## The KNICHTLINE

REV. MITCHELL J. CETKOWSKI - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6201

February 2019

Grand Knight Letter

#### Pause & Reflect!

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree was held on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in horror of Past Grand Knight, Russ Taylor. 34 Brother Knights moved on to the Knighthood Degree & the room was packed. I am proud to say that the turnout by officers & members of our council to honor Russ was overwhelming. We took time to Pause & Reflect on his service to our Council and the Knights. State Treasurer Jim Stoever was on hand and said some kind words about Russ & about the efforts of our council. Thanks again to all the brothers who came out on a frigid night ton horror Russ.

#### Council Happenings

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> was a busy day for us. First, the **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast for the Race for Life** was a rousing success. The Brothers, family and community came out to support Chloe. Thanks to Rich Russo & PGK Lou McGraw and to all who attended!! This was followed by the **Council Free Throw**. The turnout of brothers was fantastic, though the number of participants was light. Thanks to PGK Brian Curran and all who helped.

Ladies Bartending and Karaoke was held on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jeanmarie DeBiase, Karyn, Treval, Margaret Stazko, Chrissy Izzo & Mary Brienza for tending the bar.

The Council provided **Breakfast at St. Aloysius** after two masses on Jan. 27t. What a great turnout by the brothers who cooked and the parishioners. Thanks to Tom Raulinovich & PGK Lou McGraw for chairing the event.

The **Fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse** was held on 1/29 to a wonderful crowd of brothers & their families to support the Race for Life. Once again Rich & Lou spearheaded the event, aided by Jim Murphy & Jeanmarie – Thank you all!

The Council will have 4 teams participated in the State Bowling Tournament on Fed. 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure we will win any awards but I'm sure we will all have a great time.

The **19**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Race for Life** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. This is one of our two largest fundraisers for the year Please come out and support the fundraiser for Little Chloe.

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make". - Lennon / McCartney

#### Be My Valentine!

This phrase conjures up many images associated with the celebration of Valentine's Day. Cards with hearts & poems. Candy & flowers given to the one you love. Images of Cupid flying around shooting his arrows of love. Young & old alike expressing their affection for their sweethearts. For many this is Valentine's Day.

Our ancestors in the Christian Faith would be surprised at what has become of what was once a religious holiday, the Feast of St. Valentine, which was a day to remember and celebrate the life and death of the Christian martyr.

A little history... St. Valentine was a priest near Rome around 270 AD. At that time the Roman Emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the Roman gods. During this persecution Valentine was arrested for performing Christian marriages & for helping Christians escape prison. During the trial they asked Valentine what he thought of the Roman gods Jupiter & Mercury. Of course Valentine said they were false gods & that the God that Jesus called Father was the only true God. So the Romans threw him in prison for insulting their gods.

Valentine knew that he might get caught in his Christian activities. He knew that if he told the court the truth about the Roman gods that he would be thrown in prison. He knew that if he continued to teach the word of Christ in the prison he would make his captors angry. But he continued, because he loved the Lord & his fellow human beings. He was willing to risk his life to free the prisoners & spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who needed to hear it. Because these people had come to know Jesus, Valentine praised God right there in his prison cell. When the emperor heard this, he was furious that Valentine was making converts even in prison, so he had Valentine beheaded.

The Bible Says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) God showed us this love by having his son die for our sins. St. Valentine demonstrated this love when he died for his friends. This is the kind of love that Valentine's Day is really about. This is the kind of love your cards and flowers and candy should represent. It is a boundless and unconditional love.

Fraternally,

Angelo W. Massaro – Grand Knight



**Meetings:** 

Council: 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 P.M.

Officers: Tuesday before 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 PM.

Columbian Club: 3rd Friday of the month following K.C.

## Columbian Club President Letter

February 2019

Brothers,

The year has gotten off to a great start at the Columbian Club. We enjoyed the NFL playoffs and Super Bowl and we had a successful Race for Life fundraiser with Karaoke night featuring the Ladies of the Knights bartending. I want to thank Tony Konior and his crew for running the Chili Cook-off. It was a fun event enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all responsible for organizing karaoke night and to all the ladies that served drinks. We raised over \$500 for Chloe. And even though the game was a dud, the Super Bowl party was a hit. Thank you to everyone that helped setup and cleanup and that made or brought food for the party. Big thanks go out to PCCP Andy Pavelko for designing the t-shirts and his lovely wife Roni with all her help setting up and cleaning up. And of course my own wife, LAP Erin Bradley for basically doing everything from the shopping, to cooking, to organizing. The day would not have been a success without you.

February may be the shortest month, but it's when we host our biggest event, The Race for Life. Come down on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to help support this special event. Doors open at 11am, We'll have a huge gift auction, raffles, 50/50's, enough food to feed a small country, and of course the Daytona 500 on all our 11 TVs.

