



The KNIGHTLINE

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

January 2017

Grand Knight Letter

Brothers-

Last month was a busy month for the Council. We finished up the year with a flurry of Christmas activities.

On Friday, Dec. 2 we had our Nativity Lighting. Thanks to DGK Dave Idank for running the event and decorating the Council. After a round of caroling and a blessing from Fr. Euk, the kiddies went inside to decorate the tree and everyone enjoyed cocoa and cookies arranged by Dave. Thanks to all of the volunteers who showed up to help Dave decorate the Council.

On Sunday, Dec. 4 we had our annual Chili Cook Off. Thank you to Tony Konior for another great job. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the chili. Thank you to everyone who took the time to cook their favorite chili recipe.

Our Third Degree was held Dec. 9 at the Council. Congratulations to all of the brothers who made their degree. Thank you, DGK Dave Idank, for taking over for me, as I was unable to attend due to a death in my family. Congratulations, also, to Dave for receiving the Third Degree Award. Whenever I need Dave's help with anything, he is there without hesitation. He does so much for the Council behind the scenes as well as the visible events like the PGK Dinner and the 2016 Annual Picnic, as well as our recent Nativity Lighting. Thanks, also, to PGK Angelo Massaro, PGK Lou McGraw, PGK Chris Lehmann, PGK Rich Lehmann and PGK Bob Clifford for all of their help with the degree. Everyone raved about the food, and the State Council Officers commented on what a great job our Council does. They also told me that they prefer to do the Third Degree at our Council over any other.

Our Children's Breakfast with Santa was a big hit on Dec. 11. About 50 kids and their families enjoyed a full hot breakfast of eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon and pancakes. After breakfast, our special guest, Santa, handed out gifts to all of the lucky children in attendance. Thank you, Santa, for taking time out of your busy Christmas schedule to make this appearance. It was wonderful to see the smiles on all of the little kids' faces as they sat on Santa's lap and received their presents. Thanks, also, to Mike and Erin Bradley for running the event. CCP Jim Murphy, PCCP Andy Pavelko, and Mike Ambrosino did a wonderful job cooking the breakfast. Special thanks to PGK Lou McGraw for buying the Council a train set for around the tree, and setting it up numerous times that day (the kids really enjoyed playing with those trains!).

Meetings:

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

Officers Meets at 7:30 P.M.

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

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

The adults had their Christmas party of Dec. 16. PGK Chris Lehmann did an outstanding job with the food and gave us a beautiful presentation, complete with centerpieces. We enjoyed Swedish meatballs, fried chicken, "funeral sandwiches," (trust me; they taste better than the name sounds). We even had sushi! Chris and his wife Jamie, his niece and his son Jacob all worked to make the night a success.

On Dec. 17 we distributed our Christmas food baskets and gifts to Jackson families in need. We delivered to a record 115 families this year. Special thanks to PGK Bob and Donna Clifford and their daughter Meghan. It is all of their hard work that helps make this possible. Thank you to all Council members who ran or helped with the many events that make these donations possible. Special thanks to Steve Stasko and his Golf Committee, who raise a large part of the food basket funds, to all of the volunteers who showed up to get the food from Shoprite, assemble the baskets and deliver them to the families. Because of the record number of baskets, many volunteers did more than one run.

There is nothing like seeing the smiles on people's faces when you show up at their door and knowing you made their holiday better, that you made a small difference by doing God's work. Remember what Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." We are truly a special Council in both our ability to pull off a large effort like this so seamlessly, but also in our desire to serve our community.

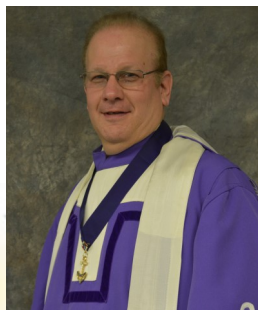
On Dec. 17 we also had our Old Timers Day. Thank you, CCP Jim Murphy and Mike Ambrosino for cooking the food that we served to our longtime members. Thanks, also, to all of the brothers who showed up to socialize with these members and share stories. It was nice to see our older members. They really seemed to enjoy the day.

We joined the St. Al's Boy Scouts at Care One on Sunday, Dec. 18 to sing Christmas carols to the elderly. The kids, dressed in festive costumes, handed out homemade Christmas ornaments and shared cookies with the residents. Special tanks to Mike Bradley, Joe D'Angelo, Tom Raulinavich, PCCP Rich Russo, and Alex D'Ambrosio for joining us, and to Mike Ambrosino for playing Santa on short notice! Lori Ambrosino took videoed the event for our Facebook page. PGK Lou McGraw was nice enough to bake the cookies we ate. We all had a great time, and it was nice to see the smiles on residents' faces and the children sang for them and handed them the ornaments.

