

Next monthly General Members meeting: **Wednesday – Oct 2, 2019 @ 7:30 – 8:30 PM**

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Dear Knights and Family Members,

*The Monsignor Burke Gazette is back!* And we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer with your friends and family. Now that we're all rested-up, we should be motivated to serve again in support of the Knight's charitable causes for the Columbian year ahead!

We were busy this summer since the June officer elections and Fourth of July ceremonies as we focused on and re-structure our faith-based programs. By assigning both officers and new / past Knights to leadership roles and Directorships to "take-charge" of these programs (i.e., Faith in Action, Charity Drives, Parish ministries), we believe it will re-invigorate and we will see more interest from Knights and family members while getting them back involved again.

Your Deputy Grand Knight & "Faith in Action" Program Director (**Joe Armental**) and I are working to strengthen the spiritual programs and activities of the Knights and work closely with our Chancellor (**Brendan Daly**) to plan future fund-raisers, social and Parish events, as well as membership drives.

Our golf outing Chairman (**Matt Watkins**) and his team have been working extremely hard to make sure our 21<sup>st</sup> annual golf outing at Farmstead Country Club On Friday –September 20<sup>th</sup> is a success. By driving golf attendance, contributions and sponsorships to replenish our budgets for this coming years' charitable programs, we hope to continue supporting programs to help the elderly, veterans, our Parish, the disenfranchised and especially those families and Knights in need.

Our talented Vice President of operations (**Ed Vega**) and Columbian Club members continue to keep the Knights Hall in good condition and in running operation. But it's not easy to keep an old building standing; so we ask all Knights to help out when asked either through their time, talent or treasure.

We have several 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members who have joined the ranks recently and who look forward to meeting many of you senior members to share some of the history of the KOC, while inspiring each other to continue our mission to serve and deepen our comradery, strengthen our Council and expand our brotherhood.

Please join your brothers when you can and show your support by being present and engaged at your Council & KOC programs & Parish events. We'll be on the lookout for you & we hope you'll do the same!

Vivat Jesus! Bob Garcia, Grand Knight - Cell phone: 917-455-0056

**Officer Elections (Council Officer Roles)**

Officers have been elected and their roles became effective on July 5. As a reminder here is a listing of the new and renewed Officers and Trustees for the 2019 -2020 Columbian year:

<b>Grand Knight: Bob Garcia</b>	<b>Treasurer: Paul Sanchez</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight: Joe Armental</b>	<b>Lecturer: Craig Salvatore</b>
<b>Chancellor: Brendan Daly</b>	<b>Advocate: Robert Hitscherich</b>
<b>Recorder: John MacInerney</b>	<b>Warden: Jose Castillo</b>
<b>Inside / Outside Guards: William Donovan / Dennis McVeigh</b>	
<b>Board of Trustees: Matt Watkins, Pat Villano, Steve Fondes</b>	

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**Donations:**

This past 2 month our Council made donations of its time and treasure to the following causes: St. Peter's Food Pantry, Paramus Vietnam Veterans, St. Martins Kitchen, River Edge Families in need, Hackensack Men's Shelter & St. Peter's Senior Center

If you have any charities or causes that you are passionate about and would like your Council to support with our time and treasure, please let us know by emailing us at [kocriveredge@gmail.com](mailto:kocriveredge@gmail.com) or call the Council at Tel: 201-262-7766.

***Upcoming Events: Volunteer Opportunities/Donations Needed***

**Golf Outing:** Is scheduled for **Friday - Sept 20**, with the bus leaving at 6:45 AM at KBG field lot in River Edge. Please sign-up your "foursomes" and don't forget your individual or business sponsorships. Please invite friends and family members to enjoy a wonderful day at Farmstead Golf Club. If you don't golf, please consider a donation which will support our charitable efforts in the community. Please contact the Golf Chairperson (**Matt Watkins** - Tel: 201-927-7660) with your completed forms, or with any questions. Signup forms are on the link below and we now accept PayPal for your convenience.

**St. Peter's Food Drive (Sept 21/22)** - Knight (**Marco Minervini**) and parishioners will be conducting a Food Drive to benefit the Center for Food Action. Please bring donations to the Gathering Space any time up until 2:00 PM on Sunday. All nutritious food will be gratefully accepted, but especially needed are canned meats and tuna, canned fruits & vegetables, soups, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, canned & dried beans, rice & baby food. And paper goods, personal hygiene products and diapers

**St. Peters Carnival (Sept 26-29)** – Join your brother Knights and family members at this year's Carnival! Many volunteer slots are needed and remember all proceeds of the carnival helps the parish and its mission. Don't forget to buy your Raffle Tickets as they will be on sale after all the masses every weekend from now until the Carnival, and in the rectory. Both the raffle and ride tickets are \$25.00 each.

**Vietnam Vets Bingo: (Tuesday – Oct 1st @ 6:45 PM)** - Please join us as we sponsor Bingo, at the Paramus Vets Home. Call the "winning" numbers and pay the Vets their earnings. But the most fulfilling aspect of our visit is interacting with the Vets during the game and engaging them afterwards. 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. Sincerest thanks to **Oggie Sheridan and the AOH** for having contributed funds to the Vets fund which covered recent events. *Donations appreciated!*

**River Edge Day: (Sunday – Oct 6 @ 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)** Once again the Knights will serving Hot Dogs and Burgers during R.E. Day. Volunteers needed to cook and serve as this is one of the KOC fund raisers. Contact event Chairperson (**Rich Herr @ 201-646-0584**) for help needed & more information.