As far as the Club itself, January was a quite month. We didn't do any major projects to the building and nothing broke (knock on wood). In the next couple months, we will be looking into getting a storage shed installed in the backyard and also making some changes to our bylaws. I invite all of you to attend our meetings to find out more information.

And finally, as many of you know these past 6 months have not been easy for me. After being diagnosed with lymphoma last July and undergoing chemotherapy, it was a challenge for me to dedicate all the time I wanted to the Club. But I am happy to say, that with all you support and all your prayers, I am now in complete remission and back on track or a healthy future. And in these next five months I'll do everything I can to make the Columbian Club a place for you and your family to enjoy.

Happy Valentine's Day. God Bless.

Michael Bradley CCP

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams"

- Dr. Seuss

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Letter

#### February 2019

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Well it seems we should have an early Spring according to the all-knowing Punxsutawney Phil! Thankfully, until then we were all warmed up at the Annual Chili Cook-Off held in January – thanks to all those who entered their chili and to those who came to "taste & judge"! Once again, Tony Konior ran a fun and successful event!

Also, in January the Race for Life committee were hard at work running events to help fundraise for Chloe including Breakfast at Applebee's, Dining to Donate night at everyone's favorite, Texas Roadhouse and a Ladies Bartending Night!

We are looking forward to another successful Race for Life fundraiser on February 17, 2019 – the Ladies Auxiliary have bought a Sponsorship for the T-Shirts and will be there to help the Committee solicit, wrap baskets and work the event that day! This is always a great way to help families in our community through a very difficult time.

On a personal note, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for all your prayers and support over the last 6 months. I can now say that Michael is in "CR" Complete Remission! We are so very blessed and again thankful for all the good wishes and support.

Here's to moving forward!

Erin Bradley
Ladies Auxiliary President
Council 6201

## Council Calendar



#### **FEBRUARY 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 St Aloysius Pancake Breakfast After the 10:30 Mass	28	29 Texas Road House Fundraiser	30	31	1 Knighthood/3rd Degree 7:30 Social Meeting Canceled	2
3 Super Bowl Party	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> K Of C Bowling Tournament	11 Chapter Meeting	12 KOFC Officers Meeting 8:30 PM	13	14 Valentines Day	15 KOFC/CC Business Meeting 8:30 PM	16
17 Race For Life	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21	22	23 SEASIDE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
24	25	26	27	28	1 Rosary 8 PM K of C Social Meeting 8:30 PM	2



#### Support Chloe!!!

#### 19th Annual Race for Life In Memory of Chuck Washington

Doors open at 11:00 Sunday Feb. 17th
Knights of Columbus Council 6201
401 Bartley Rd
Jackson, NJ 08527

Chloe is a Sassy, loving, and courageous 5 year old! She loves to color, play board games, and be imaginative with her Barbie's. Music, the child life specialists, and her family are what gets her through her anxiety filled treatments.

In July of 2018 Chloe began experiencing Acid-Reflux like symptoms. It wasn't until a pool day with her sister Brianna that things took for a life-changing turn. August 5th Chloe and her sister Brianna were horse-playing in the pool. Chloe began experiencing abdominal pain and vomiting. When her mother Laura noticed a bulge protruding from the right side of her stomach they rushed her to the hospital. Within one hour a CT Scan confirmed that there was a tumor in her kidney. August 8th Chloe underwent a 7 hour surgery to remove her kidney and the tumor at Hackensack Meridian Hospital at the Jersey Shore. Within a couple of days it was confirmed that Chloe has Wilms Tumor stage 2. Although the surgery went well and she received her first treatment of chemo, unfortunately Chloe started to experience pain and vomiting symptoms. On August 31th Chloe underwent another 5 hour surgery for a total abdominal obstruction due to complications from the initial surgery.

Initially Chloe was scheduled for 19 weeks of treatment. When the completion of her pathology report came back it showed that she now needs 27 treatments with additional chemo medications because her LOH tested positive; meaning it was a genetic mutating tumor.

Although Chloe is a strong and brave little girl she deals with anxiety and PTSD due to her experiences. Her projected end date of her treatment is February 2019

Full Daytona Coverage on 11 Flat Screen TV's
Gift Auction
Food/Beverages
Cash Bar(Beer Specials)
Door Prizes
Free T-Shirts to First 150 Paying Adults



Adults \$12 Children 12-18 \$6 Kids under 12 Free





#### Knights of Columbus

Mitchell J. Cetkowski Council # 6201
401 Bartley Road
Jackson, NJ 08527
19th Annual Race for Life
Sunday February 17, 2019
Being Held in Memory of Brother Chuck Washington

#### 2019 Race for Life

December 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

The Knights of Columbus Council 6201 of Jackson & Howell will be holding their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual *Race for Life Benefit*. The event, to be held at the Council home on Bartley Road in Jackson on Sunday, February 17, 2019, is run to benefit local victims of Cancer and their families. Every year, this fundraiser is held during the broadcast of the Daytona 500 NASCAR race.