I hope that you and your families had a blessed Christmas. After seeing the hardship in our own community, may it make us mindful of our many blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Grand Knight Victor Salvi



Columbian Club President Letter

First I hope everybody had a merry Christmas and a happy new year with their families. As the new year is upon us I pray that we all work harder on being better Knights. We have run a lot of events lately and we were very short on our membership helping out with these events hopefully this year more people will step up. It is up to us to make this council A success we all need to work together and make time to help out. Remember all we do helps a lot of people in need.

I would like to thank my worthy recorder Mike Bradley and his wife for all that you do for the kids of this council . I would also like to thank Jean-Marie DeBiase for all that she does for this council . And all the other ladies that helped out with our events if it wasn't for you ladies are events would not be as successful as they are. We all appreciate everything that you do for us. The ladies of the knights deserve our respect and appreciation for everything they do.

CCP. Jim Murphy



JANUARY 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year (club opens at noon)	2	3	4	5	6 Rosary 8 pm, Social mtg. 8:30	7
8	9 Chapter mtg.	10	11	12	13	14
15 Mass of Unity St. Aloysius	16	17 Officers mtg. 8:30/CC 7:30 pm	18	19	20 Business/CC mtg. 8:30 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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FEBRUARY 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Rosary 8 pm, Social mtg. 8:30	4
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2016

Coats for Kids

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Did you know many children throughout the United States and Canada go without a coat each winter? Many low-income families use their scarce resources to meet the most basic essentials and they need help to provide this vital winter necessity.

That's why the Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program, which allows councils across North America the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities.

Through our Coats for Kids program, 1,625 local councils distributed 79,320 coats to children in need throughout the United States and Canada in 2015. Since the program began in 2009, more than 306,000 coats have been distributed.

**The Coats For Kids Collection bins will be
located in the lobbies of:**

KOFC Council #6201

St. Veronica Church in Howell

For more information please feel free to reach out to Alex D'Ambrosio at alex@ocitcs.com or (732) 569-7632

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO SPONSOR YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST



The Father Cetkowski Council of the Knights of Columbus (Howell/Jackson) is sponsoring the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate. The competition will be held on January 21, 2017 at St. Veronica's School Gym located on Route 9 in Howell. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the competition will begin at 1:00. Winners of the competition will move onto the district competition which will be conducted the following week.

All contestants on the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (i.e. birth certificate) and written parental consent. For entry forms or more information contact Brian Curran at (908) 415-4720.

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401 Bartley Road, Jackson, NJ

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SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
5th

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Club will be closed for the party - Children by law cannot sit at the bar



\$15 PER PERSON

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for
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Ladies of the Knights



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Bartenders

SATURDAY
February 4th
6:00 PM - Closing
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All "**TIPS**" will be donated to the
"**Race For Life**"



Support Mia

Race for Life

in Memory of Chuck Washington

Doors open at 11 Sunday Feb. 26th
Knights of Columbus Council 6201

401 Bartley Rd
Jackson, NJ

Mia is a sassy, energetic 3 year old. She loves pink! Minnie mouse is her favorite character; although Doc Mcstuffins got her through her hospital stays.

She was originally diagnosed with T- Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at 15 months old. She endured about 10 months of intense chemotherapy while contacting some life-threatening illnesses along the way, before starting a maintenance chemo regimen. We celebrated 1 year cancer free in March, 2016. Shortly after, she relapsed in May. After living at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and then in a close by apartment for 100 days post transplant, Mia was able to move home on November 19, 2016. She is 4 months post transplant at this point and is doing great. She is thrilled to be home playing with her two older, amazing brothers!



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Knights of Columbus

Mitchell J. Cetkowski Council # 6201

401 Bartley Road

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17th Annual Race for Life

Sunday February 26, 2017

Being Held in Memory of brother Chuck Washington

2017 Race for Life

December 17, 2016

Dear Friends,

The Knights of Columbus Council 6201 of Jackson & Howell will be holding their 17th Annual *Race for Life Benefit*. The event, to be held at the Council home on Bartley Road in Jackson on Sunday, February 26, 2017, 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 racecars. Several local track drivers even displayed their race cars for all to see. The last "*Race for Life*" raised over \$16,000.00 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 fourteen "*Race for Life*" events, we have distributed over \$79,000 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

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Grand Knight, Council 6201



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Monsignor Innocenzio, Alan Ford, Anne Ciccone, Bob Ferrell, victims from the recent flooding, Brother Knight and one of our Council's patriarchs, Alfred Lehmann. Tom Drum's wife who recently passed, Edith Cromwell, Michael Foley, Gregory Mador, Maryellen Kennedy, Alfred Lehman & The Lehman Family, Charles Schmidt, victims of recent terrorist attacks, Police & Firefighters, persecuted Christians around the world, All Military Personnel here and aboard, Diocese's Seminarians. As well as all the recent victims of terrorism.



Please note, to add or remove someone from the prayer list, contact Russ Taylor at wrtaylor@optonline.net



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