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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brother's All,

Happy New Year! I wish all my Brothers and their families a happy and healthy new year. 2020 was some year but it was a pretty good year for our council and we need to keep that going in 2021.

We finished 2020 strong with a couple successful council events. I would like to thank PGK Bill Courtney for once again running a very successful coat and toy drive. We had the most coats and toys donated this year than ever before. Billy took the coats that were donated to the less

fortunate at St. Lucy's Shelter in Jersey City and even donated some new coats to the less fortunate in Hackensack on December 19 along with a pair of socks, a cup of coffee and a donut. The week before on December 12, the annual council toy drive finished. Thousands of toys were donated filling the officers room closet. The toys were donated to the children of battered mothers at Shelter Our Sisters.

Thank you to PGK Pat Ferrara and Gil Duke for running the "Light Up For Christ". It was a nice night where we gathered outside the council, lit the two trees by the statue, sang some Christmas songs and heard a passage from Deacon Nick, After we gathered in our back parking lot around the fire for some hot chocolate and cookies.

Thank you to Brothers Ken Bransfield and Rob Heyrich for their work with the adopted Christmas family. On December 19 Rob along with DGK Vince Sicari and Nelson Cupeles delivered the gift cards to the family and then on December 23 Rob and Keith Hopkins delivered some meals from Generations.

Rob Heyrich has proven to be a very worthy member of this council. He steps up whenever someone is needed to run an event and even got his father-in-law and brother-in-law to join. It was our honor

to award Rob with the "Knight In Shining Armor" Award at our December 21 General Council Meeting for all his hard work. Job well done Rob, keep it up.

Of course the health and safety of all is our main concern. With the second COVID wave going on and a lot of people testing positive, DGK Sicari and myself have decided to postpone all in person meetings and return to ZOOM. Meetings will still be held on their normal scheduled days and times (General Council Meetings on the first and third Monday of the month at 8pm and Council Officers Meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7pm followed by the Columbian Club meeting at 8pm). An email will be sent out with the link to the ZOOM account so that all can attend. Hopefully once the numbers go down, we can return to in person meetings.

We are looking for creative ways to continue being an active council in 2021, working around the pandemic. We are also looking for more brothers to step up and get as active as they can. If you have any ideas of something you would like to chair, please bring it up at the next General Council Meeting, we are open to all ideas.

Again, I wish everyone a happy new year and we look forward to a great 2021 for our council.

Vivat Jesus!
Gerard Sorrentino
Grand Knight

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



My Brothers All,

For my message in this month's newsletter, I would like to share what I had planned on reading at our council Christmas party. Unfortunately the party had to be canceled due to the second COVID wave. Below is what I had prepared.

My Brothers All,

Thank you for coming out tonight to our annual council Christmas party. I know it looks and feels different but this whole year has been very different. And while 2020 might be for some a year we would much rather forget, I would like to take this time to look back at 2020 and what it was for our council and how through all the obstacles and setbacks the past year threw our way, the one constant was that WE DID NOT STOP!

We started the year, literally a week before COVID shut everything down and changed the world, with a very successful Fish Fry event chaired by Brother Keith Hopkins. It was a great turnout and was the beginning of a year full of hope for our council because we had many exciting things planned. But then COVID-19 hit and everything changed, the world stopped,

but we did not. While other councils literally ceased having any meetings of any kind, we took to ZOOM to continue our regularly scheduled business.

As the nation finally recognized the sacrifices made by frontline workers with clap outs, we saw to it that we too show our doctors, nurses, EMTs and respiratory technicians how much they are appreciated through a GoFundMe created by Tom Tomesco. Through the GoFundMe money was raised not only to purchase food to be sent to local hospital staff, but it also supported a brother knight and their business that was struggling during the pandemic. But WE DID NOT STOP THERE!

