

# ***The Meadowlands Patriot***

Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly #1543,  
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Knights of Columbus

***A Holy and Happy Christmas to you all!!!***

## **Faithful Navigator's Message!**

Worthy Sir Knights,

First I would like to thank all who made this past veterans Day a success bringing our brothers ladies volunteers families together we all felt the sprite of patriotism.

Christmas Eve originated as a time of anticipation and preparation. Christmas is one of the most important Christian and cultural holiday of the year Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ birth the incarnation of God with us. Beyond gifts and tradition it's meaning is worshipping the savior who came to bring hope peace and salvation acts of love towards others. Lady Nancy and I wish all my brothers and their ladies A Merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Joseph DeMasi,

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm**  
**at Queen of Peace KofC Hall**  
**194 River Rd, North Arlington**

## **COR in Lyndhurst**

The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus Council #2396 has already held two COR meetings during October and December.

COR's three main principals are Prayer, Formation and Fraternity.

Meetings usually begin with the rosary, followed by readings for the day, with a quick video reflection on the readings.

Other Catholic based videos are then presented, followed by group talk and reflection.

Our future Cor meetings are scheduled to take place on Dec 18th, Jan 22nd and Feb 26th.

**Our Website:**  
**[www.kc4d1543.org](http://www.kc4d1543.org)**

## **Beefsteak Dinner is a success!**

To honor Columbus Day this year, the Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus Council #2396 proudly hosted their first-ever Columbus Day Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray to support various local Catholic charities.

Led by Beefsteak Dinner Committee Chairman Peter Petronzio, the entire Council went into overdrive, securing an impressive array of generous Tricky Tray prizes and working tirelessly to sell as many dinner tickets as possible.

During the event, Grand Knight Sergio DeRuvo presented a captivating slideshow highlighting the Council's many good works - supporting the town's three parishes, sponsoring youth sports, assisting residents in need, and more. The presentation reminded everyone why their support of such an active and charitable Council truly matters.

With over 160 attendees enjoying an all-you-can-eat beefsteak and pasta dinner, a super 50/50 raffle, and incredible prizes such as a 75" television, a complimentary

timeshare week, shooting range lessons, and numerous restaurant gift certificates, the evening was a tremendous success.

In total, the event raised over \$8,000 to benefit local Catholic charities—another shining example of the Lyndhurst Knights in Action!

The Council extended its heartfelt thanks to the many local Lyndhurst businesses for their generous donations and continued support, which helped make this event such a success.

## **Turkeys for Thanksgiving!**

Brothers from Council 12769 distributed 100 donated Thanksgiving turkeys and \$1,500 in grocery gift cards to local families, partnering with six regional charities (including food pantries, Sisters of Life and churches in Hoboken, Secaucus, North Bergen, Jersey City, and Weehawken) to provide holiday meals to the those in need.

Special thanks to Inserra ShopRite for such a generous donation and helping out for the last 10 years.

To submit photos or articles  
for the next issue,  
please send email to:  
SK Charles Schumacher, PFN at:  
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before the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.



Each year the Supreme Council ask our sir knights to think about what you have done to help your assembly in the past year. Did you help at the veterans breakfast or assisted at a call out then we want to hear from you. The survey is needed for it helps The Supreme Council maintain it tax exempt status. Please mail to Assembly Comptroller Neal McGarrity at 814 9th street Secaucus NJ 07094 by 12/31/25.

#### 20\_\_ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20\_\_ to:
 

Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals .....	_____
Bereaved — visits of condolence .....	_____
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20\_\_\_. .....
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20\_\_:
 

Church Activities — service in all Church related activities .....	_____
Community Activities — service in all community related activities .....	_____
Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities .....	_____
Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects .....	_____
Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects .....	_____
VAVS .....	_____
Food For Families .....	_____
Special Olympics .....	_____
Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above .....	_____
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20\_\_:
 

Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.	_____
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VAVS is Veteran Affairs Veteran Services. IF you want to list out Misc

Activities use the back of this paper.  
Thank you for your time on this matter.