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SEPTEMBER 2021

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 2188

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR HALL LATELY?



Over the past three years, council members have been working hard, making many renovations and design features to modernize our hall. The hall now functions as a destination for events and parties from across Northern New Jersey. More renovations are in the works. Stop by our next meeting or event and check it out!



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers for the 2021-22 Columbian Year will be held **TUESDAY, SEPT. 14, AT 7:30 P.M.** Please consider attending to show your support and encouragement for your brother knights who are taking on the responsibility of council officers for the coming year.

We would love to hear from you! Send your comments and suggestions to:
kenmfodor@gmail.com
or john@flynndidit.com

Welcome to
The Chancellor,
our council's
monthly
newsletter!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Summer's ending, but council remains active in September

September is here and summer is quickly coming to an end. First and foremost I want to extend my appreciation to Brothers Ken Fodor and John Flynn for re-introducing the monthly Chancellor newsletter. They both have put a lot of time and effort into this newsletter and I'm sure you're going to look forward to it each month.



**GK FRANK
MARICONTI**
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT. 14** will be the installation of officers. All are welcome to attend.
- SEPT. 19** we will provide and cook burgers and hot dogs for St. Andrew's Parish Picnic.
- SEPT. 21** our council's degree team will be presenting the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to seven new members. All are welcome to attend.
- SEPT. 25** the council will be providing burgers and with the Ramsey Council cooking and helping out at Spectrum's Walk at Overpeck Park in Leonia.

I will keep everyone updated on these projects and others we have planned ahead.

In closing, I'm personally looking forward to moving our council forward in the coming months now that Covid 19 is somewhat behind this.

God Bless all of you!
Vivat Jesus!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

ORA ET LABORA

“Ora et labora” — “pray and work.” This is the motto of the Benedictine order ever since its foundation.

WORK: As we have just celebrated Labor Day, we pray remembering that work is a way we are invited to be “co-creators” with God, for indeed, He entrusted all of His creation to us, to be its stewards

As Pope Francis said on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker: “We do not get dignity from power or money or culture. We get dignity from work... Work is fundamental to the dignity of the person. Work ... ‘anoints’ with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God who has worked and still works, who always acts.”

PRAY: All the more reason on this Labor Day that we pray for all who are unemployed or under-employed — situations which sap our identity as “co-creators” with God.

WORK: School is also work. This is also the time of year when the school year begins, and especially in this year, when most students of all ages are returning for the first time in over a year to fully in-person classes. As students — whether pre-K to 12, college, graduate or technical school — study is also a “work” entrusted to us by God. Study allows us to grow closer to God now and prepares us to be “co-creators” with God in the next generation.

PRAY: And so we pray for all of our students, remembering those who have already left home for College and those who will leave in these days and all who will begin school once again in the coming days!

PRAY WHILE WE WORK: Let’s follow the example of the Benedictines, the idea is to pray always ... to pray while we work. There is always so much to pray for, but let us pray even as we go about our daily activities.

God bless you all!



REV. MSGR. JOSEPH R. CHAPEL

**TREASURERS'S REPORT
RAYMOND A POLOMSKI**

Account totals as of Aug. 31, 2021:

Charity:	\$2,428.34
Operating:	1,823.66
Gaming:	4,191.47
Scholarship:	5,181.80
Scholarship CD:	10,761.37
Total Assets:	\$24,386.64

**UPCOMING EVENTS:
SEPTEMBER**

TUESDAY, 9/14
Installation of Officers
• 7:30 p.m.
• council hall

SUNDAY, 9/19
St. Andrew's Parish Picnic
• after 12:45 Mass
• parking lot

TUESDAY, 9/21
Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity
• 7:30 p.m.
• council hall

SATURDAY, 9/25
Spectrum Walk
• 8:30 a.m. registration
• Overpeck Park, Leonia

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 10/24
Alzheimer's Walk
• Bergen Community College, Paramus
• See article on next page for more details.

For the most recent information on council events or for more details, check the Event Calendar on our website: www.kofc2188.org

EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The council will present an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. The exemplification will be for new candidates to our council and any council brother who still needs to complete his second or third degree. If you would like to participate in the exemplification to complete your initiation into the order, please reach out to GK Frank Mariconti (fms12250@aol.com) In the new degree format, family and friends are welcome to attend the exemplification.

What is freedom?

Many people in today's culture think freedom is having the most number of choices possible and having the ability to make whatever choice he or she wants, unencumbered by rules or authority.

This view of freedom arises from the thinkers of the Enlightenment and is more aligned with the notion of license. But from Classical times through the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the idea of freedom was very different. Freedom had to be oriented toward a good, and one was only free if one had the self-discipline to resist those things that would prevent one from achieving that good.

Notre Dame Professor Patrick Deenan explains that in the ancient world, “Liberty (or freedom) had long been believed to be the condition of self-rule that forestalled tyranny, within both the polity and the individual soul. Liberty was thus thought to involve discipline and training in the self-limitation of desires.”

Bishop Robert Barron puts it this way: “Freedom is the discipling of desire so as to make the attainment of the good first possible, then effortless.” St. Pope John Paul II was even more succinct: “Freedom is the ability to do as one ought.”

