



Knights of Columbus / Sacred Heart Council 2842

# NEWSLETTER FROM THE HEART



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brother's All,

We made it! 2020 is almost over. It has been some year. Obviously it will be a year that we will never forget with lots of hard times for lots of people but it also has been a year with its share of blessings too.

While COVID kept us closed down for most of the year, it didn't slow us down. Looking back on the past year, we accomplished a lot, probably just as much or even more than we have done in past years. This year we showed thanks to our front-line workers through a GoFundMe set up by Tom Tomesco that sent food to local

hospitals during the height of COVID. We also showed our appreciation for our police with a car parade and a plaque ceremony over the summer. We had a fish fry run by Brother Keith Hopkins right before COVID hit along with a blood drive run by PGK's Courtney and Ferrara. We did so much, the list goes on and on, I encourage you all to take a look at the "Year In Pictures" in this newsletter for some of the pictures of all that we did in 2020.

But the year isn't over yet, we still have a lot more going on especially this month. Once again PGK Courtney is running his Coat Drive for the less fortunate and Toy Drive for the children of battered women. The Toy Drive will end on December 12 and the Coat Drive will end on December 19. As part of the Coat Drive, PGK Courtney is also running his annual 50/50. The winner of the 2 grand prizes will be selected on December 11 following the "Light Up For Christ" that will be taking place outside our council and will once again be run by PGK Ferrara.

As Knights and Catholic men we focus on the true meaning of Christmas, that being the birth of Christ. PGK Cronin will be running our annual "Keep Christ In Christmas" yard sign and car magnet sale. Yard signs are \$15 and magnets are \$5. If you would like to purchase either or both, please contact Brian.

As is our tradition, we will be once again decorating Sacred Heart Church in preparation for Christmas following the 12pm mass on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please if you are able to help please do so.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in our council upper hall, DGK Sicari will be hosting our council Christmas party, It should be another fun time and we look forward to it. More information regarding all these upcoming events can be found in this newsletter.

I would like to welcome our 3 newest members who joined our council on November 15 with an in person exemplification ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. Please welcome Brothers Silvio Marini, Michael Marini and Jose Murado. These men have shown to be worthy candidates and will be great additions to our council.

On behalf of myself, my family and the officers of the council, I wish my fellow brothers and their families Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to 2021 and even more great things to come from our council.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gerard Sorrentino  
Grand Knight

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My Brothers All,

I truly love being a Knight of Columbus! I love all the good and charitable deeds that we do throughout the year, we truly live up to the new Knights of Columbus motto of leaving no neighbor behind.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> I had the honor of presenting the check from the October "Breast Cancer Awareness" GoFundMe campaign to the wonderful staff at the Betty Torricelli Institute for Breast Care at HUMC. Through the support and generous offerings of my brothers and members of the community, we were able to present the institute with a check in the amount of \$1,112 exceeding our goal by \$112! Thank you all so very much for your support.

Speaking of support, I am once again asking for help from my brothers with ushering and collection at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day mass. Please if you will be in attendance at any of the masses those two days and are able to lend a hand, please let me know (202)655-1625 or [vincesicari@yahoo.com](mailto:vincesicari@yahoo.com)

As of this writing our annual council Christmas party on December 19 at 7pm is still on, but as I have said with the way the COVID numbers keep slowly going up,

anything is possible and the party could unfortunately be canceled last minute. This is why it is so important that if you wish to attend this year's party, you must RSVP to me by December 12. In RSVPing it allows me to see how the hall will have to be arranged for the party as well as setting table seating and making sure there is enough food. In years past the theme to our Christmas party has been "Dress to Impress" but as we can all agree, there has been noting impressive about 2020, it has been an ugly year. So with that in mind I have decided to change the theme of the Christmas party to an "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party" to give this ugly year the proper send off it deserves. It should be a fun night so let's hope we are able to gather for some fun and good cheer.

I would like to wish all my brothers a very blessed and merry Christmas and a safe and healthy new year. Much health and happiness to all.

Vivat Jesus!  
Vince Sicari  
Deputy Grand Knight



DGK Vince Sicari with staff from the Betty Torricelli Institute For Breast Care on November 20, 2020



WHEN: Friday December 11, 2020 at 7pm

WHERE: Outside front of our council.

We will hear a Gospel passage, sing some Christmas songs light the Advent wreath as well as our council Christmas tree and the outside of the council, in preparation for Christmas. There will be hot chocolate and a fire. It's a nice way for the entire family to gather to prepare for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

PGK Pat Ferrara



## THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET UGLY!

An ugly year like 2020 deserves an ugly sendoff. In keeping with our annual council tradition and keeping in mind current events, DGK Vince Sicari is inviting you and your significant other to our annual Council Christmas Party.

