

# *The Meadowlands Patriot*

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**We are our brother's keepers!**

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

Worthy Sir Knights,

First, to my Brothers from Lyndhurst Council #2396 and Monsignor Peter B O'Connor Assembly, The DeMasi Family would like express our sincere gratitude for all the contributions and love you showed us. Also, to all the other councils and assemblies who also contributed the love and support to our First District Master Jim. From myself and Lady Nancy, may God bless all my brothers and sisters.

This month is dedicated to Saint Joseph who is recognized for his faith, humility, obedience and selfless love. So, let's do something good during Lent!

Vivat Jesus!  
SK Joseph DeMasi,  
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## **Message from the Dist. Master**

Brothers,

On February 21st the Faithful Navigator of the Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly, Joe De Masi's home burned and they lost everything that he and his wife Lady Nancy had.

Currently and sadly they are doing the Hotel merry-go-around and getting the Insurance Company runaround, so as all can imagine it also becomes a monetary crisis.

Gentlemen, as brothers and Knights of Columbus, let us turn to our Founder, Father Michael McGivney, one of his cornerstones is:

Mutual aid among members – Knights supported one another in times of illness, hardship, and death.

Christian love in action – McGivney believed faith had to be lived out concretely, especially through service to those in need.

## Supreme Master's Message

I am asking you to share this with your Assemblies and keep the De Masi family in your prayers, gift cards or cash donations send to my attention, P.O. Box 282 Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Make your checks payable to Joseph DeMasi.

Brothers, they are in need and this is what Fraternity is all about!

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith."

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

March Membership Meeting  
Thursday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm  
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall  
194 River Rd, North Arlington

our website:  
[www.kc4d1543.org](http://www.kc4d1543.org)



Last month, the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Sisters of Life for the fourth annual Life Fest, a morning of prayer, testimony, adoration, and Mass before departing for the

National March for Life in Washington, D.C. This year, it was held at the Gaylord National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. In 2027 and 2028, it will be held at historic Constitution Hall just a short walk from the National March.

Most attendees are high school and college age students on pilgrimage to D.C. for the march. A Fourth Degree Color Corps from the Calvert Province participated by standing guard over sacred relics, including Blessed Michael McGivney, by providing an escort for the Eucharistic Procession, and an Honor Guard for Mass. Many thanks to Vice Supreme Master Fritz Leach who organized and led the effort.

The next day on the train home, I noticed a passenger with a KofC hat. We struck up a conversation, and I learned that his name was Sir Knight Bob Jordan, Grand Knight of Council 20 in Farmington, Connecticut. Traveling with him was Brother Ed Gales. Both had been in Washington, D.C. for the march and had been coming there for many years.

Brother Ed told me, "I've been coming to the march since the very beginning," and then he spoke about their advanced age and how young they were when they began attending the march. At first, I thought he might begin talking about how the KofC has aged and needs younger men. Instead, he marveled at how many young people were at the march, calling themselves the Pro Life Generation.

He explained that it felt like a vindication of all their years of effort, and he took comfort from knowing that the torch had been passed to a new generation.

Each of us have something to contribute in the time that God has given us on earth, and this is especially true in our efforts as

Knights of Columbus. Let us continue to be the visible arm of the Order. To provide great programs for our members. To stand for the best aspects of patriotism in all we say and do as Sir Knights.

If we commit ourselves to this and more, then more young men will be attracted to our mission and eager to join our ranks, and together, we will take comfort in knowing that we, too, have passed the torch to a new generation.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael McCusker  
Supreme Master

### Lyndhurst Council



**Anthony Naviello, son of SK Joe Naviello, shooting at the District Free Throw contest.**

### Mary Immaculate - Secaucus



Mister, throw me some beads!



After burning palm, PARTY!!!



Fish Fry at St. Rocco's - Br Neal and Fr Joe Girone serving the members of the parish.



The Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus co-sponsor LIFE Fest. This year it was held at the Gaylord Convention Center National Harbor prior to the annual National March for Life on Friday, 23 January 2026.



Knights of Columbus  
Mary Immaculate Council #12769



**TAKE-OUT  
or EAT-IN**

**Meatless Friday Dinner**  
**Fish Fry with Potato Salad,  
Cole Slaw, Dessert & Beverages**  
**Friday, March 27, 2026**  
**served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

*Catered by Filomena's Deli*  
**at Immaculate Conception Church  
Cafeteria (Centre Avenue Entrance)**  
760 Post Place, Secaucus, N.J. 07094  
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**Tickets: \$25 for a full meal**  
**Pre-schoolers are free with a kid's meal!**  
**Available at the Parish Gift Shop or**  
**from Ticket Chmn. Charlie Schumacher**  
**at (201) 803-9217 or cschu@comcast.net**  
**or any Knight in the ICC Parish.**