



Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

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

March
2023



Grand Knight's Message

I'm always shocked how fast each month passes us by, but not February, despite having only 28 days. There was a lot going on.

During March, we are in the Season of Lent which brings us to Easter, our Faith's most important Holy Day. Lent is more than meatless Fridays, it's a time to get closer to Jesus. Even with our busy schedules, hope that you can find time to attend Stations of the Cross, Andrew Rispoli's Tuesday Bible Study at St. Joseph Church (in the hall at 7:30 p.m.), or even Lenten small faith groups such as at St. John Neumann. It's also a time to remember others who are less fortunate, and get started on your charitable giving plans for the year if you haven't done so already. To me, it's not about the giving up to be miserable; it's about the joy of sharing what you give up.

While we were all shocked to learn about Soccer Challenge Activity Leader Kevin Speckin's medical issues, but it was uplifting to hear that his surgery went well. If you can do anything to help the Speckin Family, please do so, Kevin's recovery will likely be slow. We look forward to seeing him.

On a much sadder note, Brother Jim Codd's son David passed on February 3rd after a very long battle with cancer. Thank you to so many brother Knights who attended the memorial gathering for Dave on February 11th.

Thank You to everyone who paid their 2023 dues early to take advantage of the discount. Even with the revised cost structure designed to encourage early payment, some of us still haven't paid. If you haven't done so, we would appreciate if you could do so now since it takes your time and ours to follow up. Accordingly, we would appreciate if you would share any constructive thoughts at a meeting, or with any Trustee or Officer - on how to improve the dues collection process. Perhaps there is a way to better get your attention with our busy schedules. We appreciate that you are a member of Council 10627, we don't want this to become a burden. I appreciate all the efforts on the part of Greg Boyle, FS Andrew Rispoli and everyone else for taking care of this important function.

So what happened in February?

Free Throw Activity Leader Chris Denis coordinated the Council Free Throw competition at 3 different schools from February 13th through the 16th, and also a shootout and award presentation on February 21st. There were 132 shooters. Thanks to Chris, our Council was the only one in the district to hold a successful Free Throw competition! The next step is the regional competition on March 4th. Many thanks also to Recorder Steve Bauernfeind, PGK Mario Bernardo, Treasurer Rich Mirocco and Chancellor Mark Kucharski for volunteering; I was also there.

Sean Rogan and Bob Hugelmeyer again did a great job running the spelling bee on February 12th. Thank You! Thank you also to Steve Bauernfeind and Mike DiMeo for attending to show support, I also managed to make it. The diocesan spelling bee is scheduled for March 11th at St. Ann's in Raritan Boro, Brothers Sean and Bob will officiate.

Note that the Council followed the KofC "Safe Environment" guidelines at the Free Throw and Spelling Bee as youth were present. It's a bit of an effort to do so, but we need to do whatever is necessary protect Youth.

Many thanks to Family Director Joe Gallico, who organized the Pizza Night event held on February 17th. It was a great event that about 40 Knights and family members attended and enjoyed.

Thank You to Treasurer Rich Mirocco and FS Andrew Rispoli for completing the semiannual audit that was sent in.

Our February 23rd meeting was a special culinary event thanks to FS Andrew Rispoli and maybe just a little help from the family. Andrew prepared a great Italian feast that attendees enjoyed. For such a meeting, we try to limit discussion time (but still cover whatever can't wait), leaving time for socialization.

Joe Gallico stepped forward again to run Family Bowling at Oakwood Lanes in Washington on February 27th. There were about 50 bowlers of all ages, who appeared to have a great time, even if no one bowled a 300 game. Thank You again Joe!

Our March meetings are on Thursday March 9th at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday March 23rd, again at 7:30 p.m. If you haven't made a meeting recently, I suggest the March 9th meeting that DGK Chris Dietrich will run. Sorry, all good things must end - I'll be back for the second March meeting.

