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Brothers,

Hope you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New year surrounded by your loved ones.

December was a very busy month for us and I want to thank all the brothers who helped contribute to all the success we had finishing out 2017.

First, we again were able to increase our donations to the Coats for Kids Program. 86 new coats were delivered for youth in our community. Second, we delivered over 120 Christmas food baskets to families in need in Ocean county. This is not possible without your generous donations and collections in the community.

We also began our work at Simon's kitchen in Seaside. Our first night we had a great turnout of brothers and helpers and served 59 people. We had a great turnout of helpers as well at God's special people Christmas luncheon. Kudos to the kitchen crew and all the elves that made that great event possible.

Our council Christmas party was held on Dec 20th. It was a nice evening and enjoyed by all. We also had our annual kid's Christmas party on 12/17 and all were thrilled with their gifts and the experience! Many thanks to Ken and Nicole Marrone for always doing a wonderful job.

We have many events coming up at our council. Please join us at the annual AFC/NFC party on Jan 21st. Details in the Praeco. Save the date for the State bowling tournament hosted by 4969 at Playdrome in Toms River. The event will be held over 2 weekends in February (10th and 11th and 17th and 18th)

Let's focus in the New year on increasing our membership. The more of us there are, the bigger difference we can make.

"May we, as did the Wise men, seek a bright, particular star to guide us in our celebration of the Savior's birth. For we have seen His star in the East, and come to worship Him"

Vivat Jesus

Kevin

*FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVISER**Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters, one and all!*

As we take pause and look forward to a new year, what do we look forward to most? Is it *Peace on Earth*, that all nations come to a realization that to reach agreement is far better than bitterness, strife and war? Or perhaps that the economy improves so that *hunger and poverty* are a thing of the past? Or that there is a *cure found for diseases* such as cancer, heart disorders and diabetes? All noble thoughts and desires.

How about one of the most hideous of all crimes, that is actually legal? **Abortion.**

Think of one of the most joyful times in our lives, when a husband and wife discover they are pregnant, when their parents find out that they will be grandparents. When their children find out they will have a brother or sister. When a sister and brother realize that they will be an aunt or uncle. When friends are happy for their friends. How about choosing a name for the expectant child, or guessing at the whether this child will be a girl or a boy? Who will be honored to be the Godparents? All happy thoughts and so much promise that all are looking forward to.

In so many cases, hundreds of thousands this year, people will make a decision to end that child's life, even before this child can take his or her first breath, before he or she have a chance to see the light of day, or the face of his or her mother. How many decisions are made, not even admitting that this expectant baby is actually a child, a human life, a gift from God. How many God given futures are crushed, lost forever?

Our Council, like so many Councils, Churches and schools across this nation, are providing buses so that people can protest this human travesty at our nation's capital and state capitals. Many of these marchers who are protesting abortion are young people from across the country, and adults, lay people, religious and clergy alike. There is one clear message. Outlaw abortion, respect the life of every child whether they are born or not. One truth exists, each abortion is the killing of a human life. Just suppose that one of these babies would have found the cure to cancer or would have become President or a Pope.

I beg you, my Sisters and Brothers, to let your voices be heard. If you cannot take part in one of the Marches, including the one that our Council is providing the bus for, than pray. Pray for all the babies who, tragically, will have their lives ended. Pray for those who are standing up defending these babies rights, even though their rights do not exist according to our present laws. Pray for those parents who are sacrificing their babies. Pray for those who are taking part in the abortion of these children, that they might receive a conversion of heart. Pray for our nation and the politicians, that they may come to see this injustice and move to defend these human lives and all human life.

Pray for each other in this New Year, and my Brothers and Sisters, please pray for me as I pray for you.

God bless you all,

Deacon Frank

Donations for the Troops

Over the years, Council 4969 has traditionally supported A.R.M.S. (American Recreational Military Services) with donations to cover the cost of shipping packages to troops who are deployed throughout the world. Many of the items shipped were typically donated by companies, businesses, and charitable groups, but this time, the supply of donated items has decreased significantly.

In an effort to address the situation, a box has been set up at the Council to accept donations of men's and women's toilet articles, writing paper and pens/pencils, snacks, batteries, etc. A full listing is noted on the box itself. Particularly now, during this season of giving, I am calling upon all of my Brother Knights to support the men and women of the military who are out there protecting liberty and freedom. Please do your part, recognizing that Charity is our basic principle.

As an added thought, if you are planning a visit to your dentist in the near future, you might ask him/her for a donation, as they are often given "free samples" of tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc. PGK Dick Rieger recently did just that and was given a case of tooth paste, which will be passed on to the troops.

John G. Budenas, PGK

Knights of Columbus, Council 4969

Presents *"Blast from the Past"*

A performance to benefit the God's Special People program
The D-Cees (Council member Dan Conti) featuring your favorites from the 50's, 60's.....

