

# **Knight Worthy News**

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

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

May 2023

Our 2023 Baby Shower began on April 29/30 and continues May 6/7 and May 13/14.

On May 6, the council will host the Pasta Supper

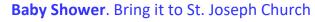
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP:

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If you cannot attend the Pasta Supper—PLEASE consider a GIFT for the







All donations will benefit Life Choices of Phillipsburg and Friendship Center in Flemington.



# Crand-Knight's-Message

I write this message, the 2023 ARC Collection at Shop Rite is winding down. Thank You to Activity Leader Mike Krochta, Community Director PGK Tom Corrado, PGK Bill Cerwinski, Greg Boyle and everyone who volunteered to make this event again possible following the long Covid hiatus. Treasurer Rich Mirocco and his wife Linda are tracking the proceeds, and it looks like the collection will be a real success. Special thanks to Robert Young and Vince McGourty for stepping up to cover the Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 shift at the last minute, and to everyone who endured the weather during your shift. One thought – quite a few people indicated they didn't have cash. Perhaps we can provide a means for them to donate next year (hand them a card with a QR code??) if it isn't a lot of trouble.

Many Thanks - to DGK Chris Dietrich for running the April13<sup>th</sup> meeting; I was away in Arizona, seeing some wonderful sights. As always, Chris did a great job! Our May meetings are on Thursday May 11th at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday May 25th, again at 7:30 p.m. The second meeting will primarily be dedicated to discussing arrangements concerning the Golf Outing. It also will be the final regular meeting for our long time Recorder Steve Bauernfeind, who is still on schedule to move to Maryland around the end of May. Steve has done a fantastic job over the years he has served as recorder, doing much more than getting out the minutes on a timely basis. Please try to make it, to say farewell to a top notch Recorder, Sir Knight and friend. We will miss Steve, and wish him the best in Maryland.

Congratulations to our newest Sir-Knights DGK Chris Dietrich and Ron Dietrich, who both made their  $4^{th}$  degree (Patriotic) on Sunday, April  $23^{rd}$ . I would have loved to attend if I wasn't away. It is a wonderful degree, and we are at a time that the USA needs real patriots if we are continue enjoying the wonderful freedoms (including freedom to worship) that patriots have struggled so valiantly to win and maintain in the past. If you are a  $3^{rd}$  degree Knight, the next  $4^{th}$  degree will typically be scheduled for the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Speaking of patriotism, Memorial Day is Monday, May 29th. While I hope you have great weather, great food and a great time with family and friends, please remember the reason we are celebrating. Thank the veterans you know or see for their service, and even donate to veteran organizations.

The Knights Baby Shower at St. Joseph Church started this last weekend in April, and will continue during the first two weekends in May, thanks to the efforts of Life Director Rich Mirocco. Please donate to the Baby Shower - see the Church bulletin for details concerning what to donate to help Life Choices and Friendship Center. More importantly, the associated Pasta Dinner is Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. While many of us find it difficult to commit with changing family commitments, PLEASE GO TO THE APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> KofC "Baby Shower Collection" email and let Rich know if you and the family will make it, or if you can volunteer to help with the setup, cooking, cleanup, etc. Many Thanks to Mark Ayotte for preparing food in advance (meatballs?), Jim Codd for also volunteering to help prepare food, and everyone else who joins in to make this a success. Rich Mirocco does an amazing job as Life Director for the Council, but cannot do it alone. I admit I have not committed due to a conflict (but will try to stop by if we return in time).

While on the so very important topic of Life, the NJRTL annual banquet was Friday evening, April 21st, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick. I understand that featured speaker Dr. Ben Carson delivered an outstanding address. It's a great event to attend, please consider attending next year.

Although K-Club 2023-1 started in February, but there is still time to join, as the top prizes are during week 20. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Council via K-Club. 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. The cost is \$40 per session, there are two sessions each year.

As always, 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 was covered last month and noted earlier, our Council's biggest fundraiser is the golf outing under the leadership of PGK Kevin Loughney. This year, it is scheduled for Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at High Bridge Hills. We need as many Knights to join in if we are going to continue with this fundraiser. Many thanks to everyone who has already stepped forward, to make this outing another outstanding event. Again, please mark your calendars, line up your foursomes, follow up with prior sponsors and try to sign up new sponsors that you patronize. If you can contact potential sponsors by email, you can always attach the flyer PDF.

## Also looking forward:

Mother's Day is Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Carnations are on order, so the Council will again be handing out carnations to Mothers following Masses at St. Joseph Church and St. John Neumann Church that weekend. Please join in to help at the Mass you attend.

Don't hesitate to check our Council Calendar by going to our website, "kofc10627.org" and find "Council Calendar" under the "more..." tab. Greg Boyle always does a great job keeping up with the calendar and website.

Andrew Rispoli's Bible Study continues Tuesday evenings at 7:30. If you haven't attended any, try it!

PGK Bill Cerwinski is working hard on a new raffle as a find raiser. We will be hearing more about it from him. Thank You Bill!