**WHEN:** Saturday December 19, 2020. 7pm – 11pm

**WHERE:** Council Upper Hall (to maintain social distancing)

**THEME:** Ugly Christmas Sweater (Mask included)

**RSVP:** To DGK Vince Sicari (201)655 – 1625 or [vincsicari@yahoo.com](mailto:vincsicari@yahoo.com) by Saturday December 12, 2020

We all could use a little Christmas cheer after the year we have been through. We could use a night of food, fun and good cheer while being safe and mindful. I am planning on hosting our annual Council Christmas Party with social distancing and COVID safety measures in place. So that we can properly prepare, I am strongly encouraging all guests to RSVP to me by December 12. Unfortunately, NO ONE who did not RSVP by the 12<sup>th</sup> will be permitted to attend due to limited occupancy and proper COVID measures. Guests will be required to wear a mask/face covering only when they are moving about the hall, not while seated. This is all tentative at the moment as things are subject to change.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

On November 15 we welcomed 3 new brothers to our council with an exemplification ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. Please welcome Brothers Silvio Marini, Michael Marini (father and son. Father-in-law and brother-in-law to Brother Rob Heyrich) and Jose Murado. These three men have proven worthy to be Knights of Columbus and are eager to get active in the council. In addition to these three new members we also have a transfer from Paramus, an honorary life member, Brother Art Kent. Brother Kent is a former Air Force pilot so we welcome him to our council and thank him for his service.

With the addition of these 4 new members to our council, we are just 7 away from our yearly goal. We just need 7 new (or transfer)members by the end of June 2020. Certainly we all know of at least one worthy gentleman who would be a perfect fit for our council and the Knights of Columbus, please speak to him and get him to join.

On December 5 at 1pm we will be judging our "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest for boys and girls ages 5 –

14 at the council. We have had some really good entries, its going to be a tough contest. After our contest is over, the winner will receive a certificate and will advance to the next round of the contest. Best of luck to all who entered.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish all my brothers a very blessed and merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Nelson Cupeles  
Chancellor



Front row from right to left: Jose Murado, Silvio Marini and Michael Marini on November 15 after becoming full Knights of Columbus with members of the exemplification team.



Worthy Brothers,

Jesus is the reason for the season! In keeping with the Knights of Columbus effort to keep the focus of Christmas on the spiritual meaning and not the commercial, "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and car magnets will once again be on sale. Please see or contact me to get your sign and/or car magnet (201)723 – 1650 [bpcronin@hotmail.com](mailto:bpcronin@hotmail.com). Magnets are \$5.00 and yard signs are \$15.00.

Vivat Jesus!

PGK Brian P. Cronin – Event Chairman

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## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers All,

Not much to really report on. Even though we have basically wiped this year off as far as rentals are concerned, we have been hosting a couple parties here and there but our main focus is on the new year and making sure the council is in compliance with all COVID regulations. Hopefully within another few months we will be back to having at least one party a month.

All members of the council are also members of the Columbian Club. As members of the Columbian Club you are invited to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Monday of the month in our lower hall lounge following the Council Officers Meeting at 8pm. The next Columbian Club Meeting will be Monday November 9.

Frank Del Re  
Columbian Club Chairman

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## PARISH NEWS

Dear Brothers,

Christmas is always a very busy time of the year for everyone, especially at church. This year will certainly be no different however with COVID, it's taking on a whole new level of busy and crazy.

The one thing that Sacred Heart has always prided itself on is that it is a very welcoming environment where all are welcome to worship. You can imagine the difficulty we face then when this year for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations, we have to have an online registration to attend mass. The way this will work is as follows: the first 120 registered will have seats in the main body of the church. (ushers will be instructed on where and how to seat parishioners, you may not simply sit where you wish, except those who are physically challenged). The next 15 registered will be seated in the choir loft and the last 50 registered will be seated in the lower church hall where a screen will be set up to livestream mass.

Ushers will be stationed outside the church and will have your name and seating location. Your name **MUST BE ON THE LIST** in order to attend worship. I recommend arriving to church early as once the Gospel is proclaimed, the doors will be closed and no one will be permitted in. I have a serious responsibility to each of you and myself to make us as safe as possible during these challenging times. We do not want to turn anyone away for sure, thus with early registrations, it will

enable us to see if we need to add a mass to handle a possible overflow.