If you're having trouble keeping up with Council activities, just go to "kofc10627.org" and find "Council Calendar" under the "more..." tab. Greg Boyle does a great job keeping up with the calendar and website.

As previously covered, K-Club 2023-1 started on February 19th. Hopefully, you are already part of K-Club 2023-1 (and even 2023-2), and if so - thank you for supporting the Council. The cost is \$40 per person for each membership, and family members are welcome. It's not a huge fundraiser, but we do need ways to raise funds for the Council. If you're not sure how to join, please go to the Council website "kofc10627.org" and scroll down to "K-Club" under the "more..." tab.

Concerning fundraisers, our Council's biggest fundraiser is the golf outing under the leadership of PGK Kevin Loughney. This year, it is scheduled for Friday June 2nd at High Bridge Hills. Kevin currently resides in Pennsylvania; it will be his last year at the helm, so we need Brother Knights to join in if this is going to continue. We will be hearing more from Kevin as we get closer to June; many thanks to everyone who has already stepped forward to make sure this will be another outstanding outing. So please mark your calendars, start lining up your foursomes, reconnect with our sponsors and try to sign up new sponsors that you patronize. Please see more about the outing and sponsors in this issue of KWN. Golf Outing flyers have been printed out for distribution, and should be available at the next meeting. If you can contact potential sponsors by email, you can always attach the flyer PDF.

Also looking forward:

Our Council will again participate in a great local parade, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Clinton Parade on Sunday March 12th starting at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Recorder Steve Bauernfeind if you can make it so that you are registered. Steve will also provide details concerning where and when to assemble beforehand.

The ARC Collection is back, it is scheduled for the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of April 29th and 30th at ShopRite Clinton. So again, mark your calendars, and look for further information concerning signing up.

Also, the **HELP WANTED** sign is back up for the Recorder position. It was confirmed that Recorder Steve Bauernfeind and his wife Nancy will be leaving NJ during late spring, and will be closer to family in Maryland. While we can never replace Steve, we do need a Brother Knight to become the new Recorder and coordinate correspondence. Now is the time to start, as Steve is available in person while learning the ropes. If you're not sure, please contact Steve directly concerning questions.

Just want to mention again, with so many emails, I frequently miss some. If I don't respond to email messages, please call (leave a message if I don't pick up) or text me at 908-246-3722. Again, I will be on the road during early March.

Tom Klawunn, Grand Knight

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Once again, brother Chris Denis , coordinated a great Free Throw Tournament. The competition was conducted in High Bridge and Lebanon Township with the cooperation of High Bridge Youth Basketball (HBYB) and the Lebanon Township Youth Athletic Association (LTAA). Chris reported:

"We had more than 130 kids participate and met again Tuesday to break ties in a few divisions and give out awards to our winners. Because we were the only council to have a tournament locally, our winners were also crowned district champions and are eligible to compete in the regional (diocesan) round of the tournament on March 4th. That will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Milltown "

Brother Chris extends his thanks to the council members who helped with the event.

2023 Tournament Champions and which youth athletic league they represent:

9 Year Olds

- o Female Winner: Lucy Ernst - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Brandon Douglas - HBYB

10 Year Olds

- o Female Winner: Kyleigh Lynch - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Michael Puppo - LTAA

11 Year Olds

- o Female Winner: Grace Trynor - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Wyatt Kaltenbach - HBYB

12 Year Olds

- o Female Shootout Finalist - Hannah Heimlich - LTAA
- o Female Winner: Ruby Collett - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Dallas Monahan - LTAA

13 Year Olds

- o Female Winner: Nadia DiRe - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Ryan Puppo - LTAA

14 Year Olds

- o Female Shootout Finalist: Christa Lenzinger - LTAA
- o Female Winner: Cordelia Cahill - LTAA
- o Male Winner: Connor Ibex: HBYB



Awards Ceremony Photo:

Back Row (L to R): Lucy Ernst, Kyleigh Lynch, Grace Traynor, Hannah Heimlich, Ruby Collett, Nadia DiRe, Christa Lenzinger, Cordelia Cahill

Front Row (L to R): Michael Puppo, Ryan Puppo, Brandon Douglas, Dallas Monahan

Not Pictured: Wyatt Kaltenbach, Connor Ibex

Knights pictured (L to R), Grand Knight Tom Klawunn, Recorder Steve Bauernfeind, Past grand Knight Mario Bernardo, Treasurers Rich Mirocco and Free Throw Activity Leader Chris Denis.