Saturday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m. Music, Dancing, Door Prizes, Catered Italian Dinner

Donation: \$20.00 per person See John Budenas (732-600-3657)

or Ray Gabbia (732-966-4758) for tickets

Hello Ladies,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wishing you all peace, happiness and good health in 2018!

[Our January meeting will be January 10th at 7:30.](#)

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Holiday Season bright by helping with Christmas Baskets, Kevin's Coats for Kids and our Christmas Families!

Looking forward to an awesome 2018!

God Bless,
Samantha

Ladies Auxiliary Offering Scholarship

The Ladies Auxiliary is proud to offer a \$500 scholarship to a #4969 member's daughter or granddaughter. Your daughter/granddaughter must be a high school graduating senior with a "B" average. The applicant must submit a completed application before February 28, 2018. Please contact Rosie McGeehan via email (rosiemcgeehan@gmail.com) for an application (please put "Scholarship" in subject line).

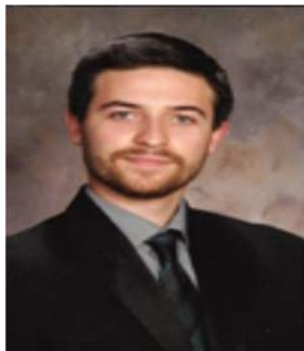
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Carmen Dorris	Sally Buecker	Dave Schick	Carol Oberschmidt	Nick Mullaney	Glenn Sawyer
Owen Jeffery	Paul Maleki	Bob Frantz	Michaelle Flammia	Marie Ierzolino	Marilyn Farley
Jesus Aguire	Jack Leahy	Harry Havens	Cheryl Good	Phil Berretta	All of Our Military
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
Terry Vasarkov	Bob Cauda PGK (dec)	Mike Minervini (dec)	John Fedorochko	Frank Shepard	NY Truck Attack Victims
John Holmes	Capt. Sean Screen	Danielle Stimus	Sharon Madore	Gail Juba	Owen Sweeny
Marty Murphy	Donny Fredricks Family	Veronica Adamkiewicz	Jenny Madore	Anthony & Margret Gambino	Alice Kelly
Richard Willadsen	Kevin Skaley	Maryann Bucco	Jack Cronin PGK	Brian Langan	
Camilla Greco	Ralph Cerame	Maria Madore	Kathleen Mechlar	Elenore Thorpe	
Owen Sweeny	Doug Allen	Bill Petrick (dec)	Mary Jane Vechione	Peter Rullo	
Don O'Brian	Fredrick's Family	Guyer Family	Clifford Buckley	George Murphy	
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 manageable 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

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN FATHER JEROME FOR
THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in WASHINGTON
DC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018
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MARCH

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Santa and his helpers giving out Christmas gifts to GSP attendees

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 SUPPORTING THE PRAECO AND HELPING US
 COVER THE COSTS

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!



Brother Knights helping at the GSP Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATE 1/21/18 2pm.

Annual AFC/NFC party

\$25pp

Food, soda, draft beer

Benefits your

BACK 2 BACK CHAMPION SOFTBALL TEAM

God's Special People Christmas Party

Not only did Ray Gabbia step up and take on the role of Chairman of the God's Special People program, but he even jumped into the role of Santa Claus at the December 8 event at the Council. The usual contingent of Brother Knights were there to help, including Nick Crosta, John Casascio, and Dominick Pizarro, who skillfully took care of all the cooking in the kitchen. Steve Kempf, once again, provided the musical entertainment for our guests, along with the group home staff who were there to lend a hand. As in the past, each of our guests was given a \$10 gift card to either Walmart or WaWa and they were particularly pleased to have it handed directly to them by the big man from the North Pole. As always, it was a great time and a memorable occasion for all who attended.

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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

WHAT CAN I DO DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR SO THAT I CAN BE BETTER AS A PERSON THAN I WAS LAST YEAR?

"Deacon Frank

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.

Four Season's Diner
Wallach's Farm Market
Crystal Diner
Poppy's Place
Dunkin Donuts Rt. 166
7-11 Rt. 166
Ray Gabbia, Chairman

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.



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CALENDAR

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

February

Tuesday	6	Columbus Club Mtg. 8 pm
Wednesday	7	KofC Business Mtg. 8 pm
Monday	12	Chapter Meeting @ 8 pm
Wednesday	14	Ladies Aux Mtg. @ 7:30
Wednesday	21	Social Meeting @ 8pm
Monday	26	KofC Officer's Mtg @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday	28	4 th Degree Officer's Mtg @ 8 pm

KNIGHT OF THE
MONTH
Joe Dobridge PGK

FAMILY OF THE
MONTH
**Ken & Nicole
Marrone PGK**