**St. Martins Kitchen: (Sat, Oct 12 @ 9:30 AM)** Since 1995, a team of St. Peter's parishioners, fellow knights and our Deacons, who have been purchasing food, delivering, cooking, serving and cleaning up, were in action once again! Over 75 hungry men, women and children are fed and provided with clothing as needed. A fulfilling experience, so join us at St. Peters parking lot @ 9:30AM; you'll thank yourself for going and bringing the kids to this rewarding event and ministry. (Contact **Mark Lukich @ 201-262-7766** and leave a message for more information).

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**Halloween Party (Sat – Oct 26) 7:00 PM – Until:** We are making final arrangements with the Jumpin Dragons band to celebrate Halloween with a costume dance party. All are welcomed and tickets will be sold for entry, as we have to limit the number of people attending due to fire code. More details to come so watch for upcoming emails. Contact **Bob Garcia (Cell: 917-455-0056)** for more information.

**Football Sundays/Monday Nights** – We are looking to use our large flat-screen TV's to watch football and other fall and winter sporting events. Lookout for our email invitations and please feel free to use the KOC lounge to host your fellow Knights, friends and family members? We are looking for Knights to host some of these games, so call us to make arrangements or just come on down.

**Friday Night Gatherings** – Join us every Friday evening for our weekly gathering and theme night. Specially priced adult beverages will be served 6:30 PM – until. Inquiry to be a host for the evening.

### Highlights of Past Events:

**July Fourth Parade and Beer Garden** - On July fourth the Knights once again hosted the River Edge Beer & Wine Garden in Memorial Park. It was well attended by many town residents who enjoyed a day of celebration with their neighbors. Many Knights came down to help-out and rejoin their brothers for fellowship and a good laugh! We want to thank for brothers at the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) who managed the food stand and cooked to everyone's delight and helped with setup! Special thanks go out to **Brendan Daly, Ed Vega, Matt Watkins, Rene Munoz, John Mac, Steve Baxter, former PGK Tom Herity, Dennis McVeigh, No Garcia, Bill Donovan, Sal Dibella, Jose Castillo, Craig Salvatore** and so many other Knights! Thank you so very much!!!

**Vets Bingo** – Once again team **O'Donnell & Vega, and the AOH** spent an evening with the Paramus Vietnam Veterans hosting a night of Bingo! The event was well attended by fellow Knights and Hibernians who funded the evening of cash prizes and spent some quality time with the appreciative Veterans. Hats off to **Steve Baxter** and the **AOH!** And many others Knights and family members!

In closing, keep an eye out for our weekly event emails, check the updated KOC website ([www.kofcriveredge.com](http://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.

Check out the special events and volunteer opportunities below and please join us... *you're missing out and your Council and brother Knights miss your presence!*

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Fri – Sept 20, @ 6:30 AM	Annual KOC Golf Outing	Farmstead Country Club (Matt Watkins – Chairperson)
Sat/Sun – Sept 21/22 <b>(Donation Opportunity)</b>	St. Peter’s Food Drive	St. Peter’s Church (Marco Minervini)
Thurs/Sun – Sept 26/29 <b>(Volunteer Opportunity)</b>	St. Peters Carnival	Sign Up <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2dab9-stpeter2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aeab2dab9-stpeter2</a>
Mon – Sept 30 @ 7:45 PM	Formation Degree (2nd)	St. John Council #1345 61 Armour Place, Dumont
Tues – Oct 1st @ 6:45 PM) <b>(Volunteer / Donation Opportunity)</b>	Vets Bingo - Paramus	Veterans Home – One Vets Drive, (Ed Vega / Jim O’Donnell)
Wed – Oct 2 @ 7:30 PM	<b>Monthly Knights Meeting</b>	KOC Hall
Fri – Oct 4 @ 7:45 PM	Knighthood Degree (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Mother Seton Council #5427 79 Pascack Road, Township of Washington NJ 07676
Sun – Oct 6 (1:00– 4:00 PM) <b>(Volunteer Opportunity)</b>	River Edge Day:	KOC Lounge (Rich Herr - Chairperson)
Tue – Oct 8 @ 7:45 PM	Admission Degree (1 <sup>st</sup> )	St. Thomas Moore – Westwood Council #2188
Wed – Oct 9 @ 7:45 PM	Formation Degree (2nd)	Sacred Heart Jesus # 3644 Wallington, NJ
Sat - Oct 12 @ 9:30 AM) <b>(Volunteer Opportunity)</b>	St. Martin’s Kitchen	St. Peter’s Parking Lot (Mark Lukich – Chairperson)
Sat – Oct 26 @ 7:00 PM	Halloween Costume Party (Staring the Jumping Dragons)	KOC Hall (Bob Garcia - Chair)
Sun – Nov 17 @ 1:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Patriot Degree (Color Guard)	The "New" La Neve’s 276 Belmont Avenue Haledon, NJ 07508

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Pictures of some events can be found on the KOC website @ [www.kofcriveredge.com](http://www.kofcriveredge.com) and [Facebook Page](#)

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