Above: Linda Mirocco and brothers Steve Bauernfeind, Mark Kucharski Tom Klawunn and Rich Mirocco who supported the 2023 Special Olympics Bowling event.,

Council By-Laws The council by-laws that were last adopted in 2021 require revisions. Our annual dues have increased to \$60 and Supreme has made some other minor changes to the required provisions (e.g., requiring monthly "council meetings" and "officers' planning meetings". Council members have already received a copy of the proposed amended by-laws via e-mail They will be adopted at the March 9 membership meeting. If you have not seen them, contact the Council Advocate, Bill Honachefsky, Jr.:

william.honachefskyjr@hotmail.com or (908) 328-9631

LIFE ON THE PORCH

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house, and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years, and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long, and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty, and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I'll be on the front porch.

2023 Scholarships

St. Joseph Council offers **Joseph F.**

Labuta Memorial Scholarships to high

school seniors who are children of a St. Joseph Council member.



The scholarship criteria and application form are available at www.kofc10627.org/council-scholarships.html

The application deadline is May 1.

Questions should be directed to brother Mario Bernardo who chairs the scholarship program at:

**(908) 797-6344 or
mbern67@yahoo.com**

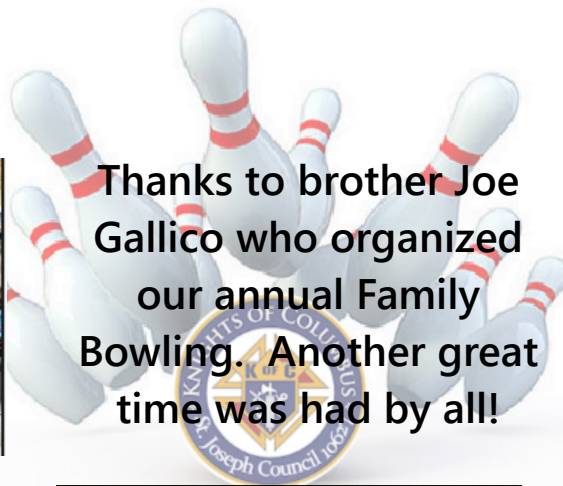


FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The council hosted members and St. Joseph parishioner families to another “Pizza on the Knights” event in February.

Thanks to Family Director, Joe Gallico, for organizing the event.





Golf Sponsors & Prizes

Brothers, we need golfers for our June 2, 2023 golf tournament.

And we need you to sign-up sponsors for the tournament.

The sponsors from last year are listed below.

- **If you recruited that sponsor last year, please do it again.**
- **And please identify other potential sponsors/donors. Who is not on the 2022 list that we may have forgotten to approach?**

Please try to recruit them as a sponsor.



Golf Brochure

*Send your sponsor recommendations to
sponsor chairman Bill Cerwinski*

(732) 715-0057 w.cerwinski@comcast.net

Scan the **QR Code** to get your copy of the 2023 brochure.

Scan the QR Code *in the brochure* to sign yourself up.



