

KNIGHT Watch

The Knights of Columbus

Council #6386

at St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 2000

- 3rd First Friday Holy Hour -
SRL Church 8 PM
- 7th Monthly Bus. Meeting 8:00
PM Ryan Hall
- 8th Ash Wednesday
- 13th St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
Cook fest 10:30 PM
- 14th 12:30 Cook for Party
7:30 PM St. Pat/Joe's Party
- 15th Soup Kitchen St. Mary's
Elizabeth 9:30 – 2:00
- 21st Officers & Committees
Meeting
- 28th Social night
- 31st Begin Men's Weekend
Retreat – Loyola Retreat
House - Morristown
- April 9th Wives Appreciation
1:00 – 5:00 PM



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Following the Business meeting of the 1st, our Council was host for the Federation meeting on February 2nd. Joe Delano, Frank Sanchez and Jake Dalton did the setup, food preparation, serving and clean-up for the thirty eight people attending. The Council was represented at the meeting by our GK Bill T.

On the 15th, our efforts for the Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's were quite minimal. The fare was hot dogs, baked beans, rolls, sauerkraut, salad, beverages and cookies (plus peanut butter and jelly sandwiches which were given out as our guests left). Everything was consumed and appreciated.

Our next project was the Annual Men's Communion Breakfast following the Knights Corporate Communion at the February 20, 8 AM mass. Per Msgr. Trabold's suggestion, Knights were in evidence as altar boy (Bob Blum), Eucharistic Ministers (Frank Alexander, Carmine Bagnato, John Bendokas, Vern Bremberg and Charlie Gosling), Cantor (Jim Grimley), Guest Homilist and concelebrant (deacon Joe Persinger). Msgr. Trabold also concelebrated the mass with Msgrs. Murray and LoBianco who were the Breakfast honorees. A Fourth Degree Color Guard

contingent preceded our entry into Church. Included were Corps Commander Keith LaForgia, Charlie Trabold, Tom Beirne and Frank Sanchez. It was impressive: Deacon Joe was eloquent and our attendance was commendable. Good Job!!

The breakfast itself was well attended (about 70 in all). The speaker, Msgr. John Gilchrist, was introduced by Brother Dr. John De Voy. Msgr.'s jokes woke up and loosened up the audience. His talk was well received. Msgrs. LoBianco and Murray were presented with certificates of appreciation for their pastoral leadership plus gift certificates from the Fr. Setzer RESOURCE CENTER. Handling the food preparation was Sir Knight Chef Joe Delano and his crew of Jake and Kevin,

On February 22, Tom Pizzano, our Lecturer, introduced guest speaker and brother Knight, Bob Vogt, who spoke on stock market conditions, trends and where we might be in the foreseeable future. Bob is a vice president with Solomon, Smith Barney.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The combined *Sts. Pat's and Joe's Party* on March 14th is our next social event. Chef Joe is going to serve up a corned beef and cabbage dinner with boiled potatoes

and all the trimmings. Wine and beer will be available plus soda. The cost is only \$7.50 per person. We would like the members to prevail on their brides to donate desserts as in the past. There will be appropriate music for the evening (mostly Irish).

Brother Dave Hughes is trying to change past attendance performances by the men of St. Rose at their **Annual Retreat**. It's to be held at the Jesuit Loyola Retreat House on the weekend of March 31st – April 2nd. It starts at 6 PM Friday with dinner and ends Sunday at noon. It is a great opportunity for the Knights to take a leadership role and show the way to the men of the parish. The communion breakfast was a good start. Can we support our brother Dave in this effort?

PGK Charlie Pisciotta reminds us all that April 9th is not far off. You do remember that this is the date of the **Wives Appreciation Dinner** to be held at Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights from 1 PM until 5 PM. The cost is \$35 per person. Charlie needs to have the number of attendees by March 21st and all checks received by March 28th. Incidentally, we had to guarantee 50 attendees, so we must know by 3/21. Since Charlie is temporarily living in Freehold, you can leave word of your intentions on Jake's phone at 376-2103.

Youth Activities chairman Tom Kovach reported that St. Rose got four participants of the **Free Throw Contest** through

the Districts, and they now go on to the Regionals. Next stop would be the States. **GOOD LUCK!**



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The February – April 50/50 is sold out and we are into our fourth week. One of our four lucky winners has purchased 5 tickets to the next round with his winnings (thanks Mike!).

- Feb 4 Joe Delano
- Feb 11 Marlene Boyer
- Feb 18 Mike Feoli
- Feb 25 Jon Hetherington

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Archbishop Bayley Assembly has conducted an Essay Contest for Presidents Day in the West Orange parish schools of St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes; in Maplewood's St. Joseph's school; and in St. Rose of Lima school.

Past Faithful Navigator Darren Dangler has been named Grand Marshall for the West

Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 12th. The Color Corps are to march behind the Grand Marshall. Muster is at 11 AM behind the W.O. municipal building. All Fourth Degree members are encouraged to march.

