



Dear Brother Knights and Families:

I hope to find you all well and trust you're staying warm as the colder weather has arrived in New Jersey! Your Council continues on its mission to support the charitable causes we believe in and KOC events. Our focus is on our parish (St. Peters) and all its ministries that work in the community, with our time and treasure. One particular ministry is "The Food Pantry" at St. Peters, which feeds up to **35 families** in the River Edge area weekly. The pantry receives donations from the Knights and many others to keep their cupboards full, especially this time of year. Please give to this worthy cause.

We also work closely at the upcoming Turkey Drive, which will be held this Saturday - November 18th (8:30AM - 3:00PM) in the St. Peters parking lot. Did you know that the Turkey Drive is celebrating its 20th year! Our own Knight - **Sheridan Ogden** ("Oggie") and his wife started the drive and have collected thousands of Turkeys and nonperishable items to feed needy families during Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season. Congratulations to the Ogden family for giving back to the community in so many ways!

Sadly, we recently lost our former Grand Knight and Vietnam Veteran - **William Watkins**. Bill gave tirelessly of himself to his community, his family and the Council. We extend our deepest condolences to the Watkins family and honor and celebrate Bill's life. Our prayers and love are with Peg and the family.

In closing, as the Thanksgiving season approaches, let's all be mindful of the many opportunities and blessings that we enjoy in our Country and let's all pray for those who are less fortunate. My prayer is for a Thanksgiving full of joy and gratefulness for you and your families.

Bob Garcia, Grand Knight

Donations:

This past month our Council made donations of time and treasure to the following causes: **St. Peter's Food Pantry, KOC Houston Disaster Relief Fund, St. Peters JoyJ Homeless Gift-card Project, KOC Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Fund, KOC St. Ann Council - Fairlawn - Arson Relief Fund and the Paramus Vietnam Veterans.**

If you have any charities or causes that you are passionate about and would like the Council to consider for our time and treasure, please email us at kocriveredge@gmail.com or call us at tel: 201-262-7766.

Highlights of Past Events:

KOC Annual Memorial Golf Outing - Once again we had a successful Golf Outing at (Farmstead Golf Course) on September 22, remembering our past brothers **Jim Dugan** and **Jack Lucey**. We had over 100 golfers for a "best ball/shotgun" event. Congratulations go out to **Matt Watkins** - Event Chairman - for an excellent job in an event that raised considerable funds in support of the KOC charitable causes. Special thanks to the **Lucey brothers** and our resident

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photographer - **Rene Munoz**; we have some great photographs of the event on our website: www.kofcriveredge.com.

River Edge Day - Your KOC participated in the town's annual RE Day, which celebrates all the community's volunteers, businesses and special causes. Our KOC served over 250 Hotdogs and 150 Hamburgers! It was a beautiful October day which brought out many of the towns folks. Special thanks to **Richard Herr - Event Chairman, Ed Vega, Sal Di-Bella, Marco Minervini, No Garcia, Johnny Nunziato, Rob Salemo, Ernie Ruiz** and others who contributed their time to the KOC booth and town event.

Bingo at the Paramus Veterans – Event Chairpersons (Jim O'Donnell and Ed Vega) had a busy evening with about 65 veterans attending. It ran so well that evening that we played three (3) full games and fed the entire room within the hour. Appreciation goes out to our worthy past Grand Knight's - **Pat Villano & Jim O'Donnell, Mrs. O'Donnell, Ed Vega, Bob Garcia** and others, who came out to spend time with the Vets.

Knights under the Stars – We resurrected a wonderful past event and had a great time grilling burgers and hot dogs under the bright stars, as 25 Knights and family members gathered. We transformed the parking-lot with a warm fire pit, comfy chairs/tables, a refreshment stand and DJ booth. Thanks to **No Garcia** for burning some of the food, our mixologist & host - **Ryan Gibbons, Brendan Daly** for DJ'ing and others for the inaugural 1st event, which was well attended. We will have more of these as the weather warms up again!

Upcoming Events:

Turkey & Food Drive – (November 18th/19th) Please donate Frozen Turkey's, Ham's or non-perishable food items. The Turkey drive is on Saturday - Nov 18th from 8:30 - 3:00 PM at the St. Peters parking lot. Concurrently, the food drive runs throughout the weekend in the gathering space at St. Peters.

Sunday Afternoon/Monday Knight Football - We continue to follow the Giants and Jets schedule during their regular season on our "large flat-screen tv's". Specially priced IPA's/refreshments will be available, as well as some light food options. Checkout the Knights online monthly calendar for future games. Comeon down and bring your friends!

Bingo at the Paramus Veterans – [Tuesday – December 12th (6:45-8:00 PM)] - Please join us as we setup Bingo, call the numbers and pay the Vets their winnings. But the most fulfilling aspect of our visit is interacting/engaging the Vets during the game and afterwards as we feed them. Please contact the event Chairpersons (**Jim O'Donnell @ 201-261-3525 or Ed Vega @ 201-655-8184**) for more information and to confirm your attendance

Weekly Membership Gatherings – We continue to enjoy our Friday Knight member gatherings (6:30 PM – until). Join us for some fellowship, darts, jokes and camaraderie. Specially priced refreshments and food items are available.

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In closing, keep an eye out for our weekly event emails, check the updated 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 and comradery with each other.

Fri - Nov 17 @ 6:30 PM – Until	Member Gathering ("Texas RIB Night")	KOC Lounge (Bob Garcia - Host)
Sat – Nov 18 @ 8:30-3:00 PM (Volunteer Opportunity)	Turkey / Food Drive	St. Peter's Parking Lot
Sun–Nov 19. 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 St. Peter's Masses (Volunteer Opportunity)	Community-Sunday (Hosted by the KOC)	St. Peter's Church
Fri - Nov 24 @ 6:30 PM	Member-Gathering (Thanksgiving Celebration)	KOC Lounge (John McInerney - Host)
Thru – Nov 30 @ 3:15 PM (Volunteer Opportunity)	Family Promise Feeding the Homeless	Hackensack - Shelter (Bob Garcia -917-455-0056)
Fri - Dec 1st @ 6:30 PM	Member Gathering	KOC Lounge (Rene Munoz - Host)
Fri - Dec 8 @ 6:30 PM	Member Gathering	KOC Lounge (Andrew/Ed Vega-Hosts)
Tues – Dec 12 @ 6:45 PM (Volunteer Opportunity)	Veterans Bingo	Paramus Veterans Home – 1 Veterans Drive, Paramus
Fri - Dec 15th @ 6:30 PM	Member Gathering (Tapas Night)	KOC Lounge (Dan/No Garcia - Hosts)
Fri - Dec 22nd @ 6:30 PM	Member Gathering (Christmas Celebration)	KOC Lounge (Ryan Gibbons - Host)
Fri - Dec 29th @ 6:30 PM	Member Gathering (New Year's Celebration)	KOC Lounge (Brendan Daly - Host)

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