

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

On behalf of the Officers and Council, we would like to wish our brother Knights, their families & friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

It's been a good year for the Monsignor Burke Council as we continued our many ministries in support of our Church, the countless causes/events throughout our community for helping the needy, disenfranchised, the poor and our Veterans, all in the Knights commitment to our ideals of: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We look forward to the new year as we attempt to strengthen the ranks at our council, expand the causes we support and bring together all our brother Knights, (both new and old) to our humble council in River Edge.

Turkey Drive – The Turkey Drive held at St. Peters on November 19th was again a great success as students, parishioners and fellow Knights collected over 455 turkeys, non-perishables items and monetary donations. The food was donated to the New Jersey/Bergen County food bank which feeds hundreds of families throughout New Jersey. The collection also supported our local parish pantry which serves over 35 needy families in River Edge and the surrounding communities. Knight Sheridan Ogden & his wife celebrated their 19th year after starting the drive. Congratulations to the Ogdens and all those who have made the drive such a success!

Bingo at the Vets – Once again we will sponsor "Bingo" at the Paramus Veterans Home – 1 Veterans Way, Paramus this Thursday evening (Dec 15 @ 6:45PM – 8:30 PM). Jim O'Donnell the Chairperson for Bingo will need your help in running the game while engaging the Veterans in good discussion. Please join us.

Men's Clothing / Coat Collection – Throughout December, please bring down your slightly used men's coats, shirts, sweater, suits, ties, pants, shoes, undergarments, etc., to the KOC. There is a great need for men's clothing, especially at various shelters in our local communities.

Knight Weekly Gatherings – Please join us every Friday evening starting at 7:00 PM as the Knights, family members and friends gather in fellowship and good cheer in the KOC lounge. Play darts or watch football, Hockey or your favorite Soccer teams on our new large screen TV's; look for game dates and times, or come down to the lounge, it's there for your use!

Super Bowl Pool/Party – The yearly pool is available at the KOC. We ask that you quickly select your favorite boxes as the pool is reaching full capacity. Don't forget the Super Bowl Party on February 5, starting @5:30 at the KOC Hall. Contact the Super Bowl Pool Chairman: Carl Hartmann @ cfishigotu@aol.com or leave a message at the KOC (201-262-7766).

New Year's/Holiday Brunch – We have tentatively scheduled our complimentary brunch for Sunday – January 8th from 9:30 – 1:00 PM at the KOC Hall. Please join us as we rejoice in the new year and take part in a wide selection of hot & cold breakfast items.

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Free Throw – Paul Sanchez our council Treasurer and event Chairperson will again be running the Free Throw event in January. He will needs fellow Knights to help-out and we look forward to hearing more details on the event from Paul in the weeks ahead.

In closing, keep an eye out for our weekly 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 community and those in need, as well as enjoying fellowship with each other. (see below)

Date	Venue	Location	Times
Friday - Dec 16	Knights Gathering (Rene Munoz)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – Until
Tuesday - Dec 20	Advent - Evening of Peace & Friendship	St. Peter's	7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Friday – Dec 23	Knights Gathering (Ryan Gibbons)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – Until
Sunday – Dec 25	Christmas		
Friday – Dec 30	Knights Gathering (Bob Garcia)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – Until
January 1	New Year's Day		
Wednesday – Jan 4	Monthly KOC Meeting	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Friday – Jan 6	Knights Gathering (Al De George)	KOC Hall	7:00 PM – Until
Sunday – Jan 8	New Year's / Holiday Brunch	KOC Hall	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Friday – Jan 13	Knights Gathering (Matt Watkins)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – Until
Tuesday - Jan 17	Faith on Tap (Deacon Richard)		7:15 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday – Jan 14	St. Martins Kitchen (Feeding the needy)	Meet at St. Peters	8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday – Jan 20	Knights Gathering (Andrew Vega)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM – Until
Friday – Jan 27	Knights Gathering (Ed Azevedo)	KOC Lounge	7:00 PM - Until
Saturday – March 4	Catholic Men's Conference	Seton Hall University	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

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