



Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

A Catholic men's organization promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Family and Patriotism

March 2021

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,

I hope that everyone is healthy and safe. I know that it has been hard for some of us to get on the vaccine list but keep at it and hopefully in the spring we will all be vaccinated and ready to mingle with our family and friends again.

Please let me remind everyone that it is that time of the year when we all pay our dues. To those who have paid their dues, I thank you. This allows the council to pay bills and generate those charitable activities that **Jesus** expects us to do. The due date for our dues has passed and we still have 30 brothers that have not paid. If you are one of those brothers please get your dues in. **Currently, your dues would be \$48.00. You can pay by Pay Pal or send a check to Robert Young at 16 Stevenson Lane, Califon, NJ 07830. If you can't pay your dues please call me and let me know. My cell is 908-797-6344 and all information will be strictly personal.**

Kevin Loughney has asked me to remind everyone to get your money in for the K-Club. Many of you who were regular players have stopped. We are still running it and there are winners every week. Send your money to **Mary Jean Fiore** at the rectory. If you have left the parish you may still play.

Fr. James has asked me to remind you that **volunteers** are still needed to help with the snow removal when it snows. The parish has snow blowers, salt and shovels. If you want to bring your own tools and equipment that is alright too.

I would like to remind everyone to be sure to read the emails from **Rich Mirocco**. Rich is our council's Life Director. His emails are aimed at keeping all of us abreast of what is taking place with the right to life issues in our state and country. Rich also provides opportunities for us to practice our beliefs by taking part in peaceful protests, usually held in front of Planned Parenthood buildings, or abortion clinics. Of course, masks and proper distancing is required. I would also like to say that Rich is probably one of the best Life Directors that there is. He knows his subject very well and communicates it effectively. Come to a meeting and listen to what he has to say.

May **GOD** bless you and your families and keep all of you safe and healthy.

In the near future, the council is planning to complete a project with the local Boy Scouts. Under the direction of **Steve Kallesser** who is a brother Knight and a Boy Scout leader as well, the Scouts will mass produce bird houses to be sold to parish members as a fund raiser. Good luck to Steve and his boys. By the way, brothers are welcome to pitch in and help the Scouts especially if you have children involved. You guessed it, masks and distancing will be required.

In our prayers, during this Lenten Season, let us pray for **Vincent Scarponi, Annette Wilmott, Greg and Allen Rathgens, Patty and Robert Ronca, David Codd, David Bernardo, Aidan McNamara, Joseph Leary, Frank Kyrpczak, Frank Kyrpczak Jr., Fr. Hugh Grace, Fr. Gerard Lair, Bill Cerwinski, Greg Boyle, the family of Vinnie Tavormina our State Deputy RIP, Cathy Bush, and Bill Honachefsky Sr.**

I hope everyone has a very holy and spiritual season of Lent
Vivat Jesus,
Mario Bernardo, Grand Knight

SPECIAL AWARD!



St. Joseph Council presented George Mehaffey with a special recognition, naming him an

HONORARY KNIGHT OF ST. JOSEPH.

Thank you George for your dedicated assistance and support for the efforts of our council in many ways!

EQUES CUM BEATO JOSEPH

Whereas, Mr. George E. Mehaffey continues to provide exemplary service to his faith and community; In recognition thereof and appreciation of his service, the members of St. Joseph Council 10627 confer upon

George E. Mehaffey

Honorary Knight of Saint Joseph



Grand Knight, St. Joseph Council
January 28, 2021



Above: brother Greg Boyle, George Mehaffey and GK Mario Bernardo

Fraternal News

Nearly 30 council members have not remitted his 2021 dues. Payment was due on January 15. If you have not paid, please respond to the ***Knight Alert*** letter you will receive from our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary in the next few days. \$48 should be sent to **Robert Young, 16 Stevenson Lane, Califon NJ 07830** or paid with PayPal via the council website.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

FAITH ACTIVITIES **@ St. John Neumann Parish**



It is finally official that St. John Neumann is blessed with a new deacon, as previously shared by Steve Bauernfeind. Deacon Michael Wojcik, formerly of the Diocese of Paterson, is bringing his faithful service to the St. John's community. Some of us initially met Deacon Mike in December when he spoke at a combined men's and women's Spirituality Breakfast. Deacon Michael also presided at services one weekend in January when Father Rick was sick.

