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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 2188

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

A thriving culture

We're in October and the season of Fall is upon us. Get out and enjoy God's gift of beautiful weather, charge your batteries. The holidays are just around the corner.

My message this month is to all members but especially to those who aren't active. Knighthood is a wonderful thing to be part of. I believe that under past leadership the culture of our council has changed; I vow to have that culture change continue.

I realize a lot of you find it difficult to attend quarterly business meetings. I understand family and life in general has changed nowadays.

Many of you who fit the above always answer our call when there is a special need or project. For that, I'm extremely grateful.

At 2188, we have started a few programs that have produced fruit. Our monthly members night, for example — where we get together, socialize, and enjoy some of DGK Joe's good food, watch sporting events or play some enjoyable games — has brought in new members this past Columbian year. Every invite that's emailed always encourages you to bring a friend, and it always will.

In the next week or so you will be receiving a checklist of our activities and projects for this Columbian Year.

Read review it and determine if there's any events you can assist us with. I ask, Can you give us 12 hours of service time this

Columbian Year? If all of you give us just 12 hours service time, our council could reach new heights.

The four pillars of Knighthood

"Charity, Unity, Fraternal & Patriotism" are all there for your taking.

Upon closing, please enjoy this great month of October and look forward to receiving our checklist and reviewing it. Again, I'm asking 12 hours of service time this year.

As always, if any of you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me. I promise to connect with anyone who reaches out to me.



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"HELP KEEP
2188 GREAT!"

We would love to hear from you!
Send your comments and
suggestions to:
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Welcome to
The Chancellor,
our council's
monthly
newsletter!



Knights helps Spectrum for Living get families and their dogs moving

On September 25, Overpeck Park in Ridgefield Park was the setting for Spectrum for Living's annual Family 5K, Walk, and Doggie Dash. Participants included individuals, teams, civic groups, and businesses, all eager to run, walk, roll, and stroll in support of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We are pleased to have been able to offer the community a safe and family-friendly way to support our organization and the many individuals that we serve," says Christopher Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer of Spectrum for Living. "Our event was well-attended, Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful day, and our more than 200 participants were all enthusiastic to show their support for Spectrum for Living."

"Through the generous volunteerism and contributions of the Knights of Columbus of Westwood 2188 and Ramsey 3962, we offered each participant a barbecue lunch at the close of the race," says Elizabeth Boyajian, Director of Development at Spectrum for Living. "Even our furry friends received custom Spectrum for Living water bowls."

Our council donated hamburgers, cheese, buns, condiments and paper products while Council 3962 with the help of John Flynn, cooked and served the meals.



We need volunteers to help with the:

Walk to fight Alzheimer's

See last page for how you can help.

**KNIGHTS
NEEDED!**
SUNDAY, OCT. 24

Pray the Rosary

**LECTURER'S
REFLECTION**
KEN FODOR

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary. And on October 7, we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The feast has a remarkable story behind it, and its origins go back to the 16th century. The Ottoman Empire was threatening Western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack the Christian strongholds around southern Europe.

Pope Pius V organized his own armada that he called the Holy League to push back the invading Turks. On October 7, 1571, the two great navies engaged in a pivotal sea battle — The Battle of Lepanto — involving more than 400 ships. It was to be the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries. At stake was control of the Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Aegean seas and indeed Western Europe itself.

Pius, recognizing the do or die nature of the battle, requested that the faithful pray the Rosary, asking for the Blessed Mother's intercession for the success of the Holy League navy. At the Battle of Lepanto, the Turks were defeated and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empires was permanently thwarted. Incidentally, this year marks the 450 anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto.

A year later, Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honor of the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Victory. It was later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary to recognize the power of the prayer that wrought the triumph of that day.

As knights, we should be well acquainted with the Rosary and its efficacy as a spiritual weapon. When we are inducted into the order, we receive a new set of beads and are

told "to carry this Rosary with you always and to pray it as often as you can."

Many, many saints have recommended the Rosary as a daily prayer.

Louis de Montefort said that devotion to Mary brings us closer to Jesus.

"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek — Jesus, her Son."

St. Pope John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart." (Lk. 2:19) (Osservatore Romano, 44; Oct. 30, 1979)

For those who want to move beyond vocal prayer, it is the perfect doorway to meditation and contemplative prayer and allows us to focus on the pivotal events in our Savior's life.

But sometimes it can be difficult to pray the Rosary as it really should be prayed. From what I've read, it's a fairly common challenge, one, I admit, I continually face when sitting down with my beads.

St. Jose Maria Escriva once remarked how a devout Catholic should approach the recitation of the Rosary:

"The Rosary is said not with the lips alone, muttering Hail Mary's one after the other. That is the way over-pious old men and women rattle them off. For a Christian, vocal prayer must spring from the heart, so that while the Rosary is said, the mind can enter into contemplation of each one of the mysteries."