Gold Sponsors (\$200@ or more)

Bourbon Street Wine &
Spirits
Batch Building & Remodeling
Clinton Honda
Cornerstone Tax Services
CRST Logistics
DiMola's Pizzeria &
Restaurant
Echwood Cleaning
High Bridge Hills GC
Martin Funeral Home
Oxford A1 Tire Service
Peking Wok
Pope John Paul II
Assembly 3293
Shop Rite of Hunterdon
St. Joseph Church
Unity Bank
Van Doren Oil

Sponsors (\$100@)

Bill & Kathy Hoffman
Califon Lumber
C.A.R.S. Auto Body
Carl & Company Haircare
Clinton Bagel Co.
Clinton Water Treatment
Destination Athlete
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
Green Rock Recycling
Gronsky's Milk House
High Bridge Fire
Department
Hilltop Deli
James A Connors Insurance
Kevin's Tree Experts
L&L Lawn & Garden
Equipment
Miracle Ear of Flemington
Naughtright-Scarponi
Funeral Homes
Open Cupboard Food Pan-
try
Rick Allen's Auto Service

Donors & Prize Sponsors

Bill Healy Designs
Bohem's Golf Center
Circa Restaurant
Clinton House Restaurant
Cryan's Tavern
Flowers by the River
Heron Glen Golf Club
Hunterdon Health &
Wellness Centers
Jack Frost National
Lotus Salon & Spa
Metropolitan Seafood
Mountain View Chalet
Oscar's Gourmet Deli
Pino's Gourmet Pizza
PNC Bank
Purotu Salon & Boutique
Rambo's Country Store
Riley & Jake's Restaurant
& Bar
Royce Brook Golf Club
Russ's Wrench Auto Repair
Terrace Jewelers
Tom & Jackie Walsh
Towne Restaurant

SING DANCE SOCIALIZE RAFFLE

Friday April 21, 2023

Willie Lynch Band



St. John Neumann Church, 398 County Route 513, Califon, NJ

Doors open 6:30pm Ceili Dance Lessons 7pm Band starts at 8pm

Bring your own Food & Beverage

Water and Soft Drinks will be available for purchase

Adults \$20 / Teens \$10 / Children 12 and under Free

(Teens and Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

To Reserve a Table or Tickets



Call or Text Fred @ 908-229-5879 or Patti @ 732-371-9698

or Call Church Office 908-832-2513

<http://www.ccsjn.org/Directions>



Birthdays

Mary Ann Furnari

March 6

Greg Van Nest

March 15

Stephen Majercak

March 22

Kimberly Wade

March 23

Steve Fortier

March 26

Robin Corrado

March 28

Luke Rigatti

March 30

Anniversaries

Deacon Steve
& Michelle Fortier

March 6

Sky & Kimberly Wade

March 9

John & Maureen Gargas

March 31

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

Officers:

Grand Knight	Tom Klawunn	246-3722
Chaplain	Fr. James Kyrpczak	303-6243
Deputy G. K.	Chris Dietrich	797-0243
Chancellor	Mark Kucharski	323-0479
Recorder	Steve Bauernfeind	399-6867
Fin. Sec.	Andrew Rispoli	(973) 417-3429
Treasurer	Rich Mirocco	892-8252
Advocate	Bill Honachefsky	328 9631
Warden	Tom Waldron	391-0284
Inside Guard	Tom O'Farrell	246-7507
Outside Guard	Mike Krochta	500-0478

Trustees:

Mario Bernardo, PGK	797-6344
Kevin Loughney, PGK	797-0061
Tom Corrado, PGK	328-9440

Faith In Action Program Directors:

Faith	Andrew Rispoli	(973) 417-3429
Family	Joe Gallico	507-6420
Community	Tom Corrado, PGK	328-9440
Life	Rich Mirocco	892-8252

Fraternal Programs Directors:

Program	Chris Dietrich	797-0243
Membership	Tom O'Farrell	246-7507

Dist. Deputy: Dan Murphy 635-4120

Ins. Agent: Gerry Tatarka (973) 713-3394

Website: www.kofc10627.org

Access the council calendar by:

- Scanning the QR Code,
- From the Council Calendar drop down on our website, or
- Just bookmark the link in your browser.



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