Now this is all subject to change at the last minute if the COVID numbers continue to increase and churches and houses of worship are once again forced to close their doors, in which case we would have to return to only an online streamed version of mass. Let's pray that the numbers shrink and we are able to all come together to celebrate the birth of Christ.

On behalf of the entire staff at Sacred Heart, I would like to wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas.

Peace and Blessings,  
Fr. Rich Kelly  
Chaplain



**Sunday December 20  
Following 12PM Mass**

**Decorating of the main body of the church as well as the church lower hall**

**Approximately 2 hours worth of work. The more help we have the quicker the job.**

**If your child needs service hours, this is a great way to get them.**



## The Spirit of Christmas. The Gift of Giving



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The drive will run from Saturday Nov. 7 until the morning of Sat. Dec., 19. Clothing can be dropped off at the back of the council in the marked containers, or you may contact PGK Bill Courtney at 201-843-0266 to arrange for pick up. The clothing will be donated to St. Lucy's Shelter in Jersey City.

The annual New Toy Drive will be conducted from now until the morning of Sat. Dec., 12. The toys will be donated to the children of battered mothers who have been displaced from their homes and are forced to live in the protective environment of the organization "Shelter Our Sisters".

Toys can be dropped off at the back of the council in the marked containers or you may contact PGK Bill Courtney at 201-843-0266 to arrange for a pick up.

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### SYMPATHY

It is with sympathy that we inform you of the passing of Brother Robert O'Grady. Brother of Mark and John O'Grady. Please keep the O'Grady family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
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through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2: Charles Marion

December 4: Angelo Arimborgo

December 8: Matthew Conlin

December 10: Joseph Vigiotti

December 13: Joseph Leichtnam and  
Willian Gorgone

December 15: Kenneth Rekuc and Anthony  
Vicale

December 21: Warren Renner

December 23: Ray Lancaster

December 24: PGK John Abbattista

December 27: Mark Gatto



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## DECEMBER 2020

| SUN. | MON.   | TUES.  | WED. | THUR.                    | FRI.  | SAT.   |
|------|--|--|------|--------------------------|---|--|
|      |  | 1.   | 2.   | 3.                       | 4.  | 5.<br>"Keep Christ<br>In Christmas"<br>poster<br>contest 1pm<br>at Council                                   |
| 6.   | 7.<br>Pearl Harbor<br>Day<br>General<br>Council<br>Meeting 8pm         | 8.<br>Feast of the<br>Immaculate<br>Conception | 9.   | 10.                      | 11.<br>"Light Up<br>For Christ"<br>7pm. Front<br>of Council,<br>outside | 12.<br>Last day to<br>donate to<br>toy drive.<br><br>Last day to<br>RSVP to<br>council<br>Christmas<br>Party |
| 13.  | 14.<br>Officers<br>Meeting 7pm<br><br>Columbian<br>Club<br>Meeting 8pm | 15.  | 16.  | 17.                      | 18.   | 19.<br>Last day to<br>donate to<br>coat drive.<br><br>Council<br>Christmas<br>Party 7pm                      |
| 20.  | 21.<br>General<br>Council<br>Meeting 8pm                               | 22.  | 23.  | 24.<br>Christmas Eve     | 25.<br>Christmas<br>Day   | 26.  |
| 27.  | 28.  | 29.  | 30.  | 31.<br>New Year's<br>Eve |   |  |

# GET THE PICTURE

## The Year In Pictures



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
SACRED HEART COUNCIL 2842

**DONATIONS FOR PUERTO RICO**

**Saturday February 1, 2020**  
**10am - 3pm**

Join the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 2842 as we come together to assist the people of Puerto Rico following the devastation of the recent earthquakes

**DROP OFF LOCATION**  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
235 Rochelle Ave, Rochelle Park

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

- First Aid Kits • Hand Sanitizer
- Mosquito Repellent • Rubbing Alcohol

**PERSONAL**

- Diapers for Children & Senior Citizens
- Baby/Hand Wipes • Deodorant
- Toothbrushes/Paste • Dental Floss
- Mouth Wash • Soap • Body Wash
- Feminine Sanitary Napkins/Pads





**Blood Drive**  
Friday July 17th - 5pm - 8:30pm  
By Appointment ONLY



**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**  
with our brothers & sisters in blue





PGK William "Bill"  
Courtney  
March 2020



Tom Tomesco  
April 2020



Jorge Ramos  
May 2020



Robert Heyrich  
June 2020



PGK Pasquale "Pat"  
Ferrara  
July 2020