With all due respect to St. Jose, that can be more easily said than done. Fortunately, there are many books and resources offering meditations and Scripture references that can aid us in praying the Rosary. Here are just a few that I've found helpful.

THE ROSARY WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON — a new publication that contains long and short meditations for each mystery. Bishop Barron has recorded the Rosary with these meditations on YouTube so you can pray along with him.

THE ROSARY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II — short meditations with commentary from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS — features short excerpts from the Holy Father's writing and talks.

THE MAGNIFICAT ROSARY COMPANION — meditations, prayers, and other commentary on the Rosary.

THE ROSARY CHAIN OF HOPE, BY FATHER BENEDICT J. GROESCHEL, C.F.T. — a deep dive into the history, meaning, and power of Rosary as a source of hope, with extended meditations by Groeschel. You'll need to set aside some time to pray with this volume.

ROSARY MEDITATIONS FOR REAL LIFE, BY JAMES HAHN — with meditations for work, children, marriage specifically written for men.

Brothers, in this month of October, let's renew our promise to carry our Rosaries always and to pray it as often as we can — for our families, our friends, our priests, our church, and our fellow brothers.

I'll close with these wise words from Pope Emeritus Benedict.

"The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each 'Hail Mary.'"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Officers for the 2021-2022 Columbian year were installed at a ceremony at the council hall.

District Deputy George Thompson presided over the installation, which was held September 14. Council Chaplain Father Joe Chapel imparted his blessing on the new officers.



THE OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING COLUMBIAN YEAR:

Grand Knight: Frank Mariconti Sr.
Deputy Grand Knight: Joseph Abou-Daoud
Chancellor: Brian Tuttle

Financial Secretary: Angelo Restivo
Recorder: Ken Fodor
Treasurer: Ray Polomski
Advocate: Jim Keegan
Warden: Steve Melber

Inside Guard: Jay Rattino
Outside Guard: Mark Sulikowski
First year trustee: Gus Molina
Second year trustee: John Flynn
Third year trustee: Joe Bisi

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Catholics in October

It was great to be with you a few weeks ago for the Installation of new officers for the current Columban Year! I pray it will be a fruitful time for the Council and for all the Knights and your families.

The Church celebrates a variety of things in October!

October is Respect Life month. This is a topic that the Knights have been dedicated to worldwide over many years – with a very solid ministry of prayer, which is absolutely central, but also with so much concrete help “on the ground,” especially in the purchase of countless sonogram machines which have allowed mothers to see their babies, and then, more times than can be counted, to change their minds about an abortion! A great tribute to the dedication of Knights everywhere!

It is so important both to pray and also to take action in the face of both Federal and State bills now in process that favor wildly expanding abortion and also limiting conscience protections for doctors and nurses. (click these links for Respect Life Month and for the proposed Federal bill).

October is the month of the Rosary! And it's also the year of Saint Joseph – who is the perfect model for every Knight. Saint Joseph is the very model of authentic manhood, of quietly (actually wordlessly, as he speaks not a single word in the Bible!) accepting what the Lord asks of him, and offering himself in sacrificial love in every moment to protect and to provide for Mary and Jesus.

In this year of Saint Joseph and in this month of the Rosary, what a great time to pray the Rosary and ask the intercession of Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary for all the needs of our families and our Church, especially for the dignity of every human life in every moment!

Many blessings on all you do!

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, pray for us!

God bless you all!



**REV. MSGR.
JOSEPH R.
CHAPEL**

UPCOMING EVENTS: OCTOBER

SUNDAY, 10/24

Alzheimer's Walk
• Bergen Community College, Paramus

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, 11/19

Friday Night Dinner
• Lasagna and meatballs

SATURDAY, 11/27

Brewery Tour
• 9:30
• parking lot

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

EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHAITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The council will present an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Tuesday, November 16, 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.

TREASURERS'S REPORT

RAYMOND A POLOMSKI
ACCOUNT TOTALS AS OF 10/1/21

ASSETS

Charity Acct:	\$ 2,052.00
Operating Acct.:	\$ 2,049.58
Gaming Acct.:	7,258.97
Scholarship Acct:	5,181.80
Scholarship CD:	1,0761.37
TOTAL :	\$27,303.72

DEPOSITS

Memorials:	\$60.00
Poker Nites (2)	8,400.00
Excess T/X Fee Refund	6.57
TOTAL:	\$8,466.57

DEBTS

Gary Sinisi Foundation	\$100.00
Aug. FND Expenses	193.16
Poker Registration Reimbursement \$	300.00
Insurance	515.20
Website Expenses	230.16
Columbian Club - Poker Nite Share	1,737.50
Poker Nite Expenses	400.00
Gift Cards for Poker Nite	1,200.00
Gaming Licenses	200.00
TOTAL:	\$ 4,876.02

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ANGELO RESTIVO
REPORT DATE AND TOTALS AS OF 10/5/21

ASSOCIATE: 150 – Minus 1 from my August 9th report

INSURANCE: 76 – Minus 2

INACTIVE: 16 – Same as last report

EQUALS A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF: 242 – Minus 3 from my last report.