The February Men's Spirituality Breakfast, initiated by Brother Jim Murray, is scheduled for Saturday the 27th at 7:44 a.m. We meet in the Narthex, and practice social distancing. It includes a light breakfast, sharing and bible study led by Paul Gagen. A number of SJN Knights regularly attend; attendance is not limited to St. John Neumann parishioners. If you would like to attend, please don't hesitate to just show up.

Stations of the Cross are scheduled each Friday at 7:00 p.m. through Lent.

Lenten small faith groups began meeting the week of February 15th. The groups will meet weekly, at various starting times, through Lent (either in person, or via Zoom). The groups will use the book "25 Life Changing Questions from the Gospels". Group meetings will continue through Lent.

The annual Auction and Dinner Dance fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday June 5th, 2021. It is being held outdoors, so there is a rain date of Saturday June 12th. The event typically includes wine and beer tasting, a live and silent auction, and a dinner dance.

Cornerstone: Although the annual Cornerstone that was to be held at ICC during January was cancelled due to Covid, Cornerstone 2022 is tentatively scheduled for the second half of January 2022. The Cornerstone group continues to meet, often via Zoom.

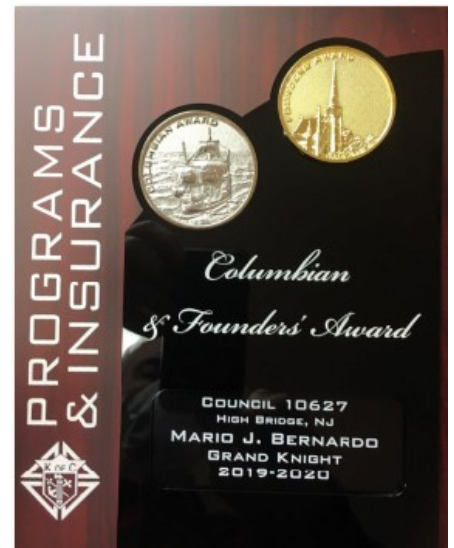
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Council Receives the Colombian Award

The Colombian Award is given to councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, service to the Community and the Church.



Left: District Deputy Dan Murphy presenting the award to Grand Knight Mario Bernardo.



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What's the difference between a kleptomaniac and a literalist?

The literalist takes things literally. The kleptomaniac takes things, literally.



By the end of this month (February), it seems as though it has been snowing forever! It hasn't, but we've had a lot.

During the past 20 winters, there have been only nine months where we've received 30" or more inches of snow (locally).

This February, we had 38" in eleven snowfalls (not counting the days there were merely flurries). Neither the amount nor frequency were 'records' but some places nearby were pounded even harder! Blizzard Orlena at the beginning of the month set records in some parts of NJ, but was far below the 52" that fell on Vernon Township in February 1961! **FYI for data lovers:**



Month	Total inches	# of days it snowed	Winter	Total inches	# of snowfalls
January 1994	35.0	10	1993-1994	90.0	28
January 1996	34.2	4	1995-1996	94.2	26
February 2001	33.0	2	2001-2002	78.5	18
February 2003	31.5	4	2002-2003	76.5	22
February 2010	44.5	6	2009-2010	68.0	12
January 2011	37.0	10	2010-2011	54.5	19
February 2014	38.5	9	2013-2014	73.0	26
March 2018	32.5	5	2017-2018	66.5	19
February 2021	38.0	11	2020-2021	?	?

More local snowfall data: ("Local" meaning just outside my window.)

