the Flower Fund to make it happen.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Please send photos and articles to:

www@kofc12769.org

Please do not send your submissions to any other address!

That includes cschu@comcast.net and newsletter@kofc12769.org! Also, please do not send newsletter items as texts to my cell phone. Using one address gives the best chance that nothing is lost!

Thank you,

Charlie Schumacher, PGK, Webmaster

Do you have something for the website?

www@kofc12769.org

Inspired by the Filipino Society's Simbang Gabi novena offerings and approved by Fr. Vic, the K of C teams administered the pick-up and re-distribution of foodstuff to many different needy locations.

The effort for the holidays of Thanksgiving & Christmas Turkey/gift card/Ham donations by ShopRite/Inserra Family was worth \$3,935 in monetary value and 1,600 lbs as food gifts!

The nine days of the Simbang Gabi novena generated much needed foodstuff, paper products and cleaning supplies with K of C re-distribution to various needy locations.

Here is a timing example of how coordinated are the efforts of The Holy Spirit!

The ICC 'Giving Tree' generated many dozens of gifts & presents donated by the ICC parishioners. This effort was coordinated by Fr. Rolando and Flora & Ron Tao, with transportation provided by the Knights. One receiving location was the Sisters of Life at St. Andrews convent in Federal Square, NYC, brought on Saturday 12/10. On Sunday 12/11, the final opportunity to ICC 'Giving Tree' generated dozens more gifts & presents donated by the ICC parishioners.

On the morning of 12/12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Goya foods of Secaucus donated 900 lbs. of foodstuff to the Sisters of Life which was delivered to their Suffern NY location along with a 20 yard bolt of fine white fabric and chocolate sleighs donated by Mike's Ice Cream.

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That same afternoon of 12/12, a second donation of 700 lbs of various drinks were also donated by Goya. On 12/13, the Goya drinks were combined with the remaining ICC 'giving tree' gifts from 12/11 and delivered to Sisters of Life at St. Andrews in NYC on 12/13.

On 12/14 the ShopRite/Inserra Family approved the joint ICC-KoC-Filipino Society application for 60 hams. On 12/15 to 12/20 Simbang Gabi Novena offerings were redistributed by K of C to needy locations. On 12/19 a Knight of Columbus offered \$60 for 150 lbs of potatoes to be shared with the hams.

On 12/19 Sister Mary Kolbe of the Sisters of Life Sacred Heart convent on 51st in NYC asked for a pick-up & delivery on 12/21 of food & presents for a large family in Union NJ. On 12/20 @ 10:30 AM representatives from the KofC showed up at Columbia Park ShopRite to obtain the 60 hams for redistribution. On 12/20 re-distribution by various Knights delivered 59 of the 60 hams and potatoes. On 12/21 the Tuesday evening Simbang Gabi donations and the final ham & potatoes were combined with the NYC pick-up and delivered to the needy family in Union NJ. On 12/22 & 12/23 the final Simbang Gabi donations were collected and delivered to the shelters and pantries in need.

On 12/22 an email and written 'Thank You' was sent / mailed to ShopRite corporate in Mahwah, NJ, providing an illustration JPG of the message.

A big THANK YOU!! To all Knights of Columbus who participated as the critical supporting cast, hearing THE CALL of The Holy Spirit and responding!

We send prayers and blessings to all for a prosperous new year 2023!

Peace!

Pete Furka, Chancellor
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Sister Amada with Peter & Ronald



**A
Sample
of
the
Gifts
and
Supplies.**

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Social media platforms have become an effective way to communicate, advertise and inform in the modern era. Our K of C Council 12769 has been taking advantage of these forms of communications by posting events and pictures to our newly created Facebook and Instagram pages such as Oktoberfest, Movie Night, Veterans Breakfast, Cross of Gratitude, Installation of Officers and more.

We are building these sites to ensure that the future of our good work in the spirit of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism is shared in today's modern world of digital communication. However, these pages are only as successful as the followers who like and share its content and we need followers! I invite all brothers who use these social platforms to 'like', 'follow', or 'friend' our local Council 12769 sites listed below and to recommend it to others who support us in order to get us greater exposure.

If you have any questions or would like to have something posted, please see Don Caputo, Social Media Chairman at any Council meeting or contact him at 347.865.4435 or at dcaputo7@gmail.com.

Follow us here:

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Instagram: [kofc12769](https://www.instagram.com/kofc12769)

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



HAMS! Daya (wife of Jose F.) with Peter F.

Please try to attend our meetings. The business portion takes about an hour. Come at 7:30 for some social time with your brothers. Meetings start at 8 pm.



Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.

All the news that fits we print!