SOCIAL NIGHTS

Brother Tom Pizzano, Lecturer, has been doing his job well thus far this year, bringing to us three fine speakers in Police Sgt. Peter Eakley, Battalion Fire Chief Charlie Gosling and most recently, Bob Vogt. The turnout at these social nights has been fairly low for the amount of work involved. These meetings are open to all members and their wives. No wives have attended and member attendance has been sparse, at best. It would seem the membership just isn't interested in Social Nights anymore, and we should discontinue them. Please let the Grand Knight know your feelings on this so a more appropriate schedule can be set up for next year.



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mary Goglia, sister-in-law of PGK Charlie Pisciotta. Mary had a massive heart attack and passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. She was interred in St. Rose's Mausoleum on Friday. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

Your prayers asked for Brother Tony Ocone, who was taken to Overlook last Saturday with chest pains and was back home on Monday. He has resumed dialysis treatment at the Guardian Center in Mountainside on a Tues/Thurs/Sat schedule. Bob Keating had made an appeal at the February Business Meeting for volunteers to either take Tony from Millburn to dialysis at 2 PM or pick him up after at 5:30 PM. It's not hard to help a Brother Knight in distress; it's fulfilling. But we need more volunteers. Mary has to pay to use a non-fraternal organization on Thursdays. Give Jake a call at 376-2103 if you can help; it doesn't have to be every week. The more people we get, the easier it is.

Your prayers must have been heard for GK Bill Tortoriello and Frank Alexander, as both are doing quite well.

There is an unchecked virus going around at our

council. Its symptoms are the dreaded Knight's Apathy Syndrome. For several **KNIGHTWatch**'s now there have been articles that require your input. But "your input" doesn't seem to translate into any output. In fact the writers of this newsletter are convinced that **NO ONE READS THE KNIGHTWatch**.

First of all, the Birthday contest consisting of finding the mistake in your name and calling the editor to win a prize. So far in the past 5 **KNIGHTWatch**'s, there have been at least 20 errors and we have had 2 calls. Conclusion: you aren't reading the **KNIGHTWatch** or you have caught the virus and you're too apathetic to pick up the phone to win the prize because you would have to come to a monthly business meeting to claim it.

Second, we published a much needed Membership Call Directory last year (our District Deputy told us no other Council in the State had anything nearly as good). In the last 5 **KNIGHTWatch**'s there have been self-mailing updates to help make it a better directory with more information about your preferences and how to get in touch with you. Since inception of this simple update form, there have been two updates received by Frank A., the directory editor. Conclusion: you aren't reading the **KNIGHTWatch** or you have caught the virus and you're too apathetic to pick

up a pen and jot down a phone number and check off which committee(s) you would like to work on because someone might call you to do some work

Third, in the last **KNIGHTWatch** there appeared a request for any interest in participating in a Prayer/Study group that would provide some spiritual benefits to group members and to the souls of our faithfully departed brother Knights. Not one single call expressing interest was received. Conclusion: you have caught the virus and become too apathetic to read the **KNIGHTWatch**. We can't believe the alternative conclusions.

The people who work to bring you this ask "... why bother?" Why take the time to write the stories, type them, lay them out for printing, get them run off, folded, stapled, labeled, bulk-mail separated and trundled off to the Post Office... every month of the year!

So, for the good of the order, we would like to know if ANYONE reads the **KNIGHTWatch**, and if so, do you want it continued? Please let us know. We don't need a lot of input, just some little sign of life out there. Call Jake at 376-2103 or Frank at 379-2867. If we don't hear from you, this monthly newsletter may be history!

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

March 7th – Business Meeting

March 14th – Saints Patrick and Joseph Party.
7:30 PM. Corned beef, cabbage, and your
desserts.

March 31st – April 2nd – Annual Men’s Parish
Retreat at Loyola Retreat House, Morristown.

April 9th – Wives Appreciation Dinner.
Confirmation by March 21st and money by
March 28th.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carmine Bagnatto	1
Glenn D’Andrea	4
John Bendokis	5
Edward Lozowsky	8
Joseph Garret	8
John Mahoney	9
Anthony D’ Giovanni	12
Joseph Delano Jr.	23
Joseph Germanotta	29
John Dalton	30

Find the mistake in your name or birthdate and claim the prize. The first Knight whose birthday is in the current month that calls Jake Dalton with the identification of the error and the correction to it will win a prize. The prize will be awarded at the next regular Tuesday business meeting.

MARCH IS FOUNDER’S MONTH

In December 1997, the cause for canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney was formally opened. Since that time the work of historical research and promotion of greater awareness of Father McGivney’s life and work has occupied the postulator, the members of the diocesan historical commission and the staff of the Father McGivney Guild. The diocesan investigation into Father McGivney’s reputation for holiness among the faithful and their conviction that his intercession has obtained many favors will draw to a close in the near future. With the completion of the diocesan phase of the process, the Roman phase will begin. The postulator will take all the documentation to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and there a study of the life and holiness of the servant of God will begin from an historical and theological point of view. Also, any reported miracles will undergo the strict scrutiny of the theological and medical consultants to the Congregation.

Father McGivney should be an inspiration to us all as an icon of our Faith. During this month in which we honor him as our founder, and the incorporation of our Order in 1882, each council is challenged to recruit at least one new member. We are happy to report that four candidates are ready to take their first degree. The next scheduled degree is in West Orange on March 1st and we believe that at least three men will be joining our council on that date: Michael Esposito, John Kennedy and Phil Farrelly.