- ◆ During the past 100 winters, the average total snowfall through February was **26.1"** (with 6.5" average coming after February).
- ◆ We've already had **54"** of snow this winter through February. (It's snowing again as I finish this article!)
- ◆ The average total snowfall during the past 100 winters was **32.6"**.
- ◆ The deepest average snowfalls were in the decades of the 1960s (**45.3"** per winter), 2000s (**44.4"** per winter) and 2010s (**42.6"** per winter). (Although the deepest winter snowfalls occurred in 1993-1994 and 1995-1996, the 1990s decade average ranked 4th with **41.3"**.)
- ◆ The lowest snowfall amounts occurred in the 1920s (**20.3"** per winter), 1930s (**23.8"** per winter) and the 1980s (**25"** per winter). The 1940s, 1950s and 1970s snowfalls were about **28"** per winter.

**The snow was not deeper when I was a kid. I was just shorter.
Whatever! Next year I'll have a bigger snow thrower!**



Fraternal News



mark  your **Calendar**

We will attempt to resume our charity golf outing but with the pandemic precautions in place. Brother Knights should start formulating their individual foursomes and talk to friends who have played before to save the date!

PGK Kevin Loughney, Special Events Director



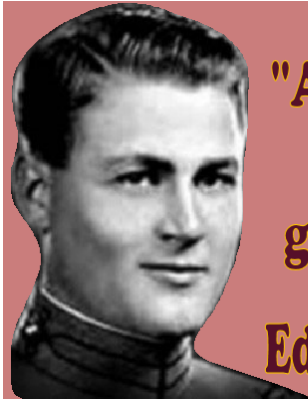
"You think you're having a bad game?
I'm looking for a **bowling ball!**"

Please contact
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Concerns Activity
Director to
report any council
member in need!



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Murphy's Law....



"Anything that can go wrong, will go ~~werng~~ wrong!"

Edward A. Murphy, Jr.

Captain Edward Aloysius Murphy, Jr. is credited for starting them in 1949, when the Air Force used a rocket sled in the Mojave Desert to see how many G's the human body could withstand.

Captain Murphy discovered that someone had installed all six G-measuring devices backwards. Major John Stapp, had previously endured 31 G's and Murphy told Stapp *"If there's more than one way to do a job and one of those ways will end in disaster, then somebody will do it that way!"* Stapp replied, *"That's Murphy's Law!"*

We've seen lots of "Murphy's Laws":

- **Murphy's First Law:** Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.
- **Murphy's Second Law:** Nothing is as easy as it looks.
- **Murphy's Third Law:** Everything takes longer than you think it will. ... Etc.

Here are **Murphy's 15 other laws....**

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those, who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, none of whom were smart enough to get out of jury duty.





Happy Birthday!

Mary Ann Furnari March 6
 Bill Mahoney March 8
 Deby Artiglere March 12
 Mindy Manahan March 12
 Henry Steward March 15
 Greg Van Nest March 15
 Stephen Majercak March 22
 Kimberly Wade March 23
 Wayne Lloyd March 25
 Robin Corrado March 28
 Luke Rigatti March 30

Happy Anniversary!

Sky & Kimberly Wade
 March 9
 Rev. Leo Salvania
 March 11 (Ordination)
 John & Maureen Gargas
 March 31

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

Officers:

Grand Knight	Mario Bernardo	797-6344
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Recorder	Steve Bauernfeind	638-4285
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Treasurer	Rich Mirocco	638-4504
Warden	Andy Kin	617-5621
Inside Guard	Tom O'Farrell	246-7507
Outside Guard	Chris Dietrich	797-0243
Past GK	Tom Corrado	328-9440

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Kevin Loughney, PGK	797-0061
Tom Corrado, PGK	328-9440

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Life	Rich Mirocco	638-4804

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♦ **Leadership Planning Meetings** are on the 4th Thursday of each month (7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Church Hall).

All officers, trustees, directors and activity leaders are encourage to attend. (Other members are welcomed!)

♦ **Regular Membership Meetings** (on the 2nd Thursday if each month) will be resumed as soon as we can!!

All the News That Fits.

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