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COUNCIL 4969

December 2017

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

The holidays are upon us! I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed

Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

We are again in the process of working our annual food basket program. Names are rolling in for those in need in our community. We will be assembling boxes on Thursday 12/14, Filling them 12/15 and delivery on 12/16. Your support and time are greatly appreciated. Non-perishable food and monetary donations are needed. Please bring any donations to the council home at your convenience.

Our annual council Christmas party will be 12/20 at 7:30 pm. Please join us for light refreshments and good company.

Thank you for all who came out and donated at our annual blood drive

Thanksgiving weekend. Your donation helps many in need across our community and country.

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Wishing you all the Merriest of Christmases!

Vivat Jesus
Grand Knight
Kevin

FROM OUR CHAPLIN

I am typing this on an eastbound bus in Ohio, returning from the National Catholic Youth Conference. Wow! I concelebrated Mass with a couple dozen bishops, about 200 priests, and 26,000 devout people (most younger than 18) in the Lucas Oil Stadium of the Indianapolis Colts. Several dozen of those thousands were from the great Diocese of Trenton. For 3 days we prayed, sang and spoke, and listened Catholic. We even ate and slept Catholic! If for any reason you have held doubts for the future of the Church of our Lord, fear not! The Holy Spirit is active, and young Catholics are responding!

Father Jerome

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- 3 - Gave Blood ____ times _____ \$ _____
- 4 - Church Activities: Usher, Extraordinary Minister, Deacon, etc. _____ \$ _____
- 5 - Community Activities: any activity representing a benefit to the
 Community, i.e. Simons Kitchen, umpiring soccer or baseball _____ \$ _____
- 6 - Youth Activities: i.e. umpiring soccer or baseball, teaching CCD,
 children’s parties, etc. _____ \$ _____
- 7 - Habitat for Humanity _____ \$ _____
- 8 - Any Volunteer Service for Veterans _____ \$ _____
- 9 - Our Christmas Food Basket Program (we have the dollar amounts) _____ \$ _____
- 10 - Special Olympics _____ \$ _____
- 11 - Other Activities not specifically listed above: _____ \$ _____
- 12 - _____ \$ _____
- 13 - _____ \$ _____
- 14 - _____ \$ _____

IN REPLYING BY E-MAIL, JUST LIST THE LINE ITEM NUMBER AND DATA. I WILL KNOW WHAT TO FILL IN FROM THERE. FOR ITEMS 12 THROUGH 14, I WILL NEED THE ACTUAL SPECIFIC CHARITY. THANK YOU.

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As I write this, 30 Brothers have not paid their 2017 dues and are in danger of being suspended from the Knights. Brothers who have not paid their 2017 dues have now had their privileges suspended in the Council, but not yet with Supreme. Please take a moment out and pay your dues!

Dues notices for 2018 will be mailed in December. Please look out for same toward the end of the month.

Our annual survey of the volunteer hours donated by our brother knights and the ladies auxiliary is included in this month’s PRAECO. Please take a moment of time, complete, and return to me as noted.

Thank you, and Vivat Jesus, John J Langan, Jr., PGK & FS

Hello Ladies,

Merry Christmas! Our December meeting will be our Ladies Christmas Dinner, on Wednesday December 13th at Tardi's on Fischer Blvd at 6pm. If you signed up to participate in the cookie swap, please bring your cookies! Yum! Also, please bring your gift(s) for the Christmas families and wrapping paper or bags with tissue paper and tape to provide to the moms and dads.

While you are Christmas Shopping keep you eye out for items you may want for your Gift Auction basket, it's never to early to start purchasing those basket items.

We will be filling Christams Baskets for the needy at the council on December 15th and Delivery will be Saturday December 16th.

Please see our Grand Knight if you have any questions. Any help you or your family can provide on Friday December 15th helping us fill baskets would be greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all over the Holidays.

