

“The Chatter”

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary’s Council

#2346 of the Knights of Columbus

December 2019

The Grand Knight’s Message

Brothers,

We have much to be thankful for this year and I am especially proud to be your Grand Knight. I would like to reflect on past messages and what we should focus on. The “nothing changes, if nothing changes” motto was a reminder that we need to have potential candidates join our great organization. We need to spread the word and let them know how we serve the community. As a result of our efforts, we had four new members this year complete their first degree!

We support St. Mary’s Parish by attending Mass on a regular basis and participate in the events Father Tom and Father Rich host. Let’s remember to be guided by our four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. If we do so, we live our daily lives believing in what we stand for and represent.

Let’s make it a great Christmas season and help those in need whenever and wherever possible.

Vivat Jesus!

Phil Urso

Upcoming Meeting / Event Dates

Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 7:30 PM Formation Degree (2nd) Cresskill Council

Monday, December 9, 2019 Holy Day of Obligation. **No Meeting**, Mass @7:00PM

Monday December 16, 2019 7:00 PM Admission Degree (1st) @ Queen of Peace

Monday, December 23, 2019 @7:30 PM

Saturday, January 11, 2020 @ 6:30 PM Christmas Party

Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Friday, January 17, 2020 @ 8:00 PM Knighthood Degree (3rd) @ Fair Lawn Council

Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 7:00 PM Admission Degree @ Queen of Peace

Saturday, January 25, 2020 6th Annual O. Allen Beyer Memorial "German Knight"

Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 7:30 PM Formation Degree (2nd) @ Queen of Peace

Membership

Please make it your and our Council's mission to remain a sustainable organization, to be able to serve our parish and community for years to come, directly with the support of a fraternity of brothers who share your faith, your values, and your desire to live with purpose. The only way this will happen is if you invite your brother, father, cousin, neighbor, friend, or guy that sits in your pew to join.

Gentlemen, please be informed of upcoming degree dates listed above for the new member you recruit.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 9, 2019

Regular meeting suspended.

Since it is a Holy Day of obligation, and the final day of the ten-day Marian Novena, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we will be attending Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church. Come join us! After Mass, there will be an international food celebration in Monsignor Walsh Hall. The Novena starts on November 30th through December 9th at 7:00 PM in the Church.

St. Mary's Church 300 Club

The 300 Club fundraiser is back by popular demand! Tickets are \$100 apiece and are limited to only 300 tickets and you have twelve chances of winning. If you win, you can win again. A monthly drawing starts on January 4th, 2020 and ends on December 5th, 2020 and each month a lucky winner gets \$1000! Tickets are on sale at the St. Mary's Parish Center and after weekend Masses. Treat yourself or give one as a gift, but remember: you have to be in it to win it! **If you do not live nearby, you may order tickets again** this year by contacting PGK Kevin Mauro via email (kevinmauro856@gmail.com). Thanks, and good luck.

Christmas Party

Due to scheduling conflicts this year's Christmas Party will be held on **January 11, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**. All guests must be confirmed in advance so that we can prepare the proper amount of food. **Please respond directly to "The Chatter"**

(kofc2346@gmail.com) **to confirm your reservation by December 23rd, 2019.**
Please include your name and how many will be attending.

German Knight 2020

Save the date! The Sixth Annual O. Allen Beyer Memorial “**German Knight**” will be held on **Saturday, January 25, 2020**, featuring authentic German food, fine music, beer, wine, and dessert. This year we will be featuring a dynamic guest speaker from the Nutley “Toastmasters International” Club. This fundraiser dinner has donated over \$12,550 to veteran’s assistance programs over the past five years. Please support this event either by attending or volunteering at it. At least six brothers are needed that night; if you would like to volunteer, please contact Kevin Mauro. Tickets are now available in advance by contacting Chairman Kevin Mauro PGK at kevinmauro856@gmail.com or calling or texting 862-220-9609. Ticket donations are \$40 per person, and please make checks payable to St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus.

Veteran's Day Pasta Night



The Veteran's Day Dinner was a success. Many thanks to all the Brother Knights who made it happen, and special thanks to PGK Stan Novak who chaired the event.

Did you notice?

We recently purchased a new pole for our banner, and with Father Rich's permission, have placed it in the front of the church next to the Divine Mercy. This should help with our church presence and continuing our membership drive.



Insurance

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have access to a professionally trained field agent who can help you and your family plan for life's eventualities.

Our field agent is: **Kevin Cox** (973) 785-8567 or kevin.cox@kofc.org