



# Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

September  
2023



# Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

**H**opefully, as summer is winding down everyone has had time to spend with family and friends. As we start September, I know for a lot of us that means getting the kids ready to go back to school and our schedules are about to get a lot busier. The days will be getting shorter and temperatures will likely start to drop signaling that fall is not that far off.

During the month of August, we had our annual Family Week Cookout combined with a sendoff for Fr. James led by Family Director, Joe Gallico. The cookout went really well with 75 or more people in attendance. It was great to see so many people from the parish and brothers in attendance. We had plenty of brothers on hand to help facilitate the cookout. I won't try to name all of them as I know I will wind up missing someone. I would like to thank all of the brothers that helped out as we cannot put on this event without your help. I know I look forward to this event every year and we were blessed with some fantastic weather.

Unfortunately, Fr. James was unable to attend due to a health issue. He is thankfully doing better and was back doing Mass on August 26/27 which was his final weekend at St. Joseph in High Bridge. Fr. Kris Kaczynski will be joining us starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We welcome Fr. Kris to St. Joseph and St. John Neumann parishes.

Also, during August, we were able to get the first draft of our annual budget together and have the first vote needed to move to the next step in the process. Once we have the final vote on the budget, we can move forward with our plans to support the various organizations and people in our community as we had laid out during our planning stage.

The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair was held from August 23-27 in Ringoes where the Hunterdon County Right to Life (HCRTL) had their booth setup providing important information on life. At the last meeting our Life Director, Rich Mirocco, had noted that almost all shifts were covered so someone would always be available at the booth.

Upcoming in September, we will go back to our two meetings per month format (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday). Some members of our council and clergy will attend the Pride in Our Priests dinner at the Imperia in Somerset on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I know I am looking forward to having a nice dinner with my fellow brothers and clergy members. Additionally, we will have our Installation of Officers on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Joseph Church. If there are any officers who cannot make this event, please let me know so we can have someone stand in for you.

September is also Soccer Challenge time throughout our state councils. Although we do not have an official date as of this writing, be assured that we are planning to have the competition in September. As soon as the date is finalized, an email will be sent with the details as we will need brothers to help at this event.

As we enjoy the Labor Day holiday with friends and family, let us take some time to thank God for our blessings. As brother Knights, we are blessed that we are in a position to be able to help many people within our community and beyond. Let us also keep in our prayers the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> as this year will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our great country. May we never forget our fallen brothers and sisters.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,

Christopher J. Dietrich, Grand Knight

## Keeping our Flags Flying!

On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by militant Islamic extremists. American response was immediate and appropriate. In September 2002, noted British-American author and writer Andrew Sullivan, published an article in *Time Magazine* entitled, “**Never Forget - Why 9/11 still matters.**” Sullivan wrote, “*It wasn't a random tragedy . . . It was a massacre - a cold-blooded, fanatical murder of civilians by men possessed by a theocratic ideology. It was an invasion . . .*” Sullivan went on to say, “*A whole generation will grow up with this as their most formative experience (and) in decades' time, we will look back and see what a difference it made.*” Sullivan’s article was “right on point!”



Following 9/11, patriotic US citizens began displaying the nation’s flag in unprecedented numbers. Favored display spots for flags were on overpasses above interstate highways, including Interstate 78 that bisects New Jersey. Not long after the “ink was dry” on Sullivan’s 2002 remarks, some of the flags had deteriorated. St. Joseph Council 10627 in High Bridge decided to keep the I-78 flags flying over I-78. They enlisted the aid of a local Boy Scout troop to replace the flags as needed — two flags for every I-78 overpass west of I-287 in Hunterdon County and portions of Somerset County. In 2023, the flags remain flying in remembrance of 9/11.

More than two decades have passed since that invasion, and Americans are already being born who will have no formative connection to 9/11 – unless Americans keeps that memory alive. The Knights of Columbus still remember, and, we have a responsibility to remind others.