God Bless,
Samantha

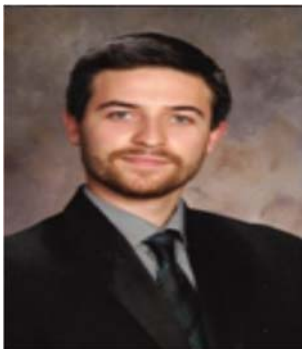
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Albert Goguen	Jenny Madure	Deacon Frank Babashak	Patsy Manna	Jack Herbert	Rhonda Loquidis
Douglas Sheerer Jr.	Tony & Evelyn DeSent	Kathleen McLehar	Barry Havens	Joe Todesco Sr.	Tom O'Brien
Alice Gruninger (dec)	Steve Zsigas Family	Brendan Bianchi	Patricia Casaccio	Tom Lanno	Desa Family
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Sal Fernandez	Joe Bartolotta (dec)	Audrey Solts	Sharon Borrelli	Las Vegas Victims & Family's	

As you can see we have condensed the Pray For List. Many of the names that were taken off were on this list for several years. If any name was taken off that you feel should be placed back on the list please contact Glenn Frantz at (glennfrantz@msn.com) or call 732-899-7368

To keep the list managable deceased names will be kept on the list for 3 months, then the name would be removed due to space conservation.

Those sick and/or needing our prayers remain on the list as long as needed.

If you would like to add anyone to our **PRAY FOR LIST**, please contact Glenn Frantz @ 732-899-7368 (glennfrantz@msn.com) or at any meeting.

Please make sure you leave the proper spelling of their name and if they are living or deceased

Anyone wishing for Eucharist to be brought to someone in Community Medical Center please contact Brother Tim Lynch 848-333-2339 or Deacon Frank McKenna 732-286-7722

God's Special People Program

Brothers and Lady Knights,

Things are progressing nicely with our God's Special People Program. We just completed our annual catered breakfast serving approximately 100 people and raising \$320.

Thank you to all who attended and to those who assisted in making this event a success.

We continue to receive donations in memory of past GSP Chairman Bob Cauda PGK.

The generosity of so many is a true testament to the man who gave so much to the God's Special People Program and to our Council.

This month's **GSP M.V.P.** is none other than Brother **Jim Kelly**. It seems like every day he is calling asking for collection containers. To date Jim has secured three new locations in Toms River, Poppy's Place on Water Street, Dunkin Donuts and 7-11 on Route 166. Outstanding effort Jim!

Looking ahead we have the Christmas Party for God's Special People at the council on Friday, December 8th. This is always a great day and a visitor from the North Pole is sure to attend.

The time is fast approaching for the "Blast from the Past," dinner dance to be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2018 at the Council featuring the D-Cees along with a night of dancing and prizes. This event is a sell-out every year, so get your tickets now, don't wait. Admission is \$20.00 and tickets are available by contacting John Budenas (732)600-3657 or me (732)966-4758 or at the Council home. On behalf of all of us on the God's Special People team we would like to wish all of you and families a Very Merry Christmas.

God Bless,
Ray Gabbia

#Irony
The Judges who said we don't need to stand up for the National Anthem expect us to stand up when they enter the room

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

We are in the planning months of our annual Christmas Food Basket Program. Last year we were able to deliver over 150 baskets and this is our goal for 2017. The need continues to be very grave. The economy has not yet rebounded to historic standards in our area and the cutback in the Federal Government funding of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, a government assistance program to help low-income households pay for food) continues to negatively impact on our citizens.

In order to be able to deliver as contemplated, donations are needed. Cash donations are the greatest help because they allow us to buy in bulk and create uniform packages based on family size. Donations can be made payable to K of C 4969 and addressed to John J Langan, Jr, FS, 904 Eaglehurst Road, Toms River, NJ 08753 or dropped off in the Financial Secretary's box in the office at the council home. Please put "Christmas" or "Food" or "CFBP" in the memo field of your check. If a cash donation is made at the Council, please put any of the words on the envelope and drop in the Financial Secretary's box in the office. NOTE: Any funds received after the delivery will be held and used next year.

