



Dear Brother Knights and Families:

We hope to find everyone well and staying busy with spring cleaning, home chores, as well as celebrating communions, birthdays and other special events. It's a busy time of year, especially here at the Council.

Last week at our monthly business meeting we had a good showing of Knights, where we discussed many KOC topics, especially the need for recruiting new/young Catholic gentlemen and adding them to the ranks. We have 3 new Knights so far this year, and we would like to keep the pace going of onboarding at least one new member a month. We have several parishioners interested in our fraternity and community focused organization, and we hope to have them scheduled for their 1st Degree very soon.

We would like to also invite many of you that have not been frequent visitors to your council, to come on down and take part in our weekly gatherings, or whenever you may want to come down to relax and converse with your brother Knights. Bring your wives/ significant others and/or family members or friends/ *All are welcomed...so come on down!*

Past/Future Events and where your participation is requested:

Council Renovations – Repairs and upgrades continue at the KOC as we are scheduling the rear roof replacement by Hackensack Roofing, who as many of you know, is a very reputable and cost effective company. Concurrently, we are evaluating solar panel options over the new roof to lower our monthly electric costs. We recently had the stove repaired (for Council use only), and are painting the kitchen and adding a stainless-steel backsplash to the entire cooking area. Expect some great food to come out of that space. Other projects will be going on and we will keep you updated as we progress.

Pride in Priest Dinner – We recently attended the Annual Archdiocesan "Pride in Our Priests Dinner". **Brendan Daly** and **Bob Garcia** represented our Council, where we met Cardinal Tobin and the NJ State KOC Leadership team. We honored and celebrated the devotion and commitment of our Parish Priests towards Parishioners and the local communities they serve.

2017 GUS SCHLAIER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - We are pleased to announce that we are extending the deadline for our yearly scholarship for graduating college-bound seniors. As you may know, the fund was established to assist the children of active and current members of Monsignor Burke Council - 5015. The new deadline is **May 30th**. For those Knights that are interested in this scholarship, we ask that you quickly have your child complete our application before the deadline. (You can find a link on our website (www.kofcriveredge.com) for a copy of the application.

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Fourth Degree – Congratulations to **Eduardo de Azevedo** and **Bob Garcia** for completing their Patriot/4th Degree. 139 Knights completed their Fourth degree on Sunday – April 23rd at the Tara Sheraton in Parsippany. A very interesting degree ceremony which we would

recommend to all 3rd degree Knights. The next 4th Degree will be held on **November 12**, and we plan on taking a large contingency of Knights and interested observers. So, mark your calendars!

Memorial Day Parade – (Monday May 29th 10:30 AM) – We have been asked to show our pride by marching in the annual River Edge Memorial-day parade. Needless-to-say, we need Knights to walk the short parade route and attend the Day's memorial program. We will need Marchers and ask for your support for 1 hour, or so. Please contact the Council with your availability.

Bingo at the Veterans – [Wednesday – May 31st (6:45-8:00 PM)] - Our monthly volunteer evening at the Paramus Veterans Home is May 31st. Please join us as we setup Bingo, call the numbers and pay-out the Vets of their winnings. We also engage them as we feed them with a lite snack. Please contact the event Chairpersons (**Jim O'Donnell @ 201-261-3525** or **Ed Vega @ 201-655-8184**) for more information and confirm your attendance.

Yankee Game – Once again the "all-inclusive" Yankee Game (vs Orioles) package sponsored by the KOC Bergen Federation will be held on **Friday – June 9th**. \$65.00 includes a ticket, bus transportation, sandwich and beverage. The Bus leaves at 5:00 PM from the Westwood Council at 40 Crest Street – Westwood. **Contact our federation brother(s) on 201-316-6346/201-666-2297/201-906-3629 for reservations.**

First Saturday – Tentative (**June 10th, 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM**) The Knights yearly luncheon sponsorship for the Physically/Intellectually Challenged will be held in St. Peters Gym. The Knights provide a hardy lunch and entertainment for over 60 visitors and their care-givers. We need volunteers that day to setup, feed the guests and cleanup. Please try to help out. Contact Bob Garcia (917-455-0056) the Chairperson for the event to confirm your attendance.

Collection for the Intellectually Challenged – Event Chairperson (Ed Lane) has scheduled our Council collection for **Friday & Saturday June 16/17 (7:00 AM – 2:00 PM)**. We ask all Knights to participate for 1 hour or more throughout on those dates. Last year we collected several thousand dollars for select charities. Please schedule some time to collect, we need your help. Contact **Ed on 201-906-2717** or call the Council on the number above.

July Fourth Parade and Beer/Wine Garden – We need volunteers for marching in the Parade and helping to pour refreshments during the town July Fourth celebration in Memorial Park. July Fourth falls on a Tuesday this year, so please help-out in setting things up and pouring some libations. **Brendan Daly is the Chairperson** for the garden event; please contact on him on **201-707-2499** to volunteer as we have many duties to fill.

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In closing, keep an eye out for our weekly event emails, check the KOC website (www.kofcriveredge.com) and the calendar below with event/activity updates. Please come down and be part of the Knights tradition in helping your parish, community and those in need, as well as enjoying fellowship with each other.

Date	Venue	Location	Times
Fri – May 12	Knights Gathering (Matt Watkins - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM – Until
Fri – May 19	Knights Gathering (Ed Vega - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM – Until
Fri – May 26	Knights Gathering (Ed Azevedo - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM - Until
Mon – May 29	Memorial Day Parade	KOC Council	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Wed – May 31	Bingo	Paramus Veterans Hall	6:45 PM – 8:00 PM
Fri – Jun 2	Knights Gathering	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM - Until
Sat – Jun 3	First Saturday	St. Peters	10:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Sun – Jun 4	Community Sunday	St. Peters	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Wed – Jun 7	Monthly KOC Meeting	KOC Lounge	7:30 PM – 8:45 PM
Fri – Jun 9	Knights Gathering	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM - Until
Fri – Jun 9	Yankee Game	Westwood Council	5:00 PM – Until
Fri – Jun 16	Collection for Challenged	River Edge	7:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Fri – Jun 16	Knights Gathering	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM - Until
Sat – Jun 17	Collection for Challenged	River Edge	7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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