St. Joseph Council handled the I-78 flag project alone until 2014, when that council’s Past Grand Knight, Kevin Lockney, suggested to the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Assembly 3293 that, as a Patriotic Degree assembly, they might like to coordinate the project. The Assembly agreed, and now, four councils participate: St. Catherine’s Council #15217 from exit 11 and east to Ruppert Rd., Immaculate Conception Council #6245 doing the State Route 31 exchange including the overpass at Cryan’s Inn, St. Joseph Council #10627 from Cryan's Inn to Potterstown Rd.\*; and Our Lady of Lourdes Council from Potterstown Rd. to Interstate 287. **Thirty-four flags flying over nearly 20 miles of I-78 overpasses in two counties!** The project has sustained and Knights continue to improve upon how the flags are mounted.

Early on, Knights realized the importance of securing the flags to the overpass fencing. According to Loughney, “*It’s all in how the flags are mounted – keeping them tight against the chain link reduces stretching and tearing, and helps them to shed water faster so they remain cleaner for longer periods.*” Several years ago, the Knights began increasing the numbers of tie-downs and added horizontal cords as “shock absorbers” to reduce the strain on the tie downs. For 2023, current John Paul II Assembly Faithful Navigator, (and US Army veteran) Bill Smith, who now coordinates the flag program, added three vertical shock absorber straps which promise to protect the flags even better.

Smith reminds us about one of Mother Teresa’s statements, “*Together we can do great things.*” As for the flag project, we can do some things even better! **And, we do.** The flags over I-78 are not the only ones still flying. Other patriotic Americans keep them flying along highways elsewhere. But our flags, looking good, is something Knights can be proud of. It isn’t a chore for the Knights, it’s our privilege.

(\*Knight Steve Kallessen and the local Boy Scouts maintain St. Joseph Council's portion.)



## Vitally Important Stuff You Don't Need to Know - PART 3

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read L to R or right to left (palindromes).
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
- There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise, it will digest itself.
- If you are right-handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left-handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.
- To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.
- Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.
- Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!
- People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.
- Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.
- Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.
- Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!
- Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

Two of the greatest qualities  
to have in life are:



PATIENCE  
and WISDOM

*cruisin' bob's*

## Classic Car Show



Benefiting Family Promise of  
Hunterdon & Family Promise of Warren

Sun, October 15, 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Detailed information & registration coming soon*

Hosted by Unity Bank, 64 Old Highway 22, Clinton, NJ



## Knights of Columbus Family Week



*Photos by Tom O'Farrell and GK Chris Dietrich*



On August 19, the council celebrated Family Week by hosting our annual Family BBQ for St. Joseph Church parishioners

***Thanks*** to Family Director Joe Gallico for organizing the event and to the brothers who helped with the logistics and food preparation.







- Happy Birthday!
- Congratulations on the anniversary of your Ordination!
- Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary!

## Milestones

### Birthdays

Bill Cerwinski September 1  
 Kathy Sandrian September 1  
 Jim Murray September 4  
 Jim Nicholson September 4  
 Terry Goddard September 5  
 Bill Honachefsky September 6  
 Bonnie Honachefsky September 7  
 Donna Connell September 8  
 Chris Wade September 10  
 Linda Mirocco September 10  
 Steve Bauernfeind September 12  
 Dan Gallagher September 17  
 Jim Knoll September 19  
 Harmony Waldron September 20  
 Kevin Loughney September 24  
 Vincent Scarponi September 25  
 Mike Boettcher September 29  
 Joe Gallico September 30  
 Sean Rogan September 30

### Anniversaries

Jim & Jo Ann Murray September 3  
 Dennis & Dana Baucom September 7  
 Myles & Denise Murphy September 7  
 Greg & Kathleen Boyle September 10  
 Frank & Donna Schiller September 10  
 Jim & Pam Nicholson September 12  
 John & Mary Ann Furnari September 14  
 Vince & Kassy McGourty September 17  
 Chris & Elizabeth Denis September 18  
 Jim & Beverly Knoll September 22  
 Bill & Barbara Cerwinski September 28  
 Bob & Lisa Buckley September 29  
 Peter & Aleida Gavigan September 29  
 John & Eileen Hanly September 29

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

### Officers:

Grand Knight	Chris Dietrich	797-0243
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