We will be accepting food donations at the Council Home beginning Tuesday, 12/1/17. Please – no expired or food requiring refrigeration or freezer EXCEPT TURKEYS. If you have a frozen turkey, please call Grand Knight Kevin Delmonico (732) 286-7933 or e-mail him at foodbasketprogram2017@gmail.com and let him know ASAP. We need a count to determine how many turkeys we are going to need from others for the drive. The turkeys can be brought to the Council Home. VERY IMPORTANT. If any brother (including himself) knows of a family or families in need, please simply e-mail Grand Knight Kevin Delmonico and include the following information no later than 12/1/2017. Note this is at a first come first serve basis due to limited quantities:
Family Name - Address - Telephone # - Number of persons and ages in family

The size of the basket varies by the size of the family. Delivery will be on Saturday, December 16, 2017. We will assemble the boxes on the 14th and pack on the 15th. Help will be needed in this very important annual Charity Event conducted by our Council and Charity is the first principle of our Order. Thank you.
John J Langan, Jr., PGK & FS for Kevin Delmonico and the Committee

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A significant number of members have let their Praeco Boosters lapse. Please reconsider signing up again to assist us in defraying the cost of the monthly Praeco.

Contact Glenn Frantz (Praeco Editor) at 732-899-7368 or email glennfrantz@msn.com to add your booster to this list.

Thank you!

From the front cover of a menu from the Golden Egg Restaurant in Surfside Beach, SC www.GoldenEggOnline.com
 Mary had a little lamb. His fleece was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went, the Lamb was sure to go. He followed her to school each day. It wasn't even in the rule. He made the children laugh and play to have the Lamb at school. And then the rules all changed one day. Illegal it became to bring the Lamb of GOD to school, or even speak His Name. Every day got worse and worse and days turned into years. Instead of hearing children laugh, we heard of gun shots, drugs and tears. What must we do to stop the crime that's in our schools today? Let's bring the Lamb of GOD back to school, AND TEACH OUR KIDS TO PRAY.

Submitted by John Budenas, PGK

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Each month our Spiritual Advisor Deacon Frank will place a "Thought for the Month" in this spot in the hopes it will inspire all of us to be better Knights of Columbus.

Thought of The Month

"Be the reason that someone else is thankful"

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Deacon Frank

Saint of Month for December

Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared four times (between Dec 9th and 12th) in 1531 to an Amerindian Juan Diego. A image of the Blessed Virgin Mary was imprinted on Juan Diego's cloak. The image gave the Indians the assurance that Christianity indeed their was their faith, and Mary the Mother of God would always look out for them.



God's Special People

You should be aware that the following business owners have agreed to maintain collection containers at their locations, and I would encourage you to stop by and thank them for what they have been doing in support of the God's Special People.

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CALENDAR

December

Tuesday	5	Columbus Club Mtg. 8 pm
Wednesday	6	KofC Business Mtg. 8 pm
Monday	11	Chapter Meeting @ 8 pm
Wednesday	13	Ladies Aux Mtg. @ 7:30
Wednesday	20	Council Christmas Party @ 8pm
Tuesday	26	KofC Officer's Mtg @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday	27	4 th Degree Officer's Mtg @ 8 pm

January

Tuesday	2	Columbus Club Mtg @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday	3	KofC Business Mtg. 8 pm
Monday	8	Chapter Meeting @ 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10	Ladies Aux Mtg @ 7:30 p
Wednesday	17	Social Mtg @ 8pm
Wednesday	24	4 th Degree Officer's Mtg @ 8 pm
Monday	29	KofC Officer's Mtg @ 7:30 pm

**KNIGHT OF THE
MONTH
Jeff Adamkiewicz**

**FAMILY OF THE
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Gabbia Family**