

The Meadowlands Patriot

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First New Jersey District

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Easter and the Exemplification are near!!!

Faithful Navigator's Message!

Worthy Sir Knights,

Spring is almost here... the season of new beginnings. The weather will become milder, and the sun will be out longer. The Birds will be a lot more active, and the trees and flowers will start to bloom.



By the time you receive this Edition of the Meadowland Patriot, Ash Wednesday will be behind us, and we will be well into the 40 days of our Lenten season. This most holy of seasons is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and penance. While Easter will mark the end of the Lenten season it is the true beginning, a renewal. Consider what these 40 days means to us as Worthy Sir Knights.

First of all, this time of temptation took place immediately after Jesus was baptized by John. And though Jesus Himself did not spiritually need that baptism, these two series of events teach us so much. The truth is that we as Worthy Sir Knights choose to follow Christ and live out our baptism, we receive a new strength

to fight evil. The grace is there. As a new creation in Christ, you have all the grace you need to conquer the evil, sin and temptation. Jesus, therefore, set for us an example in order to teach us this truth. He was baptized and then was driven into the desert for 40 days to face the evil one so as to tell us that we also can conquer him through our faith.

As Jesus was in the desert enduring these temptations, "the angels ministered to him." The same is true with us. Our Lord does not leave us alone in the midst of our daily temptations. Rather, He always sends us his angels to minister to us and to help us defeat our enemies that are tempting us.

What is your greatest temptation in life? Perhaps you struggle with a habit of sin that you fail at time and time again. Perhaps it's a temptation of the flesh, or a struggle with anger, self-righteousness, dishonesty or something else. Whatever your temptation may be, know that you have all you need to overcome it on account of the grace given to you by your Baptism, strengthened by your Confirmation and regularly fed by your participation in the Eucharist.

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As Worthy Sir Knights I ask you to reflect, today, upon whatever your temptations may be. Know Christ and your fellow Sir Knights will always be there for you.

Vivat Jesus,

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PLEASE, send your newsletters
and event notices to the F.N. at
d_newlin@yahoo.com

Did you send your dues to Comptroller Neal McGarrity yet? Address is 814 Ninth Street, Secaucus, NJ 07094. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. You can also pay at the meeting!

To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please email to SK Charles Schumacher, PFN at: info.kc4d1543@gmail.com before the 30th of the previous month. Our website is up, mostly! www.kc4d1543.org

A Message from the District Master!

Brothers,

As all are aware the date for the A p r i l Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree was moved up by 2 weeks to the 14th of April by the Sheraton, and Holy Week is March 27th-30th with Easter Sunday the 31st.



To that end gentlemen, we all must push our schedules ahead and recognize the 25th of March as being the projected deadline for Candidate Applications, Dinner Reservations, and Ad Journal submissions.

The Executive Secretary will be sending an invoice to the Assemblies for Candidates, Dinner Reservations and Ad Journal Ads. If there needs to be adjustments to anything this will be addressed at our April 1st Master's Meeting in Wood-Ridge along with payments that have not already been submitted.

Vivat Jesus,

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, March 14th at 8 pm-
Membership Mtg. 194 River Rd
Queen of Peace KofC Hall

Sunday, April 14th - Exemplification
at the Sheraton Hotel

***Msgr. Peter B. O' Connor Assembly
Needs You !!!***

Gentlemen, very shortly we will be involved with another Exemplification such as you attended when you became a Sir Knight. Start asking individuals who are already brother knights to advance themselves and join us in the 4th Degree.

What we also are in need of are Color Corps Members. We, the members of the Color Corps, are the ones who are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Our numbers have dwindled down over the years and we are in need of new members. Our Color Corps is down to 7 members and it is very difficult to cover the activities that we normally cover. We are speaking of Ceremonials at church, Patriotic affairs, Parades, etc. As one Sir Knight said, "you go to church on Sunday what is the difference which one you go to?" That

is because many of our call outs are on a Sunday.

Yes, you must purchase a uniform that costs approx. \$450, but we will reimburse you \$200 from the assembly after you make at least 5 call outs. We will also provide you with a sword and baldric (sword holder). Those, who are Sir Knights, please consider joining the Color Corps and those who are coming into the 4th Degree, please join us.

Vivat Jesus!

