

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

Happy Easter! We hope you had a solemn Lenten Season and celebrated the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter. Did you know The Easter season stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost! For 50 days, us Catholics are asked to reflect and explore more deeply “the weather of the heart,” to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives, to look at the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

Despite war, violence, personal struggles, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is with us for the next 50 days of Easter and beyond! We are asked to reflect on his presence, and even in the face of danger, or fear to live with joy of Christ’s resurrection and Love for each and every one of us.

Deputy Grand Knight – With his recent completion of the Knighthood/3rd Degree, **Ed Vega** is now officially appointed - Deputy Grand Knight! Many of you know him as a man with a big heart, the renovation man, a man of integrity and a Knight that “Gives a Damn” about Council 5015 and will continue making it the best it can be! Please join me in congratulating Ed and sending him best wishes in this most important role!

Past/Future Events and where your participation is requested:

Annual Saint Patrick’s Celebration – Once again we held the annual celebration with our brotherens from the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) for St. Patrick’s Day. After participating in the annual Bergenfield St. Patty’s Day parade, the **Tri-County Pipes & Drums** with our very own **Pat/Joe McNulty** entertained over 75 of us attending the event. Special thanks to **Richie Herr, Pat Villano, Sheridan Ogden** and others who prepared the Corn Beef sandwiches, dirty water Dogs and several wonderful desert items. Proceeds from the event have been allocated to various causes around Bergen County. (Please see pictures of the event on our website – www.kofcriveredge.com)

Grand Knights Dinner – This past month we celebrated the Grand Knighthood of **Matt Watkins**, who graciously served our Council for over 5 years! During the evening friends and family members roasted Matt for a job well-done. We also gave out plagues to several past Grand Knight in attendance. It was a memorable and heart-felt evening honoring a young-man that sustained the Council through some interesting years and persevered with the help of his officers and fellow Knights to keep the Council thriving. *God Bless and Thank you again Matt!*

Bingo at the Paramus Veterans Home – Once again we recently sponsored “Bingo” at the Paramus Veterans Home, with a “dozen knights” volunteering to make the event a fulfilling-time with the vets. Over fifty veterans enjoyed their winnings! Special thanks go out to **Pat Villano, Sheridan Ogden, Ed Vega, Tommy Nunziato, Jesus Capote** and others that volunteered for this special evening. Our next Bingo game is schedule for **May 1st**, please mark your calendars, as we need other Knights to volunteer and fulfill their quarterly obligations.

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Pride in Priest Dinner – On **Friday - May 2nd, 2017** marks the 11th Annual Archdiocesan “Pride in Our Priests Dinner”. Once again, the dinner will be at The Terrace, where we celebrate the devotion and commitment that our Priests have for their Parish, Parishioners and community. Don Ulisse, FDD will be chairing the event.

2017 GUS SCHLAIER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - Once Again, we are pleased to announce 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. We are a little late with the application process and have an **April 30th deadline** for completion. For those Knights that are interested in this scholarship, we ask that you kindly have your child complete the attached application before the deadline. (You can also find a link on our website (www.kofcriveredge.com) to the application.

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
Friday – Apr 21	Knights Gathering (Ryan Gibbons- Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM – Until
Sun – April 23	Exemplification of the Fourth Degree	Sheraton Tara Hotel – Parsippany	12:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Fri – Apr 28	Knights Gathering (Bob Garcia - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM – Until
Sun – Apr 30	Admission/1st Degree	ArchBishop Walsh Council, Ridgefield	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Mon – May 1	Bingo	Paramus Veterans	6:45 PM – 8:00 PM
Wed – May 3	Monthly KOC Council Meeting	KOC Lounge	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday – May 5	Knights Gathering (Sal DiBella - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM – Until
Friday – May 5	Knighthood/3rd Degree	Ridgefield Park Council Mother Seton, Council 5427, Township of Washington	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
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 de Azevedo - Host)	KOC Lounge	6:30 PM - Until

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