HONORARY: 3 – Minus 1

HONORARY LIFE: 39 – Minus 1

EXEMPTIONS: 0

Four new members have joined 2188 and have not been reflected in these numbers. They were sent to supreme on September 26th — we're still awaiting their member numbers.

Welcome to our four new members!

Four men became new Knights of Columbus and members of our Council. Rupak Bhattacharya, Jeff A. Kristofick, Peter A. Polidoro and James J. Wagner were inducted to the order through the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Charity held at our council hall Sept. 21. This was the first live exemplification of the new degree ceremony to be held at our council. (A virtual degree was held in January.)

With the revised ceremony, these men completed their first, second, and third degrees in one exemplification and are now knights in the third degree. Be sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them at the next event.

The exemplification team was led by Jim Keegan, PGK and included Joseph Bisi, PGK; John Marzulla, PGK; John Flynn, and Ken Fodor.

- Rupak Bhattacharya
- Jeff A. Kristofick
- Peter A. Polidoro
- James J. Wagner

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.

I'm asking you to come to help ...

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 gcmfw@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!**

HELP NEEDED AT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We are in need of assistance at the Friday Night Dinners. Please consider volunteering a few hours to support the efforts to fund our charitable donations. These events are an opportunity to fulfill the Knights of Columbus principles: CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY.

OUR NEXT DINNER IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

There are three functions you can perform: being a member of the set up crew, serving the meal, or cleaning up after the dinner. Listed below are the responsibilities of the three groups and all that is asked is that you consider becoming a participant in one of the jobs.

SET UP CREW

- Set up can be done in stages but completed by 5:30 PM
- Arrange tables on floor
- Set tables with tablecloths, salt & pepper, sugar, table numbers
- Set up 8 chairs per table
- Arrange serving table in L shape near kitchen doors; set up warmer pans, sternos, plates, serving utensils, and forks & knives in bread baskets

SERVERS

- Arrive by 6 PM
- Light Sternos
- Serve reasonable amounts of food to ensure everyone will have sufficient portions
- Replenish food trays
- Ensure someone is at the serving table during food service.
- Serve coffee & dessert

CLEAN UP CREW

- Arrive by 8 PM
- Remove all trays, etc, from serving table and return to kitchen
- Remove all items from tables
- Return table numbers, salt & pepper shakers, sugar
- Place tablecloths and garbage in cans
- Place all garbage bags from hall and kitchen in dumpster outside
- Vacuum carpeting
- Remove chairs and tables as necessary

The work is not difficult, and the time is not excessive. This is a great way to become an active member of the St. Thomas More Council. Questions? Contact Ray Polomski SK Treasurer, at rpolomski70570@gmail.com

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT JOSEPH F. LAMB ASSEMBLY

On August 23rd, Worthy Master Paul Pinkman and Worthy Marshal Jim DeLuccia presided over the official installation ceremony of assembly officers for this Columbian Year. I'd like to thank Pope John XXIII Council #5498 for hosting the ceremony at the beautiful Church of the Nativity in Midland Park.

As a reminder, the Krispy Kreme Donut Drive is in full swing. We are selling the scrumptious glazed donuts for \$10/dozen in order to raise the funds to buy wreaths for Wreaths Across America. This is truly a noble charity where during the holiday season we remember those who, out of love for our country, sacrificed everything so that we can live free. Alternatively, you can skip the donuts and purchase a wreath for \$15. As always, we thank you for your support.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Pope John XXIII Council #5498, Church of the Nativity, 315 Prospect St., Midland Park, NJ 07432.

Below is a list of key dates and other events we have planned. Please put them in your calendar.

KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

- Cost is \$7; Sell for \$10
- Deadline to collect is Oct 8th
- Distribute donuts on Oct 26th
- Distribute Donuts for Heroes- Oct. 26th

TOYS FOR TOTS

- Collect Sep-Oct-Nov Meetings/Deliver to TBD

NOVEMBER EXEMPLIFICATION AND MILITARY BALL

- November 21st at La Neves

MEMORIAL MASS

- November 23rd

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

- Ceremony is December 4th

PFN DINNER/HOLIDAY PARTY

- January 16th, 2022
- Deadline for Veterans Clothing Drive

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

- March, April and May meetings
- Deliver to pantry in June

APRIL EXEMPLIFICATION

- April 24th, 2022 at La Neves

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

- May 15th, 2022

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INTERESTED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE?

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