As previously mentioned, with so many emails, I frequently miss some, particularly when on the road, as was the case at the resort with occasional Wi-Fi and practically non-existent cell phone service. If I don't respond to email messages, please try calling (leave a message if I don't pick up) or text me at 908-246-3722.

Tom Klawunn, Grand Knight



## Mass for Knights, Their Families, & Those Who Have Passed

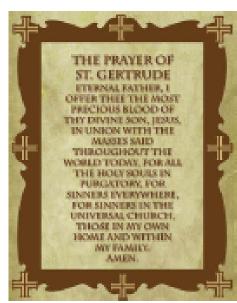
## Feast of Corpus Christi June 11, 2023 at 10:30am

## Worthy Brother Knights!

A mass is being offered for all Brother Knights & their families, as well as 31 brothers who have passed in which perpetual mass cards will be offered for them. This mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Corpus Christi! Please join us for a 10:30am Rosary and the 11am mass. We are looking for fellow Knights to do readings, sing, man the baskets for collection, bring up the gifts etc. After mass there will be and a Eucharistic precession on Church grounds. Please stick around after for some fellowship and treats.

Lets storm heaven with prayers for our families and those who have gone on before us.

We hope to see you there! Contact bellow if you wish to participate! Phil Titus at 908-398-1113 or Andrew Rispoli at 973-417-3429



#### Some puns:

- With great reflexes comes great response-ability.
- 2. What do you do with chemists when they die? Barium!
- 3. How do construction workers party? They raise the roof.
- 4. An expensive laxative will give you a run for your money.
- *5*. I have a broken barometer that I need to sell. No pressure.
- **6.** Nuns wear the same outfit every day. Must be a habit, I guess.
- I used to work in a shoe recycling shop. It was sole destroying.
- 8. I can only remember 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know why.
- 9. Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's okay. He woke up!
- 10. If it's cold, stay close to others. Otherwise, you might feel a bit ice-olated.
- 11. I burnt my Hawaiian pizza last night. I should have put it on aloha setting.
- 12. Why was it so hot in the stadium after the baseball game? All the fans left!
- 13. I'm not sure if my ceiling is the best in the world, but it's definitely up
- 14. You'll never guess who I bumped into on the way to the opticians! Everyone.
- 15. To whoever stole my broken bathroom scales, you'll never get a weigh with it.
- 16. Have you ever tried blindfolded archery? You don't know what you're missing.
- 17. I lift weights only on Saturday and Sunday because Monday to Friday are weak days.
- 18. Why are fish the easiest animals to weigh? Because they come with their own scales.
- 19. I started a business selling yachts in my attic. Sails have gone through the roof.
- 20. I wouldn't let my children go to see the orchestra. There's too much sax and violins.
- 21. I told my wife I felt like a deck of cards and she said she'd deal with
- 22. I have a weird talent where I can tell what's inside a wrapped present. It's a gift.
- 23. Did you hear about the English teacher who went to jail? She got a full sentence.
- **24.** *The Pentagon was originally going to be a square, but the contractor* kept cutting corners.
- **25.** What happens if the average number of bullies at a school goes up? The mean increases.
- 26. I'm a perfectionist with a procrastinator complex. Someday I'm going to be awesome.
- 27. My partner's name is David, so we named our son Harley. This way he's Harley, David's son.
- 28. I accidentally swallowed a bunch of Scrabble tiles. My next trip to the bathroom could spell disaster.
- 29. Did you hear about the thieves who robbed a theatre during a performance? They stole the spotlight.



## Knights of Columbus



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## We need More Golfers, Sponsors & Prizes

Brothers, we need golfers for our June 2, 2023 golf tournament. And we need you to sign-up sponsors for the tournament.



- If you recruited a sponsor last year, please do it again.
- Please *try to recruit* other potential sponsors/donors.

Send your sponsor recommendations to sponsor chairman Bill Cerwinski

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



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

Scan the **blue** QR Code to sign yourself up to play.









## Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. James Kyrpczak May 26 Rev. Hugh Grace May 30

## **Birthdays**

Bernard Mariano May 1 Ken Brown May 2 Rev. Fred Otieno May 3 Dave Kinsky May 8 Brendan O'Shea May 9 Chris Wade IV May 9 Tom Creelman May 10 Nancy Bauernfeind May 11 Frank Schiller May 13 Deborah Bernardo May 13 Maureen Gargas May 15 Casey Hugelmeyer May 16 Tom Klawunn May 17 Mary Garcia May 18 Jim Rispoli May 19 Mary Sorgi May 26 Mark Niederle May 27 Barbara Cerwinski May 31 Mike DiMeo May 31

### **Anniversaries**

Bob & Victoria Wise May 1
Paul & Donna Connell May 5
Mark & Denise Drabich May 14
Andrew & Jennifer Rispoli May 16
Sean & Kimberly Rogan May 22
Ken & Jeanne Brown May 28
Kevin & Holly Gilligan May 28

#### (Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

### Officers:

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- 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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