Think of an athlete aspiring to be a great basketball player. He can't just go out on the court and play as he wishes. He must be disciplined to practice the fundamentals and techniques and understand the rules of the game until they become second nature. Only then is he truly free to play.

Rules, then, are not limiting encumbrances, but rather guidelines that help define and point us toward the good.

That's why acts of self-denial and self-mortification--like fasting--are so necessary to advance in the spiritual life. They strengthen us so we are able to resist what we may want to do so we can be truly free to do what we ought to do.

Yet, we cannot do this alone. We need God's grace, which flows from the Cross. That's what it means when we say Jesus gave us freedom from our sins. By his grace, we gain the strength to freely reject sin and not be slaves to it. Or in the words of an old hymn, “[Lord,] grant us grace to amend our sinful lives, [that is] to decline from sin and incline to virtue.”

Brothers, to a secular world hostile to faith, we Knights must be examples of authentic Catholic manhood. Let's work to cultivate virtue so that we can exercise the freedom to attain the good for ourselves and our neighbors.

**LECTURER'S REFLECTION
KEN FODOR**

“FREEDOM IS THE DISCIPLING OF DESIRE SO AS TO MAKE THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOOD FIRST POSSIBLE, THEN EFFORTLESS.”

Walk to fight Alzheimer's 2021

SUNDAY, OCT. 24
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PARAMUS

Our council will once again be providing assistance to the Walk to Fight Alzheimer's, to be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ.

We will help with setting up tables, serving coffee and tea and pre-packaged breakfast snacks and then helping cleanup after the walk. Because of Covid concerns, we will not be serving bagels as in the past.

I'm asking you to come ...

Set-up: 7:30 a.m.

Serve: 8:30 a.m. coffee, tea juice, water and snacks.

Clean-up: 11:30 a.m. knock down tables, pick-up litter and then back to the Saint Thomas More Hall in Westwood to clean the pans, trays and utensils.

Please sign up for: set-up, cooking and serving, or clean-up. Any time you can give is truly appreciated. This is a great fraternal outing working and serving others!

For more information, you can call me at 201-417-8788 or email gemfw@msn.com

For more information about Alzheimer's New Jersey and the services they offer, which we help support by giving our assistance, please go to www.alznj.org.

— GEORGE E. MULHAUSER, PGK 2188

**WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE!**

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT JOSEPH F. LAMB ASSEMBLY

Welcome to a new Columbian year. I am honored to serve as Faithful Navigator of this wonderful Assembly. Wrapping up the 2020-2021 Columbian year, we celebrated our Past Faithful Navigator, Peter Revie, our 55th Anniversary, and our belated 2020 Holiday Christmas Party at La Neves. It was a fantastic evening of food, drink, brotherhood, and even some dancing. With your help we had the highest attendance in years and raised over \$1,300 for our charities. We were able to donate \$500 to America's Special Kidz Organization, and we successfully raised over \$100 to buy much needed clothing for the Veterans Home in Paramus. Your generosity always amazes me.

Recruiting and retention continue to be a big focus for us this year. I'm asking for your help to re-engage Sir Knights who have been away for a while. Invite them to a meeting and let me buy them a beer or coffee. I'll buy you one too for bringing him. Let's encourage First-Degree Knights to make their Third-Degree, and Third-Degree Knights to make their Fourth-Degree.

It has been my honor to be part of the amazing group of men known as the Color Corps, led by Faithful Commander Ken Schmitt. Being a member of the Color Corps is really something special, and I encourage you to try it. It will change your life.

We will once again support the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots program which distributes toys to less fortunate children for Christmas.

This month we kick-off the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to support Wreaths Across America, in which we will buy Christmas wreaths to lay on the graves of soldiers at West Point. The wreath laying ceremony will take place in December. Our costs have gone up a little from last year, so we're looking to sell 250 dozen to cover the cost of 50 wreaths.

Our next business meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Patrick F. Pindar Knights of Columbus Council Hall, 48 Mechanic St., Ramsey. I would love to see you all there as we kick-off this Columbian year.

God Bless you and your families. God Bless America. And God Bless the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

RICH RIORDAN, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
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INTERESTED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE?

CONTACT JOE BISI, PGK 2188
201-983-7892

Santa-Con Brewery Tour

HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2188

**NOVEMBER 27, 2021
9:30AM TO 3:30PM
\$50 INCLUDES LUNCH
AND TRANSPORT**

**STARTS AND ENDS IN WESTWOOD NJ
LIMITED TICKET EVENT
TEXT 973-760-3166 TO SAVE SPOT**

DRESS CODE: FESTIVE



**PROCEEDS TO
CHARITY AND
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS MORE 2188 PRESENTS

OKTOBER FEST

DINNER



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 — 7 PM TO 11 PM
40 Crest Street, Westwood

MENU

Sauerbraten, Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Red Cabbage,
Sauerkraut, Potato Pancakes, Apple Sauce,
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW

Payment and reservations required and must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 12, noon

CALL JAY RATINO 973-760-3166

\$15 per person

\$35 per family with children under 12

Make checks payable to St. Thomas More Council

Mail or drop off in mailbox out front: Knights of Columbus Council 2188, 40 Crest St., Westwood, NJ 07675

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