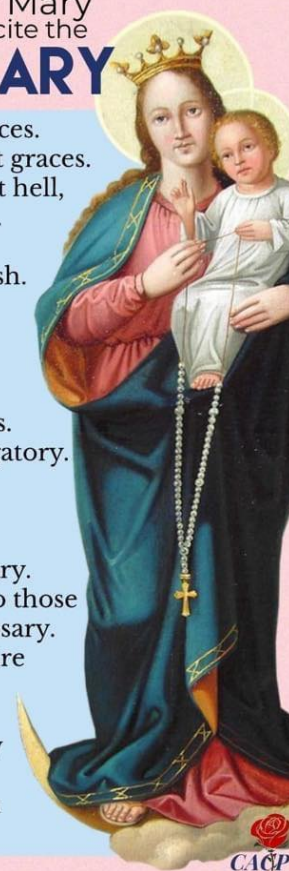
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Color Corps Commander

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15 PROMISES of Mary to those who faithfully recite the **HOLY ROSARY**

1. Reception of signal graces.
2. Protection and greatest graces.
3. Powerful armor against hell, vice, sin, and heresies.
4. Sanctification of souls.
5. The soul shall not perish.
6. Obtain eternal life.
7. Shall not die without the sacraments.
8. Light of God and the plenitude of His graces.
9. Deliverance from purgatory.
10. High degree of glory in heaven.
11. Obtain all asked by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. Aid for all necessities to those who propagate the rosary.
13. Intercession of the entire celestial court in life and in death.
14. Adoption to the family of Mary and Jesus.
15. Devotion is a great sign of predestination.



Fr. Bismarck has asked that we share within the Knights and ask those wishing to attend to register by using the QR code provided on the attached flyer.



Please accept our personal invitation to each of you and all members of the Knights of Columbus to be our special guests at this special event being held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ.

This invitation includes all Brothers Knights and their families, who are welcome to come and attend this special Lenten event".

Please find the attached flyer for the Palm Sunday evening play by the Xavier Company "No Greater Love".

No Greater Love

Presented by *the Xavier Company*

The Passion of Christ in drama, song & dance

Director and Choreographer: Carol Ferrone
Musical Director: Gerard DeMan, Jr.
Playwright: Janeen Stevens

Featuring: Katherine Albano, Pasqualino Beltempo, Nikki Casseri*, Dorothy Dobkowski, Kyle Jack, Scott O'Brien, Brandon Schraml*, Emily Upton, Tony Bartoli, Percussionist; Additional Choreography: Luz Marina Diaz
 *Courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 4PM

Free Admission
Families Welcome!!
Register Today

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cathedralinfo@rcan.org

#newarkbasilica
Cathedral Basilica
89 Ridge Street
Newark, NJ 07104
973-484-4600

A Free Will Donation will be Collected

LENTEN FISH FRY!

FRIDAY MARCH 8TH

Served from 5-7PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CAFETERIA

TICKETS: \$25
 AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH GIFT SHOP OR CHARLIE SCHUMACHER
 CELL: (201) 803-9217
 OR ANY KNIGHT IN THE PARISH.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH, LYNDHURST ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISERS ST. PATRICK'S DINNER Saturday, March 9, 2024 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria
 Corned Beef Dinner - Irish Music -
 Step Dancers - BYOB
 50/50 Raffle -
 Drawing at 8:00 p.m.
 Gift Baskets Auction
**Tickets for the dinner \$30 for
 Adults \$10 for kids 12 and under**



ST. PATRICK'S 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$5
 A Book of 5 for \$25
 Drawing At St. Patrick's
 Dinner on March 11th
 Winner need not be present!

Please call the parish
 office at 201-438-1147 if
 you would like tickets for
 the dinner or raffle tickets

Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be sponsoring a **Benefit Breakfast for the North Arlington Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** on **Sunday, March 10 at 10:00am** at the Columbian Club Hall. On the menu are scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, oatmeal, pancakes, cereal, fruit cups, and refreshments. The cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for kids under the age of 12. Reservations can be made by calling 201-988-0183 by Wednesday, March 6. The Knights ask all those attending to please consider donating a non-expired, non-perishable food item for their Food for Families Project.

Every Sunday we spend an hour in Church that makes a difference in our lives. Now, take an hour and make a difference in the lives of others. The Knights invite all men, ages 18 and older, to join them in their Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. All you have to do is to click on this link, www.kofc/joinus and fill out the information requested, enter our Council number of 3428 and the Blessed McGivney promotion code. Membership is free for one year for new members and old. You'll be joining an outstanding Parish men's organization. If you have any questions, please call 201-988-0183. In helping others, you help yourself to be a better Catholic man.