A turbulent summer for our brothers and sisters in blue saw the ones we should look at as hero's, viewed as enemies and we said not with us! PGK Brian Cronin and PGK Bill Courtney along with the Rochelle Park American Legion organized a car parade to salute our outgoing Chief of Police and welcome in his successor. And with the help of Father Rich and Sacred Heart Church, we held a "Blue Mass" for our RPPD where we awarded them a plaque as a token of our appreciation for their sacrifice. And the Lord rewarded us when he sent two State Troopers to save the life of our brother back in October. But WE DID NOT STOP THERE!

Seeing the need for life saving blood in our depleted blood banks, PGK Bill Courtney and PGK Pat Ferrara once again organized our council blood drive where, despite a pandemic, we had the

second largest turnout for this council. But WE DID NOT STOP THERE!

Although COVID-19 had stopped many things, the one thing it did not stop was illness such as cancer. Women in America were still being diagnosed with breast cancer. And while in years past we would gather on a Friday night for a "Breast Cancer Awareness" event, COVID attempted to tell us we couldn't, but we told COVID otherwise! We used that GoFundMe created by Tom and raised \$1,112 to be donated to the Betty Torricelli Institute for Breast Care, far exceeding our goal, but you know what's coming next, WE DID NOT STOP THERE!

Just when it looked like we were possibly out of the woods with COVID, we gathered in our back lot for an Oktoberfest event hosted by PGK Brian Cronin. And from that event we gained 3 new worthy and outstanding members. As a matter of fact, despite the pandemic, we gained 8 new and transfer members to our council. How? Because WE DID NOT STOP!

And just in the last two weekends we concluded an extremely successful toy and coat drive once again run by PGK Bill Courtney where arguably the most toys and coats ever donated were given to those in need. But again, WE DID NOT STOP THERE!

Earlier in the day Brother Rob Heyrich delivered gift cards that were purchased for our deserving adopted Christmas family.

So without a doubt 2020 was some year and as you just heard, it was some year for our council. But we came through and we showed that there is nothing on this planet that can or will stop the resolve and might of a Knight of Columbus, especially a Knight from council 2842!

So gentlemen, give yourselves a hand for an amazing job well done against all odds in 2020. And here is to even more success in 2021. We already know 2021 is going to be a historical year for our council as very soon our Columbettes will finally be meeting and launching their order. Behind every great man is an even better woman and we are great men, so we know these women will be just as awesome and we welcome them to our house.

So brothers, on behalf of myself, Grand Knight Gerry Sorrentino and all the officers, we wish you and your families a very merry and blessed Christmas. Enjoy, be safe and let's keep on kicking ass in 2021!

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Sicari
Deputy Grand Knight

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

Membership actually did very well in 2020 despite the pandemic. We gained 8 members in total, some brand new members to the Knights and some transfers. On December 20 while we were decorating the church for Christmas, me and DGK Vince met with a new interested member by the name of Robert Hickey. Robert's father was a Knight in Nutley and he seems like a really cool guy and a great addition to our council. Even before he even became a member he was already helping out the Knights.

With Robert's addition we would only need to sign up 5 new members before July 1. This is totally doable and I believe if every member asked at least on worthy candidate to join, we would defiantly reach this goal and crush it. Let's be fishers of men and tell everyone we know about our council.

Thank you to all the brothers who ordered from our pop-up store. We raised \$118 and orders should be shipped out soon. I still have some of the new council t-shirts for those who ordered. If you ordered a t-shirt and have not received it

yet, please contact me and I will give it to you.

Happy New Year to all!

Vivat Jesus!
Nelson Cupeles
Chancellor

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers All,

Not much to really report on. Although our hall is pretty much closed, 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 following the Council Officers Meeting at 8pm. The next Columbian Club Meeting will be Monday January 11.

