
KNIGHT *Watch*

The Knights of Columbus

Council 6386

at St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills

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Schedule of activities for October 1999

- 5th Business Mtg. - Ryan Hall 8 PM
- 11th First Degree - Bloomfield
- 12th Committee Meetings – Ryan Hall 8 PM
Meet the new members
- 16th Picnic at St. Andrew's Seminary – 3 PM
- 19th Cooking for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen-10/20
Officer's meeting – 8 PM
- 26th Social night
- 31st Halloween Parade



NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new *Membership and Call Directory* is out with this issue of the **KNIGHTWatch**. The purpose of the directory is to enhance communications among the Council members. From time to time, some or all of the brothers need to be informed about special events or happenings. The directory lists the phone number and address of each active member. Through a daisy chain setup, each member of the Council will receive a call from another member and may be asked to make one or more calls to other members to keep the chain going. If the calls are made reasonably timely, we should be able to reach everyone within a few days.

We want to expand the usage of the directory beyond what we can now do with it by listing with each member their interests in all or part of the Council's service, spiritual or social activities. By including interests, Fax, Work and E-mail information, we can reach out to you when committee work or activity of interest to you is needed.

To achieve this for the next version of the directory, we would appreciate your completion of

the form on page 4 contained in this **KNIGHTWatch** and returning it.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

September 15 was the third Wednesday of the month and that means we were cooking for the soup kitchen on the 14th. Sir Knight Chef Joe Delano and his crew of worthy helpers (Kevin Tighe, Bob Keating, Jake Dalton and Jim Smith) made a true "soup" kitchen menu of chicken soup (Jewish penicillin), ham and cheese sandwiches, salad, bananas, iced tea or lemonade to drink and the piece d' resistance... ice cream courtesy of Mary Lane Burry and Pete La Vecchia's Carvel store. Mary Lane is one of our faithful servers who wanted to do even more. Thank you Mary! And thank you, too, Pete for the great pricing and free samples to the kitchen help. If you would like to help Chef Joe in the kitchen for future soup kitchen cook-ins, please give him a call. He's in the new *Membership and Call Directory*.

In the last issue of the **KNIGHTWATCH** we described the Council's efforts this past summer for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and the seemingly miraculous distribution of just the right amount of food to just the right number of

hungry clients. In this issue we'd like to discuss the finances for this venture of ours.

First some history... Father Bill Crum, a brother Knight and a former parochial vicar at St. Rose and now at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Elizabeth, asked the Parish if it would be willing to take on cooking and serving once a month at his soup kitchen. Early in this ministry, the Council took on the cooking and the organization of the servers.

We anticipated the cost of food to be in the \$3 – 4,000 range per year. To lessen the burden on the Council's treasury, we started a 50/50 designed to generate \$1,000 every quarter if we have full participation. We sell 100 tickets for \$20 apiece. Each ticket has one of the 100 numbers between 00 and 99. On Fridays for 10 weeks a winning ticket is determined by the NJ Lottery Pick-3's last two numbers. Each ticket is good for the ten Fridays and conceivably, a single ticket could win ten times. Each winning ticket is worth \$100. Thus, we collect \$2,000 and pay out \$1,000. The remaining money funds soup kitchen food costs.

We have run two 50/50s and sold out each time. However, the second time was much more difficult to sell out than the first. But... we didn't reach out to the whole membership to support this fund raiser. We'd like to see more members involved. Toward that end, we're hoping to find 20 members willing to "buy" 5 tickets every three months, either for their own use or to sell/distribute to relatives, friends and neighbors. Five tickets every three months doesn't seem like too much.

If you would like to help the soup kitchen effort in this way, and give yourself or someone else a chance at one or more of the ten \$100 prizes every three months, give Frank Alexander a call. He's listed in the new *Membership and Call Directory*.

BIRTHDAYS

October's roster is rather exclusive... The VIP's for this Marian month are Carmine Carrino; Ed Cronin; Ken Fineran; Bob Meyer; Tim Middleton; Ron Tkach; and PGK Vinnie Torre.... *HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!*

NEW MEMBERS

By the time the next regularly scheduled **KNIGHTWatch** rolls around, we should have at least nine new faces at Council #6386. Jack Bendokas of Short Hills, will transfer in from the Union council and eight new members are taking their First Degree shortly. The new members are:

John Battagliola	Springfield
Vernon Bremberg	Short Hills
Charles Dwyer	Short Hills
Jon Hetherington	Millburn
Vince Nascone	Short Hills
Anthony Moschetta	Summit
Joseph Persinger	Short Hills
Raymond Torres	West Orange

The First Degree initiation will take place in Bloomfield at 8:00 PM on Monday evening, October 11th. New members will be meeting in the St. Rose parking lot at 7:00 PM and carpooling to the ceremony. All Council members are invited to attend.

The following night's regularly scheduled Committees Meeting will be the first opportunity for members to meet the new brothers. Please stop by and meet the future of the Council. We'll be serving refreshments.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE GETS STARTED

The newly formed Spirituality Committee has already met three times with Msgr. Trabold and "progress" is noted. The agenda is ambitious but concentrated efforts are directed toward Eucharistic Adoration. We plan to sponsor a Holy Hour on the First Fridays of October, November and December. Vern Bremberg, one of our First Degree candidates, is leading our efforts on this.

Vern, Deacon Joe Persinger and Ray Torres, also new candidates, will be working on the Jubilee 2000 proposals. With these endeavors, the Council is on the leading edge of Parish planning for this holiest of years. As you know, Supreme has been very supportive of Jubilee 2000 efforts.

The March For Life on January 24, 2000 has been a project of the Parish's Respect Life Committee in recent years, and has had financial support from the Knights in years gone by. Ray Torres, the group's co-chair, thinks the Knights can be very supportive of the annual bus trip to Washington this year and will be helping to coordinate both groups efforts. Why shouldn't he think we can help. The K of C nationwide is in the forefront of the right to life and opposed to abortion in every way, shape and form.

The Communion Breakfast for the men of the Parish by the Knights of St. Rose Council on February 20th, 2000 is an event that must be planned now. Committees need to be formed and all tasks delegated. That includes Ticket, Program, Hospitality and Promotion Committees. Since we bit this one off, we can't spit it out!!! It's up to us to follow through to insure the success of this undertaking. Call GK Bill Tortoriello if you're interested in helping

on one of the committees. Bill's number is in the new *Membership and Call Directory*.

UPCOMING EVENT TO REMEMBER

October 16th – Saturday – 3 PM – Picnic at St. Andrew's Seminary, Center St. in South Orange, sponsored by St. Rose Council, Archbishop Bayley Assembly and the West Orange Council. Ladies are invited. Mass at 3 PM in the Chapel will satisfy Sunday's obligation. We'll tour the facility, get some interesting history about the seminary and then picnic on the grounds. Here's a terrific chance to meet the recipients of this year's Msgr. John J. Ryan Memorial Scholarships.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Tommy Luongo (deceased), Doris Moore and Jane Marcantonio.