On race day, the Council sets up scores of televisions in order for those attending to watch the race. We even set up a "Pit Area" for kids where they can race each other on video games for prizes, or build model race cars. Several local track drivers have even displayed their race cars for all to see. The last "Race for Life" raised over \$14,000.00 to help local families.

Just as important, the goal is to raise money – money that will be donated to needy local families that have been, in some way, stricken by Cancer. Over the past eighteen "Race for Life" events, we have distributed over \$109,000.00 to families suffering the staggering effects and expenses of this dreaded disease.

In order for us to raise as much as possible from this benefit, we are asking for the help once again. We are looking for any donation or contribution you can make.

On behalf of the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6201, as well as the families that will benefit from this effort, let us take the opportunity to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Rich Russo Louis McGraw

Race for Life Chairmen 732-367-9788 Non Profit Tax I.D. # 22-1943211 Angelo Massaro

Grand Knight, Council 6201

### Bread From Heaven Cafe, Inc. Open Tuesdays 11 - 1 pm

Located at Columbian Room Hall • 401 Bartley Road • Jackson, NJ

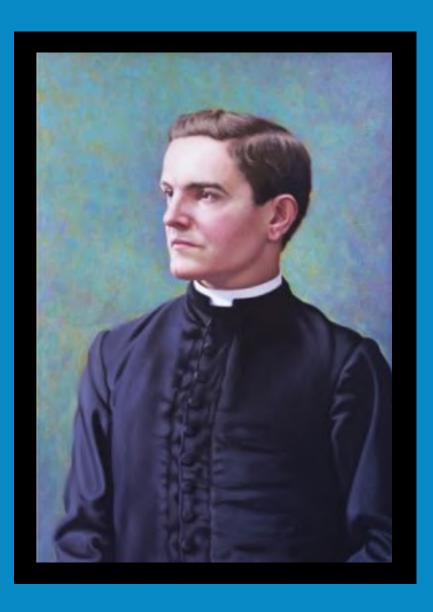


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Bread From Heaven Cafe, Inc.
to establish a safe haven
where everyone is welcome
for a hot meal, and a food
pantry so families can benefit
from taking food home.

If you would like to donate, please mail to: Bread From Heaven Cafe, Inc.

> Attn: Helen Ludowig 732-245-5954

For further information email spiffy41@yahoo.com



# Prayer to Fr. Michael J. Mcgivney

O great and glorious God, you imbued your holy priest, Father Michael J.

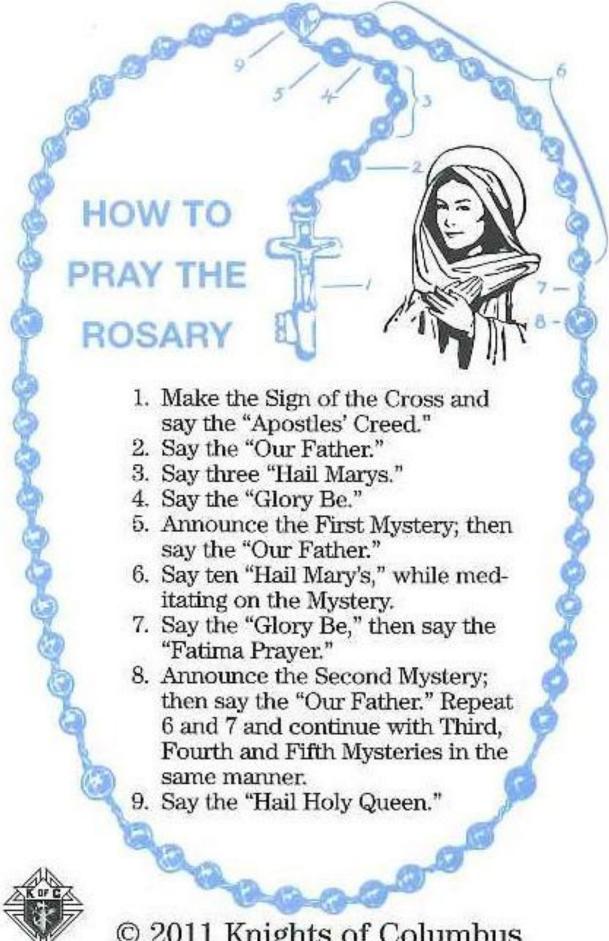
McGivney, with deep priestly

virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day.

Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech you, Heavenly Father, to raise your faithful servant, Michael, to the honors of the altar.

We ask this favor through our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy mother, Mary and our mother.

Amen



#### For These We Pray

Ann Taylor & Family
Andy Minoulli
Joe Tetro
Bryan Eaton
PGK Vincent Ignizio
Brother of Mark Vincent

Chris Hunt
Hellen Ludwig
Mary Ellen Kennedy
Wally Washington
Armed Service Personnel



All of our deceased brothers and their families



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