Frank Del Re
Columbian Club Chairman

PARISH NEWS

Dear Brothers,

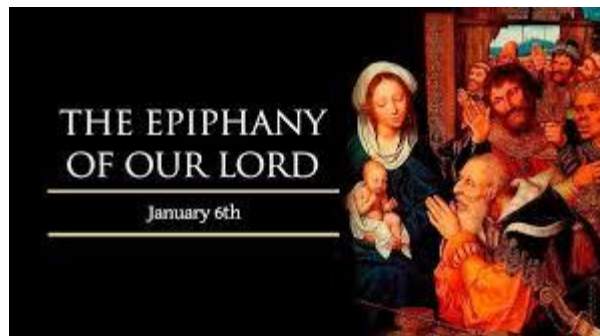
Happy New Year and Merry Christmas! While the secular world tells us that Christmas is over, we as Christians know that we are still in the Christmas season that does not end until the Baptism of the Lord.

I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful job they once again did in decorating the church for Christmas and almost in record time as so many came out to help. Thank you also to the Knights who volunteered to help usher at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. We were prepared for every possible situation and then last minute we were thrown a curve ball with the weather but everything ran smoothly, we had little to no issues and I just want to thank everyone for their help.

Speaking of the Baptism of the Lord, everything that goes up must come down and that include church Christmas decorations. So following the 12pm mass on January 10 we will undecorate the church. Hopefully we can have the same turnout to take everything down as we did in putting it all up.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Sacred Heart, I wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy new year.

Peace and Blessings
Fr. Rich Kelly
Chaplain



SYMPATHY

Brothers, it is with sympathy that we inform of the passing of PGK Jon Kennedy's mother Gladys. Please keep Jon, Kathy and the entire family in your prayers.

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

Amen.



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3: Warden Gil Duke

January 4: Ronald Martorella

January 9: Al Carroll

January 12: Chris Parrilli

January 15: Vincent Long Happy 60th
Birthday!

January 17: Financial Secretary PGK Dave
Torebka and William Kero

January 20: Ralph Guerra

January 21: George Latko

January 24: John Tronolone

January 26: Arthur Seitter

January 27: Edward Kubitz, James Quinn
and Charles Schaadt

January 30: Chancellor Nelson Cupeles



2021 MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

1 Year of Membership

Michael Marini, Silvio Marini, Jose Murado,
Frank LaBoy, Edward Kukalski and Nick
Manzo

5 Years of Membership

Mark Gatto, Keith Hopkins, James King,
Anthony LaFace and Giovanni Reynoso

10 Years of Membership

Jon Buyck, TJ Churchill, Warren Fischbach,
William Kero, Joe Marolda, James Monaco,
Jon Pallouras, William Sanchez, Grand
Knight Gerard Sorrentino and Joseph
Vigliotti

15 Years of Membership

Ed Carney, Michael Courtney, Joseph Mola,
John Schmunk, PGK Bob Smith and
Thomas Torpey

20 Years of Membership

Keith Collova, Walter Houghton and Arthur
Seitter

25 Years of Membership

Angelo Arimborgo, Thomas F. Churchill,
Michael Coyle, Thomas Csigi, Sergio
Gonzalez, Gary Kropilak, Vincent Long,
Robert Rella and Warren Renner

40 Years of Membership

Ronald Martorella and PGK Cliff O'Day

45 Years of Membership

Eugene Glennon

50 Years of Membership

Raymond Hughes, Frederick Jones and
Gerald Moran

55 Years of Membership

William Betten and Dominick Tarulli

60 Years of Membership

John Cancalosi



Sunday January 10
Following 12pm mass

JANUARY 2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
					1. New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	2.
3.	4. ZOOM General Council Meeting 8pm	5.	6. The Epiphany of the Lord	7.	8.	9.
10. The Baptism of the Lord Undecorating of Sacred Heart at 1pm	11. ZOOM Officers Meeting 7pm / Columbian Club Meeting 8pm	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18. MLK Day ZOOM General Council Meeting 8pm	19.	20. Inauguration Day	21.	22. Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children	23.
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

GET THE PICTURE

One December 12 the annual council Toy Drive concluded. Thousands of toys were donated by PGK Bill Courtney to the children of battered mothers at Shelter Our Sisters.



On December 19, Brother Rob Heyrich delivered gift cards to our adopted Christmas family.



Brothers endured the cold and snow to distribute coats, socks, coffee and donuts to the less fortunate in Hackensack at the Second Reformed Church.

